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Briefs

Caring Tree seeks help to spread Christmas cheer

Each year, the Caring Tree group invites the community to help make Christmas better for children in the area.

The Caring Tree sits in First Lutheran Church in Northwood, with ornaments that represent a child that may not otherwise get a gift on Christmas morning. Members of the community take an ornament and return it with presents for that child. The group is working with 35 families this year.

Normally, those visiting the church would take ornaments as they visit to worship. However, COVID-19 has kept many away and organizers are looking for a little extra help this year.

Those that want to support the effort may donate an unwrapped gift for boys and girls, from pre-K to grade 12. Cash is also welcome, which organizers will use to buy gifts.

Those that would like to contribute may leave donations at the tree at the church by pushing on the handicap access button.

Donations are needed by November 29, to be dispersed in the following days.



'Holiday of Hope 2020'

Area businesses and individuals are decorating trees, outside pots and wreaths to be bid on in 'Hope' to raise money for families in unexpected financial burdens and families going through medical issues and facing medical bills this season. The tree you see above is "Hoot's spreading the news. Read Owl about it!" by the Northwood Anchor, one of many items to be bid on. Holiday of Hope is new to the community this year. To see more trees, outside pots and wreaths, along with more information about Holiday of Hope, see page 12.

Holiday kick off set for Dec. 5

Christmas is on the way and the Northwood Chamber of Commerce will be inviting Santa, along with local groups and businesses, to take part on Saturday, December 5.

Northwood's downtown Central Park is once again be the festive sight of year's past, with Santa's Village away from home returning.

The annual holiday kick-off will take place on Saturday, December 5, with the lighted parade at 6 p.m. It will travel from the fairgrounds, then onto Central Avenue. Those watching the parade are asked to follow social distancing guidelines and are encouraged to wear a mask if watching with other groups.

The parade will also be shown live on the Northwood Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for those that want to view from home.

Other events in the park and downtown will not be held this year, due to COVID-19 concerns.

Following the parade, Santa will greet visitors at the Swensrud Park shelter house.

Santa will also be in Northwood a few more times as Christmas approaches.

Santa plans to return to the shelter house on Saturdays, December 12 and 19, and on Thursday, December 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All those visiting Santa must follow social distancing guidelines and will be required to wear a mask.

Shop local this holiday season at the wide variety of Northwood retailers

With Thanksgiving soon behind them, many will turn their attention to the Christmas holiday and finding something special for celebrations and for those they celebrate with. Fortunately, local businesses offer plenty of ways to find what they're looking for close to home.

For gifts with an Iowa flair, the Barn Boutique in the Top of Iowa Welcome Center offers an incredible variety sure to please anyone.

Available are Farmhouse lotions, sprays and other goods in a variety of delectable scents, all kinds of 'fiber arts' including handmade afghans, mittens and hats, scarves and kitchen towels, beautiful stitchery and rosemaling. For sparkle, there is jewelry and Christmas ornaments; for tasty treats there are popcorn and Amana-made canned goodies, jellies and mustards. The gift shop has books, toys and clothing for the little ones.

The Barn Boutique will hopefully be open in December, but until then those interested may shop by appointment during the day or evening. Just call Jean at 641-390-0479. She will be happy to accommodate anyone.

Fallgatter's Market can help with holiday visits with their selection of meat and vegetable trays. Gift options are available, including gift and fruit baskets, gift cards and more. They now offer curbside pickup – just call 641-324-1651 to order groceries, and they will be brought to the car. Northwood's hometown grocer also offers home deliveries on Wednesdays.

With the new year fast approaching, many may have plans for new

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More masks, limited gatherings, youth and adult sports not allowed by Governor's proclamation

Editor's note: Another announcement was scheduled for November 24, after press time, which may alter the measures listed here. Check www.nwdanchor.com for updates.

On November 16, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued additional measures regarding masks, gatherings, business rules and sports activities.

The proclamation adds new measures to the ongoing public health emergency declaration in the state, which are effective until Thursday, December 10.

Mask use is now required in all indoor spaces when anyone can't be six feet apart for 15 minutes or longer.

New gathering restrictions were announced for social, community, business or leisure situations.

Gatherings are limited to 15 people indoors and 30 people outdoors. This applies to wedding receptions, family gatherings, conventions and other nonessential gatherings. Gatherings that would occur as a part of normal business would not be prohibited.

Further restrictions were added to sporting and recreational events.

All youth and adult sports and extracurricular activities and recreational gatherings are prohibited. The exceptions are for high school, college and professional sports.

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

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Decking the parks...

The Northwood public works crew recently spent some time adding some signs of the seasons to Swensrud Park. The park will be shining bright for those that are in the city for the lighted parade set for Saturday, December 5.

See second section for 2nd and 4th grade letters about Thanksgiving

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looks for their homes. To help with that goal, Northland Custom Interiors offers gift certificates.

Kibble Equipment is the place for the John Deere, tractor and farm equipment enthusiast. Clothing and toys make great gifts for kids and collectors.

A combination stop at Kelly Hardware and Ver Helst Pharmacy is sure to shorten up the shopping list.

At Kelly Hardware shop for power tools, toys, pet supplies and pet food, birdseed and feeders, kitchen and home gifts, Christmas presents, Christmas trees and Christmas lights. And that's just the beginning. You'll find automotive supplies, electrical and plumbing supplies, boots, gloves, grills and grilling supplies, storage totes, humidifiers and dehumidifiers, fishing supplies, paper products, Northwood City garbage bags, water softener salt and so much more.

Across the hall at Ver Helst, Christmas shoppers can pick up some Yankee candles, puzzles, Nativity scenes, angels, Hawkeye and Cyclone apparel, coloring books and canvases for adults, Perfect Petz dogs and cats, Elf on a Shelf items, toys, books, home décor and a variety of lotions, perfumes and colognes.

A new year might mean a new 'do for some lucky recipients of professional shampoos, conditioners, mousse, tanning products and gift certificates from Ken's Barbershop, Kathy's Kuts, Judy's House of Beauty, Beauty Nook by Cotter, Sutdio 3 and Mane Street Cuts.

For auto enthusiasts, the amateur auto mechanic, all car owners and more, Car Quest Auto Parts offers a selection of great gifts for the do-it-yourself auto technician. That includes roll around stools and mechanic creepers, gear wrenches, specially priced DeWalt and Porter-Cable tools and LED flashlights and shop lights. They carry a complete line of cell phone accessories as well as Titan Tools for the economically minded technician.

Rhonda's Re-threads carries a variety of used clothing for growing kids, as well as good quality toys, house wares, antiques and baby equipment.

If you want to add a little sparkle to someone's holiday, Fringe and Lace by Brittany has jewelry and accessories as well as a fine selection of gowns and wedding dresses. To make an appointment call 641-323-7400.

For the antique and vintage lover in your life, The Hen House has a huge assortment of antiques, collectibles and up-cycled furniture. You'll also want to stop in to see their even larger selection of beautiful clothing.

For the liquor connoisseur and other beverage buffs, Shade Tree Liquors offers a number of gift ideas. Holiday gift boxes, with liquor and a gift, and gift certificates are available, as well as holiday bags to make a favorite liquor a special gift. A number of glasses, koozies, drinking games and miniature adult stocking stuffers can also be found at the store.

As always, the gift of music is available from Dewey Kruger Music. They carry a selection of digital pianos, pianos and organs (brand new instruments as well as good used instruments) in all categories. Some nice used pianos are available right now.

A gift certificate or gift shop items from Diamond Jo Casino are a safe bet for the gambler on anyone's Christmas list.

There's nothing like the gift of good food and drink, especially that served by Northwood's many restaurants. Gift certificates are available at Strike Zone, Signatures Supper Club, Sue's Corner Post, Bean and Bistro, Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill and Worth Brewing Company.

Those in Kensett, and now Northwood as well, can find gift items and gift certificates, as well as a variety of food and beverage needs at R80 in Kensett and their newly opened location in Northwood.

For holiday parties or someone with a sweet tooth (or yourself) Fat Jill's can provide cupcakes and cookies in a variety of flavors. Gift certificates are also available.

To explore your fun and creative self, visit Willy's Nillies. Along with a myriad of beautiful collectibles you will find organic loose leaf teas, form and function Gluggle Jugs, awesome children's books, toys and clothing, air plants, jewelry, coil tee shirts, trucker hats and sweatshirts.

Modern Gardens Floral and Gifts has a variety of Christmas gifts, including fascinating gift sets, unique arrangements, such as the Grinch and Charlie Brown, stocking stuffers and centerpieces, custom-made ornaments and living ornaments to hang on a tree (they also have stands available). They sanitize and use face-masks when delivering.

Modern Gardens Floral and Gifts has partnered with the Flower Forager to send Christmas cactuses to each and every resident at the Northwood and Manly nursing homes. Contact Modern Gardens Floral and Gifts to send a Christmas cactus ($13 includes tax and delivery) to any one of the residents or write a card to a specific individual. Look for Modern Gardens Floral and Gifts on Facebook or call 641-323-7673.

For special events or day-to-day needs, the Flower Forager always has flowers on hand for delivery. They have a large variety of porch pots and greens as well as poinsettias that will arrive the first week in December. To pre-order call 641-390-0474. For more information on ordering gifts that matter, find the Flower Forager on Facebook.

If you don't know what to get someone, Northwood's banks offer sound gift investments. Whether it is shiny coins, crisp bills or savings bonds, NSB Bank and Farmers State Bank offer great options for stuffing Christmas cards and stockings too.

Everyone, both near and far, enjoys keeping up to date on everything that's going on in their home town. A subscription to the Northwood Anchor makes a perfect gift for enquiring minds. Subscriptions are available, to be delivered to the home, or to access the Northwood Anchor, online at www.nwdanchor.com.

Worth County COVID rate reaches 13.4%

With additional COVID-19 restrictions in place in Iowa and Minnesota, Worth County continues to see a rise in COVID-19 cases, though the change in rates is not as severe as in past weeks.

From November 9 to November 16, the positivity rate increased 2.1%, with cases rising from 210 to 274. In the past week, the positivity rate has climbed to 13.4%, an increase of 1.8%.

As of November 23, 2,499 Worth County residents had been tested for COVID-19. Of those, 336 have tested positive, up 62 from November 16.

Meanwhile, the 14 day positivity rate in Worth County increased to 18.8%, up from 17.6% a week ago. That number is a consideration for Iowa schools as they decide if they need to take additional precautions.

A rate of 18.8% means that Northwood-Kensett remains in the "substantial controlled" category of transmission, in the range where schools are recommended to use various COVID-19 safety measures, consider health checks for students and staff, cancel school events and close communal spaces.

Central Springs falls within four counties, including Worth. Besides Worth, CS county rates include 24.2% in Mitchell County, 24.9% in Cerro Gordo and 23.8% in Floyd.

The rates in Floyd, Mitchell and Cerro Gordo counties would be one of the considerations for districts looking at switching to hybrid or online education.

Administrators at both Worth County-based school districts have said that other figures, such as students out sick, don't currently support a change in how they educate. However, they have cautioned that staff shortages may change that.

Of the cases currently confirmed in Worth County, 44 are in those 0-17 (up 11), 77 in those 18-29 (up 8), 37 in those 30-39 (up_6), 54 in those 40-49 (up 10), 57 in those 50-59 (up 10), 30 in those 60-69 (up 8), 17 in those 70-79 (up 3) and 20 in those over 18 (up 6).

In Worth County, there are 145 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 191 potentially remaining active.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 10,349 confirmed cases, as of Monday, up 1,626 from the previous week. Cases in neighboring counties included 875 in Winnebago, 803 in Hancock, 3,253 in Cerro Gordo, 942 in Floyd and 716 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 1,393 in Freeborn and 2,367 in Mower in Minnesota.

In those counties, 116 have died because of COVID-19.

Worth County remains one of three Iowa counties with no deaths attributed to COVID-19 complications.

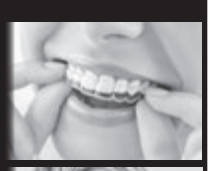
Those with symptoms, or who may be interested in being tested should contact their health care provider, or take an assessment and get more information at testiowa.com.

Information and resources on COVID-19 in Iowa can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

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Decking the downtown...

Besides the city's parks, the Northwood crew also placed some holiday decorations on the downtown street and traffic lights, making sure that those traveling through downtown Northwood will get a taste of the holiday spirit.

MN order stops gatherings, HS sports, shuts restaurants and bars

Last week, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued an executive order that initiated the temporary closing of restaurants, bars, fitness centers and other businesses, as well as putting a halt to high school sports.

The order comes as rates of COVID-19 continue to rise, and hospitalizations put a strain on the state's resources.

In the order, Walz said that available health data has allowed for a focused business closing and helped avoid the need for the "lockdown" of the Safe at Home orders of March and April.

The latest executive order went into effect on Friday, November 20, and continues through Friday, December 18.

The order continues the requirement that masks be worn in most indoor situations in the state.

Amongst the newly enacted requirements are limits on activities held outside of someone's home.

That includes a prohibition against social gatherings. This includes any gatherings of people who do not live in the same household, whether held indoors or outdoors.

Exceptions include workplace situations, education and child care, caring for others, moving, health and health care activities, support groups, governmental meetings and drive-in gatherings.

Also allowed are religious, wedding and funeral services, as long as social distancing is observed and occupancy limits are met. Wedding receptions, along with other, more common, celebrations are not allowed.

