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Briefs

Coaches vs. Cancer events set for Jan. 31

Top of Iowa Conference schools will once again combine their efforts this month to raise funds for local cancer efforts with the Coaches vs. Cancer events set for next Friday, January 31.

During Northwood-Kensett's games against Mason City Newman on January 31, a number of events are planned.

There will be a baked potato or walking taco bar, including a drink and bars for dessert.

Several fundraisers will also be held in between the evening's basketball action. That includes the chuck-a-duck and 43 second challenges.

Those coming to the games can also look for other ways to support the local Relay efforts at the event.

Ryan fund raiser date moved to February 3

The fundraising benefit for the Ryan family of Manly that had been planned for last Friday at Central Springs has been rescheduled to Monday, February 3 due to the weather.



A shocking display of weather

KIMT chief meteorologist Chris Nelson fulfilled a forecast for a fun and informative presentation last week as he visited with Northwood-Kensett third grade students. Nelson discussed a variety of weather phenomena, and presented several experiments. Besides making a cloud explode and shooting fog at the students, he enlisted the help of their teachers, Colette Ubben (pictured) and Lori Hill, to display the effects of electrical currents. Nelson also discussed severe weather, including why it occurs in the Midwest, and how to stay safe when weather is severe.

School board discusses Activity Center agreement, resignation incentive

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education recently approved an agreement with the City of Northwood for the Vikings Activity Center, as well as an incentive for teachers sharing plans to leave the district.

The N-K board approved a 28E agreement, which refers to a type of official agreement between two local governments in the state of Iowa.

For N-K and Northwood, the agreement lays out how the school and city will share the use of the Vikings Activity Center.

"Whereas, the District and the City are willing to enter into this Shared Use agreement in order to make the Activity Center available to citizens and groups for community and regional purposes to benefit the City, County and region, in addition to the Activity Center serving school purposes."

The agreement outlines that the facility will be partially funded by the City and that the Activity Center will be used by City groups and

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County caucuses to be held February 3

By Erin McCord
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On Monday, February 3, Iowa will be the first in the nation to kick off the presidential election season, as it has done for each biennial election since 1972. The Iowa caucuses are unique in the nation, having originally been designed as 'meetings of neighbors.'

Precinct caucuses determine the number of delegates that attend the county convention, where delegates are decided for the district convention, leading to the state and then national conventions. The delegates are chosen to represent the candidate receiving the most votes at each convention.

Republican caucus rules allow the choice of a winner-take-all delegate system, apportioning all delegates to the candidate receiving the most votes, or a proportional allotment, assigning delegates based on the percentage of votes received.

For the 2020 caucus, Iowa Republicans will be choosing from three candidates- President Donald Trump, former Massachusetts governor Bill

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Supervisors make appointments

The Worth County supervisors recently appointed members of the public to fill positions on area boards, committees and commissions.

The following appointments were made at the supervisors meeting on January 2:

One year terms: Weed Commissioner – Michael Bode; County Eminent Domain Compensation Board- David Bang, Aaron Carman, Keith Braun, Dick Bruns, Steve Davidson, Chris Hagen, Clara Hegeland, David Hengesteg, David Irons, Myron Lupkes, Arlyn McHenry, Erling Myli, Chad Nelson, Jane Podgorniak, Michael Romig, Julie Robb, Tyson Robb, Erin Runde, Roger Rustad, Laura Sabby, Terry Steinmetz, Arlyn Tenold, Earl Trenhaile, Ben Tweeten

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Who pays the lowest tax levies in Worth County?

Local governments are in the midst of setting their budgets for the coming fiscal year, which begins on July 1. In the process they will set the tax levies for those that live in their jurisdiction. A look at levies for the current fiscal year shows who pays the highest and lowest levies in different areas of Worth County.

The local tax levy rates any particular property owner pays depend on where they are located geographically and include county, city and school levies.

Tax levies set by the County, apply to property countywide, with a level for all properties, and an additional levy for rural property owners, who may benefit from additional County services.

General county levies total $5.77698 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, set by the Worth County supervisors.

The county levy also includes a levy for the Worth County assessor's office, determined by the assessor's board, which was set at $0.51156.

A levy of $0.31614 was in place for Ag Extension services in the current fiscal year.

The levy, in the current fiscal year, for all county proper-

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The Week's WEATHER
by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Thurs. Jan. 16	20	-12	
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Sun. Jan. 19	25	-4	
Mon. Jan. 20	25	-5	.08

Year in Review-

Interchange development, N-K improvements, candidates visit

October

Northwood-Kensett celebrated Homecoming with a variety of events and activities. This year's Homecoming royalty was king Ethan Thofson and queen Madison Shoger.

The Northwood City Council signaled support for the Vikings Activity Center by providing $50,000 towards the project. The money will come from the funds that the City receives from casino revenue.

The Worth County Emergency Management Agency has a new mobile headquarters in the form of a new trailer, specially equipped for emergency response by Featherlite Trailers of Cresco, Iowa.

While plans had called for groundbreaking at the forthcoming Vikings Activity Center to take place next year, the potential for a substantial grant may delay the initial construction. The grant would not be available if construction were to begin before it is awarded.

The possible donation of land from the Diamond Jo Casino to Worth County's Interstate 35/Highway 105 interchange development project. Ken Abrams, along with Jason Petersburg, from Veenstra & Kim, who has been the engineer for the County on the development, met with representatives of Boyd Gaming to discuss the donation of adjacent lots.

On Monday, October 14, a black SUV slammed to a halt in front of NSB Bank in Northwood. Two men emerged from the vehicle, their faces concealed by ski masks and firearms in their hands. It was the scenario for a training exercise car-

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The Worth County's Sheriff's Office, with a donation from Dennis and Ramona Schipull and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Thrivent Action Team program, helped to provide coats, hats, mittens and gloves to school children. The funds to provide for the winter weather attire came through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Thrivent Action Team program, which offers $250 twice per year to members to lead, support, participate in or otherwise take part in an activity that helps address a community need.

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citizens.

The agreement spells out that, while the district will own the Activity Center, the City, groups and people that apply to use it will be able to do so, meeting the guidelines set by the district.

The agreement also lays out priorities for who will use the facilities and how any potential disputes will be resolved.

According to the agreement, it is recognized that the district will have first priority for "traditional school uses complimenting its educational mission." The agreement does also acknowledge that there will be need to serve both the district and those in the city when it comes to scheduling decisions.

Should any scheduling conflict arise, the agreement says that a committee that includes one district representative, one City representative and one person agreed upon by both the district and the City will resolve the dispute.

In all cases where there is no dispute, the district will select a manager of the activity center to oversee use of the facility and make operational decisions.

The agreement also sets that the City will submit requests for use. Besides spelling out the terms of how the school district and the city will manage the facility for students and members of the community, the 28E agreement will also aid in seeking state funding to help fully fund the estimated cost of the project.

The cost has been projected at $5.4 million. So far, the district has committed $4 million to the activity center. A community committee has been working to raise the remaining funds. So far, over $200,000 has been raised. That includes $50,000 from the City of Northwood.

A grant from the state may be available later this year, which has been projected to bring in $500,000-750,000. Part of that grant's success is showing that the City and the school are working together and will benefit from the project. The 28E agreement is one crucial way to show that.

The City of Northwood will have to approve the agreement at a future city council meeting before the agreement takes effect.

The 28E agreement lays out the rights and responsibilities of sharing the facility between the City of Northwood and the Northwood-Kensett school district. Rules for the use of the center by public groups, those that have community memberships and other private users have not been officially discussed at board meetings.

In other business at the regular board meeting held last Thursday, the board discussed whether an incentive should be offered to teachers to let district administrators know earlier when they plan to leave at the end of a school year.

Currently, the deadline for teachers to decide whether to return is in May. However, once a teacher decides to leave, for whatever reason- whether that be to move to be closer to family or to seek a different job- the May deadline does not offer much time for the district to seek a replacement.

For that reason, superintendent Mike Crozier said that the administrators would like to have more time to let soon-to-be graduating teaching students know of available positions, and to contact them through teaching job fairs, which are held earlier in the year.

One such teaching recruitment event will be held in early February and N-K's principals will attend.

With that in mind, the school board approved an early resignation incentive of $1,000 for any teacher that informs the district by February 5 that they don't plan to return to teach in August. The board will learn if any teachers took the incentive at their February regular meeting.

Two Burger King employees arrested for embezzling

Employees at the two Burger King locations on the I-35 interchange have been accused of embezzling.

The Director of Operations for Burger King reported the employees to the Worth County Sheriff's Office on January 13.

Both suspects in the case were interviewed by a sheriff's deputy, and admitted to taking money from the Burger King over a several month time frame, although they were not sure exactly how much money they had taken.

The suspects were identified as Kristine Morrow and Angelina Hamilton, both from Mason City. The Director of Operations told the deputy he estimated the loss at $15,000 between the two individuals.

Hamilton is charged with second degree theft, which is a class D felony. She told the investigating officer she had started taking the money in smaller amounts to help her pay bills, and then started taking more as time went on.

Morrow is charged with first degree theft, which is a class C felony .

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Mikesell arraignment scheduled for Feb. 3

Jennifer Mikesell, the Northwood woman accused of ongoing criminal conduct, second-degree theft, fraudulent practices and four counts of forgery, related to false claims of living with cancer, had her pretrial hearing, where trial information and evidence are examined. It was determined that there is enough evidence for Mikesell to go to trial. Her arraignment is scheduled to be held on February 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. At his hearing, Mikesell's charges will be formally read and she will enter her plea.

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ty was set at $6.60468 per $1,000 of taxable property valuation.

Those levies are in place for all property in the county. Property in rural areas, outside the borders of incorporated towns, are set with an additional levy of 2.77500.

That accounted for a total county levy, for those in cities, of $6.6048. Those in rural areas would be assessed a levy rate of $9.737968 by the County, Assessor and Extension.

Another levy that affects all property county-wide is the area college levy for NIACC. That levy was set at 0.77721 in the current fiscal year.

Every property owner in the county also pays property taxes to the local school districts in which their property is located.

The highest school levy rate in Worth County in the current fiscal year was for those living in the Northwood-Kensett district, where the school district levy is $12.71006.

The lowest school levy rate in Worth County is in the Central Springs district. That district's levy rate was $10.78321.

The Lake Mills district levy was $12.62042. The levy for the area of the county in the Forest City district was $11.52744. For the St. Ansgar district, the levy was $12.34828.

Those living in Worth County cities are assessed levies to pay for the services provided by their cities.

The lowest levy rate amongst Worth County cities was once again in the city of Joice, with a levy of $8.10000.

Manly's levy rate is the highest amongst Worth cities in the current fiscal year, at $14.90508, followed by Northwood at $14.33722, Grafton at $13.86438, Kensett at 13.38299, Fertile at $12.47513 and lastly, Joice.

The lowest total tax levies, including county, school district and community college levies, on property in Worth County is in the portion of Bristol Township that lies in the Central Springs school district. Property owners in that area pay total local levies of $21.16090 per $1,000 of valuation.

The highest total tax levies in rural areas is in Lincoln Township in the Northwood-Kensett school district boundaries, where local levies total $23.54195.

The highest total tax rate in the county is paid by those living in Northwood, including school district, city, county and community college levies. Those in Northwood pay total tax levies of $34.42917.

Amongst residents of Worth County cities, the lowest levy rate is paid by those living in Joice, who pay levies totaling $28.10231.

Other total levies for cities in Worth County include $31.38446 in Fertile, $33.594551 in Grafton, $29.90307 in Hanlontown, $33.47494 in Kensett and $33.07018 in Manly.

It should be noted that while tax levies are used to determine property taxes, valuations, the other part of the formula, may also depend on where property is located. Property tax levies may also reflect the services available to those living in a community, as well as other indications.

Before officially approving budgets for the coming fiscal year, local governments will publish information in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal, and hold public hearings at their regular meetings, before approving those budgets.

Correction: turbine repairs

Last week's Northwood Anchor featured a picture of work that is underway on a wind turbine east of Bolan, but incorrectly referred to a turbine that had been replaced years earlier.

The picture in last week's Anchor showed a turbine damaged by fire, located near Bolan, along with equipment that was put in place recently to perform repairs.

The caption incorrectly stated that the turbine caught fire in 2012. That information referred to a turbine that caught fire in 2012 and was replaced in 2013, but was not correctly communicated in the caption.

The turbine in the picture was damaged by fire in April 2019 and is being repaired and is expected to be working again this year.

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ried out by NSB Bank in cooperation with the Worth County Sheriff's Office.

The Worth County supervisors signaled support for a wellness center in the city of Northwood, committing to a donation designed to help secure a grant from the State of Iowa. The County will donate $5,000 towards the project, split into payments of $2,5000 from funds that the County receives from casino revenue.

Barb Kavars of Manly was found guilty of 14 counts of animal neglect stemming from November 2018 when 163 Samoyed dogs were removed from Kavars' rural Manly property.

Northwood-Kensett's official student population decreased slightly since the official count was taken in 2018. The total official enrollment was 507.8 students, down 3.65 from last year's official enrollment of 511.45 students.

There was a new face at the Worth County Sheriff's Office, a three year old Dutch Shepherd dog named Titan. He has been on the job with his handler, Worth County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jesse Luther, since late October.

On Saturday, October 26, two students from the Northwood-Kensett High School band participated in the Iowa High School Music Association's All-State Band auditions. Senior Austin Efflandt played trumpet), and sophomore Bella Efflandt played flute.

Ryder Lestrud was one of 12 finalists in the Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration Competition, held during the National FFA Convention at the end of October.

November

In December 1952, Ernie Enderson, a farm boy who had graduated from Buffalo Center High School in 1948, was drafted into the United States Army. He was 22 years old. After eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Ernie was "one of the lucky ones" sent to Engineer Maintenance School in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He spent 40 days in combat in Korea, 16 months in active duty.

The Vikings Activity Center project received support from a Worth County-based charitable foundation set up in the memory of a longtime devoted supporter of the Northwood community and Northwood-Kensett schools. The Ron Olson Trust awarded nearly $32,000 to the project.

While it took a few extra weeks to be completed, Northwood-Kensett's new media center was in use since the start of the school year, offering an improved space for collaborative learning for N-K's students and staff.

On Sunday, November 3, a pipe burst open at the county water treatment facility west of the Interstate 35 overpass on Highway 105, draining the 100,000 gallon water tank, damaging an electrical panel and leading to a loss of water for businesses, including Kum and Go and the Diamond Jo casino.

Scott and Lisa Lestrud of Northwood were involved in a serious motorcycle accidentwhile on vacation in Wisconsin on August 16, from which they are still recovering. Both Scott and Lisa were flown by helicopter to the ICU at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The community came together to raise funds for recovery resources.

Eight hundred and twenty eight of 5,187 registered voters headed to the polls in November's city and school district elections.