While most group recreational activities are banned outdoors, lone or activities where distancing can be maintained are allowed, such as hiking, biking, skiing, etc.

Minnesotans are asked to avoid unnecessary travel. Those that do travel outside of the state and return, as well as anyone visiting the state, are asked to quarantine for 14 days when returning.

This does not include those traveling into Minnesota to work, to study, to get medical care or for their own safety.

The social gathering ban extends to youth and adult sports, including public school athletics. This puts a hold on practices, workouts and games for all high school sports.

Similar activities are allowed in a school setting only as a part of physical education classes.

Walz's order allows most retail businesses to remain open, acknowledging that it is easier for those businesses to adequately allow for social distancing, hygiene and other measures. The same is true of personal care businesses, such as salons and barbershops, where COVID-19 safety precautions are observed.

The same is not true of the gatherings that occur at some businesses, which have to close their doors to in-person business.

This includes restaurants, bars, tobacco establishments and any business that allows for the on-premises use of food, alcohol and tobacco, which have to remain closed to the public.

They are allowed to offer food and beverages by delivery, to-go or curbside. And they are only allowed to have five people inside to pick up items.

Other businesses and gathering places closed include pools, gyms, fitness centers, rec centers and similar venues; indoor event and entertainment facilities; outdoor racetracks, mini-golf, go-cart and similar places; outdoor vendor fairs; and amusement parks. Drive-in or drive-through or virtual experiences are allowed when applicable.

Public parks, trails, gardens and other outdoor facilities are allowed to remain open for use by individuals, members of the same household or while observing social distancing and other safety measures.

According to the order, anyone found guilty of violating the executive order is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine up to $1,000 or jail for up to 90 days. Anyone encouraging an employee, contractor, volunteer or someone they oversee to violate the order is subject to a fine up to $3,000 or jail up to one year. The order also warns about the possibility of civil action and penalties.

Northwood recognized for fluoridation

The Iowa Department of Public Health recently announced that 108 water systems in Iowa have been awarded Water Fluoridation Quality Awards from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Northwood was amongst the communities recognized.

In addition, five communities have been awarded the 50 Year Award for maintaining continuous community water fluoridation from 1969-2019. For 2019, a total of 1,523 public water systems in 29 states received these awards.

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout 2019.

"Water fluoridation is one of the best investments that a community can make in maintaining the oral health of its citizens. It is equally as effective in preventing cavities in children and adults," said Casey Hannan, MPH, Director, CDC Division of Oral Health. "Fluoridation is also highly cost effective. Studies continue to show that for every $1 a community invests in water fluoridation, $20 are saved in dental treatment costs."

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. CDC recommends water fluoridation as one of the most practical, cost-effective, equitable, and safe measures a community can take to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health.

It is supported by the American Cancer Society, American Dental Association, American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Water Works Association and over 100 national and international organizations as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing tooth decay. Both Healthy People 2030 and Healthy Iowans 2021 have set goals to increase the number of people receiving optimally fluoridated water.

IDPH supports CDC approved fluoridation programs. The IDPH Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems monitors the fluoride levels of Iowa communities and provides information and assistance to water supply professionals, healthcare professionals, and the public. To see the fluoridation status of Iowa counties and towns, visit the My Water's Fluoride website at https://nccd.cdc.gov/DOH_MWF.

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In the case of the high school sports and extracurriculars allowed, only two spectators are allowed per athlete, performer or competitor.

New rules were added for restaurants and bars.

All bars and restaurants must close by 10 p.m.

Bar seating is not allowed.

All those in a bar or restaurant must wear a mask, unless they are actually eating or drinking. All customers must be seated when eating or drinking and limit congregating.

Groups are limited to eight people, unless they are all from the same household. Groups must be seated six feet apart.

Similar rules apply at establishments with close or prolonged contact, such as bowling alleys, pool halls, bingo halls, arcades, indoor playgrounds and children's play centers. They must close at 10 p.m., require masks when not eating or drinking, keep groups six feet apart and limit groups to eight.

Masks are required at all casinos in Iowa, unless someone is seated eating or drinking.

Another measure would leave more emergency capacity at hospitals. They are required to reduce in-patient, nonessential surgeries to a level that uses at least 50% fewer beds, on average, than in September 2020.

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'Click It or Ticket' this weekend

From the Iowa Department of Public Safety and Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau:

Thanksgiving is the time of year were we are excited to travel to be with family and friends. Travel may look a little different this year but remembering to use your seatbelt shouldn't. If you are traveling down the block or across the country, make sure you buckle up every time. Click It or Ticket isn't about citations; it's about saving lives.

Face the Facts

• The national seat belt use rate in 2019 was 90.7 percent, which is good—but we can do better. The other 9.3 percent still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.

• Unbelted rear passengers are 2.7 times more likely to be killed than belted rear passengers.

• Men make up the majority of those killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2018, 65 percent of the 22,697 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed were men. Men also wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do—52 percent of men killed in crashes were unrestrained, compared to 39 percent of women killed in crashes.

• Iowa has a seat belt usage rate of 95.2 percent. Great Job Iowa but let's get to 100 percent.

This annual campaign is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's national Click It or Ticket high-visibility enforcement effort that runs from November 16-29, 2020. Aimed at enforcing seat belt use to help keep people safe, the national seat belt campaign runs concurrent with this busy travel season.

The simple click of a seat belt can limit injury or save your life during a crash. Click It or Ticket Day or Night.

Be Safe, Buckle Up Every Trip Every Time and have a Happy Thanksgiving.



Childhood development babies

The students pictured above have been working up to the big day in their Child Development classes. They started with pregnancy simulators early in the fall. And now they have babies in hand. The students are pictured as they practice in the classroom for the big day when they can bring the "babies" home. They will get a chance to experience what it is like for new parents when they bring the real life version home, with all the responsibilities involved.

Grafton holds blood drive December 12 for needed donations this holiday season

LifeServe Blood Center is asking community members to book an appointment to give blood at an upcoming area blood drive.

Besides COVID-19, this time of year brings challenges in meeting hospital partners' blood needs for blood centers across the country. Flu season, winter weather and holiday preparations often keep donors away from their appointments.

Organizers are inviting donors to a community blood drive in the area to ensure blood is available in the neighborhood when it's needed.

A Grafton Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Grafton Community Center, 202 Sixth Avenue.

Appointments are required and can be scheduled online at lifeservebloodcenter.org or by calling 800-287-4903.

To help ensure the safety of blood donors and team members during this COVID-19 pandemic, LifeServe is enforcing several precautionary measures.

Appointments are required. Donors who do not have an appointment will not be able to give blood.

Blood donors should pre-screen themselves for fever prior to appointments. Only donors with temperatures under 99.5 will be allowed to donate.

Blood donors are required to wear a mask for the duration of their appointment. Donors who do not have masks will be provided with one.

LifeServe Blood Center is a non-profit, community based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in our regions since 1963. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe Blood Center is the SOLE provider of blood and blood products to more than 120 hospitals located across Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply for hospitals and patients. A donation with LifeServe will help save a neighbor, a friend or family member or a stranger on the street. Make a difference in the community.

Treasurer Fitzgerald announces College Savings Iowa giveaway in Worth County

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald is celebrating the gift of education with College Savings Iowa with a holiday season giveaway.

"I look forward to the end of each calendar year as a way to help families realize an important gift to give is right in front of them," said Fitzgerald. "No matter how old your children and grandchildren are, or what their dreams may be, saving and contributing to a College Savings Iowa account could be one of the most important gifts of all; the gift of education."

From now until the end of the year, as a way to reach families all over the state, College Savings Iowa is hosting a $529 giveaway in Worth County. Plus, a grand prize winner will receive a $1,529 College Savings Iowa contribution that will be drawn from all entrants across the state. Those interested can visit Iowa529Contest.com to read the official rules and register for their chance to win before December 31, 2020.

College Savings Iowa offers families a tax-advantaged way to save money for their children's higher education with tax-free withdrawals for qualified expenses. Iowa taxpayers have the additional benefit of being able to deduct contributions up to $3,439 per beneficiary account from their 2020 Iowa income taxes.*

"Almost anyone can open a College Savings Iowa account for a loved one or even themselves with an initial investment of just $25," Fitzgerald said. "I urge everyone in the state to register for the giveaway and consider a College Savings Iowa 529 account as the ultimate gift."

Families can find resources and answers about College Savings Iowa by visiting CollegeSavingsIowa.com today.

Investors do not need to be an Iowa resident and can withdraw their investment federally tax-free to pay for qualified higher education expenses, which includes tuition, books, supplies and certain room and board costs at any eligible college, university, community college, technical training school or apprenticeship program in the United States or abroad.**

Since its launch in 1998, College Savings Iowa has grown to more than $5.5 billion in assets and more than $3.2 billion has been used for qualified educational expenses. The plan has over 254,000 active accounts with an average size of $20,659.

Visit Iowa529Contest.com to complete the registration for the giveaway. To learn more about College Savings Iowa, please visit CollegeSavingsIowa.com or call (888) 672-9116. For more information about future giveaways and events, find College Savings Iowa on Facebook and Twitter.

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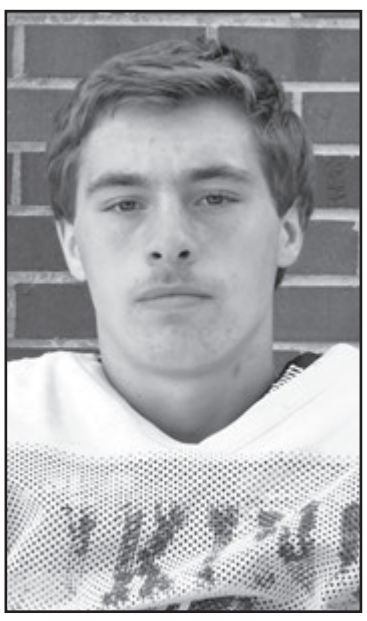
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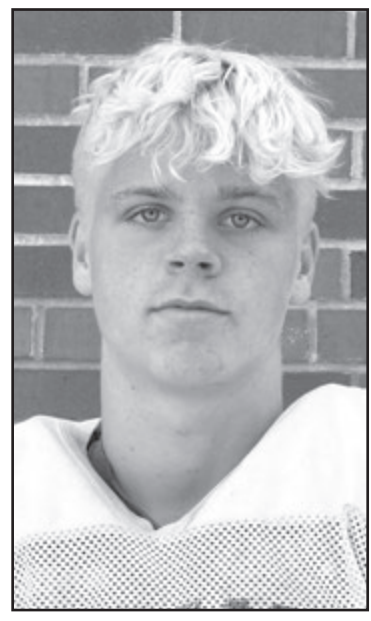
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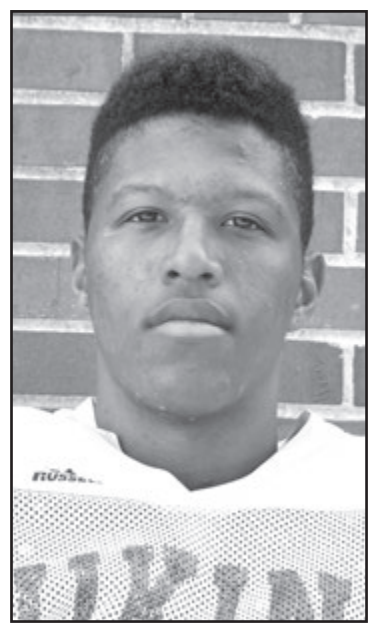
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TYLER MILLS
First Team All-District

N-K football team well represented on all-district teams

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With the state football playoffs wrapping up last week it's now time to take a look back at some of the top performers on the gridiron this season.

The Northwood-Kensett football team, who finished the unusual COVID-19 season with a 4-4 record after losing its playoff game to North Iowa by just two points, received numerous selections to the all-district teams.

Earning first team all-district honors were Carter Severson, Cade Hengesteg, Isaac Renteria, Brandon Varner and Tyler Mills. Kael Julseth and Logan Mayberry earned second team all-district honors, while TJ Whitelow and Mason Thofson were awarded honorable mention all-district.

On the academic side of the awards, Thofson, Josiah Kliment, Severson and Julseth all received academic all-district awards for their academic achievements off of the field.

And while the pandemic has put a damper on postseason award banquets, the teams have nonetheless handed out awards for a job well done.

Athletes receiving recognition for their contributions to the team this season are as follows – Most Improved – Mayberry and Whitelow; Leadership Award – Hengesteg; Outstanding Lineman – Renteria; Outstanding Back – Severson and Julseth; and Defensive Player of the Year – Varner.

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Ten COVID-19 myths debunked

From the Mayo Clinic Health System:

This fall, there has been a surge of COVID-19 infections across Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, including in communities served by Mayo Clinic Health System.

Some Mayo Clinic Health System locations have activated hospital emergency surge plans to manage the increased number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 infections. Theories about COVID-19 may circulate on social media, or from friends or family members. Because of the dire news of the upward trends with the pandemic, it may be tempting to believe these questionable claims. Below are 10 myths debunked and the facts that support the truth.

Myth: Spikes in COVID-19 cases are because of increased testing.

Fact: The rise in infections is not related to increased testing. Of greater concern than the number of tests performed is the increase in the percentage of positive results. This means that the virus is spreading quickly in our communities.

COVID-19 testing is critical, as it helps people make decisions to self-isolate and guides health care providers' decisions for medical treatment. Widespread testing also allows local health departments to monitor the virus' spread and make recommendations to schools and businesses.

Myth: We can achieve herd immunity by letting the virus spread through the population.

Fact: Herd immunity occurs when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes immune to a disease, making the spread of disease from person to person unlikely. As a result, the whole community becomes protected — not just those who are immune. There are some significant problems with relying on community infection to create herd immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19. First, it isn't yet clear if infection with the COVID-19 virus makes a person immune to future infection. If it does not create immunity, herd immunity will not work.

Even if COVID-19 infection creates long-lasting immunity to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, a large number of people would have to become infected to reach the herd immunity threshold. Experts estimate that in the U.S., 70% of the population — more than 200 million people — would have to recover from COVID-19 to halt the epidemic. This amount of infection also could lead to serious, and potentially long-term, complications and millions of deaths. If many people become sick with COVID-19 at once, the health care system could quickly become overwhelmed.

Myth: The number of COVID-19 deaths is much lower and the disease is overblown.

Fact: This myth stems from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) table that showed the majority of people who died of COVID-19 had multiple causes listed on their death certificates. The myth speculates that the majority of these deaths were the result of another preexisting condition, such as heart or lung conditions, weakened immune systems, severe obesity, or diabetes.

The problem with this reasoning is the vast majority of these people could have lived much longer if they had not contracted COVID-19. The CDC explained, "For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 2.6 additional conditions or causes per death." This aligns with what public health officials have said before: The risk of developing dangerous symptoms of COVID-19 may be increased for people who are older and people of any age who have other serious health problems.

Myth: Only the elderly or those with underlying health conditions will get very ill and require hospitalization for COVID-19.

Fact: People of all ages can contract COVID-19. The risk of developing dangerous symptoms from COVID-19 may be increased in people who are older or in people of any age who have other serious health problems, such as heart or lung conditions, weakened immune systems, severe obesity, or diabetes.

People of all ages are being hospitalized with COVID-19. The average age of patients hospitalized because of COVID-19 at Mayo Clinic Health System fluctuates day-to-day.

Myth: The quality of COVID-19 data cannot be trusted.

Fact: Early in the pandemic, information about COVID-19 was changing often as physicians and scientists learned about the new virus. This may have led some people to be concerned with the reliability of the data and information. In addition, partisan approaches and messaging led to further skepticism.

However, we do know hospitals across the upper Midwest are seeing a dramatic increase in the number of patients needing to be hospitalized for COVID-19. Over the past few weeks, the number of patients with COVID-19 in Mayo Clinic Health System hospitals has increased significantly. This situation has the potential to overwhelm hospital resources and impact the availability to provide preventive and emergent care in our communities.

Myth: Cold weather and snow can kill COVID-19.

Fact: There is no scientific evidence to believe colder weather can kill COVID-19 or other viruses. The normal human body temperature remains around 36.5 C to 37 C, regardless of the external temperature or weather.

Use these practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in communities:

- Wear a mask in public. I wear a mask to protect you. You wear a mask to protect me.
- Keep your physical distance — 6 feet or about two arms' lengths apart from other people.
- Avoid in-person gatherings.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. It's simple and effective.
- Stay home if you do not feel well.
- Get a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms. Call your local health care provider to schedule a test.
- Self-isolate if you have been around someone who is sick or tested positive.

Myth: I'm currently taking an antibiotic, so this may prevent or treat COVID-19.

Fact: Antibiotics treat only bacteria, not viruses. COVID-19 is caused by a virus, and, therefore, antibiotics should not be used for prevention or treatment. However, some people who are hospitalized for COVID-19 may receive antibiotics because they have a different bacterial infection at the same time.

Myth: COVID-19 is no worse than the seasonal flu.

Fact: During the COVID-19 pandemic, you may have heard that COVID-19 is similar to the flu. It is true that both are contagious respiratory diseases caused by viruses and people with COVID-19 and the flu may share some common symptoms.

However, after closer comparison, the viruses have been found to affect people differently and have differences. Symptoms of COVID-19 and the flu appear at different times. COVID-19 symptoms generally appear two to 14 days after exposure. Flu symptoms usually appear about one to four days after exposure. With COVID-19, you may experience loss of taste or smell.

COVID-19 appears to be more contagious and spread more quickly than the flu. Severe illness, such as lung injury, may be more frequent with COVID-19 than with influenza. The death rate also appears to be higher with COVID-19 than the flu. COVID-19 also can cause different complications than the flu, such as blood clots and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children.

Another difference is the flu can be treated with antiviral drugs. No antiviral drugs are currently approved and available to treat COVID-19. Researchers are evaluating many drugs and treatments for COVID-19. Some drugs may reduce the severity of COVID-19.

Myth: Fabric masks don't protect you or others from COVID-19.

Fact: Simply put, wearing a cloth mask helps decrease the spread of COVID-19. Research shows that a significant number of people with COVID-19 lack symptoms or are considered asymptomatic. These people may not know they are transmitting the virus to others when they talk, sneeze, cough or raise their voice (e.g., singing or shouting). You should wear a cloth mask to reduce the chance of transmitting respiratory droplets to others around you. You should wear a mask to protect others, and they should wear a mask to protect you. Here's more information about masks.

Myth: Children who develop COVID-19 don't become critically ill.

Fact: Most children with COVID-19 have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. However, some children get severely ill from COVID-19. They might require hospitalization, intensive care or a ventilator to help them breathe. In rare cases, they may die.

Although the CDC reports fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared with adults, children can be infected and become ill with the virus that causes COVID-19, and also spread the virus to others. Children, like adults, who have COVID-19 but have no symptoms can still spread the virus to others.

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There are lots of good reasons to limit our intake of food, ranging from health and financial reasons to emotional and spiritual benefits. An ancient idea that has recently gained traction is the practice of fasting. Instead of trying to limit one's calories each and every day, some scientists are proposing the idea of Alternate-Day Fasting or ADF. ADF regimens typically allow the person (or animal, lots of experiments have been done using rats and mice) to eat whatever he or she wants one day and then requires them to fast or consume a very limited number of calories the next day. More research needs to be done, but preliminary findings are promising, suggesting that ADF may reduce the risk of diabetes, heart disease and even cancer. Some are even suggesting we could live longer if we followed an ADF regimen. But, how might such a regimen benefit us emotionally and spiritually? Fasting and self-mortification can obviously be taken to extremes where they become unhealthy and even life-threatening. But, most of us suffer from the opposite problem: we are too self-indulgent. Delayed gratification and a sense of accomplishment is one of the byproducts of a successful fast. Eating can bring momentary pleasure but controlling one's appetites gives a deeper sense of lasting joy. – Christopher Simon

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting." – Matthew 6: 16

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by Sandy Olson

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

For those who are not familiar with Amish cooking, it is pretty much parallel to their lifestyle: honest, simple, hearty and nourishing. Yoder's Dutch Kitchen was an Amish restaurant in Scottville, Michigan, and their cookbook "Country Kitchen Cooking" (self-published in 1987) is filled with recipes that might grace the families' tables at that time. Some modern adaptations have been made.

Yummasetti

1 large package egg noodles, cooked
3 pounds lean hamburger
1 medium onion, diced
16 oz. frozen peas, thawed
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 cup real sour cream
1 loaf of bread, 16 oz.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Fry the diced onions in a very large pan, in some butter. Add the hamburger, break it up and brown it. Toast the entire loaf of bread, butter each slice of toast and make them all into crumbs. Add the peas, both soups and sour cream to the hamburger and mix well. Add the cooked noodles; stir to combine. Pour this mixture into a large roasting pan and top with the toasted bread crumbs. Bake for 45 minutes until heated through and the crumbs are browning. This serves a lot of people!

Butter Cream Corn

4 cups whole kernel corn
3/4 cup half & half, warmed
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons real butter
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 tablespoon chopped parsley (optional)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. In a shallow 1 1/2 quart baking dish, melt just enough butter to grease the bottom. Mix the corn, salt and water. Cover and bake for 25 minutes. Remove the cover and add the cream. Dot with the butter and sprinkle with paprika and pepper. Return to the oven for 10 minutes, stirring several times. Garnish with the parsley if desired.

SANDY'S NOTE: use frozen corn, thawed, or fresh corn but not canned as it is already cooked and will be overdone.

Salmon Patties

1 can (16 oz.) salmon
2 large eggs, beaten
1 cup dry bread or cracker crumbs
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon paprika
Salt to taste
A pinch of onion powder

Combine all the ingredients and mix well. Form into patties and fry in hot grease in a heavy skillet. Turn when the first side is brown; drain on paper towels. NOTE: you can use other canned fish instead of salmon.

Golden Carrot Casserole

4 large eggs, beaten
2 tablespoons oil
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup whole wheat bread crumbs
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cups whole milk
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
2 1/2 cups grated raw carrot

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all the ingredients except soup and parsley and combine thoroughly. Place in a well-greased casserole and set this dish into a shallow pan of hot water. Bake for about 30 minutes. Heat the mushroom soup and pour over the top of the cooked casserole. Garnish with the chopped parsley and serve hot.

Frenchenise Barbecue Sandwiches

1 1/2 pounds lean hamburger
2 tablespoons real butter
1 small green pepper, diced
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons mustard
3/4 cup catsup
1 tablespoon salt
1 medium onion, diced

Melt the butter and saute the onion and green pepper slowly for 2 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients except the hamburger and simmer 10 minutes. Brown the hamburger in another pan and pour off any excess grease. Add the meat to the sauce and simmer for a few minutes. Serve on buns.

The recipes in this book are quite interesting in that many of them have no baking time or temperature. I can only assume it's because wood stoves were in use and the cooks just knew when the food being baked was done. The book was also written for those who knew their way around the kitchen and would simply understand how to prepare and follow directions without being told step-by-step. A peek into the past with the Plain People. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Patriotic essayists

Normally, local winners of the VFW patriotic essay contests are announced during N-K's Veterans Day program, which wasn't held this year. The Our Buddies Memorial VFW Post 6779 in Northwood still presented the winners with their recognition anyway, even if they couldn't do it in person. Pictured are (from left) Breyden Hoeppner, winner of the Patriot's Pen contest, and Nathan Hannemann, winner of the Voice of Democracy contest.

MercyOne Northwood Clinic closes temporarily as staff move to assist elsewhere

Due to rising COVID numbers in local area communities, staff from Mercy One—Northwood Family Clinic have been moved to the Regency Clinic and Mercy One hospital in Mason City. Appointments (telehealth or in person), questions or concerns can still be made by calling the Northwood Clinic or Regency phone numbers.

If you are unable to reach someone due to after hours or general questions, you can call Mercy One Family Healthline regarding care or treatment.

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• Test Iowa website www.testiowa.com

Remember to wash your hands, keep your distance and stay home especially if not feeling well (despite negative testing). Be safe for yourself and those around you.

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Worth County annual Crop Pesticide meeting suspended

The Worth County Extension Service annual Crop Pesticide Recertification meeting planned for Friday, December 11, at the Diamond Jo Casino Event Center, rural Northwood is being suspended due to COVID-19 statewide group gathering attendance restrictions.

The plan will be to move to a virtual Zoom format with meeting dates to be announced later.

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Holiday Hope 2020 was created to help local families facing financial burdens. Local businesses and individuals are decorating and donating Christmas Trees, Wreaths and Pots for auction.

Bidding begins Online on
Facebook Holiday Hope 2020
Sunday, Nov. 29 at 12 p.m. & Ends Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.
or for those with no Facebook may email
Savannah Madson - savannah800@hotmail.com
Jody Christianson - jody.christianson@gmail.com
to view all items and place bids

100% of Auction Donations will go to Families!

Kick-Off Holiday Hope 2020 with
Kids Make & Take Bags
(Goodies, Cookies & Crafts)
Sunday, Nov. 29 • 4-5 p.m. $10
FSB Bank-Northwood
Curbside Pickup

Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Thank you, friends

Slices of Life
By Jill Pertler

This column is dedicated to friends. Old friends. New friends. New friends who will one day be old friends. Family you'd chose as friends. Best friends. Casual friends. Facebook friends. Editor friends I've never met. Peripheral friends. Understanding friends. People you casually encounter who may not be friends (yet) but feel like they are. You all are golden.

I learned this recently, out of necessity.

I don't consider myself a dependent person – quite the opposite. Most of the time I'm pretty indy (read: mom cool). Some of this can be chalked up to my heritage. I come from people who lived months in a frozen climate. This may have led to intimate cuddling and large families, but mostly it led to long months of isolation due to the frigid temperatures. This created a toughness and resiliency known as "cold nose, warm heart."

My ancestors' hearts may have been warm, but the rest of their bodies were not, hence the large parkas and extra blankets. It's difficult to hug through a puffy parka and billowing blanket. Take it from my great grandparents.

Move ahead a couple of generations and you can ascertain I didn't grow up in a "huggy" family. We were more than loving. I never doubted that. But hugs? You might see them at funerals and weddings. If we said, "I love you," once we meant it; why repeat words that didn't need repeating?

Love brings me back to the subject at hand: friendship.

I don't take my friends for granted. Or maybe I do. Maybe I did. Facebook sort of makes that easy, doesn't it? We can even pause our friends for 30 days if they displease us in some way. Not sure what we should make of that, even in an election year.