In the Northwood City election, three open seats were filled by three candidates- incumbents Dan Reeder and Dave Tenold, and Gary Nerlien, who would take Doug Helgeland's place.

The Northwood-Kensett school board saw three incumbents returning. Cindy Pangburn garnered the most votes at 271 (27.10%), John Anderson with 269 votes (26.90%) and Larry Hovey with 259 votes (25.90%). Challenger Blake Severson received 187 votes (18.7%).

The Worth County Development Authority (WCDA). distributed $964,692.73 in grants in November. The WCDA had awarded $61 million to local entities since 2006. Worth County received $229,708.90 to digitize the courthouse archives.

A meeting of the Northwood Board of Adjustment centered on the construction of an agriculture chemical facility in the works at Viafield's Northwood location. Several nearby residents shared concerns while Viafield representatives described the safeguards that make the new facility safer than what is currently in place. The project will be built on the north side of Viafield's property along 16th Street North on the east side of Northwood.

Barbara Kavars, convicted of 14 counts of animal neglect in her October 18 criminal trial, filed an appeal.

Northwood was visited by two contenders for the Democratic presidential race, Tom Steyer and Minnesota senator Amy Klobuchar.

The Worth County supervisors approved an agreement to hire engineers to address ongoing issues with the County's water treatment infrastructure at the Interstate 35/ Highway 105 interchange. The engineering firm of Veenstra & Kimm toured the Worth County water treatment facilities on November 26, and also contacted County and customer representatives to learn more about the current system, before presenting a proposal for the company to research and provide a solution to the County's iron treatment situation.

December

Doug and Gloria Fallgatter moved back to Northwood in 1975 to take charge of their grocery store. Doug became store manager and Gloria office manager. They continued in those roles until recently, when Casey Connors purchased Fallgatters Market Place. Connors previously managed the Market Place of Albert Lea. Two years ago, he purchased David's Foods in Lake Mills.

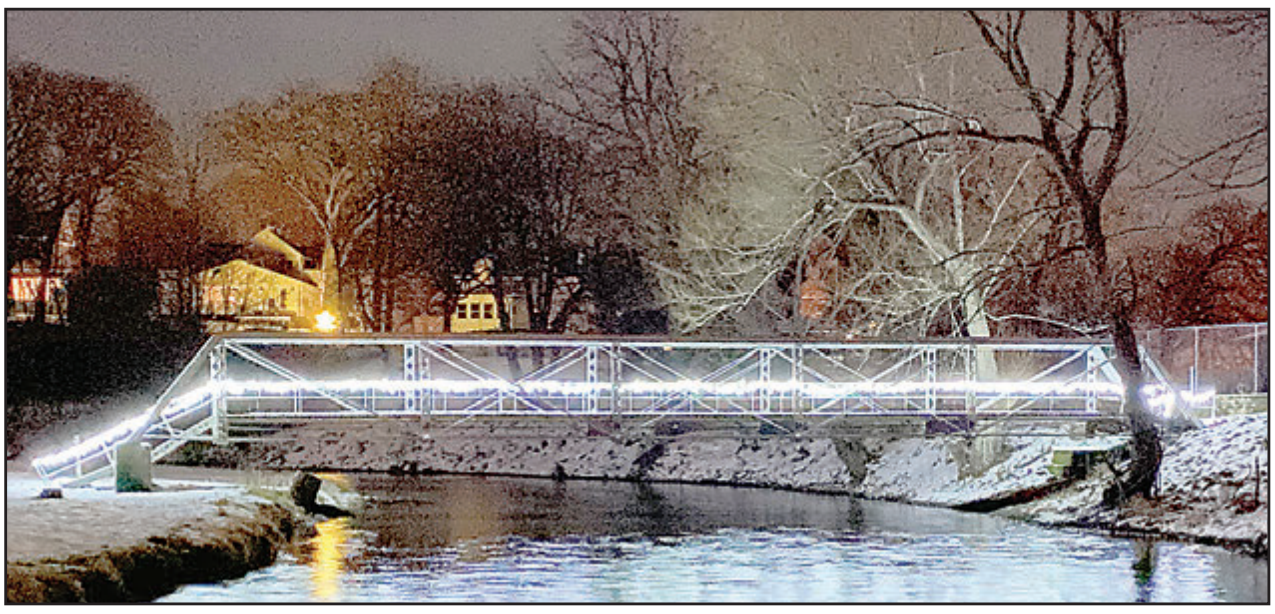
Some local families had a little merrier Christmas thanks to the Worth County Sheriff's Office's first annual Shop with a Cop event that took place on Sunday, December 8, at Mills Fleet Farm in Mason City.

The power of the sun will soon be captured on a commercial scale in Worth County as plans are being made for two solar farms being developed by Worthwhile Wind and Solar, a subsidiary of Invenergy, the company that helped develop the Freeborn Wind Farm in Worth County.

The annual effort to collect food for those in need continued at Northwood-Kensett Elementary School. In a change, the food and other items stayed in the school food pantries that are available at the elementary and secondary buildings, for students, families and other members of the community.

The Worth County Compensation Board made it's annual recommendations for salaries for elected officers. The biggest increase this year was requested by County Attorney Jeff Greve, at 37.20%, which would put his salary at $86,265. The requested increase is based on the increased hours and workload Greve will be taking on after the anticipated departure of his part-time assistant attorney, Kelsey Beenken.

Ashley Hinson, two-term state representative from Marion, looking to represent Iowa's first district in Congress, made a listening stop at Northwood City Hall in late December.



Keeping rivers bright

Among the festive decorations on display during Christmas events in Northwood were lights along the bridges, trees and other areas in Swensrud Park, which remained lit through the season.

Can-do attitude gets gas can thieves charged with theft

An empty gas tank didn't stop two industrious people from making it to the Diamond Jo casino, and eventually the Worth County Jail.

Nurija Huenber and Mariah Gibbons, both of Waterloo, were arrested at the casino after allegedly stealing a 2004 Chevy Impala and two gas cans from a home in Joice, which they took to the Joice Co-op. From there, they drove their Chevy Malibu to Diamond Jo, where they were apprehended.

Huenber admitted to taking the gas. He is being charged with 2nd degree theft for the vehicle and 5th degree theft for the gas and a purse that was not recovered. Gibbons was charged with joint criminal conduct.

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and Steve Wise; Central Social Services Governing Board – Ken Abrams and A.J. Stone; Board of Directors – Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services– Ken Abrams and A.J. Stone; NIACOG– A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby, Rick Scholbrock and Paul Norland; Transportation Policy Board – Mark Smeby and Melissa Michaelis; NIACOG Revolving Loan Fund Committee– Andy Helgeson;

Three year terms: County Board of Health– Dennis Bartz and Kathy Meyer; Commission of Veteran Affairs– Paul Ferley; County Welfare Services– Sandra Mireles; North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services– Mark Abrams and A.J. Stone; Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center– Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone; Iowa Workforce Appointee – Mark Smeby; North Iowa Community Action– Mark Smeby; North Central Iowa Emergency Response Commission– Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone; Regional II Transit Advisory Committee- A.J. Stone and Mark Smeby; Airport Zoning Ordinance Board of Adjustment- Mike Dierenfeld;

Four year terms: Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority – Board of Directors – Ken Abrams;

Five year terms: Conservation Board– Matthew Smith; Zoning Board of Adjustment– Dan Robb; City of Manly – Board of Adjustment – A.J. Stone; and

Six year term: County Board of Review– Mike Romig.

The County is also looking for one additional person to serve on the Worth County Eminent Domain Compensation Commission. This group is consulted when public land will be acquired using the eminent domain process. Those on the commission are tasked with using their knowledge and experience to set a fair price that the property owner will be paid.



A contribution towards wellness

TruStile Doors recently joined the businesses in the community that have contributed to the fundraising efforts to complete the Vikings Activity Center. The center is an addition to the Northwood-Kensett secondary campus that will include exercise and fitness resources that will be made available to the public with a membership. With an expected cost of roughly $5.4 million and $4 million committed by the school district to meet needs of students, a remaining $1.4 million is needed in community support to fully build all the amenities designed for the facility. That's where contributions like the $5,000 donation from TruStile Doors comes in, bringing a new total of just over $226,000. The Wellness Team at TruStile is pictured above as they presented the donation. Pictured are (from left) TruStile HR Manager Pam Lampman with Wellness Team members Brian Lee, Christy Scott, Matt Scholbrock, Andy Grunhovd, Haley Scott, Christy Blake and Heidi Rysavy, with Vikings Activity Center committee members Wendy Weisert and Amber Julseth, and Wellness Team members Kelly Krause, Adam Dralla, Kylie DeMaris and Brandon Magritz.

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Weld and former Illinois congressman and radio talk show host Joe Walsh.

All seven Republican precincts will meet at the Central Springs High School in Manly. After discussing meeting business, the precincts will break off into separate rooms to vote. The Republican caucus is a 'straw poll' or secret vote.

The Democratic caucuses will be held at locations throughout Worth County. Democrats will be choosing from among a packed field of 12 candidates.

Precinct caucuses will be held at the following locations:

Barton, Deer Creek and Union tonwships and the city of Grafton will gather at the Grafton Community Center, 202 Sixth Avenue in Grafton.

Those in Bristol and Silver Lake townships and the city of Joice will meet at the Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 201 Franke Street in Joice.

Those in Brookfield and Kensett townships will meet at Kensett City Hall, 207 Fifth Street in Kensett.

Those in Danville Township and the city of Hanlontown will share the Fertile Community Center, 3494 Eagle Ave., with residents of Fertile Township.

Those in Deer Creek, Grove and Hartland townships and the city of Northwood will meet at the Northwood-Kensett Elementary School at 1200 First Ave. N in Northwood.

Lincoln Township and the city of Manly will meet at Manly City Hall, 106 S Broadway Street in Manly.

All caucuses start at 7 p.m. sharp. Attendees are encouraged to arrive earl. Once the caucus starts, late-comers will not be allowed in.

Caucus participants must be 18 years old by election day, eligible to vote and registered to the party for which they are caucusing. If someone is not registered to a party or are registered to a different party, they can still caucus. Participants change party registration or register to vote at their precinct caucus.

Questions on the caucuses may be directed to Republican County Chair Jeff Gorball at 641-529-0975 or Democratic County Chair Jane Podgorniak at 641-390-0003.

Rep. Bloomingdale looking forward to an ambitious legislative session



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Walking up to the Capitol on Monday morning, my thoughts again were "I get to work here." I am honored to represent Iowa House District 51 and I will work hard to bring your voice to Des Moines.

The start of the 88th Legislative Session began with Governor Reynolds' delivery of the annual Condition of the State and her budget proposals. Highlights from the Governor's budget proposal included increased funding for K-12 education, including transportation funding for rural school districts, restoring voting rights to convicted felons who have completed their sentences, increased flood relief funding and the Invest in Iowa Act/ IWILL (raises sales tax by 1 cent).

The goals of Invest in Iowa Act/IWILL as proposed by the Governor are:

• Reduce Income tax rates on Iowans

• Create a sustainable funding source for recent mental health reforms

• Reduce Property taxes

• Fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust

This is an ambitious plan with several moving parts that are dependent on each other. I look forward to working with fellow legislators to move this forward.

Acting Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court David Wiggins delivered the Condition of the Judiciary address. He noted the passing of Chief Justice Cady earlier this year and using much of the Late Chief Justice Cady's notes assured us the courts were in good hands.

Major General Benjamin Corell gave the Condition of the National Guard message. There are nearly 9,000 Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. He has three sons who are all non-commissioned officers in the Iowa National Guard. During his message, Corell said the condition of the Guard is strong. They are ready to mobilize, deploy and execute when needed.

House Republicans will continue working to address Iowa's worker shortage and helping Iowans access the skills training to get good-paying jobs in high demand fields.

With the help of Future Ready Iowa's Last Dollar Scholar, we are making job training programs affordable to Iowans. This session we want to address additional challenges for our workforce.

One of the major issues that contributes to Iowa's workforce shortage is child care. House Republicans will work to find solutions this session that decrease childcare costs for families, improve access to providers and create an off-ramp for Iowans who want to advance in their careers and phase out their need for government assistance.

Ten years ago, the state budget was facing a billion-dollar deficit, K-12 schools and other critical programs were seeing their funding slashed and we were sliding deeper into debt. When House Republicans retook the majority in 2011, one of the first orders of business was getting the state's fiscal house back in order. Since then, House Republicans have changed the culture of budgeting from one of debt and deficits to one that fulfills commitments and values taxpayers. Today Iowans are seeing the benefits… The state budget has a healthy surplus, our reserve accounts are full, we are making smart investments and taxes are being reduced on families and small businesses. This session, the Legislature will once again pass a responsible budget that funds priorities while keeping the hard-working taxpayers in mind.

Committees I have been appointed to this year include Commerce, Ways and Means, State Government, Local Government (Chair) and Administration and Regulations Budget. More to follow on committee work.

I have met with many of you during the time out of session and I look forward to hearing from you during session. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov.

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Members of the 2019-2020 N-K varsity boys basketball team include (front row, from left) Caden Roberts, Ross DeArmoun, Seth Clapp, Cade Hengesteg, Kael Julseth, (second row) Kyle Nichols, Cody Wahl, Isaiah Hagen, Te'Juan Whitelow and Jason Hanson.



N-K basketball cheerleaders

Members of the 2019-2020 N-K basketball cheerleading squad include (front row, from left) Jadyn Beland, Brooklyn Dawson, (back row) Taylor Rodemeyer, Hayley Wallin and Emma Logeman.



N-K varsity girls basketball

Members of the 2019-2020 N-K varsity girls basketball team include (front row, from left) Lindsey Davidson, Clara Davidson, Jaela Parks, Alexis Halbach, (second row) Emma Davidson, Sydney Welch, Carly Hengesteg, (third row) assistant coach Trevor Hunt, Ruthie Conlin, Marli Backhaus, Olivia Stilley and coach Daryl Love.

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Treasuring an unexpected son

By JoAnn Lower

Telling my coming-of-age stories of growing up on an Iowa farm is my passion. Telling those stories at the Lutheran Retirement Home is number one on my list of favorite things. I love the people. I love hearing their stories.

This particular Monday morning, I had just finished sharing the story of the man who rescued my abandoned one-week-old Korean daughter when I heard a woman in the audience say, "We took someone in, too."

Eager to hear the rest of the story, Velma Jane invited me to her apartment at the Pines. "I have a picture of him," she said excitedly. "Would you like to see it?"

Of all the family photos neatly displayed on the wall above her dining room table, it was the one in the middle she pointed to. "That's him," she smiled. "That's our Marty."



DONALD ROBERTS, MARTY, VELMA ROBERTS

Carefully turning each page of the photo album Marty had made for her, she began telling the story.

"It was one summer day in the 1980s when my nephew appeared at the door, telling me about his best friend who was living in the back of a pickup.