Speaking of years, has 2020 not been the bomb – in a masked and morbid atomic sort of way? I truly thought it couldn't get any worse, and then it did.

I don't want to go into details because I try not to be too personal about things (while being as personal as I can be – go figure).

I found myself in a situation where I really, truly, honest to goodly needed my friends. During COVID. #maskawareness

How do you reach out during a pandemic? You just do. How do you ask for help? You just do.

At first I tried to tough it out. It's hard to be vulnerable, even with friends. I didn't want to jump to conclusions or burden people with my plight. But I grew weary. After a time I contacted a few select friends and my sister (who qualifies as a lifelong friend).

I am a hold-it-to-the-vest person. I don't often show my cards. I probably should have been a professional poker player. So, reaching out to others at a down time in my life was difficult.

Luckily I've chosen good friends, or perhaps they were chosen for me.

After the last few weeks I feel fortunate for the support received. I'm surrounded by people who care unconditionally.

This column is dedicated to friends – and family who feel like friends – who provide support during some of the most difficult times of life.

My advice: cherish the people who have your back no matter what. Cherish those who give and give (and give some more) without asking anything in return.

Cherish old friends and new friends, sisters and brothers, sons and daughters. Trust your gut. Talk to the people who hear you and honestly listen. Break free from those who don't; that may happen. There will be surprises along the way. There were for me. Good ones and even the opposite.

Finally – never take anyone for granted. Not your friends. Not your family. Never, ever anyone you hold dear to your heart. It's hard to operate under that pretense, because it's hard to not take things (or people or life) for granted. Don't beat yourself up if you do. It's the human condition.

Take each day as it comes. Try to see the good and the gifts and (dare I say) miracles. They are there for the taking – even on the worst and most teary-eyed days. And even if you don't come from a hug-filled background, go against the grain. Hug away. You won't regret it. I'm speaking from the heart as well as experience. Trust me.

And to the friends of mine out there: It goes without saying, I'm sending you love and lots (and lots) of hugs.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes -from the Loafers' Club Meeting

What's wrong with you?

I superglued my thumb and my forefinger together.

Don't worry, everything will be OK.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: The times had yet to become enlightened with personal screens. There were more vending machines than digital devices. We called the contraptions coke machines, no matter what brand was inside. They were rectangular coolers. You lifted the lid to pop bottles hanging by their necks and slid a glass bottle down a channel to a point where it could be freed by a payment. I sat near one of those in an Iowa gas station years ago. There was a youthful group enjoying salted peanuts in a Coke. An older boy asked if anybody had a church key and a straw. He said that was all we needed to get free pop. Who carried a straw?

Voting gets sticky

Our township opted for voting by mail this year. It went well. I've been an election judge for forever and a day, so it seemed odd. There was something I missed. Was it the long hours? No. Was it all the additional paperwork? I don't think so.

Back when I was in grade school, we rarely went on field trips, but when we did, my mother packed a lunch for me. She tossed a bologna sandwich wrapped in wax paper, an apple and red Jell-O into a hand-me-down lunch pail. I had a cowboy lunch pail. It wasn't a Roy Rogers lunch pail. It wasn't a Gene Autry, the Lone Ranger or a Hopalong Cassidy either. It wasn't even a Gabby Hayes. There was an image of a cowboy on the lid. Part of that likeness had been scraped away during the lunch pail's battered life. My mother placed some other healthy options into the lunch pail. Carrot sticks and celery stalks. Then she placed the Holy Grail into my lunch pail — a Twinkie. I'm sure it was organic. My mother repeated the same rule each time she handed the lunch pail over to her youngest child, "Promise me you'll eat the carrots and celery before you eat the Twinkie." I promised, wanting the Twinkie. I recall one field trip on an orange school bus. I don't remember where we went, but I remember my lunch. I devoured the sandwich involving butter from a local creamery and Wonder Bread "Helps build strong bodies 12 ways." I ate the rest, including the carrots and celery. Then there was a flag on the field. I discovered there was no Twinkie. Mother had either run out of the golden sponge cakes with a creamy filling or she'd forgotten to put one in. That left a hole in my day.

What I missed most about the normal in-person election was handing out "I voted" stickers. That left a bit of a hole in my Election Day. I filled part of it by beginning to read a nemesis book.

The secret to life may be found in small victories. After a lifetime of trying, I read all 135 chapters of "Moby-Dick," Herman Melville's extraordinary and exasperating novel about a ship captain's quest for revenge on a white whale. Sperm whales eat squid, sharks, skates and fish, but aren't believed to devour Twinkies out of cowboy lunch pails.

I've learned

Four-way flashers signal a driver knows something I don't know.

When you use a catalog for toilet paper in an outhouse, it's difficult for a family to be on the same page.

If you hear hoofbeats, look for horses, not zebras.

College was when I learned home is where my laundry is.

From the mailbag regarding the funniest movies

Dave Olerud of Haines, Alaska wrote, "A fun movie we watched was 'Secondhand Lions.'"

A New Richland reader offered "Moonstruck" and Austin readers suggested "Caddyshack" and "Clue."

Nature notes

Someone sent me a list saying we swallow eight spiders a year in our sleep. I don't know what you've been up to, but I don't eat spiders. Unless you order spiders on your pizza or are a professional spider-swallower, you haven't been swallowing any spiders. An open mouth snores like a souped-up Hoover vacuum cleaner and frightens spiders away.

Hedge apples sold in supermarkets repel spiders if you throw them at the spiders. This fruit of the Osage orange tree wards off no spiders. Spiders live on the trees or build webs on the fallen fruit.

Meeting adjourned

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." — William Arthur Ward

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Fit to print...

Energy an inexpensive Thanksgiving ingredient

From Alliant Energy:

Traditional holiday gatherings may have a whole new look this year due to the coronavirus. But cooks across the Midwest will still rely on one universal ingredient – energy. When compared to the other necessary ingredients for the holiday meal, energy remains one of the lowest cost items.

"Although there may be fewer friends and family at your table this Thanksgiving, the value you get from safe, reliable and affordable electric or natural gas remains the same," said Linda Mattes, Alliant Energy's Vice President for Customer Operations. "We're proud to power whatever celebration you have this year. On behalf of our employees, we wish everyone a joyful Thanksgiving and encourage you to gather as safely as possible."

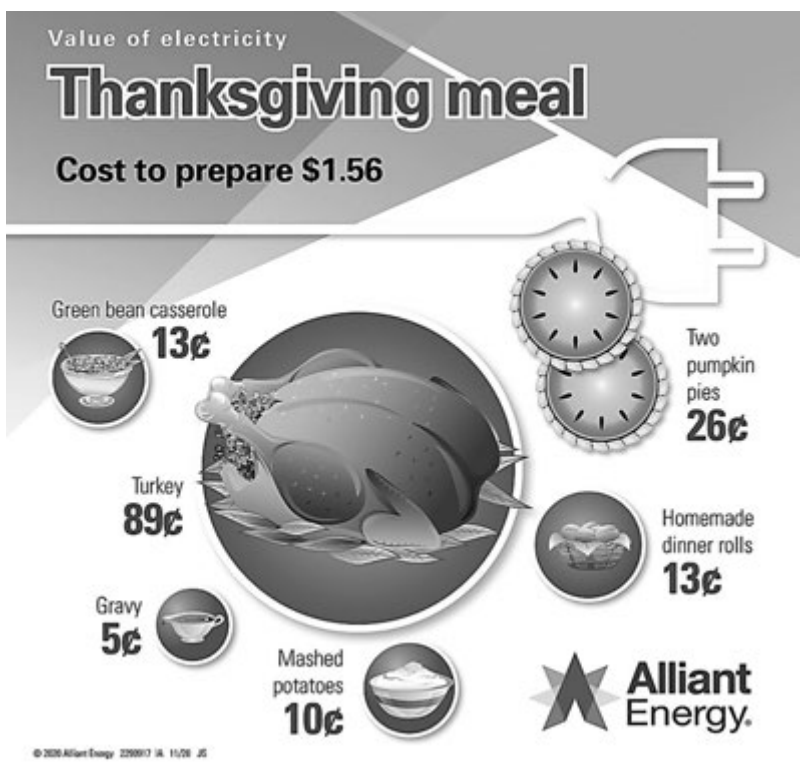
For Alliant Energy's customers, the average cost to cook Thanksgiving dinner is $1.56 when using electricity, and $0.37 with gas appliances.

There are also simple changes that customers can make as they prepare their holiday meal to better control their energy use.

10 Tips to make your holiday meal more energy efficient:

1. Let the furnace rest. Your holiday cooking will likely heat up the house. Turn your thermostat down three to five degrees to save energy and you'll still be comfortable.

2. Skip the preheat. The turkey is traditionally stuffed early in the morning and roasted for hours. When cooking meats or dishes for several hours, there is no need to preheat your oven.



3. Use glass or ceramic pans. They heat faster than metal pans, and you can lower the temperature by 25 degrees, reducing energy use.

4. Electric stovetops can only transmit heat to items they're in direct contact with. Keep pots and pans centered over the burner and consider replacing "wobbly" or warped cookware.

5. Cooking together saves energy. Cook as much of your meal at one time as possible. Foods with different cooking temperatures can be cooked together, if the temperature difference is less than 25 degrees.

6. Close the oven door. Resist the urge to open the oven door and check the meal. Each time you open the door, it will decrease the temperature inside by 25 degrees. This means your oven has to use more energy to stay on temperature. If you need to check on a dish, use the oven window instead.

7. Coast to the finish. Food keeps cooking even after you turn off the burner. When food is almost ready, turn off the oven or burners and let existing heat finish the cooking for you.

8. Don't overlook microwaves, multicookers, crockpots, air fryers and toaster ovens. They all use about half the energy of a conventional oven.

9. Cleanwhileit'shot.Ifyourovenneedsaself-cleaningcycle, doitwhiletheovenisstillhot.

10. Run a full load in the dishwasher and you will use less hot water than doing dishes by hand.

For more ways to be more energy efficient,check out the Save at Home, Stay at Home section at alliantenergy.com/stayhome.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

November 24, 1920

Northwood High defeated Clear Lake 14 to 7. The inability of Clear Lake's forward wall to stop Northwood's line bucks cost the game for the resort lads.

The Northwood high school girls basketball team was defeated by the Osage high school girls at Osage Friday evening by the close score of 14 - 13. The locals were handicapped by the absence of their captain, Gladys Johnson, who was injured in a recent practice. The Northwood girls are being coached by Miss Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butler returned last week from their trip to the West, where they spent several weeks visiting and sightseeing. At Stities, Idaho, they spent three weeks with C.M. Butler and family and with many relatives and friends along the way.

At a called meeting of the American Legion, Paul G. Thonn was elected post commander to take the place of Leon E. Morse, whose resignation was accepted on account of his early removal to Mason City. Arthur Sharp was elected to the position of post welfare officer in place of Mr. Thonn.

After many years in the barber business in Northwood, J.T. Snyder last week disposed of his shop, including all furniture and fixtures, to I.O. Kaasa, who has been an employee there for several weeks. Mr. Snyder will not be entirely lost to the sight of his patrons as he has promised to help Mr. Kaasa on Saturday of each week.

75 years ago

November 29, 1945

C.O. Christianson, butter-maker and operator of the local creamery since July of 1936, has resigned effective December 22. Beginning the first of the year he will be associated with the Fairmont Creamery of Omaha as representative in the north half of Iowa and all of Minnesota. He will continue to reside in Northwood.

Pfc. LeRoy A. Harmon, son of Mrs. Luther Harmon of Kensett, has been officially declared as deceased as of November 14, 1944, the date he was first reported missing in action in the European theater of operations. The notice from the war department was received by his wife, who resides in Mankato, Minnesota, and she at once drove to Kensett to convey the word to LeRoy's mother.

Five selectees were forwarded early Tuesday morning by the local selective services board to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for induction into active military service and training. The contingent of new service men included the following: Alvin John Berge, Kensett. Arnold B. Cook, LeRoy, Minn., Robert Eugene Thovson, Mason City, Lowell Sanford Jaspers, Kensett and Harvey Philip Myli, Northwood.

Northwood High School won both games of a double basketball event on Thursday night at Charles City. The first team won 48 - 44 and the freshman-sophomore team 25 - 20. The contest between the first teams was close throughout, with six points the widest margin held at any time.

50 years ago

November 26, 1970

A two car accident Saturday on Highway 65 at Manly injured Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gudmonson, Northwood, and sent their daughter Shawn,12, to a Rochester hospital with head injuries. The two youngest children, Jerry and Mark, were treated and released. The Gudmonson car was heading north when a car driven by John R. Bailey, 31, Mason City, swerved into their path to avoid hitting a car parked on the west side of Highway 65. Bailey was not injured.

Two county women's choruses received blue ribbons following their individual presentations during the chorus festival at the Iowa Farm Bureau annual convention on November 16. Blue ribbon choruses and their directors include from Worth, Mrs. Albert Mueller, Manly, director; and Mrs. Herman Clemons, Sioux Center, director.

Northwood Brownie troops and leaders gathered at the local post office as three boxes were mailed to a Korean orphanage. Institutions receiving the boxes are under the auspices of the Holt Adoption Program of the United States. Boxes contained school supplies, books, small toys and clothing donated by Brownies. With a small amount of troop funds used, according to Leaders Mrs. Marvin Trogstad, and Mrs. John Stumo. The happy face pictured with the Brownies was Postmaster Lindflott, who is not a member of the Brownie troop. His part in the project was assistance with mailing of the cartons.

Not everyone was unhappy about the snowfall last Thursday, as local snowmobilers took advantage of the first "winter" of the season and tried out their units. County Recorder Harvey Gaarder said about 50 snowmobiles had been registered in Worth County as of Monday.

25 years ago

November 29, 1995

Most Northwood residents (snowmobilers excepted) counted themselves lucky to slide through the first 26 days of November without any measurable snowfall, but Old Man Winter made up for his late arrival by dumping slightly more than an inch here. Northwood resident Truman Knudtson was pictured with his trusty snowblower to clear the driveway and front walk of his residence on Third Ave. N.

Northwood musician-businessman Dewey Kruger and a trio of customers from Clear Lake and Des Monies limbered up their vocal chords and their Christmas spirit with a carol or two during a holiday open house at Dewey Kruger Music Center Ltd.

More than 300 Northwood residents turned out for an open house at the Civic Center to show their appreciation for the Northwood Police Department and Chief Tom Lines. Lines was pictured shaking hands with Karen Abrahams as Clara Helgeland and John Meyer looked on.

Fallgatters Market employees Barb Butler and Luke Hoffman spruced up the store's selection of Christmas trees shortly after the shipment came in.

Nordic Lanes owner Dave Waters presented the Merit State Finalist championship plaque to Tracey Dunn Sunday night at the start of Weekenders mixed-doubles league play.

10 years ago

December 1, 2010

With just 24 days until Christmas, many throughout the area are decking the halls and lighting their homes, in and out. That included the Northwood city crew, who spent time putting up holiday decorations along Northwood's main street.

Brynn Pangburn of the North Star Garden Center and North Star Xpress in Northwood is decorating the planters on Central Avenue in Northwood just in time for Northwood's Christmas festivities.

Employees of Advanced Components Technologies in Northwood delivered 1,328 items to Manna, the Worth County food bank. Unloading the items were employees Sam Duncomb and Joel Losee, with Manna volunteers Cindy Pangburn and Tom Sculley and Tim Woodle, ACT Human Resources manager. According to Woodle the company is competing with other Angus industry facilities in Watertown, S.D.; Florence, N.C.; and Greenville, Tenn., to see which company is the most generous to area holiday food banks. So far the Northwood plant is in first place. Manna volunteers said that requests for food have increased 53 percent from last year.

The "Grand Finale" of the Bolan Community Holiday Potluck was held. More than 50 area residents took part in the potluck meal. They also enjoyed some entertainment, from the singers and musicians, which included Pastor Nancy Alexander, of Lake Mills, Dorothy Urbatsch, Mary Jo Urbatsch, Richard Holstad, Kermit Huebner and Linda Nydegger.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Arlynn 'Mac' McHenry



ARLYNN MCHENRY

Arlynn (Mac) McHenry, 82, of Northwood, died of natural causes on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at hospice in Mason City. Per Mac's wishes there will be no funeral or visitation, but a graveside service at the cemetery at a later date.

Mac was born on December 18, 1938, in Northwood, Iowa, the son of Leslie and Bertha McHenry. Mac graduated from Northwood High School in 1957. Mac enlisted into the Army in 1958. Mac married Ruth Rislov in November of 1961. They had two children, Sarah and Thomas.

Mac was a loving and caring husband, and yes, patient. He was a wonderful father, grandfather and friend.

He was very active in community services. He was a member of the Northwood Jaycees and was in charge of the 4th of July parade for many years. Also he was a member of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, and an active member of the Eastern Star. He was also a realtor for Worth Realty in Northwood. As a member of the First Lutheran Church he was an usher and on council.

Mac and Ruth enjoyed many vacations up to Grand Marais, Minnesota.

Left to cherish his memories are his daughter, Sarah (Lane) Wacholz of New Richland, Minn.; son, Thomas (Shelly) McHenry of Buffalo, Minn.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Thomas (Sarar) Wacholz and Layla, Tony Wacholz and fiancé Emily Goskenson, Adam (Whitney) Wacholz, Abby Wacholz, Lauren McHenry and fiancé Connor Whelan and Nicole McHenry; and special friends, John and JoAnne McCallum.

Mac was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Virginia Thompson and Verna Mae Pixley; nephew, Lewis Thompson; and wife, Ruthie.

Since losing Ruthie Mac's life has felt very empty. His wish since mom died was to be reunited with her. Although we will all miss him a lot we find comfort in knowing they are together again.

Memorials may be sent to Sarah Wacholz, 23808 St. Hwy 13, New Richland, MN 56072. Those wishing to give a memorial may consider the Northwood Fire and Rescue Department, or the South Shell Rock Cemetery.

Emerald ash borer discovered in Mills and Shelby counties

Emerald ash borer has been detected in Mills and Shelby counties for the first time. The invasive, tree-killing pest was collected from trees in Glenwood (Mills County) and Shelby (Shelby County).

EAB is a significant threat to all species of ash trees, infesting and killing both stressed and healthy trees. The destructive wood-boring pest tunnels just beneath the bark in the vascular tissue, interfering with the transport of water and nutrients. Infested trees generally die within two to four years.

Ash trees with low population densities of EAB have little or no external indicators. Infested trees may exhibit canopy thinning, woodpecker damage, leafy sprouts shooting from the trunk or main branches, serpentine ("S"-shaped) galleries under the bark, bark splitting and 1/8 inch D-shaped exit holes.

Native to Asia, EAB was first discovered in Michigan in 2002 and is now found in 35 states. The exotic pest has been detected in 76 Iowa counties since 2010. Before a county can be confirmed, a life stage of the insect must be verified.

EAB spreads short distances naturally, but large jumps in distribution are made possible by human-assisted movement. The larval stage of the insect can unknowingly be transported in wood products such as firewood. Leaving firewood at home and using locally-sourced firewood where it will be burned can help limit the spread of EAB.

At this calendar date, the window for all preventive treatments is closed. If a landowner is interested in protecting a valuable and healthy ash tree within 15 miles of a known infestation, he or she should have landscape and tree service companies bid on work, review the bids this winter, and treat beginning spring 2021 (early April to mid-May).

More details pertaining to treatment are available in Iowa State University Extension and Outreach publication PM2084, Emerald Ash Borer Management Options. To find a certified applicator in your area, download PM3074, Finding a Certified Pesticide Applicator for Emerald Ash Borer Treatment, and follow the steps.

The State of Iowa monitors the spread of EAB on a county by county basis. Anyone who suspects an infested ash tree in a new location is encouraged to contact one of the following:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, State Entomologist Office, 515-725-1470.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Entomology, 515-294-1101.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-8453.

Additional information on EAB, including known locations in Iowa, can be found at http://www.iowatreepests.com.

More information is available by contact any of the following members of the Iowa EAB Team:

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO.
02981 ESPR009237
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN L. FJELD, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marilyn L. Fjeld, Deceased, who died on or about October 9, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on 13th day of November, 2020, the Last will and testament of Marilyn L. Fjeld, deceased, bearing date of the 18th day of September, 2013 was admitted to Probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2020

Jerry L. Fjeld
Proponent

B. Michael Dunn
AT#0002200
23 3rd Street NW
Mason City, IA 50401

Date of second publication 25th day of November, 2020.

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Notice

TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: THE MARILYN L. FJELD REVOCABLE TRUST u/d8/30/2013

To all persons regarding Marilyn L. Fjeld, deceased, who died on or about October 9, 2020. You are hereby notified that Jerry L. Fjeld is the trustee of the Marilyn L. Fjeld Revocable Trust. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Worth County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this November 13, 2020.

Marilyn L. Fjeld
Revocable Trust

Jerry L. Fjeld
3770 Bluebill Avenue
Joice, IA 50446

Date of second publication 25th day of November, 2020.

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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 10/12/20 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Parker, Woltzen, Pilkington, & Douglas.

Absent: Heiken.

Visitors: Richard & Pam Olson & Richard Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by Pilkington, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Maintenance discussed chemical supplier and general maintenance.

Clerk discussed IMFOA conference and general correspondence.

Old Business: Water leak from light pole digging discussed. Motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas to split cost between city and Richard and Pam Olson, carried unanimously.

Mayor updated council on two properties being pursued by city attorney.

New Business: Trick or Treat night is ok.

Possible grant ideas discussed for Spring.

Treasurer's Report: September 2020 Revenues by Fund: General 7,104.12, Utilities 6,392.25, Special 5,597.53. Total Revenues: $19,093.90. Stands approved as read.

Motion to pay bills by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

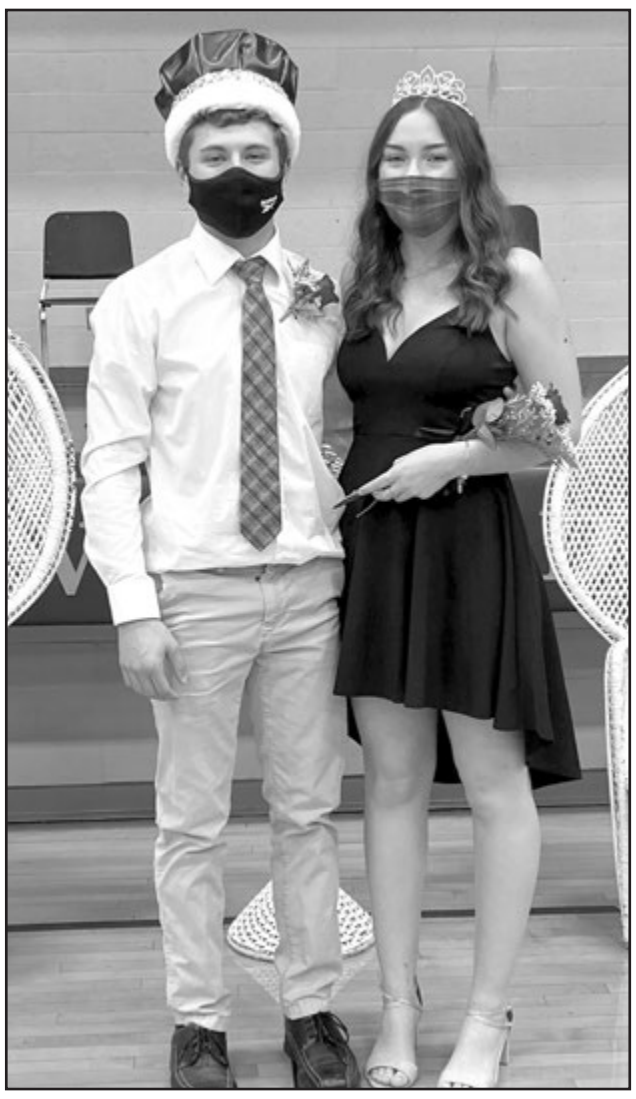
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Disbursements by Fund: General 4,595.92, Special 1,162.75, Utilities 1,428.95, Payroll 6,789.67 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $13,977.29.

Motion to adjourn by Pilkington, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Lori J. McNally, CMC,
City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor



Glenville-Emmons Homecoming King and Queen

Glenville-Emmons crowned homecoming queen Jaden Schumaker and king Kyler Quimby on November 9. Congratulations to both.

Bolan

Even though the high school cross country team of NRHEG (New Richland, Hartland, Ellendale, Geneva) was off and on during its season because of the coronavirus, Daniel Nydegger, a participating senior and son of Larry and Michele Nydegger of rural Ellendale, received All Conference Honorable mention, Conference All Academic, Team MVP (three years in a row), Team Iron Horse Award and 200 Mile Club Award.

Evelyn Nydegger, who is a freshman on the NRGEG soccer team, received awards as the Junior Varsity Most Dependable Performer, JV Most Valuable Midfielder and Varsity Rookie of the Year.

The coronavirus also made changes on how NRHEG High School did their Homecoming festivities. Members of the football team were in quarantine so many of the events were postponed for two weeks. The crowning of the King and Queen ceremony was to be on Sunday, November 22, but due to the governor of Minnesota making the announcement to close things down, the Homecoming Committee hurried to decorate the gymnasium on Wednesday for the crowning of the Queen and King on Thursday evening. Daniel Nydegger was on the Homecoming Court. Joe and Linda Nydegger and Scott and Lori Willert were able to watch the ceremonies on YouTube.

With the very nice weather we have been having, volunteers have been putting up Christmas lights, etc. around the Village of Bolan.

Supervisors

November 16, 2020
Forty-seventh Day

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

Electronic public access was made available by computer or telephone via Zoom.

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 and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the November 10, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve monthly report for the clerk of court.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the Grant Agreement between Worth County, Iowa and the Center for Tech and Civic Life.

A department head discussion regarding the current status of COVID-19 in Iowa was held. Measures to help stop the spread were discussed. Motion by Stone, second by Smeby, carried to approve changing the status of all Worth County Offices back to by appointment only, department heads will be responsible for temperature checks of staff and public in their offices and county employees outside of their offices in addition to the incoming public are to wear face coverings when in county buildings.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 8:52 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, November 23, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

STATE OF IOWA 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA DUE: December 1, 2020	
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	POPULATION: 266

NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.