"How could this be? I had heard of abandoned children living on the streets of New York and Chicago or maybe Minneapolis. But this one was right under our noses. This child was in Manly, Iowa!

"'Can he come live with you and Uncle Donald?' my nephew asked, his face changing into a hopeful question mark.

"We didn't know the boy at all but, since our nephew was a good boy, we figured his friend would be, too.

"We loved him immediately. From the moment he moved in, he was just like our own."

Farm life suited young Marty to a "T," and he also loved to run. Every day when his farm chores were finished, he'd ask his new mom to time him as he ran around the mile.

Next fall, his new dad enrolled him in school. "We were so happy to see how he loved to learn. He was smart as a whip!"

After high school graduation, Marty joined the Service. His college education came next, followed by law school. He became a lawyer and is now serving as a judge. A loving wife and beautiful college-age daughter now complete this man's family.

Marty has never forgotten the love shown by the Roberts. "He came to Donald's funeral," said Velma Jane, "and he calls me every few days. He and his family drive all the way from their home in Texas to visit me.

"He is a wonderful son, a miracle in my life."

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world." Dr. Seuss

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

Visiting the Capitol is always a treat for students, but it's even better when Governor Kim Reynolds invites those students to stand in recognition during her Condition of the State address!

Governor Reynolds recognized the students for their innovative educational partnership focusing on STEM at Osage Community Schools. She said, "What Osage is doing is amazing, and we need more of it."

Following the address it was my honor to escort the students, teachers and chaperones to the top of the whispering gallery of the Capitol.

I always enjoy showing students around the Capitol.

Erica Nasstrom from Osage is working as a Senate Page this session. It's a great opportunity to see government in action.

I'm pleased to serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee is a bipartisan group working towards improving transportation across Iowa. It focuses on roads, rail, air and all different means of getting around our state.

It is hard to believe we are already done with our first week. We are ready to get back to work and I look forward to hearing from you as we start to work on the many important issues facing Iowans. I will be hosting forums in the upcoming weeks and will update you with time and locations in future newsletters.

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Sunday, Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m.

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Sunday, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Followed by Coffee Hour.
Pastor Kent Otterman

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Sunday Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time. Bible Study reviewing the scriptures of the day is after fellowship time together. Sunday School is during Bible Study time. Worship services are at 902 2nd Avenue, Northwood. Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like a ride or have any questions please contact Sam Duncomb at 641-390-1158.
Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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Pastor Tom Martin

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When one considers the evil that has been done in the name of religion, it is understandable that many give up entirely on organized religion. The sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic church has probably done more to drive the faithful from the pews than "secular humanism" or other worldly philosophies. Likewise, when people see that Islamic extremists are willing to kill innocent people in the name of God, this is a repellant to almost all religion. The history of the world is awash in the blood of innocents killed in the name of God, and when we look closely at the history of any religion, we almost always see that right from the start strife, division, and schism are there. Read the Acts of the Apostles and see that the early church was beset by division. There were disputes over whether the Gentile converts to Christianity were required to follow the dietary and other restrictions of Judaism (cf. Acts 15). We see also that the Hellenistic Jews complained that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food (cf. Acts 6:1). Rumblings of discontent show up early in every organization and continue throughout its life. The philosopher Immanuel Kant remarked that "Out of the crooked timber of humanity, no straight thing was ever made." Understanding this should make us humble, and tolerant of the foibles of others. We are all weak and by nature sinful, but we can improve, with the help of God and a sincere desire to be better persons.
–Christopher Simon
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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

To contact Sandy Olson for comments or suggestions, please email her at: midwestfoodie@gmail.com

Back in 1999, the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association had an ingenious idea. They published a large-sized booklet titled "Recipes for Fun 1999; Eastern Iowa Visitors' Guide & Calendar of Events." In one place, tourists had a list of attractions, events and historical sites for Northeast Iowa, East Central Iowa, East Iowa and Southeast Iowa. Then, as the icing on the cake (pun intended!) they added recipes from all four areas, submitted by agencies, restaurants and residents. The following are adapted from this most interesting advertising piece.

Scalloped Corn
Field of Dreams Movie Site, Dubuque County

1/4 cup real butter
1 3/4 cups whole milk
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups raw or frozen corn
2 teaspoons salt
3 eggs
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar

Melt the butter. Stir in the dry flour, salt and milk, adding the milk slowly and whisking to avoid lumps. Cook until thick over medium heat, stirring so it won't scorch. Stir in the corn. Beat the eggs and all them all at once to the hot mixture. Pour into a buttered casserole for one hour or until firm at 350 degrees F. Serve hot.

One Crust Raisin Pie
Dorothy Haverkamp, Haverkamp B&B, Johnson County

1 cup raisins
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup sugar
3 eggs, separated
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup half-and-half
Baked pie shell

In a heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, raisins and water. Bring to a boil. Mix the half-and-half, salt and egg yolks together, combining well. Add to the boiling mixture and cook until thick. Pour into the baked pie shell. Make a meringue with the egg whites and cover the filling. Bake until brown, at 375 degrees F.

Bread Pudding with Brandy Sauce
Captain Joe, Celebration River Cruises, Winneshiek County

1/2 gallon whole milk
16 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon pure vanilla
1 tablespoon ground nutmeg
2 cups raisins

Beat the eggs and milk together in a very large bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Tear up enough left-over bread and rolls to fill two 9x13-inch baking pans. Pour the mixture over the two pans of bread. Bake at 325 degrees F. for 45 minutes.

Brandy Sauce:

2 quarts heavy whipping cream
1/2 cup real butter, melted
1/2 cup good brandy
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Mix cream, butter and brandy together and heat over medium heat until hot but not boiling. Mix the cornstarch with a bit of cold milk and add to the hot mixture. Cook until thick. Pour over the pudding and serve warm. SANDY'S NOTE: Captain Joe was used to serving lots of riverboart passengers so this recipe makes enough for 30 desserts! Good to use when you're having a family reunion.

There is a coupon in the back of this book for people to order the year 2000 issue. Hopefully it was a successful way to entice people to visit Eastern Iowa; I think it was a fabulous idea! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





N-K goes on strike for PE

Winter weather brings a number of challenges for those looking to stay active. For the students in Northwood-Kensett's physical education classes, it also presents some unique opportunities. That includes the chance to practice their bowling skills at Strike Zone in Northwood. For owner Matt Grunzke, he hopes the students are part of a new trend, with a youth bowling league in the works at Strike Zone.

MercyOne North Iowa Integrative Medicine welcomes Amy Taylor

Amy Taylor, MD, has joined the Integrative Medicine team at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.

Dr. Taylor has over 12 years of combined medical experience and is excited to bring Integrative Medicine to North Iowa. Her passion is helping people improve their quality of life by educating patients on healthy food choices for weight loss and disease prevention. She specializes in clinical hypnosis for weight loss, anxiety and stress management to improve overall wellness.



AMY TAYLOR

Those interested may call 641-428-5911 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Taylor at MercyOne Integrative Medicine, located at MercyOne Medical Center West, 910 N. Eisenhower Ave. in Mason City.

Area students listed on honors lists

Iowa State University Dean's List

A total of 10,066 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2019 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students from the area include Brooke Marie Hoeppner, class year 3, Biology, Molly Grace Hunchis, class year 1, Event Management, Mary Alice Irons, class year 4, Animal Science and Julia Lynn Quisley, class year 2, Agricultural Business, all of Northwood; Mya Nicole O'Connell, class year 1, Chemical Engineering of Manly; Carrie Elizabeth Brcka, class year 4, Management, of Fertile; Connor Lynn Gordon, class year 4, Agricultural Systems Technology of Grafton; and Rachel K. Nettleton, class year 4, Animal Science, Amanda Marie Poley, class year 3, Psychology ;and Mallory Suzanne Wilhelm, class year 2, Animal Science, all of Joice.

The College of St. Scholastica Dean's List

Leslie Willaby of Glenville, Minnesota, was named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota.

Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. The College of St. Scholastica commended Willaby for honorable academic achievements.

Dakota State Fall Honors List

A total of 563 full-time and 169 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2019 fall semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison, S.D.

Cutter Bruce of Northwood, a full-time student, achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honors list.

Northern Country Coop offers ag related scholarships

As in past years, Northern Country Co-operative Company will again award five $500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the company's trade area.

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Iowa study offers new insights on honey bee health in ag landscapes

Honey bees are facing tough times. Colonies of these pollinators are being lost at an unprecedented rate, and some are blaming farming practices, in particular, the intensive corn and soybean production systems in the Midwest. New research by Iowa State University and University of Illinois scientists offers a more nuanced view of the role of agriculture in honey bee health than what has been previously known.

Scientists placed honey bee hives next to soybean fields in Iowa and tracked how the bee colonies fared over two growing seasons. The bees did well for much of the summer, they found. The colonies thrived and gained weight, building up their honey stores.

But in August, the trend reversed. By mid-October, most of the honey was gone, the team discovered, and the bees themselves were malnourished.

The researchers moved some of the affected hives to reconstructed prairie sites with a lot of late-flowering prairie plants. Those hives rebounded to healthier levels and were better prepared for winter.

"We saw a feast or famine kind of dynamic happening, where in the middle of the summer the hives in ag fields were doing great. In fact, the hives in the most highly agricultural areas outcompeted hives in areas with less row-crop production," said Amy Toth, professor of ecology, evolution, and organismal biology at Iowa State. "But then they all just crashed and burned at the end of the season,"

Toth was part of a collaborative team that included ISU entomology professor Matthew O'Neal and University of Illinois entomology professor Adam Dolezal. Dolezal performed the work while a postdoctoral researcher at ISU, along with two graduate students, Ashley St. Clair (in ecology and evolutionary biology and entomology) and Ge Zhang (in entomology).

Their findings, published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, offer new insights into the role of agriculture on honey bee survival, according to the report's authors.

Overall, the results show that intensively farmed areas can provide a short-term feast, but such landscapes are unlikely to sustain the long-term nutritional health of colonies. However, reintegration of biodiversity into such landscapes may provide relief from late season nutritional stress.

"There's been a lot of interest in how bees respond to agriculture," Dolezal said. "There's been work on pesticides, and predictions that intensively farmed landscapes have lost a lot of floral resources important for pollinators."

On the other hand, there have been studies that found honey bees do well in agricultural areas, Dolezal said. "One hypothesis has been that bees near agricultural zones have more access to flowering crops and weeds like clover than those near forests, which can have fewer flowering plants," he said.

To learn more about what plants the bees relied on, Ge Zhang took samples of pollen carried by foraging bees on their way back into the hive. Over the entire year, over 60 percent of their pollen collection was from clover.

The researchers were surprised how much clover the bees were foraging on in landscapes devoted nearly exclusively to corn and soybeans.

"Most of the field edges are mowed, but can contain clover," said O'Neal. "This little bit of land could be offering a significant source of food for bees."

Soybean and clover bloom until late July in central Iowa, where the study was conducted. In early August, that food supply dwindles greatly, however. Between early August and mid-October, the researchers found that the weight of the study hives next to soybean fields dropped, on average, more than 50 percent. The bees were eating through their winter stores before the onset of cold weather.

"More than 80 percent of Iowa is dedicated to agriculture. While the two most important crops do not require bee pollination, corn can provide pollen and soybeans produce a lot of flowers, which can be a source of nectar for honey bees," said O'Neal. "The weight gain of a hive is due to honey, which comes from nectar."

The nectar is used to make honey — an essential food for overwintering bees — and the pollen provides other nutrients, like proteins and lipids. To survive the upcoming winter, honey bees must gather enough nectar and pollen from surrounding areas to tide them over.

"As winter approaches, the last generations of bee larvae normally experience unique physiological changes that better prepare them for the harsh season," said Dolezal. "These bees have higher fat stores and their aging is slowed so they can get through the winter," he said. "But we found that the winter bees near soybean fields did not have the same level of fat stores."

In part of the experiment led by Ashley St. Clair, the team moved hives to prairie sites in August to see if the bees fared better. Indeed, bees near prairie developed higher fat stores.

"This suggests that the rebound hives experienced when we put them in the prairie also trickled down to improved nutritional health for individual bees," Toth said.

The researchers do not recommend that beekeepers move their hives to prairies. Remnant and restored prairies are rare and too small for many hives, the researchers said. Overstocking with honey bees could even negatively affect native bees. Instead, the team is testing an intervention, where strips of reconstructed prairie are installed inside or alongside agricultural fields. In addition to feeding the bees at a crucial time in their life cycle, prairie strips could also reduce erosion and prevent the flow of nutrients from farm fields into waterways, the team said.

Support for this research came from the United Soybean Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture Hatch Act funds, the State of Iowa and Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station.

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Mown field edges supplied enough clover to sustain honey bees early in the growing season, but when the clover stopped blooming, bee populations crashed. Photo by Amy Toth.



Honey bees in hives placed near flowering prairies in late summer and early fall were much healthier than those left near soybean fields after August, the researchers found. Pictured here are study co-author Ashley St. Clair (at hives), and Zoe Pritchard, 2018 ISU graduate in biology and environmental studies. Photo by Amy Toth.

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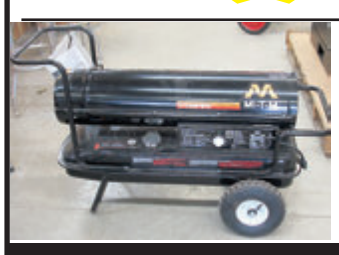
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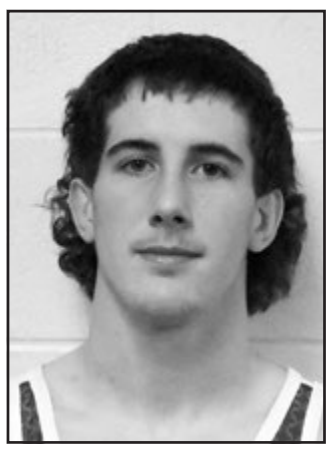
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Anchor Sports



TJ WHITELOW

Stat of the Week: *Putting together one the best games of his short varsity career, N-K's TJ Whitelow recorded just his second double-double of the year last Tuesday night to lead the Vikings to just their second win of the second and first in the TIC East. Whitelow saved his best for when the Vikings truly needed it, playing without their top two scorers and rebounders, Whitelow went out and poured in 10 points and pulled down 10 boards in the 51-48 win over North Butler.*



CADEN SCHRAGE

Stat of the Week: *After ending each of the past three seasons with the teams MVP award but failing to qualify for the state tournament, N-K's Caden Schrage came into this season on a mission to reach the promised land, Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Last week the talented senior, who is 30-2 this season, won all three of his matches and is now ranked ninth in the state. Schrage, who is one of the all-time greats of the N-K wrestling program with a 131-36 career record, needs only a state tournament berth to seal his legacy at N-K.*

Vikings win two of three duals last week, improve to 18-8 overall

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett wrestling team ran its season dual record to a very impressive 18-8 last week with dual wins over Garner-Hayfield/Ventura (42-39) and Saint Ansgar (42-27), suffering its lone loss to Forest City, 45-36.

Because of the blizzard at the end of last week, the Vikings were able to hold just one meet last week, a quad they hosted last Thursday night with G-H/V, Saint Ansgar and Forest City on the schedule.

First up for the Vikings was the Indians of Forest City, one of the few teams in the area that can send a wrestler to check in at nearly every weight, making it tough to compete with a lineup with some holes in it like the Vikings have.

Nonetheless, N-K's Drake Tiedemann, Josiah Kliment, Brandon Varner, Treycen Rollene and Caden Schrage all picked up wins by fall while Gideon Rollene, who is undefeated and ranked No. 1 at 220 pounds, drew a forfeit in the 45-36 loss.

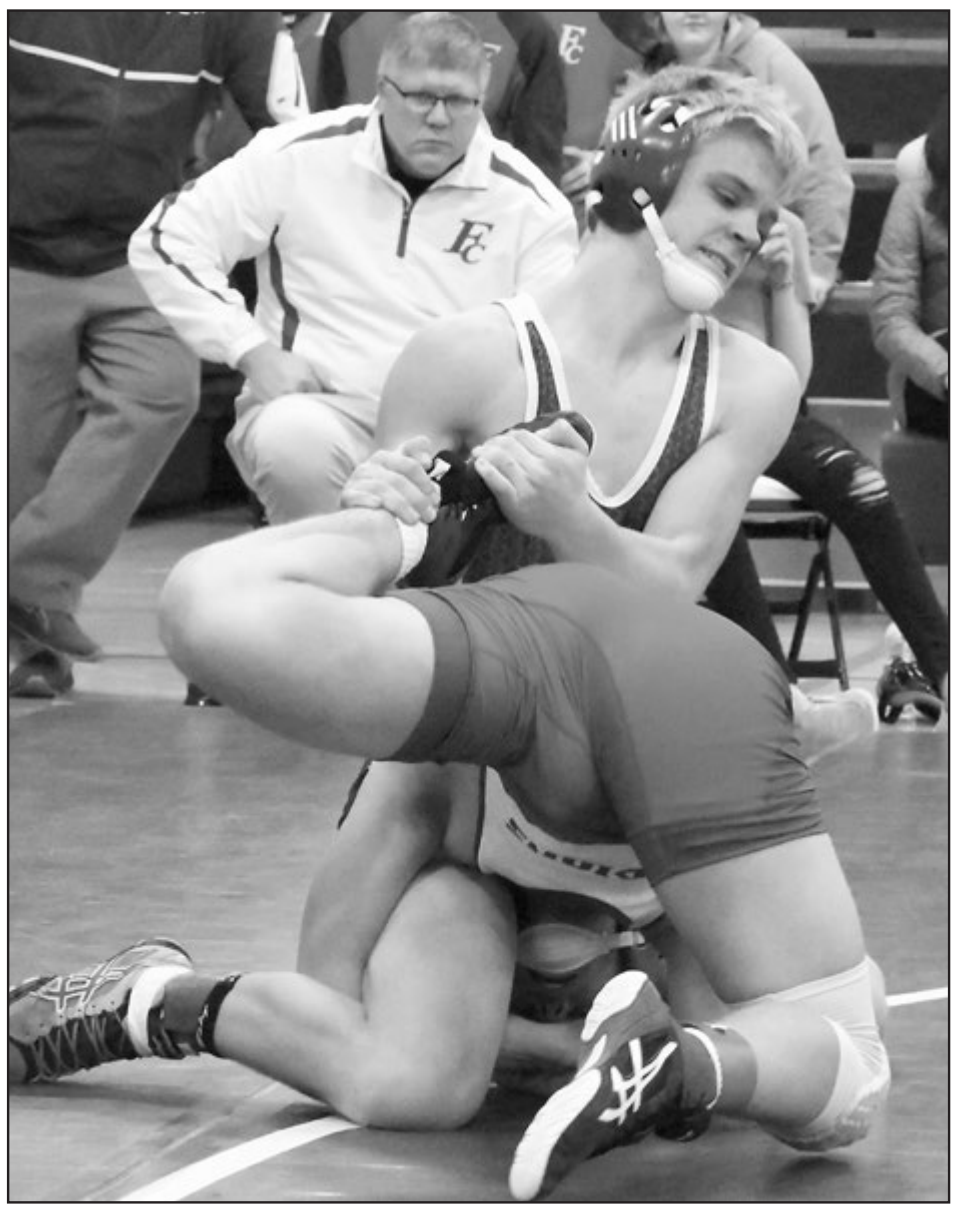
After suffering that loss to FC the Vikings rebounded with wins over G-H/V and Saint Ansgar, giving them an 18-8 mark for the year. All told for the day, Kliment went 2-1 with two falls, Varner went 2-1, Gideon Rollene went 3-0, Ethan Thofson went 1-2, Treycen Rollene went 3-0, Monte Sims went 2-1, Drew Wilder went 0-2, Schrage went 3-0 and Tiedemann went 3-0 with all three wins coming by fall.

The Vikings will put their 18-8 record to the test this week when they host a quad on Thursday before traveling to Anamosa on Saturday.

Viking Season Records – Treycen Rollene 28-9, Dalton Logeman 12-16, Monte Sims 13-14, Michael Janssen 2-13, Drew Wilder 16-17, Dante Sims 13-7, Makio Hoch 0-2, Nathan Hanneman 0-0, Caden Schrage 30-2, Hayden Moore 1-5, Drake Tiedemann 28-2, Dylan Tews 6-10, Brandon Varner 22-12, Josiah Kliment 27-7, Tyler Mills 0-0, Gideon Rollene 32-0, Mason Thofson 3-3, Ethan Thofson 13-11



N-K's Drake Tiedemann waits patiently for the official to slap the mat in his match against G-H/V's Jacob Hasler. Tiedemann won all three of his matches last week by fall and is now 28-2 on the year and 58-12 for his career.



Josiah Kliment works on the leg of Forest City's Kagen Benton before winning this match by fall in the third period. Kliment is 27-7 this season after picking up two more wins last week and has a career mark of 52-22.

Vikings now 1-8 in TIC East with 51-48 win over North Butler

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

It took it awhile but the Northwood-Kensett boys' basketball team finally picked up its first Top of Iowa Conference East win last Tuesday night when it traveled to Greene and came home with the 51-48 win over North Butler.

Playing this game without its top two scorers and rebounders, Caden Roberts and Kyle Nichols, both missing in action because of injuries, not many people would have given the Vikings much of a chance in this one, but after starting the game in the hole 4-0, this team pulled together and trailed by just two points, 10-8 after the first eight minutes of play.

In the second quarter the Vikings trailed by as much as six points, 16-10 before ending the period down 23-19 after Jason Hanson grabbed an offensive rebound and scored with just 20 seconds left on the clock.

Still trying to hang in with the Bearcats but slowly falling further behind, the Vikings were outscored 16-11 in the third quarter and trailed 37-30 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

"That third quarter really hurt us, I think we had eight turnovers and were down as much as nine points," said Vikings head coach Marty Cotter. "We called that time out though and things seemed to settle down and we're able to climb back in the game."

Trailing by as much as nine points before that third quarter timeout, the Vikings, who once trailed 33-24, regained the lead for good when Hanson hit two free throws with 3:03 left to give N-K a 42-41 advantage.

After struggling all night on offense, the Vikings ended the game playing their best quarter of the game, outscoring the Bearcats 21-9 in the final eight minutes of play to secure the slim 51-48 win.

Hanson led the team with 15 points while junior TJ Whitelow recorded his second double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds, including eight on the defensive glass.

With the win over North Butler the Vikings are 2-9 overall and 1-8 in the TIC East. N-K has three games on the schedule this week, they include Tuesday at West Fork, Friday versus Rockford and Saturday at Lake Mills.

N-K 51, NB 48

NK	8	11	11	21 – 51
NB	10	13	16	9 – 48

TIC East Standings
1. West Fork 8-0
2. Osage 8-1
3. Saint Ansgar..... 7-3
4. MC Newman..... 6-4
5. Rockford..... 5-4
6. N-P 4-5
7. Central Springs.. 2-8
8. N-K..... 1-8
9. North Butler..... 1-9



The only senior on this year's team, Ross DeArmoun drains a jumper in last Tuesday night's 51-48 win at North Butler. DeArmoun leads the team this season with 19 steals.



Viking Cade Hengesteg goes in for an easy layup last Tuesday at North Butler. Hengesteg scored nine points on 4-7 shooting from the field in the 51-48 TIC East win.

Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Old

Slices of Life

By: Jill Pertler

We all have a general understanding of the word old. I have an old dining room table. My house is old. No one would dispute either of these facts. They are based on age and time.

But when it comes to people, the line blurs and there are innumerable shades of gray. There are many different ways to be old, grow old, feel old, act old or be perceived as old.

There is nothing wrong with growing old. Time brings with it experiences and knowledge. The phrase "growing old" itself should be a positive term. It contains the word "grow," which indicates a continued movement forward and upward. Growing old should lead to increased respect, dignity and glory. Growing old should be good. But it isn't always perceived this way.

For instance, when someone says, "I'm old," it's practically never a positive statement. It's self-deprecating. "Shucks, don't expect too much from me now. I'm old."

Likewise, unfortunately, people whose bodies have grown old are sometimes not given the recognition they deserve. People who have grown old have seen and experienced life moments too innumerable to mention. They have things to share that we all could benefit from knowing, but people who have grown old don't always warrant our full attention.

We live in a culture that swoons over an everlasting quest for youth so this should come as no surprise.

However, growing old and becoming old are two different things. It's all about semantics. We all will grow old (hopefully). Growing old is a state of being and should be linked with the respect and dignity referenced above. Elders deserve our respect because they have lived longer than us. Period.

Growing old has to do with our physical body.

Becoming old is a state of mind.

You can be physically old, but still young at heart. Growing old is compulsory. Becoming old is not.

What is surprising (to me at least) is that if we fight the "O" word, as so many of us naturally do, why are there people who seem to choose to or are simply okay with becoming old before their time?

I've witnessed a number of instances of this in my life and while growing old is directly related to age, becoming old has no age requirement. People can become old at heart and mind at age 30 or 80 and anywhere in between.

I've known people with an age number that was relatively low who approached life from an old perspective. "I can't do that anymore." "I never learned to fill-in-the-blank." "Women my age shouldn't wear a bikini." "Men my age shouldn't have a beard because it would be gray."

Likewise, I've had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of people who were born long ago but have managed to keep a youthful outlook on life. Their attitude defied their age and they were anything but old. Quite the contrary.

Growing old happens gradually over time. Becoming old is almost like turning a corner. One day a person sees themself as young, the next they make a quick claim to old.

It's perplexing. To not long to be young at heart and mind. To see oneself by the things you can't do, versus focusing and building upon the ones you can. To not care that life paths are no longer open to you. To embrace the idea of old because maybe young seems too much effort.

Everyone will grow old, but becoming old is a choice – as is remaining young at heart. Sometimes, we don't think we have the choice. We put our days on autopilot and don't realize we are in control. But control is definitely available to each of us. The choice is ours and ours alone.

Make one you won't regret. Don't let a number define you. And go ahead, buy that bikini or grow that beard. And keep it young – young at heart, no matter what number defines your "age."

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I wish I knew then what I know now.

What did you know then?

Nothing.

Then your wish has come true.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I stopped at the clinic for a little-get together. The little get-together was helping put a jigsaw puzzle together. I helped by staying out of the light and eating a Rice Krispie treat. I don't have the desire to slap a jigsaw puzzle together, but I admire those who have the patience to do so. The last jigsaw puzzle I attempted to piece together was a used one missing a couple of pieces. It left me feeling unfulfilled.

The two ladies attempting to conquer the puzzle found it a challenge. "Idiot!" one of them proclaimed. I'd been found out. It turned out she wasn't talking to me. She was being hard on herself for trying to punch a puzzle piece into a place where it didn't fit. I offered to find her a scissors. Not just any scissors, but the good scissors. I might have even run with the scissors as we were already at the clinic.

I'm an idiot. I believe my father thought idiots were drivers who passed him and morons were those who tailgated him. "What's that idiot (moron) doing?" he'd say. I suppose I could be a moron. Idiot or moron, there's nothing I can do about it. My dues are paid for life. I once tried writing a paper for school on an Etch A Sketch.

Despite those shortcomings, I teach classes on writing. With a couple of minutes left before one class ended, I asked if anyone had a friendly riddle or knock-knock joke to end the day with a few chortles. A young woman raised her hand. "Why did the chicken cross the road?" she asked.

I gave the standard answer that it did so to get to the other side. She shook her head. I offered, "To show the opossum it could be done." That, too, was wrong. I surrendered.

"To get to the idiot's house," she said, a bit smugly I thought. Then she added, "Knock, knock."

"Who's there?" I responded cleverly. I'd answered that door before.

The young woman smiled before saying, "The chicken."

The cafe chronicles

The day, as each day does, offered a plot twist. The slurping was deafening. Everyone was eating the please-don't-let-me-get-sick soup. The chicken noodle soup could have been served in a long trough. Apparently, the heads of chickens are good for our immune systems.

Thoughts while watching sundogs

I remember when I learned how to count. It was odd even then.

The only thing some people will do right away is to procrastinate.

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Nature notes

"I watched a bald eagle fly over ducks on a lake. Some ducks flew and some didn't. How does a duck decide what to do?" Its choice of predator evasion tactics might be decided by what kind of duck it is. A dabbling duck (puddle duck) is a type of duck that feeds primarily along the surface of the water or by tipping headfirst into the water to graze on aquatic plants, vegetation, insects, and larvae. These ducks are infrequent divers and are more likely to fly to escape danger. Diving ducks propel themselves underwater with large feet attached to short legs situated far back on the body. When threatened by an aerial predator, they tend to dive to safety. A mallard is a common example of a dabbler and mergansers are divers.

"Can a large insect fly farther than a smaller insect?" I don't know. I do know the fragile looking monarch butterfly can travel 2,500 miles during its migration. You'd think that would win a gold medal, but it doesn't. The Pantala flavescens dragonfly, about 1.5 inches long, flies across continents and oceans from India to Africa, about 4,400 miles. According to Smithsonian, dragonflies are known to travel at a speed of 35 miles an hour. Hawk moths, clocked at a speed of 33.7 miles an hour, come in as the second fastest. I've read there is a horsefly that is faster, but not according to Smithsonian. I'm sorry I was unable to provide a proper answer.

Meeting adjourned

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other." — Ephesians

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Knit 'er done

By Erin McCord
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Anchor readers may find it hard to believe that cranking out the hard hitting news of Worth County week after week is a stressful undertaking, but we're here to tell you, it has its moments. In response to the pressures of the job, the women of the Anchor office have taken to busting some balls...yarn balls, that is.