ALL FUNDS

	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	65143		65,143	79,090
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	65,143		65,143	79,090
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	43,827	0	43,827	23,654
Licenses and Permits	700	0	700	695
Use of Money and Property	10,634	187	10,821	36,150
Intergovernmental	42,488	0	42,488	49,716
Charges for Fees and Service	22,910	71,018	93,928	92,410
Special Assessments	1,807	0	1,807	0
Miscellaneous	63,666	0	63,666	0
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	27,216	1,400	28,616	0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	278,391	72,605	350,996	281,715
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	9,654		9,654	9,721
Public Works	49,739		49,739	54,121
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	71,875		71,875	63,271
Community and Economic Developement	0		0	0
General Government	86,573		86,573	84,335
Debt Service	0		0	0
Capital Projects	0		0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	217,841	0	217,841	211,448
Business type activities		85,452	85,452	70,267
Total All Expenditures	217,841	85,452	303,293	281,715
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	23,550	5,066	28,616	0
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	241,391	90,518	331,909	281,715
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	37,000	-17,913	19,087	0
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2019	196,713	42,611	239,324	215,427
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2020	233,713	24,698	258,411	215,427

NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:

Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds	Pension Trust Funds
Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds

Indebtedness at June 30, 2020	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2020	Amount
General Obligation Debt	0	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	233,386	Short-Term Debt	22,030
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	516,369

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020
County Name: WORTH COUNTY
County Number:98
FY 2019/2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Update Date: 10/8/2019

		General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent	Actual Totals	Budgeted Totals	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources									
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,294,716	1,624,481		0		4,919,197	4,813,038	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	32,131	372		0		32,503	25,453	2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	260,100	107,474		0		367,574	324,762	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	3,002,485	1,516,635		0		4,519,120	4,462,823	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	83	167		0		250	41	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	8,769					8,769	34,475	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	957,121	3,475,093	0	0	0	4,432,214	4,474,114	7
Intergovernmental	8	1,045,707	3,122,187	0	0	0	4,167,894	4,298,768	8
Licenses & Permits	9	2,125	31,105	0	0	0	33,230	116,050	9
Charges for Service	10	260,696	6,059	0	0	0	266,755	301,546	10
Use of Money & Property	11	101,929	72,912	0	0	0	174,841	191,533	11
Miscellaneous	12	71,605	276,036	0	0	0	347,641	247,409	12
Subtotal Revenues	13	5,450,520	8,500,194	0	0	0	13,950,714	14,126,759	13
Other Financing Sources:									
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Operating Transfers In	15	18,048	1,321,211	0	0	0	1,339,259	1,249,780	15
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,800	16
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	5,468,568	9,821,405	0	0	0	15,289,973	15,378,339	17
Expenditures & other Financing Uses									
Operating:									
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	1,983,945	384,320			0	2,368,265	2,519,043	18
Physical Health Social Services	19	857,463	42,228			0	899,691	1,104,984	19
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	264,025			0	264,025	279,446	20
County Environment and Education	21	704,351	274,108			0	978,459	1,034,664	21
Roads & Transportation	22	0	4,268,062			0	4,268,062	4,551,636	22
Government Services to Residents	23	433,386	107			0	433,493	459,062	23
Administration	24	1,559,745	481			0	1,560,226	1,658,597	24
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0			0	0	0	25
Debt Service	26	0	2,275,546		0	0	2,275,546	2,274,061	26
Capital Projects	27	11,916	976,249	0		0	988,165	2,941,635	27
Subtotal Expenditures	28	5,550,806	8,485,126	0	0	0	14,035,932	16,823,128	28
Other Financing Uses:									
Operating Transfers Out	29	105,109	1,234,150	0	0	0	1,339,259	1,249,780	29
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	0	0	0		30
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	5,655,915	9,719,276	0	0	0	15,375,191	18,072,908	31
Changes in fund balances	32	-187,347	102,129	0	0	0	-85,218	-2,694,569	32
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2019	33	1,780,326	9,168,811	0	0	0	10,949,137	8,954,768	33
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budget)	34	0	0	0	0	0	0		34
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	0	0	0		35
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	849,556	9,270,940	0	0	0	10,120,496	7,414,030	36
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	322,030	37
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	342,406	0	0	0	0	342,406	0	38
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	401,017	0	0	0	0	401,017	-1,475,861	39
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2020	40	1,592,979	9,270,940	0	0	0	10,863,919	6,260,199	40

Additional details are available at:
-
Notes to the financial statement, if any:
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CropsTV Transitions Live meetings to online delivery

By Mark Licht
Agronomy
Meaghan Anderson
Extension Field Agronomist
Brent Pringnitz
Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is announcing a new educational program aimed at delivering crop production information directly to farmers and agribusinesses.

CropsTV provides the convenience of viewing at home, office or anywhere there's an internet connection. Live webinars allow interaction with specialists, presenters and panelists. On-demand viewing of topics allows schedule flexibility. Participants can select from over 30 topics from Iowa State University faculty and staff as well as invited guest presenters. The 10-week program launches December 1, 2020.

CropsTV replaces the Integrated Crop Management Conference, originally scheduled for December 2-3, and the Crop Advantage Series, scheduled for January at 14 Iowa locations. These two programs are temporarily suspended due to safety concerns for attendees and staff as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and are scheduled to return next year. CropsTV was developed to reach this audience conveniently, safely and effectively in the absence of these two popular programs.

"As pandemic uncertainty continues, there is still a need for science-based agronomic information," said Mark Licht, assistant professor in agronomy and cropping systems specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "The ICM Conference and Crop Advantage meetings were very effective at providing timely information to producers. CropsTV will provide the same top-quality programming Iowa farmers and agronomists have come to expect from ISU Extension and Outreach in a safe and accessible format."

The 10-week CropsTV season begins December 1, 2020, and continues through February 4, 2021. Live webinars are scheduled each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Recordings of previous webinars, as well as additional topics, will be available for on-demand viewing throughout the program. Webinars will be a combination of live



presentations and prerecorded content, with a live question and answer session allowing discussion and interaction with presenters.

"The combination of live and on-demand content is ideal for our busy clientele," said Meaghan Anderson, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "We also have the opportunity to reach a wider audience and provide more guest presentations from invited speakers with this format."

Financial support for CropsTV is provided by the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the Iowa Soybean Association.

"We encourage Iowa farmers to participate in CropTV to benefit from the abundance of information it provides from ISU faculty and staff as well as invited guest presenters," said Carl Jardon, Iowa Corn Growers Association president and farmer from Randolph, Iowa. "Being the series is online, this allows for greater flexibility and farmers can adapt based on their schedules."

The current year required change – both on the part of farmers and agribusinesses, and those who deliver information.

"Farmers know how important it is to adapt and persevere," said Jeff Jorgenson, Iowa Soybean Association president and Sidney, Iowa, soybean farmer. "CropsTV is that mentality in action. I look forward to seeing soybean growers benefit from this quality programming now made even more accessible to every farmer in Iowa."

The program will be a familiar blend of research updates and guest speakers, similar to the ICM Conference, and management topics and local research results, similar to the Crop Advantage Series. Certified Crop Adviser credits will be available for all presentations, with at least 15 available prior to the end of the year. Announcement of the program and schedule will be in mid-October.

Registration for CropsTV is $45 and includes all live webinar broadcasts, on-demand viewing of previous webinars and over 30 CCA credits. Online registration opens mid-November 2020.

Additional information is available at www.aep.iastate.edu/cropstv. For questions, contact ANR Program Services at 515-294-6429, or email cropstv@iastate.edu.

MercyOne North Iowa Clinic COVID-19 updates

MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center is dedicated to helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. Due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the area, the following care location updates are being implemented on a temporary basis to ensure all who are in need continue to receive personalized, excellent care.

MercyOne Forest City Family Medicine will be dedicated to the care of patients from the MercyOne locations in Forest City, Buffalo Center and Lake Mills who have symptoms related to COVID-19. The clinic will continue to be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to call ahead at 641-585-2904 to schedule their visit. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

MercyOne Buffalo Center Family Medicine is closed until further notice.

Patients of MercyOne locations in Forest City and Buffalo Center who need to be seen for routine care or health concerns not related to COVID-19 will be seen at MercyOne Lake Mills Family Medicine from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. To schedule a visit, patients are to call 641-592-3900.

The MercyOne Northwood Family Medicine location is closed until further notice. Patients with scheduled appointments have been notified and their care will be provided at MercyOne Regency Family Medicine in Mason City. Telehealth appointments are also available for those who prefer this convenient care option.

Individuals who do not have COVID-19 symptoms and want to find out if they are eligible to be tested are encouraged to call the MercyOne Family Health Line at 641-428-7777.

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Holiday Hope 2020 held virtually starting Nov. 29

A local group is raising funds for local families in need during the holiday season.

Holiday of Hope was created to raise funds for Northwood families facing financial burdens. Local businesses and individuals are decorating and donating Christmas trees, wreaths and outside pots to be auctioned.

The items will be bidded on virtually, due to COVID-19. The auction will be held on the Holiday Hope 2020 Facebook page.

All of the proceeds of the auctions will be given to local families that are facing financial difficulties this year.

Bidding begins this Sunday, November 29, and ends on Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m.

Anyone who has any questions or does not have Facebook should email Savannah Madson at savannah800@hotmail.com or Jody Christianson at jody.christianson@gmail.com to view all items and to place bids.

The picture on the front page and pictures below are just some of the items that will be available to bid on.



Northwood Craft and Garden Club



Dr. Penfold's Office



Moretz Farms



Century 21 - Julie Hagen Robb



Kenison Construction



Marie Morud



NSB Bank



Modern Gardens Floral & Gifts



Flower Forager



Exit Realty - Kris Gordon & Riley Madson



Penny Robb

Iowa Native Plants featured in the 2021 garden calendar

By Cynthia Haynes
Associate Professor in Horticulture

This annual calendar features 12 months of colorful plants native to Iowa

Iowans can expect next year to be bright and colorful – at least according to the images found within the 2021 Garden Calendar produced by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

With a theme of Iowa Natives, the new calendar features 12 months of native plants, including bloodroot, bluebells, prairie smoke, bur oak, witch hazel, winterberry and others.

Full-page photos are featured each month, along with monthly tips that provide timely cultural information for fruits and vegetables, lawn care recommendations, tree and shrub guidance and other information.

"It's always a beautiful calendar and I especially like this one because it focusses on the beauty which is naturally occurring in our state," said Cindy Haynes, associate professor and extension specialist in horticulture at Iowa State University.

Haynes produced the calendar alongside Richard Jauron, retired horticulture specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Jauron said native plant species are often ideal, because they're adapted to the climate and generally do well.

The calendar is available on the Iowa State University Extension Store for $7 and is a valuable resource for inside the home, shop or garden shed.

Whether it be flowers, fruits, vegetables, trees or turfgrass, this annual calendar provides tips on a variety of topics so gardeners can quickly know what task should be completed next in their garden.

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Each year the world commemorates World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS. It's an important day to raise awareness and a reminder we should never stop fighting to end HIV.

DECEMBER 1

Resources to learn more about HIV prevention, testing, and treatment can be found here:

www.stopHIViowa.org
www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics

World AIDs Day

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Happy Thanksgiving



Read all about second graders

"How I Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey!"

Fourth grade students share some stories on

"What I am Thankful for"

How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Nora Hanna
Mr. Urbatsch

I like to catch a turkey in the wood's. I bake to turkey in the oven and then we eat the turkey.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Max
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at Hy-vee. I will bake my turkey for five hours and two minutes at fifty°f. I will have mashed potatoes and green beans with turkey. I will enjoy my turkey with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Emery Christianson
Mr. Urbatsch

First I bake the dough. Next I pot my turkey in the ovin @ 4 mitols. I will bake it at 300° for 4 mitis. Then I sesn it. Filey I eat my trkey wit my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

North Iowa Advisors
Shannon Kropp
641-201-8899

How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Dublen Varner
Mr. Urbatsch

First I bake stuffing, Next I bake tarkey. I will bake it at 600° for 14 minutes. Finaly I eat my turkey with stuff.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Graham Holstad
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at Tar-get. I will bake my turkey for 1 hour at 200°F. I will have chicken and salad with my turkey. I will en-joy my turkey with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Juan Obergon
Mr. Urbatsch

I wIll hunt my turkey and I wIll grIll It. WIll buy mash potatos and tomotos and chIcken and chIps and burridos. I wIll haf It wIth my mom and dad. and brothr and my dog.



Happy Thanksgiving


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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

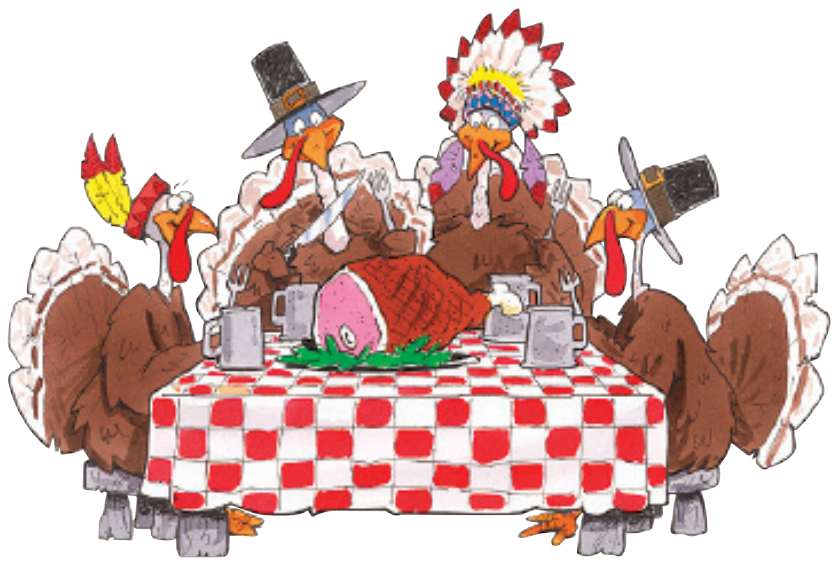
By: Gannon Demay-Kunkel
Mr. Urbatsch

I will hunt my turkey I wil cook my turkey for one hour at 30° I wil engoy my trkey with Jonah and Mason.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Charlotte
Mr. Urbatsch

I am going to get my turkey at target. I will bake my turkey for one hour at 100°F. I will hav mashed potatos whith my turkey. I will enjoy my turkey whith my family.