We (Becky, Dawn and I) usually spend our lunch downtime scrolling our phones, but as most social media savvy people know, that is not always the most relaxing past time, with bad news popping up all over the place.

It seemed like a perfect solution when Becky mentioned that she would like to learn to knit. I love to knit but haven't had much time for it since my youngest, Elon, went mobile about 2 1/2 years ago, and to this day I don't think his older brother would be very safe if Elon got a hold of my needles.

So to help Becky realize her dream, and for me to get back into it, I dusted off the big orange plaid suitcase that I keep filled with yarn, tools and the hope and optimism of a younger Erin, who truly believed all those balls and skeins would be turned into something someday, and packed it off to work with me.

Now my big bag of yarn sits in the front room at the Anchor, and I am helping Dawn and Becky get started. I sympathize with them as they juggle what seems to be an unrecognizable mess of knots, while trying to keep their working yarn organized and trying to find which way the needle goes in and the yarn goes around. The atmosphere of concentration and camaraderie as needles click and we giggle is the ideal break from the concentration and camaraderie and giggling of the work day. Okay, maybe we just work well together no matter what we're doing. Anyway, we're having fun knitting!

Seeing them work through their many beginner learning opportunities reminds me of my own struggles to figure out those mysterious tools, which I eventually did, with a lot of advice from YouTube and a remarkably helpful little pamphlet dated 1943 that came with a bag of "practice" yarn from Goodwill.

I don't know if I am as helpful to Dawn and Becky, but it seems like they are making progress. I have to remind myself to slow down and wait for them. I can't wait to teach them different stitches, swatching and gauge, color patterns and needle sizing and start doing some real projects!

Becky is left-handed, so that has made the teaching process a little more challenging for me, and the learning a little more challenging for her, partly because everything I try to tell her, I follow up with "No, wait a minute, that's backwards." She's committed, though, and as many times as she's pulled off a freshly cast-on row of stitches and put her needles down, she has picked them back up and given it another try.

Dawn has other stitchers in her family. In fact, she says her family might have voted her least likely to pick up a craft. I'd like to think she just hadn't found the right one yet. She works so hard on her knitting that she breaks a sweat! It's relaxing, trust me.

Actually, it's lunchtime right now, so I'm going to wrap this up so we can bust out our yarn balls and get a few rows done before it's back to the old grindstone.



Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

January 21, 1920

Peder Skram came home from Loraine, Ohio, where he had been confined in a hospital since the train wreck he got mixed up in while on his way to New York. The wreck occurred during the night while all were asleep. The car landed upside down and Mr. Skram found himself covered up with about 20 bags of corn and other loose stuff. A small stove full of hot coals also was among the articles on top of him. With almost superhuman strength he got the door open before very much of a blaze started. He came out of the wreck without any serious damages.

Cpl. Wayland Christianson arrived at home on Sunday from Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D.C., where he had been for many weary months undergoing surgical and medical treatment for injuries received in battle the day before the armistice was signed. "Butch" is looking and feeling quite well and his many good friends, young and old, are giving him a genuine welcome back to town.

O.J. Baklund of Hartland Township and C.M. Johnson of Albert Lea, have purchased the Silver Lake store and are now in possession, Mr. Johnson running the store until Mr. Baklund gets his family moved to the Lake.

The basketball girls met their first defeat this season at Albert Lea. The home girls really did good work in spite of the fact that the Albert Lea forwards had a four year record to back them. Ellen Rodenbaugh is to be especially complimented upon her excellent guarding.

75 years ago

January 25, 1945

The water gate in the Shell Rock River dam was opened, draining the water from the mill pond and in recent days work has been progressing slowly in cutting away the concrete work of the dam, with about 10 feet near the north end of the dam partly removed. No definite time has been set for the completion of the work, it is stated.

Clifford Perry's Ford car was practically destroyed by fire on Central Avenue near 12th street shortly before 6 p.m. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Perry as she was driving the car with her two children as passengers.

Lieut. John Valentine, U.S. N.R., former lieutenant governor of Iowa, will be in Northwood to help organize a Worth County unit of the Veterans Service Committee. A meeting of the county group, including representatives from all parts of the county, will meet with Lieut. Valentine at the Farm Bureau office at 8 p.m.

An open house will be held for parents, members of women's clubs of the city, the Lions club and town council members at "The Attic," the local youth center, next Wednesday, January 31, from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Elliott received word that their nephew ReVere M. Elliott of the Army Signal Corps, was killed in action in Belgium on December 29. ReVere is the first war casualty from Joice.

Miss Susie Nelson, 54, a lifelong resident of Worth County, died early Saturday morning at her home in Hartland Township after a long period of poor health.

50 years ago

January 22, 1970

Alvin Buechele, 63, Grafton, was killed at about 6 p.m. on Sunday after an oil-fired boiler exploded in the junior high school building in Grafton. Buechele was the mayor of Grafton and had been custodian at the school for more than 25 years. Worth County Sheriff Ivan Davey said the doors blew off the boiler, one of them striking at Buechele above the left eye. He was apparently killed instantly.

These are the days to be in, looking out. With temperatures well in the below-zero readings, Worth County residents struggle to keep warm. The coldest weather to hit the area in three years continued on Wednesday, as below-zero temperatures were unofficially reported at -28 to -30 degrees for three consecutive days. Relief from the cold is not anticipated at press time Wednesday.

Harry Barth, Cresco, has ended 50 years of faithful and educated service to the newspaper the Times-Plain Dealer this month. Harry began his career while a student when his father, the late L.P. Barth, was publisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah, to Wayne Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Black of rural Northwood. Miss Johnson is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and attends the School of Cosmetology at Mason City. Her fiancé is also a Northwood-Kensett graduate, and is a sophomore at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

25 years ago

January 25, 1995

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad congratulated all of Northwood-Kensett's grade school students and teachers on the part they played in earning the FINE Award he presented to N-K officials last June. The school won the honor for its unique student-led parent-teacher conferences. "You at Northwood-Kensett Elementary School have done an outstanding job," the governor told N-K students, teachers and officials gathered in the West Elementary auditorium.

The recent snowfall left one inch of white crystals on the ground and a light dusting on the roof of an old barn pictured near Ochee Yahola Park, northwest of Northwood.

Northwood swimming pool committee member Coni Butler recently thanked NSB Bank president Kary Paulson for a $35,000 check the bank donated to the pool fund through the newly-formed Northwood Area foundation. The foundation was formed in late 1994 as a means of channeling donations and investments to various projects in the Northwood community.

Northwood-Kensett High School students competed on Saturday in the district ensemble speech contest in Decorah. They include Megan Myhre, Betsy Mellem, Matt Throng, Andy Julseth, Sara Rosch, Sara Trenhaile, Teresa Halvorsen, Erin Gunderson, Paul Hengesteg and Steve Helgeson.

10 years ago

January 27, 2010

Cammi's Dance Studio performed during the boys and girls basketball games. Kamryn, daughter of Bret and Jacki Backhaus, and Chloe, daughter of Earl and Shellee Wright, in the preschool class, were seen in a pictured as they performed "Barbie Girl" to the packed audience.

Worth County Naturalist Dan Block stopped by Project Child Care in Manly to discuss different types of owls in Iowa and to read the book "Owl Moon." The event is called January Family Night, an annual event hosted by the NICAO Head Start Family Partnership with Paulette Webb and her staff.

Bones Jaspers was honored on his 80th birthday with cake and coffee at Sue's Cornerpost in Northwood.

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center has recently opened "The Cow" Pie and Coffee Shoppe on the second floor of the big red barn. Susan Weitzel is the manager.

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team moved to within one win of capturing the school's winningest season ever with two big wins that improved its record to 10-5 overall. The week got started on a high note as the Vikings ran to a 20-5 lead over Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock in Northwood. But the Warriors had pulled to within six at the break, and later closed the gap to just four at 31-27 with 2:40 left in the third quarter.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Leland 'Lee' Ritzert



LELAND RITZERT

Leland "Lee" H. Ritzert, 67, of Kensett, died on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at his home in Kensett.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, rural Kensett, with Rev. Tom Martin officiating. Visitation was on Tuesday evening from 5 – 7 p.m. at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home in Northwood. Burial will take place at Kensett Cemetery at a later date.

Lee was born on December 21, 1952, in Woodstock, Illinois, to Howard and Evelyn (Kraft) Ritzert. Lee graduated from Richmond Burton in 1971. He moved to Iowa after graduation, where he met his wife, Jane Reich. They were married on August 31, 1973. To that union two children were born, Tim and Kris.

Lee worked a variety of construction – 13 years for Peterson Excavating and the last 20 years for Green Canopy. Lee was part of the Kensett Fire Department for 11 years. He loved the casino, playing cards, Bingo, telling stories, collecting the grandkids' tractors and sitting at a campfire. He loved working on cars and spending special time with his grandchildren.

Lee is survived by his wife, Jane of 46 years; son, Tim (fiancee Gemma Cernetic); daughter, Kris (Aaron) Woltzen; grandkids, Ben Ritzert and Noah and Ava Woltzen; dog, Rosie; four sisters; two brothers; four brothers-in-law; seven sisters-in-law; and special family friends, Corey and Tracy and Lori and Mike.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Alex Ritzert; mother and father-in-law; two infant brothers; one brother; and one sister.

In your heaven, Lee, we wish you lots of Twins and Hawkeye wins, stories of the big ones that got away, all things lemon, a 4-berry pie and a special place by the campfire.

Ken Leander



KEN LEANDER

Ken Leander, 72, of Sac City, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kenneth Michael Leander was born on April 9, 1947, to parents Kenneth and Phyllis (Nelson) Leander in Chaska, Minnesota.

Ken grew up in Chaska, Minnesota, where he attended school. He graduated from Chaska High School with the Class of 1965. After graduation, he attended Mankato State University where he graduated with his bachelor's degree in music.

After graduating, Ken taught music in Illinois and then Buffalo Lake, Minnesota; Iowa Falls, Iowa; Osage, Iowa; and finally at Schaller-Crestland School District.

Before retiring, Kenneth also worked in maintenance at Loring Hospital in Sac City. Ken's father was the band director at Ken's school where Ken and his younger siblings played in the band.

On August 1, 1993, Ken married the love of his life, Elina Ozolins, in Ventura, Iowa. Together, the two of them not only enjoyed each other's company, but also shared a love for music. Ken and Elina often played together at events. He would play his trumpet as she accompanied him on the piano. Together, they lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Northwood, Iowa, and finally in Sac City.

Ken genuinely loved his dogs and cats. He was a wonderful pet owner. He also enjoyed his cars and boats over the years. In his free time, he was always up to trips to the casino. He had a love for life and everything in it. Ken will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Elina Leander-Ozolins of Sac City, Iowa; brothers, Tom (Caryl) Leander of Arizona and Michael (Candy) Leander of Minneapolis, Minnesota; sister, Martha Leander (Lenny) of Florida; many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Phyllis Leander.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Chinese New Year celebration offers a chance to explore cultural traditions

A unique cultural experience will offer Northwood residents the opportunity to learn about Chinese New Year traditions in Northwood this Saturday, January 25.

Members of the Andrew Yang presidential campaign will be holding a Chinese New Year celebration at 818 Central Avenue from 1 to 4 p.m.

As they celebrate the onset of the Year of the Rat, those putting on the event will speak on the history of the Chinese New Year and associated traditions. They will also be doing demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy, Chinese language concepts and offering door prizes.

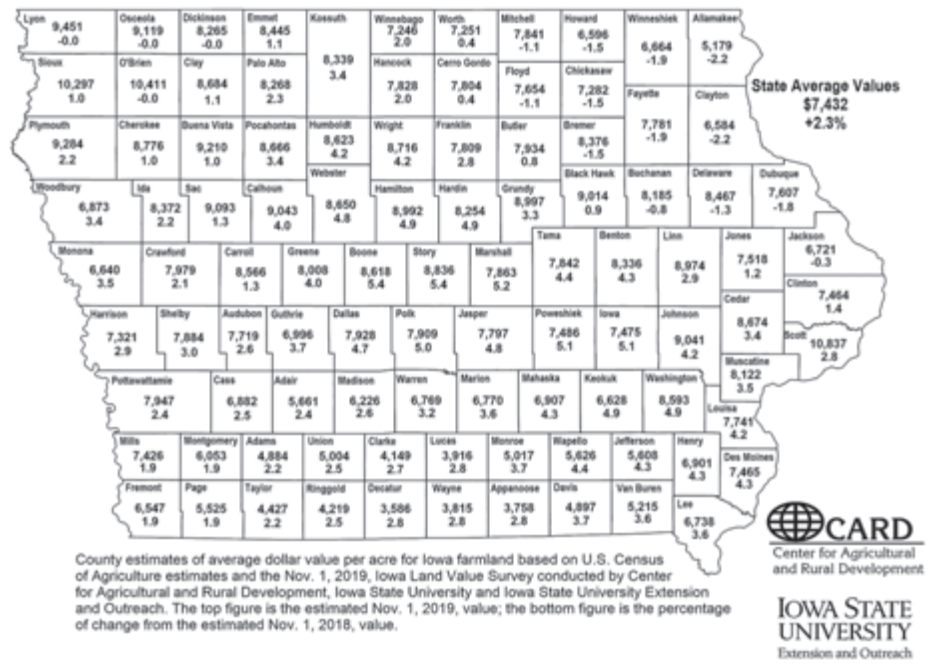
The event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome to attend and learn about Chinese culture and traditions.

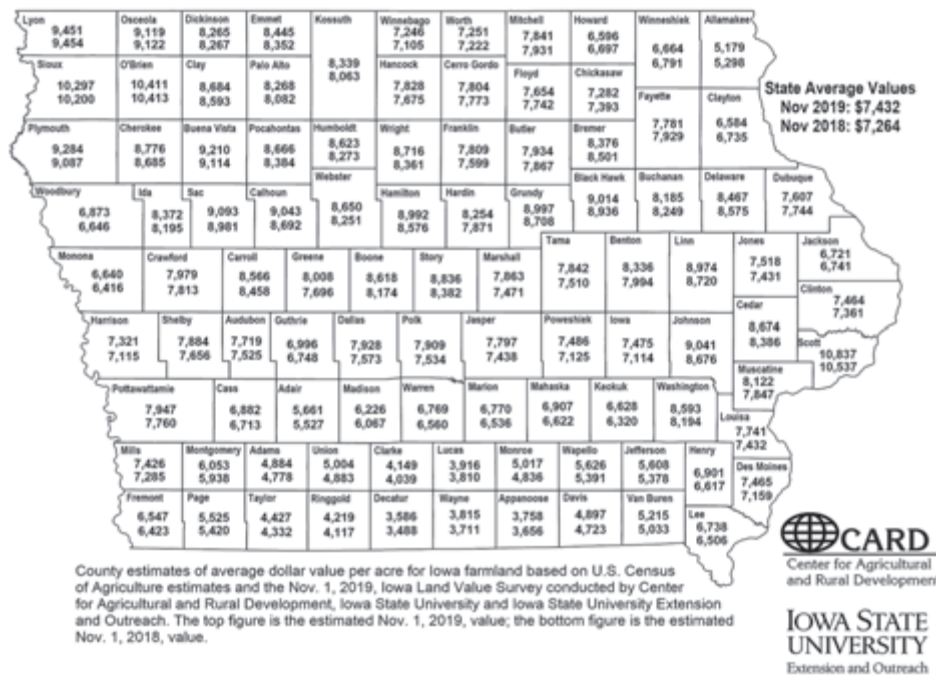


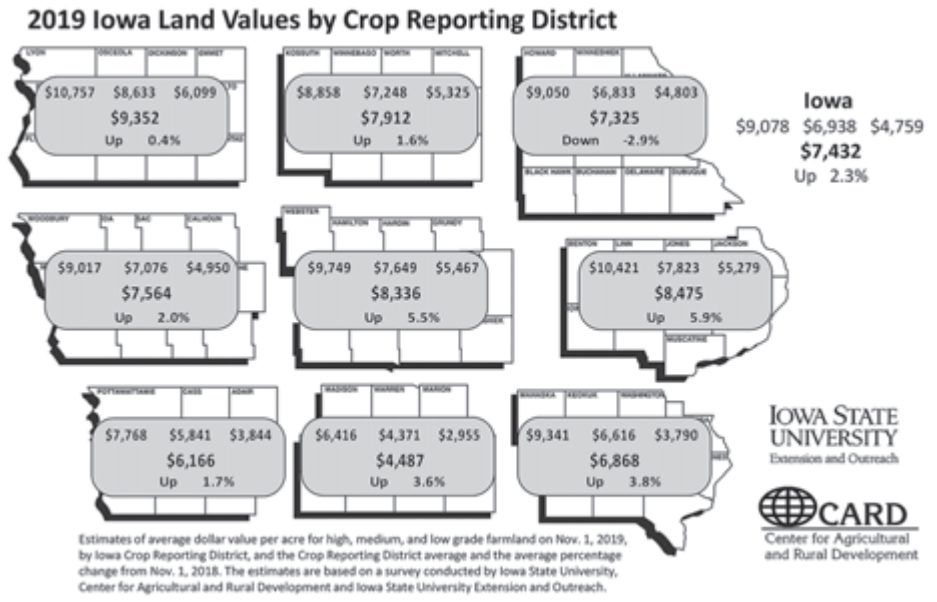
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Iowa farmland value grows 2.3% in 2019, but barely exceeds inflation







From the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

Iowa's farmland now valued at $7,432 per acre, an increase of $168 from 2018

It's been a difficult year for farmers—the planting season saw an overabundance of rain and delayed planting, the United States' trade war with China persisted, skewing both commodity prices and demand, and farm bankruptcies rose to the highest level since 2011. However, favorable interest rates, strong yields, and limited land supply combined to help drive Iowa's farmland values up for only the second time in six years.

The statewide value of an acre of farmland is now estimated to be $7,432, which represents an increase of 2.3 percent, or $168, since 2018. The $7,432 per acre estimate, and 2.3 percent increase in value, represents a statewide average of low-, medium-, and high-quality farmland.

"The reprieve in the land market, unfortunately, is not driven by a much stronger farm economy," said Dr. Wendong Zhang. Zhang is an assistant professor of economics at Iowa State University and is responsible for leading the annual Iowa Land Value Survey. "This recent modest increase in land values reflects a lower interest rate environment and slowly improving US farm income. However, we are still faced with significant uncertainty, especially the ongoing US-China trade war, which has significantly affected US agricultural exports, especially soybean exports, and lead to lower commodity prices and weaker farm income," Zhang said. Stronger than expected crop yields in Iowa, and continuing limited land supply helped contribute to the increase in land values, despite low commodity prices.

While the growth in land values is a positive, Zhang warned that it should not be labeled as a "solid rebound" of the land market. "The Market Facilitation Program payments helped soften the blow and stabilize farm income and the land market; however, a no-deal or further escalation of the US-China trade war on December 15 will further amplify trade uncertainties and put downward pressure on farm income and land values," Zhang said. "The future of farmland market still hinges on the pace and speed of Federal Reserve moves on interest rates, progress in the trade talks, and the availability of land parcels."

The United States also saw 580 farm bankruptcies in 2019, the highest number since 2011. However, Zhang said that the overall share of bankrupt farms is still low, "but there are more farms under financial stress due to continued low commodity prices."

Zhang said the growth in Iowa's land values was noticeably higher this year in the central crop reporting districts (district hereafter). "The Central districts saw larger increases than other districts due in part to stronger-than-expected crop yields over the past few years and strong urban demand." He also noted that "strong recreational demand" has helped lift the value of low-quality land.

Land Values by County

Eighty-two of Iowa's 99 counties reported higher land values, the remaining 17 all saw a decline. For the seventh consecutive year, Scott and Decatur counties reported the highest and lowest values, respectively. Decatur County reported a value of $3,586 per acre, a gain of $97, or 2.8 percent. Scott County reported a value of $10,837 per acre, a gain of $300, or 2.8 percent.

Both Boone and Story Counties reported the largest percent increase at 5.4 percent. Story County also saw the largest dollar increase by county at $455 per acre. Clayton and Allamakee Counties reported the largest percent decrease—both showed a 2.2 percent loss since 2018. Clayton County reported the largest dollar decrease in values at $151 per acre.

Land Values by District

The Northwest district reported the highest overall land values at $9,352 per acre, and the South Central district reported the lowest overall land values at $4,487 per acre.

Land values across districts saw an increase in general, with only the Northeast district reporting a decline in land values (a loss of 2.9 percent). The losses in the Northeast district are due mainly to financial stress in the dairy sector.

The largest percentage increases were in the East Central and Central districts at 5.9 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively. However, the South Central and Southeast districts also reported substantial increases at 3.6 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

Land Value by Quality

Low-quality land statewide now averages $4,759 per acre, a 3.3 percent, or $150 per acre, increase; medium-quality land now averages $6,938 per acre, an increase of 2.0 percent, or $133 per acre; and, high-quality land now averages $9,078 per acre, an increase of 2.4 percent or $215 per acre.

Low-quality land in the Central, East Central, and West Central districts all saw increases of 5.0 percent or more, but low-quality land in the Northeast district was a 5.0 percent decline.

All qualities of land in the Northeast district reported a loss, while low-quality land there saw a greater loss than did higher quality lands. High-quality land in the Northwest district is the only other high-quality land that saw a decline in value.

Factors Influencing Land Values

Favorable interest rates, strong yields, and limited land supply were the most frequently noted positive factors influencing land values. The most commonly cited negative factors influencing land values were lower commodity prices, the weather, and tariffs on agricultural commodities.

Land values were determined by the 2019 Iowa State University Land Value Survey, conducted in November by the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Results from the survey are consistent with results by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the Realtors Land Institute, and the US Department of Agriculture.

The ISU land value survey was initiated in 1941, the first in the nation, and is sponsored annually by Iowa State University. The survey is typically conducted every November and the results are released mid- December. Only the state average and the district averages are based directly on the ISU survey data. The county estimates are derived using a procedure that combines the ISU survey results with data from the US Census of Agriculture.

The ISU Land Value Survey is based on reports by agricultural professionals knowledgeable of land market conditions such as appraisers, farm managers, agricultural lenders, and actual land sales. It is intended to provide information on general land value trends, geographical land price relationships, and factors influencing the Iowa land market. The 2019 survey is based on 679 usable responses from 553 agricultural professionals. Fifty-nine percent of the 553 respondents answered the survey online.

CARD offers a web portal at www.card.iastate.edu/farmland/ that includes visualization tools, such as charts and interactive county maps, allowing users to examine land value trends over time at the county, district, and state level.

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Comparative Iowa Land Values 2018-2019

By Crop Reporting District:

Name	2019 $/acre	2018 $/acre	2018-2019 $change	%change
Northwest	$ 9,352	$ 9,311	$41	0.44%
North Central	$ 7,912	$7,789	$123	1.58%
Northeast	$7,325	$7,543	-$218	-2.90%
West Central	$7,564	$7,413	$151	2.04%
Central	$8,336	$7,899	$437	5.53%
East Central	$8,475	$8,004	$471	5.88%
Southwest	$6,166	$6,060	$105	1.74%
South Central	$4,487	$4,329	$158	3.64%
Southeast	$6,868	$6,619	$249	3.77%
State Average	$7,432	$7,264	$168	2.31%

By County:

Name	2019 $/acre	2018 $/acre	2018-2019 $change	%change
Adair	$5,661	$5,527	$134	2.43%
Adams	$4,884	$4,778	$106	2.22%
Allamakee	$5,179	$5,298	-$119	-2.25%
Appanoose	$3,758	$3,656	$102	2.79%
Audubon	$7,719	$7,525	$194	2.58%
Benton	$8,336	$7,994	$342	4.28%
Black Hawk	$9,014	$8,936	$78	0.87%
Boone	$8,618	$8,174	$444	5.44%
Bremer	$8,376	$8,501	-$125	-1.47%
Buchanan	$8,185	$8,249	-$64	-0.78%
Buena Vista	$9,210	$9,114	$96	1.05%
Butler	$7,934	$7,867	$67	0.85%
Calhoun	$9,043	$8,692	$351	4.04%
Carroll	$8,566	$8,458	$108	1.28%
Cass	$6,882	$6,713	$169	2.52%
Cedar	$8,674	$8,386	$288	3.43%
Cerro Gordo	$7,804	$7,773	$31	0.40%
Cherokee	$8,776	$8,685	$91	1.05%
Chickasaw	$7,282	$7,393	-$111	-1.50%
Clarke	$4,149	$4,039	$110	2.73%
Clay	$8,684	$8,593	$92	1.06%
Clayton	$6,584	$6,735	-$151	-2.25%
Clinton	$7,464	$7,361	$104	1.41%
Crawford	$7,979	$7,813	$166	2.12%
Dallas	$7,928	$7,573	$356	4.70%
Davis	$4,897	$4,723	$174	3.68%
Decatur	$3,586	$3,488	$97	2.79%
Delaware	$8,467	$8,575	-$108	-1.26%
Des Moines	$7,465	$7,159	$306	4.28%
Dickinson	$8,265	$8,267	-$2	-0.03%
Dubuque	$7,607	$7,744	-$137	-1.77%
Emmet	$8,445	$8,352	$93	1.12%
Fayette	$7,781	$7,929	-$147	-1.86%
Floyd	$7,654	$7,742	-$88	-1.13%
Franklin	$7,809	$7,599	$210	2.76%
Fremont	$6,547	$6,423	$124	1.94%
Greene	$8,008	$7,696	$312	4.05%
Grundy	$8,997	$8,708	$288	3.31%
Guthrie	$6,996	$6,748	$248	3.67%
Hamilton	$8,992	$8,576	$416	4.86%
Hancock	$7,828	$7,675	$153	1.99%
Hardin	$8,254	$7,871	$383	4.86%
Harrison	$7,321	$7,115	$206	2.90%
Henry	$6,901	$6,617	$283	4.28%
Howard	$6,596	$6,697	-$101	-1.51%
Humboldt	$8,623	$8,273	$349	4.22%
Ida	$8,372	$8,195	$177	2.16%
Iowa	$7,475	$7,114	$361	5.08%
Jackson	$6,721	$6,741	-$20	-0.29%
Jasper	$7,797	$7,438	$359	4.83%
Jefferson	$5,608	$5,378	$230	4.29%
Johnson	$9,041	$8,676	$365	4.21%
Jones	$7,518	$7,431	$87	1.17%
Keokuk	$6,628	$6,320	$308	4.87%
Kossuth	$8,339	$8,063	$276	3.43%
Lee	$6,738	$6,506	$233	3.58%
Linn	$8,974	$8,720	$254	2.92%
Louisa	$7,741	$7,432	$309	4.15%
Lucas	$3,916	$3,810	$106	2.79%
Lyon	$9,451	$9,454	-$3	-0.03%
Madison	$6,226	$6,067	$159	2.63%
Mahaska	$6,907	$6,622	$285	4.30%
Marion	$6,770	$6,536	$234	3.57%
Marshall	$7,863	$7,471	$392	5.24%
Mills	$7,426	$7,285	$141	1.94%
Mitchell	$7,841	$7,931	-$90	-1.13%
Monona	$6,640	$6,416	$224	3.49%
Monroe	$5,017	$4,836	$180	3.72%
Montgomery	$6,053	$5,938	$115	1.94%
Muscatine	$8,122	$7,847	$276	3.51%
O'Brien	$10,411	$10,413	-$3	-0.03%
Osceola	$9,119	$9,122	-$2	-0.03%
Page	$5,525	$5,420	$105	1.94%
Palo Alto	$8,268	$8,082	$185	2.29%
Plymouth	$9,284	$9,087	$197	2.17%
Pocahontas	$8,666	$8,384	$283	3.37%
Polk	$7,909	$7,534	$374	4.97%
Pottawattamie	$7,947	$7,760	$187	2.41%
Poweshiek	$7,486	$7,125	$361	5.06%
Ringgold	$4,219	$4,117	$102	2.48%
Sac	$9,093	$8,981	$112	1.25%
Scott	$10,837	$10,537	$300	2.85%
Shelby	$7,884	$7,656	$227	2.97%
Sioux	$10,297	$10,200	$97	0.95%
Story	$8,836	$8,382	$455	5.43%
Tama	$7,842	$7,510	$332	4.42%
Taylor	$4,427	$4,332	$95	2.19%
Union	$5,004	$4,883	$121	2.48%
Van Buren	$5,215	$5,033	$182	3.63%
Wapello	$5,626	$5,391	$235	4.35%
Warren	$6,769	$6,560	$209	3.19%
Washington	$8,593	$8,194	$399	4.87%
Wayne	$3,815	$3,711	$104	2.79%
Webster	$8,650	$8,251	$399	4.83%
Winnebago	$7,246	$7,105	$141	1.98%
Winneshiek	$6,664	$6,791	-$127	-1.87%
Woodbury	$6,873	$6,646	$227	3.41%
Worth	$7,251	$7,222	$29	0.40%
Wright	$8,716	$8,361	$355	4.25%