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Diego Ramirez
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at HyVee. i will bake my turkey for 30 min. at 50° F I will enjoy it with my famly.



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Ryan Willsher
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at Walmart. I will bake my turkey for 14 hours at 200°F. I will have pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will enjoy my turkey with my family.



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Sienna Sheffield
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get it a Walmart I will bake it for 10 minutes at 100°F. I will have mashed potato, corn and cole slaw with my turkey. I will enjoy it with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Hadley Anderson
Mr. Urbatsch

I will Hut for my turkey. I will bake my turkey for 20 minutes at 55°F. I will Have my turkey with stufeing and pit and graps and masheddtabos and punch and i will Have my turkey with my famle.



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Issabelle Carrison
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey the morkit. I will bake my turkey 30 hours at 40°F. I will have punkpirama grenbens, mash ptato. I will enjoy my turkeywith my family. The end.



Happy Thanksgiving

Lutheran Retirement Home
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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Axel Flattum
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get. my turkey by hunting it. I will bake my turkey for fifey five minutes at 44°F I will hbe mashed potoatos and pumplah pie with my turkey. I will enjoy my turkey with my PaPa.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Silas Duvall
Mr. Urbatsch

I will hunt for my turkey. I will bake my turkey for 30 minutes at 50°F. I will have mash pottos and graves and pupkin piy. With my turkey. I will enjoy my turkey with my cusins.



Happy Thanksgiving

Agri-Sales & Building Supply
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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Kellan Stambaugh
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at target. I will bake my turkey for 1 hour at my house I will have pickels with my turkey. I will enjoy my turkey with cheese.



Happy Thanksgiving

Kens Barber Shop
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Happy Thanksgiving

How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Weston Rodemeyer
Mr. Urbatsch

I will hunt for my turkey. I will bake my turkey 1 minutes and 40 sekods on 80°F. I will hav papkin pie with my turkey.



I will eat my turkey with my family.

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Harper Davis
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at Fallgatters. I will bake my turkey for one minit at 60°F. I will have other mashputatetose to. I will enjoy my turkey with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving
Worth County Farm Bureau
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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Erica Heims
Mrs. Wagner

I will get my turkey at Walmart. I will bake my turkey for one hour at 40°F. I will have mashed potatos with my turkey, I will enjoy turkey with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Myles Lockey
Mr. Urbatsch

I will hunt for my turkey. I will bake my turkey for 30 minutes at 30°F. I will have other food with my turkey. I will enjoy my turkey with my mom and dad.



Happy Thanksgiving

Lutheran Retirement Home
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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Ava Willand
Mr. Urbatsch

I will get my turkey at Walmart. I will bake my turkey for 9 hours at 900°F. I will have french fried appls, applsiter, mash potatos with gravy. I will enjoy my turkey with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Gabe
Mrs. Wagner

First, I would buy a turkey from the store. I would preheat the oven. Next, I would put the turkey in the oven. I would turn the oven on. Then, I would set timer for 2 hours. Last, I would take the turkey out of the oven and eat it.

Happy Thanksgiving



Ryan Hulshizer
Agent

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Mia Helgeson
Mr. Urbatsch

I would hunt for my turkey. I will bake my turkey for 2 hours at 60°F I will have turkey and potatos and corn for Thanksgiving. I will enjoy my turkey with my mom named Amber and my dad named Andy and my brothers named Tyce and Caden and my grandpa named Ron and my grandma named Marian.



Happy Thanksgiving



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Austin
Mrs. Wagner

First, I go hunt for my turkey I cook it on my grill for 2 hours. Next, I take it out of the grill. Then, we put garlic on it. Last, we all eat it all.



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Tucker
Mrs. Wagner



First, I will buty my turkey. Next, I will add pepper. Then I will grill it. I grill it for 1 hour. Last I will eat it.

Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Brooks
Mrs. Wagner



First, I go hunting for my turkey. Next, I bring it home and put it on the grill. when I bake the turkey I add the ingredints. I add grlic, carrots, pepper, salt, seasoning. When I am done I eat..

Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Kash
Mrs. Wagner

First, I hunt for the turkey. Next I cook it. Then I put broccoli and carrots. Last I eat it.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Tyger
Mrs. Wagner

First hunt for it. I bake it. Next I put the pepper in. then I put the salt in Last I eat it.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Olivia Urbatsch
Mrs. Wagner

First, I would go hunting for a turkey and bring it home. Next I would bake it for about one hour and 20 minutes. Take it out of the oven. Then add seasoning and spice. Then add seasoning and spice. Last I would put it on a platter and put it on the table.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Kennedy Schoon
Mrs. Wagner

First, I bought it from the store. Next, I put it in the oven for 2 hours. Then I take the turkey out. Last the people come for supper. WE eat all of it.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Emma June Schroeder
Mrs. Wagner

First, I will buy my turkey. Next, I will wash my turkey. Then, I will stuff my turkey with potatoes. Last, I will put it in the oven for to hours.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Kendall Krull
Mrs. Wagner

First, I would hunt for my turkey. Next I would put it in the oven and set the temperature. Then, I would let it cook. Last I would take it out of the oven and stuf it. Then put it on the table.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Emelia
Mrs. Wagner

First, I go to the store and buy my turkey. Next, I preheat the oven for 2 hours. Then I add garlic and pepper. Last, I put the turkey in the oven.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Mitchell Wallin
Mrs. Wagner

First, I wil go hunting for it and I wil cut up the turkey. Next I wil put the turkey in the pot and I wil put salt on it. Then I wil trn on the oven and I wil cook. Last I eat with my family.



Happy Thanksgiving

Worth County Farm Bureau
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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Eva Kroneman
Mrs. Wagner

First, I would go buy it the store. Next, I would turn on the oven. Then, I would cook it for 2 hours. Last, I would cut it and serve it.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Josie Weller
Mrs. Wagner

First, I will buy the turkey at the store. Next, I will get a pan. Then I wil set the temperature. Last I will put it in the oven. Then, when it's done I will let it cool.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Jonah
Mrs. Wagner

First, I go to the store and buy the turkey. Next, I go home and put it in the oven for one hour. Then, I would slise up the carrots and put on ketchup. Last, it is time to eat it.



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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Silas
Mrs. Wagner

I will buy it. Then I will bake it in a oven. And I will have it cook for 1 hour. No ingrede-dis. Last I will eat it.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Myles Renteria
Mrs. Wagner

First I hunted for my turkey, I put it in the stove for for 20 minutes. I put seasoning on the turkey. Last I set up the table and called by fam-leley to eat.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Jay'lynn
Mrs. Wagner

First put your turkey in the oven. You con put some seasonings in the pan. Next, you are going to put it in the oven for 6 min-utes. Last take it out.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Madi
Mrs. Wagner

First, I would put the tur-key in because it take a lot of time. Next, I would do the mashed potatoes. Then, I would make pumpin pie. Last, I would do the vegetables.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Mauriel Lilenay Payton
Mrs. Wagner

First, I go hunting for my turkey in the woods. Next, I come home grill my turkey. Then I turn on the oven and let the turkey cook for 2 min-utes. Then seasoning salt it. Then take it ourt of the oven. Last, eat it.



Happy Thanksgiving

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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Aspen Beland
Mrs. Wagner

First, I buy the Thanksgiving turkey at thge stor. When I get home I cook. Next, I put my turkey in the oven. I tern the oven on. Then I whate for the oven to bep. Last, when the turkey is done you can eat the turkey.



Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Carter Wilde

I celebrate Thanksgiving by having supper with my family. Three things that I am thankful for are nerf guns, oreos, and Jax.

One thing I am thankful for is nerf guns because I can play with them. Nerf guns are fun and I can play nerf wars.

Another thing I am thankful for is oreos because I can eat them. I like to have a party with my friends and eat them.

Lastly, I am thankful for Jax because I can play with him. I like having fun with my dog Jax.

This year I am thankful for nerf guns, oreos, and Jax. There is a lot of stuff to be thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Amaya Rugland

On Thanksgiving my family eats and then we play games. Three things that I am thankful for is food, friends, and family.

One thing I am thankful for is the food I eat because it helps us stay alive, and it helps us by not being hungry. I love mostly every kind of food in the world. I love food.

I am thankful for my friends. I am thankful for my friends because they are someone to talk to and play with. I am also thankful for my friends because they are funny and because they laugh.

But most of all I am thankful for my family. They are Addie, Kris,and my little brother Max and they are very special to me and all of my other family members are too. They buy me and my brother food to eat and buy us clothes to wear. They are also here with us if I need someone to talk to if something is wrong.

As you can see I am thankful for family, friends, and food. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because I get to spend it with my family.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Konlin Perry

Every year on Thanksgiving I go around the table and me and my family say what we are thankful for. Three things I am thankful for are my friends, my family, and my pets.

I am thankful for my friends because they are always there for me. They are always there for me when they see me get hurt they come over and ask if I'm ok, and if I say no they get a teacher.

I am also thankful for my family because they are always there for me, and they never let me down. They never let me down by making me happy, and keeping me safe. They are always there for me by making me feel like I can express my feelings around them.

Lastly I am thankful for my pets because they keep me company, and they can't be mean to me. They can't be mean because they are way too nice to me. When they see me sad they come over and lay their head on my lap. My dog doesn't like it when i'm sad.

So as you can see I am thankful for my family, friends, and my pets. You should take time today to tell the people that you're thankful for thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Casey Gentz

I think that Thanksgiving is very important because it is a time of the year where you get to hang out with your family. Three things I am thankful for are my family, my fish, and my dance class.

One thing I'm thankful for is my family. My mom, Megan and my dad, Tony gives me food and water. My sister, Lexi sometimes brings me to school. That is why I love them. I am also thankful for my grandma because she is the best cook ever. My grandpa is the funniest person in the world.

I am also thankful for my fish, Branch because he is the best fish in the world. He also keeps me company. He is a betta fish and he is four years old and that is very old for a betta.

Lastly, I am thankful for dance class because I get to work hard with my friends and have fun at the same time. I love going to competitions because they are really fun. Even if we don't win, I still have lots of fun.My dance coach,Shala is the best.Because I have a great time at dance because of her and my friends

What are you thankful for? Because I am thankful for my family, my fish and my dance class.Have a great thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Ivy Urbatsch

I like Thanksgiving because it's a time to give thanks and share your blessings. A few things my family does on Thanksgiving is we go to my grandparents house in town and then to my grandparents that live in the country. When I go to my Reeder side of the family my grandma makes name tags to put on the table and my grandpa carves the turkey. My great uncle always says the prayer in Norwegion and then all of us say the prayer in English and have some Leftsa. At my Urbatsch side we eat food and then we play lots of games and sometimes there's prizes. A few things I am thankful for are good food and water, getting to be able to go to school and my family.

I am thankful for good food and water because I have clean water to drink and that my family has enough money to pay for food because some families don't have enough money to pay for food or in some places they don't have clean water.

I am thankful that I get to be in school during Covid because I could be doing online learning even though it means wear a mask and sanitize. I still want to be in school plus online learning wouldn't be fun.

Lastly I am thankful for my family because they help me and give me a place to live and they also give me food to eat. They also spend time with me.

As you can see I am thankful for my family, that i'm in school and good food and water. I hope everyone gives thanks this Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Austin Petersen

On Thanksgiving me and my family go to my uncle's house and eat a lot of food and I play Fortnite with my brothers on his xbox. Three things that I am thankful for are my family, food and water, and video games.

I am thankful for my family. My mom cooks most of the food I eat. I love my mom. My brothers play with me all the time. I love my brothers. I have five brothers and two sisters. I love my family.

I am thankful for food and water. With no food and water no one would be alive. No animals would survive either because animals need food to survive.

I am thankful for video games. I love video games. I love to play video games. My favorite video game is Fortnite. I like a lot of video games. I play a lot of video games too.

Happy Thanksgiving

TRUSTILE
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How I Bake my Thanksgiving turkey!

By: Khamren
Mrs. Wagner

First, I will buy it at the store. Next, I would add bacon and salt. Then I will put it in the oven. Last, i would eat it with my mom and dad.



Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Chloe Woods

Every Thanksgiving my family always makes ham and turkey. We will eat when the food is done, then we will play nerf guns and then we will eat dessert. Three things I am thankful for are the people that help our Earth, and the people that give us a free country, and most importantly my family.

I am thankful for the people that help our Earth. The people help our Earth by picking up litter and planting trees. They try to keep us safe and animals. They try to keep animals alive that are almost extinct. The people are trying to help keep animals alive from the people that are trying to kill animal habitats. They are trying so hard so I suggest you help too.