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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 1/13/20 at 6pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Meyer, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under consent agenda: 12/9/19 Council Meeting Minutes; Treasurer Report; Liquor License Renewal-Casey's General Store #1753; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH ... $20.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Water Excise Tax $1,157.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $302.00
Payroll, Wages..... $17,155.03
Payroll
Council Wages $2,750.00
NSB, UCC Filing $10.00
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phone-tr,fd $107.72
Visa
Leadership Academy.....
..... $320.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue
Shield, Insurance $10,866.33
Principal, Insurance. $410.62
Payroll, Wages..... $17,695.60
Alliant Energy
Services..... $17,021.89
US Postal Service
Mailing-cc $277.55
Worth Co. Sheriff
Serve Papers..... $33.00
Payroll, Wages..... $18,912.99
Bell's Fire Stop
Service $176.00
Berge Oil
Fuel-pw,tr $1,626.48
Bruce Rheinfels
Inspection $32.00
CarQuest
Supplies-pw $316.96
Catherine Johnston
Water Dep. Refund-cc .....
..... $130.00
Cole Excavating
Wetland retainage.....
..... $9,000.00
Dave Syverson
Truck Down Payment-pw .....
..... $5,000.00
David Patrick
Services-cc,lib $57.00
Dirk Van Ryswyk
2019 Cell Phone Exp-pw.....
..... $846.80
Hawkins
Supplies-pw $4,149.34
Hogen Lawn Care
Services-lib $475.00
Huber Supply
Cylinder-pw $35.62
Iowa Good Roads Assoc.
Membership-pw..... $95.00
Iowa One Call
Services-pw..... $7.20
James Kostka
Water Dep. Refund .. $80.00
James Roberts
Water Dep. Refund $130.00
Jay Hickman
Water Dep. Refund $130.00
Jeremy Koster
Damage Expense-pw.....
..... $500.00
John Dere Financial
Freight, Supplies-pw.....
..... $66.86
John Greve
Services..... $500.00
John Szymecek
Water Dep. Refund .. $50.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies $1,436.64
Keystone Labs
Testing $1,186.50
Landfill of North Iowa
Dues $2,685.15
LaVon Lindflott
Water Dep. Refund $5.00
Lynesha McBride
Water Dep. Refund $130.00
Marco, Supplies-cc ... $373.74
Marlene Schulte Estate
Water Dep Refund ... $80.00
NIRHA, Refund-cc ... $300.73
Northern Lights Homeless
Shelter
Water Dep. Refund $130.00
Northwood Anchor
Publications..... $242.29
Northwood Electric
Repairs-park..... $89.81
Northwood Sanitation
Garbage Services. $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation .. $650.00
NSB, Employee HSA Contribution..... $24,800.00
Nwd Waterworks
Water Dep. Transfer $80.00
Office Depot
Supplies-cc,pw $271.38
Susan Ehlke
Credit/Water Dep. Refund .
..... $363.77
Trading Post
Supplies-pw $871.39
UMB, Bond Fee-cc.... $250.00
USA Blue Book
Supplies $1,325.78
US Postal Service
Stamps-cc..... $110.00
WCTA
Phone/Internet $660.57
Worth Co. Auditor
Election..... $1,966.00
Worth Co. Sheriff
28E Police $29,087.66
Library:
Marco Technologies
Copier..... $3,441.69
Kelly Hardware
Supplies $25.32
Fallgatter's Market
Supplies $67.85
Demco, Supplies $271.50
Northwood Electric
Services..... $547.14
Center Point Large Print
Materials $266.70
Baker & Taylor
Materials $392.85
Carolyn Reeder
Paint Supplies $45.43
Hogen Lawn Care
Lawn Care $160.00

Summary of December 2019 receipts by fund type: General - $56,010.94; Special Revenue-$63,939.78; Debt Service - $30,861.89; Capital Projects-$1,990.17; Enterprise- $81,850.94; Trust & Agency - $18.24.

Summary of December 2019 disbursements by fund type: General - $94,853.28; Special Revenue-$43,565.05; Debt Service-$32,916.25; Capital Projects-$259.00; Enterprise- $136,647.98; Trust & Agency - $0.

Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Meyer, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold. Unam.

Motion to approve a 10-year service agreement with KLM Engineering for water tower inspections. Unam.

Motion to approve $1 lot application from Constance Toft-Butler for the property located at 102 8th St S. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle
Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 273.3(2), Central Rivers Area Education Agency Board of Directors presents notification of a public hearing on the proposed budget. Persons will be heard for or against the proposed budget.

Official AEA Name: Central Rivers Area Education Agency
Date/Time of Hearing: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 5:00pm
Location of Hearing: Board Room, 1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

AEA CERTIFIED BUDGET
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
Due Date: February 10, 2020

Three-Year Budget Comparison All Funds except Permanent Funds; Internal Service Funds; Private-Purpose, Pension and Investment Trust Funds; and Agencies		Budget 2021	Re-Estimated 2020	Actual 2019
Resources (Sources) (Account ID 8):				
Taxes (1100-1299)	1	13,104,767	12,922,948	12,769,236
Tuition/Transportation Received (1300-1499)	2	350,000	350,000	341,395
Earnings on Investments (1500-1599)	3	150,000	200,000	209,584
Nutrition Program Sales (1600-1699)	4	0	0	0
Student Activities & Sales (1700-1799)	5	0	0	0
Other Revenues from Local Sources (1800-1999)	6	6,551,251	6,552,021	6,137,261
Revenues from Intermediary Sources (2000-2999)	7	0	0	0
State Foundation Aid (3111)	8	15,942,006	13,811,078	13,462,706
Juvenile Home Tuition Aid Advance (3121)	9	1,550,579	1,507,155	1,360,691
Other State Sources including State Aid Categoricals (3112-3119, 3122-3999)	10	3,275,011	3,247,221	3,255,711
IDEA Grants (4510-4529)	11	15,857,200	15,857,330	15,879,730
Other Federal Sources (4000-4509, 4530-4999)	12	955,800	955,694	875,469
Total Revenues (Rows 1 - 12)	13	57,736,614	55,403,447	54,291,782
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds (5000-5199, 5400-5699)	14	0	0	66,300
Operating Transfers In & Other Sources (5200-5299, 5700-6999)	15	728,673	1,024,713	678,911
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions (5300-5399)	16	0	0	9,119
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources (Row 13 - 16)	17	58,465,287	56,428,160	55,046,112
Beginning Fund Balance	18	9,229,793	10,075,660	8,946,200
Total Resources (Row 17 + 18)	19	67,695,080	66,503,820	63,992,313
Requirements (Functions) (Account ID 9):				
Instruction (1000-1999)	20	8,659,400	8,356,947	7,986,177
Student Support Services (2100-2199)	21	21,566,500	20,376,782	19,647,244
Instructional Staff Support Services (2200-2299)	22	13,634,400	12,909,696	11,857,168
General Administration (2300-2399)	23	2,033,800	1,934,949	1,754,884
Building Administration (2400-2499)	24	3,214,500	3,042,153	2,821,110
Business & Central Administration (2500-2519, 2540-2599)	25	2,612,100	2,807,852	2,444,575
Purchasing, Distributing, Printing, Publishing, Duplicating (2520-2539)	26	679,200	642,281	645,791
Plant Operations and Maintenance (2600-2699)	27	1,601,800	1,533,197	1,712,939
Student Transportation (2700-2799)	28	4,000	4,000	3,627
Other Support Services (2900-2999)	29	444,600	441,140	464,787
Noninstructional Programs (3000-3999)	30	139,800	136,969	161,391
Facilities Acquisition and Construction (4000-4999)	31	150,000	476,064	201,358
Debt Service (5000-5999)	32	578,673	548,649	477,553
Total Expenditures (Row 20 - 32)	33	55,318,773	53,210,679	50,178,605
Operating Transfers Out & Other Financing Uses (6100-6999)	34	3,767,273	4,063,348	3,738,047
Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses (Row 33 + 34)	35	59,086,046	57,274,027	53,916,653
Ending Fund Balance (Row 19 - Row 35)	36	8,609,034	9,229,793	10,075,660
Total Requirements (Row 35 + 36)	37	67,695,080	66,503,820	63,992,313

We the undersigned officers of the Area Education Agency certify that all data in the Certified Budget as submitted here for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 are true, correct, and done in full compliance with the pertinent statutes of the State of Iowa, instructions of the State Department of Education, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as defined in Uniform Financial Accounting for Iowa School Districts and AEAs, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Contact for Questions Concerning this Certified Budget Report: Michael Kalvig, Chief Financial Officer, Central Rivers AEA (AEA #9207)
Phone: 319-273-8206; Fax: 319-268-7606; Email: mkalvig@centralriversaea.org

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on the 27th day of January 2020 at 6:00 P.M. for the sale and transfer of that property described as NORTHWOOD AUDITORS PLAT/COUNTY AUD PLAT BLOCK:87 LOT:2 Northwood, Worth County, Iowa, situated at 102 8th St S. to Constance Toft-Butler pursuant to the Northwood Revitalization Program as previously adopted by the City.

Notice is given that you appear, either in person, or by agent or attorney in opposition or support of the proposed real estate sale.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA

/s/Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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Worth County Treasurer's Semiannual Reconciliation

For 07/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

	Beginning Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Beginning Balance + Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance	Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance	Difference	Outstanding Bank Items
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	722,095.10	2,262,538.15	2,984,633.25	2,192,223.12	**(50,079.30)**	742,330.83	742,330.83	-	114,539.14
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	870,079.49	703,178.97	1,573,258.46	683,775.92	**(177.20)**	889,305.34	889,305.34	-	33.00
0003 - GENERAL BASIC TRUST	164,973.16	-	164,973.16	-	-	164,973.16	164,973.16	-	-
0010 - MH-DD SERVICES FUND	24,928.96	150,219.31	175,148.27	132,122.40	-	43,025.87	43,025.87	-	-
0011 - RURAL SERVICE BASIC	222,892.60	1,026,181.41	1,249,074.01	989,646.94	**(4,593.63)**	254,833.44	254,833.44	-	14,760.00
0014 - RURAL SERVICES TRUST	111,859.99	54,143.45	166,003.44	-	-	166,003.44	166,003.44	-	-
0020 - SECONDARY ROADS	2,491,102.38	2,236,324.61	4,727,426.99	2,516,847.54	**18,792.99**	2,229,372.44	2,229,372.44	-	89,613.98
0021 - HWY 105 TRUST FUND	1,727,168.78	4,287.99	1,731,456.77	-	-	1,731,456.77	1,731,456.77	-	-
0023 - ENHANCEMENT/PROTECTION(REAP)	65,729.06	9,218.00	74,947.06	61,635.31	-	13,311.75	13,311.75	-	-
0024 - RECORDER'S RECORDS MGT	9,785.55	808.00	10,593.55	-	-	10,593.55	10,593.55	-	-
0026 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	5,892.54	2,605.00	8,497.54	5,879.08	**(100.00)**	2,518.46	2,518.46	-	15.74
0027 - CNTY CONSERVATION RESERVE	63,095.68	-	63,095.68	-	-	63,095.68	63,095.68	-	-
0029 - CNTY DISPOSAL CLOSURE	6,511.00	-	6,511.00	-	-	6,511.00	6,511.00	-	-
0030 - BOARD/ROOM	63,912.44	12,169.94	76,082.38	-	-	76,082.38	76,082.38	-	-
0031 - PROBATION FEES	34,569.06	-	34,569.06	180.00	-	34,389.06	34,389.06	-	-
0036 - COMMISSARY FUND	10,893.71	-	10,893.71	663.13	-	10,230.58	10,230.58	-	-
0037 - DARE	3,940.08	-	3,940.08	-	-	3,940.08	3,940.08	-	-
0038 - WINDFARM TIF	4,592,991.31	1,631,358.94	6,224,350.25	161,789.66	**(8,359.00)**	6,054,201.59	6,054,201.59	-	1,318.00
0039 - FORFEITURE FUND	5,928.78	-	5,928.78	-	-	5,928.78	5,928.78	-	-
0040 - CANINE FUND	3,761.07	2,000.00	5,761.07	-	-	5,761.07	5,761.07	-	-
0042 - NEW HEAVEN GRANT TIF	3,964.44	5,425.01	9,389.45	-	-	9,389.45	9,389.45	-	-
0043 - RESERVE DEPUTY FUND	7,842.28	172.00	8,014.28	160.80	-	7,853.48	7,853.48	-	-
0100 - DRAINAGE	288,714.77	1,199,048.68	1,487,763.45	394,936.90	**(736,198.29)**	356,628.26	356,628.26	-	2,149.58
4000 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	156,750.71	185,113.04	341,863.75	210,046.62	**(108.68)**	131,708.45	131,708.45	-	1,329.59
4010 - E911	617,167.03	102,018.82	719,185.85	32,854.83	**(4,031.86)**	682,299.16	682,299.16	-	181.05
4060 - FLEX BENEFITS	4,929.06	6,782.58	11,711.64	4,143.12	-	7,568.52	7,568.52	-	-
4100 - CNTY ASSESSOR AGENCY	638,717.00	180,516.41	819,233.41	141,953.13	**924.39**	678,204.67	678,204.67	-	5,781.28
4140 - AG EXTENSION EDUCATION	2,125.51	111,557.72	113,683.23	112,009.42	-	1,673.81	1,673.81	-	-
4160 - PROPERTY TAX AGENCY FUND	19.89	988.08	1,007.97	993.17	-	14.80	14.80	-	-
4200 - SCHOOL DISTRICTS	84,422.66	4,498,512.93	4,582,935.59	4,518,247.66	-	64,687.93	64,687.93	-	-
4300 - NIACC	5,421.69	274,257.44	279,679.13	275,564.24	-	4,114.89	4,114.89	-	-
4400 - CORPORATIONS	27,742.45	1,257,390.07	1,285,132.52	1,269,820.99	-	15,311.53	15,311.53	-	-
4450 - CITY SPECIALS	3,262.31	7,027.86	10,290.17	8,026.59	-	2,263.58	2,263.58	-	-
4500 - PRIVATE OWNED TAX SALE CERTS	45,364.08	29,742.86	75,106.94	55,848.30	**2,195.00**	21,453.64	21,453.64	-	2,195.00
4700 - TOWNSHIPS	1,389.54	79,654.22	81,043.76	79,697.23	-	1,346.53	1,346.53	-	-
5010 - MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	128,113.50	918,429.50	1,046,543.00	838,638.00	**263.95**	208,168.95	208,168.95	-	468.95
5020 - USE TAX	97,660.63	520,131.97	617,792.60	534,109.26	-	83,683.34	83,683.34	-	-
5040 - AGPAT FUND	1.90	46.55	48.45	32.30	-	16.15	16.15	-	-
5090 - TAX IN ADVANCE	10,099.04	(781.04)	9,318.00	-	-	9,318.00	9,318.00	-	-
5100 - UNAPPORTIONED TAX FUND	11.40	-	11.40	-	**(11.40)**	-	-	-	-
5300 - RECORDER'S ELECTRONIC FEE	154.00	808.00	962.00	847.00	-	115.00	115.00	-	-
7000 - SHORT & OVER	583.47	-	583.47	-	-	583.47	583.47	-	-
8000 - WASTE WATER	301,813.06	89,403.29	391,216.35	96,515.57	**(9,654.16)**	285,046.62	285,046.62	-	-
8001 - WATER	165,744.87	76,467.97	242,212.84	71,297.88	**(5,971.14)**	164,943.82	164,943.82	-	1,158.92
8500 - HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	145,416.34	452,368.38	597,784.72	491,797.50	**928.00**	106,915.22	106,915.22	-	83,449.00
9999 - TREASURERS FUND	815.00	-	815.00	-	**(815.00)**	-	-	-	-
Report Totals:	**13,940,357.37**	**18,090,116.11**	**32,030,473.48**	**15,882,303.61**	**(796,995.33)**	15,351,174.54	**15,351,174.54**	-	**316,993.23**

I hereby certify the above report to be a true and
Accurate account of transactions during the
Period(s) specified. Jake Hanson-Worth County Treasurer

Iowa State researchers' prairie strips now part of the Federal Conservation Program

By Amy Mayer
Iowa Public Radio

Farmers and landowners enrolling acres in the U.S Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program have a new practice available to them.

Areas of native grasses and flowers, called prairie strips, have proven helpful in keeping soil in place, preventing nutrients from washing away and increasing the presence of birds and bees.

Researchers from Iowa State University began their study of prairie strips more than 15 years ago and over time invited farmers and land owners to give them a try. Growing interest from farmers alongside peer-reviewed research showing several environmental benefits of prairie strips attracted attention from USDA.

"While we had good results, research, already from our initial experiments, they particularly were interested in the research we were doing on commercial farms," said Lisa Schulte Moore, an Iowa State University professor and member of the prairie strips research team.

That led to five years of funding from the Farm Service Agency, the USDA branch that manages sign up and practice selection for the Conservation Reserve Program, to expand their experiments to more commercial farm fields. The promising results prompted USDA staff to work with Congress to have prairie strips included in the 2018 farm bill. That established them as another option people can choose from when putting acres into conservation. It took a bit over a year to work out the details.

"They can get a cost-share for the establishment of that practice and then a rental payment for 10 years… on those acres that are taken out of production," said Bill Northey, USDA undersecretary for farm production and conservation. Northey said USDA often makes tweaks to the conservation practices it includes in its programs, but it's less common to add something completely new. The last time that happened was in 2017 with bioreactors and filter strips, also intended to improve water quality.

Schulte Moore says each person inquiring about prairie strips is going to have a specific resource issue to address—such as nutrient runoff or soil loss. Identifying the goal of the installation is really important, she says, because the implementation needs to be customized.

"When you look at integrating prairie strips, you do really need to start with that field level and understand the spatial arrangement of all the elements and the operations that are going on in the field," Schulte Moore said. "It really is a field by field by field decision."

The presence of terraces, existing grass waterways and conservation measures already in place at the edge of a field all will influence how the prairie strips are designed. Another agency, often located in the same building as the county FSA office, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, will work with the farmer or landowner to design and engineer the prairie strips



Schulte Moore says there's been a lot of interest in prairie strips beyond the handful of early adopters who've tried them.

"We've been hearing from a lot of farmers and farmland owners saying, 'I really want to do prairie strips, but I just can't make it pencil out financially.'"

Sometimes they've asked about federal program support and now the CRP option may make prairie strips feasible for them.

Northey sees widespread opportunity for the use of prairie strips.

"You would need to have a water quality benefit that folks are looking for, but it also offers a wildlife benefit too," he said. "And so those areas that will have farming that is happening intensely, where you could have loss of nutrients that could be benefitted by having those prairie strips, actually would include a lot of the country."

As Iowa secretary of agriculture, Northey oversaw the implementation of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, an entirely voluntary set of suggestions intended to improve water quality by enlisting farmers to reduce chemical and soil run off from their fields.

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Conlin's hot night not enough as Lady Vikings fall to NB 35-34

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Lady Viking Ruthie Conlin poured in a team high 12 points, 10 of those coming in the first half of play in last Tuesday night's Top of Iowa Conference East matchup at North Butler. But despite Conlin's big game, Northwood-Kensett couldn't hold onto a first half lead and let the Bearcats slip away at the end, losing a close one, 35-34.

As the first quarter got underway the Lady Vikings were struggling offensively, trailing 4-0 before junior Sydney Welch came off the bench and splashed a 3-pointer to give N-K an 8-6 lead, eventually leading to a 12-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Conlin, who had scored four points in the first quarter, added another six points in the second, leading to a six-point spread at the halftime break with the Lady Vikings out in front 25-19.

After playing one of the best first halves of the season the Lady Vikings came out and followed that up with one of their worst third quarters of the year, scoring just two points, a Conlin basket that gave them an eight-point lead, 27-19 before ending the period leading by just two, 27-25.

"They came out in that second half and started playing more aggressive defensively," said Lady Vikings head coach Daryl Love. "It seemed to take us a while to adjust. That third quarter really cost us though, we never really recovered from it."

As the fourth and final quarter got underway the Lady Vikings regained the lead at 29-28 when senior Jaela Parks hit two free throws with 4:32 remaining in regulation.

After the Bearcats took the advantage once again, leading 32-31 with 2:43 left on the clock, Parks hit a basket and was fouled, draining her free throw and giving N-K the 34-32 lead with just under two minutes remaining.

But the Lady Vikings couldn't get the defensive stop when they most needed it as NB drained the go ahead and winning basket, a 3-pointer, with just 1:35 left, giving the home team a slim 35-34 lead.

The Lady Vikings did have one last chance, after Parks, who went 5-5 at the charity stripe, collected her second steal of the night, giving N-K the ball under the NB basket with just 06:7 seconds left, not enough time for N-K to go the length of the court and get a good shot.

Conlin led the team with 12 points, 10 of those in the first half while Parks added seven points and four assists. Olivia Stilley scored four points and grabbed a team high seven rebounds.

With the narrow loss the Lady Vikings are now 2-10 overall and still in search of their first TIC East win at 0-9.

Weather permitting they will have games this week on Tuesday at West Fork, Friday at Rockford and Saturday at Lake Mills.



N-K's Olivia Stilley grabs a rebound and puts it back in for two points last Tuesday night in Greene. Stilley scored four points and pulled down a team high seven boards in the Lady Vikings 35-34 loss to North Butler.



Junior Ruthie Conlin drains a short jumper in last Tuesday's 35-34 loss to North Butler. Conlin scored 10 first half points and 12 overall on 5-8 shooting from the field.

NB 35, NK 34

NK	12	13	2	7 – 34
NB	8	11	6	10 – 35

TIC East Standings

1. Saint Ansgar..... 10-0
2. Osage 8-1
3. MC Newman..... 7-3
4. North Butler..... 5-5
5. West Fork 4-4
6. Central Springs.. 4-5
7. N-P 2-7
8. Rockford..... 2-7
9. N-K..... 0-9

Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009193

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN L. SMITH, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lillian L. Smith, Deceased, who died on or about December 27, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the January 3, 2020, the last will and testament of Lillian L. Smith, deceased, bearing date of October 13, 2003, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Robert R. Smith was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 7, 2020.
Robert R. Smith
1202 49th Ave.
Camanche, IA 52730
Executor of Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: 000001969
Greve Law
736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, Iowa 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 22nd day of January, 2020. 3-2t

Supervisors

January 13, 2020
Third Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Kenneth J. Abrams and Mark Smeby present.

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Stone, Abrams and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: None.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the January 13, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the January 6, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve claims in the amount of $319,594.04 as per the following schedule:

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Phd.....2,399.54
A T & T, Service-911.....38.46
A.J. Stone
Mileage-Sup.....64.96
A1 Excavating & Drainage Inc, Service-Eng 20,480.00
Advanced Drainage Sys Inc
Supplies-Eng 304.72
Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr 127.50
Alliant Energy
Service-Eng 7,907.42
Ameripride Services Inc
Service-Eng 339.36
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 117.52
Badker Plumbing & Heating Inc, Service-Eng 544.64
Bcn Telecom
Service-Gsr 86.02
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng 22,993.18
Beyond Trust
Service-Dap 1,493.49
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng 715.94
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 1,837.47
Brian M Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Parts & Supplies-Eng .....
.....2,919.03
Centurylink
Service-Eng 53.41
Certified Laboratories
Fuel-Eng 1,396.33
Chosen Valley Testing, Inc
Service-Ndp 3,000.00
City Of Fertile
Service-Eng 86.66
City Of Joice
Service-Eng 82.05
City Of Kensett
Service-Eng 48.00
City Of Manly
Service-Eng 58.35
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 417.65
Clay County Conservation Board, Supplies-Con 1,250.00
Compass Minerals
Supplies-Eng 85,745.59
Covert Track Group Inc
Supplies-Shf 1,710.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 93.12
D & L Equipment
Service-Con.....2,491.66
Eilertson Repair
Service-Con.....227.31
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf 711.97
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Service-911 ..18.00
Green Canopy Inc
Service-Con.....310.00
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 6,079.50
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt 4,139.86
Hogen Lawn Care
Service-Con.....1,710.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 486.32
Ia Dept Of Natural Resources
Service-San.....50.00
Ia Prison Industries
Supplies-Eng 1,038.00
Ia Secretary Of State
Notary-Trs.....30.00
Ia State Assn Of Assessors
Dues-Asr.....650.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 5,850.00
J & J Machining Welding & Fabricating
Supplies-Eng 76.50
Jade Equipment Co. Ltd.
Parts-Eng.....942.96
Jayne Lupkes
Mileage-Plz.....125.28
Jessica Reyerson
Mileage-Phd 72.00
Jill Schutz
Mileage-Phd 3.40
Joel Rohne
Supplies-Dap 1,699.95
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc, Service-Shf 50.39
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Gsr 610.38
Kenneth Abrams
Reimb-Sup 713.59
Kirschbaum Elec & Plumbing
Supplies-Con 236.85
Lair's 66, Fuel-Eng.....40.00
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc, Service-Eng 851.90
Lexisnexis
Service-Aty 171.00
London Deer Creek Cemetery
Care Of Graves-Vaf...128.00
Mandi Terlisner
Mileage-Phd 9.50
Manly Junction Signal
Renewal-Shf 50.00
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr.....700.62
Mark Smeby
Mileage-Sup.....164.72
Me Bulbs, Parts-Eng...307.67
Mediacom
Service-Gsr 219.95
Meghan Rydstrom
Mileage-Phd 52.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Ctr
Dues-Shf 150.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Renewal-Trs 114.00
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr 191.50
Nsb Bank, Service-Trs 248.85
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng.....2,698.35
Pitney Bowes
Supplies-Dap 416.46
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Gsr 104.00
Premier Cleaners
Service-Shf.....9.33
Printing Services Inc
Supplies-Sdp.....18.78
Quill Corporation
Supplies-Phd 137.90
Ram Systems
Service-Phd.....720.00
Reindl Repair
Service-Phd.....35.27
Richard Brumm
Reimb-Eng 320.28
Rick Christeson
Reimb-Eng 35.00
Shana Butler
Mileage-Phd 16.15
Singelstad's Hardware
Parts-Eng.....36.93
Smith Services
Service-Gsr 186.40
Sorenson's Appliance & Tv
Service-Shf.....619.00
Standard Bearings
Parts-Eng.....558.49
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies 216.84
State Medical Examiners Office, Service-Mex 8,327.64
Tami Young
Rent-Chm 300.00
Trading Post
Supplies-Con 71.09
Tyler Bachtle
Cleaning-Gsr 172.25
Us Cellular
Service-Eng 23.64
Us Fish & Wildlife Service
Permit-Con 75.00
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Ndp 17,120.74
Ver Helst Snyder Drug
Supplies-Trs 3.39
Verizon Wireless
Service-Shf.....1,480.99
Viafield
Supplies-Eng 107.00
Visa, Service-Dap 3,387.94
Wagner Tire Inc
Service-Eng 20.00
Wex Bank
Service-Tra 1,615.95
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn, Service-Gsr 3,269.88
Winn-Worth Betco
Fy20 3rd Qtr-Org .12,500.00
Winter Equipment Company Inc, Supplies-Eng 1,099.62
World Fuel Service, Inc.
Supplies-Eng 496.50
Worth Co Emergency Mgmt
3rd Qtr Pymt-Dis/Ema.....
.....20,183.50
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf 4,498.37
Worth County Extension
Edu-Con.....210.00
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Con 36.72
Ziegler Inc
Supplies-Eng 50,330.60
Grand Total 319,594.04

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Worth County Honey Bee Day Proclamation.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve sheriff's monthly and quarterly reports, clerk of court's monthly report and recorder's quarterly report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from Dan Clark for facility #66329 located in Section 16, Union Township, Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to appoint Tim Enderson and Arlo Rugland to County Eminent Domain and Sandy Mireles to Citizen's Advisory Board for Cherokee MHI.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:28 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, January 20, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Aaron Stone
Chairperson

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
WORTH COUNTY AG EXTENSION

The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/5/2020 Meeting Time: 07:15 PM Meeting Location: Worth County Extension, 1206 3rd Ave North, Northwood, IA 50459

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request.

FUND	FYE June 30, 2019 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2020 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2021 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2021	Estimated FY 2021 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	244,080	336,398	304,052	145,612	142,987	188,801	194,877
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	5,000	5,000	8,095	8,095	4,846	5,000
3. Tort Liability	1,483	5,000	5,000	5,515	5,515	4,846	5,000
4. TOTAL	245,563	346,398	314,052	159,222	156,597	198,493	204,877
					Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valulation: $		0.31539

Notice

IN THE IOWA JUVENILE COURT FOR CERRO GORDO COUNTY
Case No. JVJV008955
NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

IN THE INTEREST OF PHILOMENA MARIEGRACE STONEKING,
A Minor Child.

TO: JO WILLIAMS, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PUTATIVE FATHERS OF PHILOMENA MARIEGRACE STONEKING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file, at the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Juvenile Division, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa a Petition in Cerro Gordo County Juvenile No. JVJV008955, which prays for a termination of your parent-child relationship with Philomena MarieGrace Stoneking, a minor child born on October 18, 2019 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. For further details contact the clerk's office. The Petitioner's attorney is David A. Grooters, whose address is 103 E. State Street, Suite 800, P.O. Box 1588, Mason City, Iowa 50402-1588. The telephone and facsimile numbers for the Petitioner's attorney are (641) 423-4264 and (641) 423-3145, respectively.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that there will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights before the Iowa Juvenile Court for Cerro Gordo County at the Courthouse in Mason City, Iowa, at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of March, 2020, and at said time and place you will be given an opportunity to be heard before the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, as a person against whom a proceeding for termination of parental rights is brought, you have the right to counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 600A.6A. If you are financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for you if the criteria set forth in Iowa Code section 600A.6A(2) are met.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you appear hereto and defend, at the time and place identified above, termination of parental rights may be decreed as prayed in the Petition.

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