I am also thankful for the people that give us a free country. The people that fight for our country try to help keep us safe from some people that are trying to hurt us. My grandpa Dan helped save our country. He was in a war. He had to keep watch and grab guns. When he was done he was relieved that he was safe. My grandpa is a saver. He saved our country so I suggest that you give the people that saved our country a hip hip hooray because if they did not save our country we would not have a free country to live in. There are some other famous people that saved people's lives like Clint Eastwood and Tom Cruise and Prince Harry.

But most of all I am thankful for is my family because if you did not meet your family you wouldn't have anyone to talk to. Your family gives you food and water. If one of your pets dies your family will help you get through it. My family is really special to me because they love me and I love them.

As you can see I am thankful for those who help our Earth, people who give us a free country, and most importantly my family. I love thanksgiving because you get to spend time with your loved ones. If you give happiness to other people you will get happiness back. This Thanksgiving I will make sure that people are having fun.



Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Tucker Duvall

For Thanksgiving we eat a lot of food and watch football. Three things I am thankful for are my family, friends and pets.

One thing I am thankful for is my family because they take care of me. My family is there when I need them.

Another thing I am thankful for is my friends because they play with me. My friends are there when I'm sad.

Lastly, I am thankful for my pets because they are fun to play with. My chinchilla climbs all over me when I play with him.

As you can see I am thankful for my family and friends and pets. You should be thankful to everybody because they might be thankful to you too.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Tyce Helgeson

I like thanksgiving because I get to see my cousins. Three things I am thankful for are the people who fight for my country, my family, and my dog and cat.

One thing I am thankful for is the people who fight for our country. They keep us safe and they fight for us and give us freedom. They risk their life to protect us.



Another thing is my family because they give me love. My parents give me water and food and clothes. My sister and my brother make me laugh.

The last thing I am thankful for is my dog and cat because they keep me company and when I get bored I have someone to play with.

As you can see I am thankful for the people who fight for our country, my family, and my dog and cat. What are you thankful for this year?

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Brekken Haberman

For Thanksgiving sometimes me and my family pray that we have enuf food for everybody. Three things I am thankful for are my animals, my family, and video games.

One thing I am thankful for is all of my animals. They are some of the best domesticated animals ever in the world. I love all of them with my heart.

One more thing I am thankful for is my family members. They have been there for me and that has made me how I am today. They have been teaching me most of my life and have given me some animals.

The last thing I am thankful for is being able to play video games. I love video games and being able to play. I only play video games a little each day.

As you can see I'm thankful for my animals, my family members and being able to play video games. I can't what to play with my cousins in the snow on Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am ThankfulBy

By Avarie Skellenger

Every Thanksgiving we go to my cousin's house, but this year they moved and now we live there so this year it is at our house. We always have a big feast. Three things I am thankful for are my family and friends and those who help me through bad times, all my pets, and being able to go to school this year.

I am thankful for my family, friends and those who help me through bad times. I am thankful for them because they are always there for me when I need them. My family also gives me food and water and they buy me clothes. My friends also make sure I am not lonely and sad with no one to play with. I like seeing all my friends. I have a lot of friends and I have a big family.

I am also thankful for all my pets. I am thankful for my pets because they always keep me feeling safe when they rest in my arms or cuddle with me on the couch. My dogs are always there to cuddle me and so are my cats. My guinea pigs and leopard geckos always rest in my arms. I feed them every night and morning and my sister helps me feed them too. My dogs are, Boomer, Bailey, and Moose. My cats are, Nala, and Simba. My guinea pigs are, Winnie, and Ginger and last but not least my leopard geckos are Rex and Dino. My dogs also protect me.

I am also thankful for being able to go to school during Covid-19 even if we have to wear a mask. I am thankful for being able to go to school this year because I like seeing all my friends and teachers. If we didn't come to school this year I wouldn't have been able to meet my new teacher Ms. Hansen. She is an awesome teacher and I can't go a year without being at school because it is an awesome place. I love to learn new things and spend time with my friends.

As you can see I am thankful for my family and friends, all my pets, and being able to go to school this year. Being thankful for stuff is showing that you care about what your parents give you and don't whine if you don't get what you want. Some kids don't even have good clothes and food. You should be thankful for what you have because some people don't have as nice of things as you do.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Tegan Trenhaile

I like thanksgiving because I get food and I love food. Three things that I am thankful for are sports, friends and family.

I am thankful for sports, because they make me have fun. I get stronger and I get faster. I get to play sports with my friends and family. I can play sports, with anyone there are a lot of people to play with. There are so many sports to play.

Another thing that I am thankful for are my friends. My friends are always there for me. I always get to play with them. They make me laugh and they keep me company also.

Lastly I am thankful for my family is always there for me. They stick up for me.They take care of me, and provide me with clothes, food and water and they help me when I am down. They Play with me.

As you can see I am thankful for family, friends, and sports. You should be thankful for your friends and family too.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Addie Jensen

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. I am very thankful for a lot of things like my family, my dog and my teachers.

The thing I am most thankful for is my family. My family is so important because they help me when I need help and we go on road trips. In the winter we make big snow hills and we make tunnels in them.



The next thing I am thankful for are my dogs because they are fun to play with and they love to lay with me. I also love it when I take them outside on walks.

I am also thankful for my teachers because they help me when I need help on school stuff. I learn a lot from my teachers, but sometimes I think it is like daycare.

I am also thankful for myself because sometimes I just feel like I need to do the thing I feel like doing on my own.

Those are all of the things I am thankful for. I hope you have a lot of things you are thankful for and have a happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Harley Logeman

I think Thanksgiving is all about family, friends, happiness, love and blessings! Three things that I am thankful for are my family, pets, and my horse riding lessons.

One thing I'm thankful for is family. I am thankful for my family because they protect me and they give me food and shelter. I'm especially thankful for my great grandpa. He is the best, he teaches me new things and he lets me come to his house. He is the best grandpa in the world!

Another thing I'm thankful for is my pets. I am thankful for my pets because they help me when I'm sad and they're always there for me when I need them. They are always playing with me and always by my side.

The last thing I'm thankful for is my horse riding lessons. I am thankful for Angela because she's teaching me how to ride a horse. I have learned so much from Angela she has made one of my dreams come true and that dream was to ride a horse.

But I'm most thankful for my family because they protect me, friends because they are always there for me, God because he helps me in tough times like right now in 2020, and my puppy because he makes me happy! I hope you all stay safe and have the best Thanksgiving ever!

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Bryck Abrams

On Thanksgiving I eat and talk with my family and play games. Three things I am thankful for are my family, my friends and shelter.

I am thankful for my family because they take me on vacations and they buy me food and drinks. They take me fishing and play games with me and my brother.

I am Thankful for my friends because they let me play and they are nice. My friends buy me presents when it is my birthday.

I am thankful for shelter because homeless people do not have houses and animals won't have shelter either. I am thankful that I have a house to keep me safe. I can't wait until Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

Brady Tufte

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I have to write a story about the things I am thankful for in school and I have chosen the three things I am most thankful for to write about. The things I am thankful for are my family, my pets Ruby and Tucker and finally my world.

The thing that I am most thankful for is my family.Because they take care of me and they take me on trips. They have fun when I play with them, and they give me presents for my birthday. They give me company when I am feeling down. They also help me when something is wrong by cheering me up. They also took me on a cool trip to Disney World! It was really fun! We went on a 6 hour drive and went on a plane for 3 hours to get there.

Next I am thankful for my pets. My pet keeps me company and cheers me up when I am down. One time we went outside to play with Ruby and she ran outside and was running away from me. Then Carson came out to help me catch her. Then she kept running in circles and Carson got her. Then we let her follow us to the car so we can go to school. After school we took her out to play then she went to the slide.

She tried to go on the slide but she was too small to go on the slide.

The last part is the world.The world is an awesome place. There are so many places to explore in the world.There are mine shafts and unexplored waters.And so much more to explore.do you want to explore new places on the earth?

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The things that I am thankful for is My family, my pets and the world.I hope you like my story of the things that I am thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

Jacob Thomas

Thanksgiving is a couple weeks away, and I want to tell people the 3 things I am thankful for and that are important to me. It could be important to you too, but I'm going to tell you about them.

The thing I am most grateful for is family because they have always been there for me. People might not have families and they have no house to live in. My family celebrates holidays. We celebrate Easter, Christmas, the 4th of July and other holidays. I appreciate it a lot. We have a lot of fun. We go on road trips. We go to water parks and roller coaster parks. We have lots of fun at those. We eat together and we eat the food we made. We have fun by watching movies and getting to go to places we have never gone to. It is fun being with my family. I am thankful for my family for not being too nice or not to mean. They are perfect to me and that's why I am glad for them to be my family

The next thing I am grateful for is food because if we didn't have food we could die of starvation. We need water to stay hydrated and food to eat so we won't be hungry. We go out to eat, and my family is very nice. We celebrate holidays and some people cannot eat because they could be homeless and not get food to eat. So you should be grateful for what you get and what you have because some people don't get as much as you do. I like to try different kinds of food because I like to try new food that I have never tried before. If you want to you should try new kinds of food and try it and it could be nice.

The last thing I am thankful for is Jesus and God. They made us which is nice of them and I love them for doing what they created for all of us. Imagine if they didn't create us we could see nothing or not even see anything. If we weren't created we wouldn't know how to do anything or taste anything. They made us so I am glad for that. God made us, he also gave us land and gave us all life. If we didn't have life we could probably just see black and nothing else or not know what it's like to do anything at all. Jesus is a good person and I appreciate that and I like him for that.

I cannot wait for Thanksgiving because it is a time I get to spend with my family. Something I have learned is that you need to be grateful for what you have because some people don't get as much stuff as you so remember to be grateful. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

Gabe Aleman

I am thankful for a lot of things, but the things I am most thankful for are my family, my baby sister, I love them so much, and I am also thankful for my dog's Bosco and Buddy.

I am very thankful for my family. I like them because they love me. They help me, they take care of me. I love them. They let me play video games when I am done with chores, and my step dad helps me get weekly challenges to get Wolverine Logan Style on Fortnite. He got me to level 100. I got to play with my friend. I could not use my Xbox because my mic stopped working so I could play with him on my switch.

The next thing I am thankful for are my dogs. They cheer me up when I am sad or have no one or nothing to play with. If I am grounded from video games I get to play with them. I run outside with them.

Finally, I am thankful for video games because me and my family can play them together. We play Smash Bros Mario Kart. Pokemon, Let's go Pikachu and Castle Crashers Remastered. Me and my friend finished the game, and it was so hard in the end. I like video games because my family can play them together with me. They are fun and me and my cousin can play together because he has the same console as me.

As you can see I am thankful for a lot of things like my family, my dogs, my video game's and my little sister. What are you thankful for? I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.

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I Am Thankful

By Weston Heims

Every Thanksgiving my family goes to my grandma's house and has Thanksgiving there or goes to my uncle and aunt's house, and eats a bunch. I bring my super nintendo, expeccially EarthBound my cousins play that with me. Three things that I am thankful for are my family, my animals, and God.

I'm thankful for my family because I wouldn't have all of my video game consoles, skateboard, baseball and those cool movies I watched with them. I am also thankful for my family because they help me through difficult times.

I'm also thankful for my chicken, pony, cats and dog but i'm not really thankful for my goats. My animals snuggle with me so that's why I love my animals so much.

I am mostly thankful for God. Thanksgiving and everything else wouldn't be a thing if he didn't create us.

As you can see I am thankful for my family, my animals, and God. Psalm 23 KJV says "The lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."

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I Am Thankful

Hixton Jo Krambeer

Thanksgiving Is the time of the year that everyone is thankful. It is fun because you get to see your family. It is a few weeks away so I am going to tell everyone why I like Thanksgiving so here we go. I will tell you what my three most thankful things are: my family, dogs and my teacher.

The thing that I am most thankful for is my family because my family is fun. We went on family vacations together, one of them was Hawaii. We went to the best hotel. I loved It. The hotel was the best. We swam in the ocean all day and I got sunburn. It hurts when I get sunburn. I don't like it. The way my family is also nice.They are nice because they play catch with me. We watch football games and movies all the time. We play sports and games, and now the way they are helpful is because they make me food, get me water and they give me the life I have now.

Now the second thing I am most thankful for is my dogs. They are so playful if I could I would play with them all day long. They are fun because they run around and chase me all the time. The last thing is why are they cute because it's just the way God made them.

Last but not least is my teacher. He is fun because he helps me do stuff in school. He also is nice to people all the time which is why I like my teacher, and the last thing is he is the best because God made him that way.

Like I said Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. I like Thanksgiving because it is the best time of the year to be with my family and we get to eat good food together. I like to see my family because I don't get to see them a lot so it is time to go so goodbye.

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I Am Thankful

Kaylee Franck

Thanksgiving is a couple weeks away and I am working on a story to tell everyone what I am thankful for. I'm thankful for having things, and my most thankful things are that I have a family and friends. I'm also thankful for being nice to people and having Bailey and Rocky. They are my two dogs.

The thing I am most thankful for are my family and friends. They are important to me because they help me when I'm sick. They also talk to me when I'm sad. The most important thing is that I have a life and it's awesome. They also let me live in a house and have food and water. My family is the best and they do stuff for me and my rest of my family too. They mean alot to me, because they are my family and I hope they have fun doing their stuff. I want to tell you their names, Ethan, Me, Nancy, Zach, Brayden, Steve, Carina. There are alot, but they are nice and sweet.

I am also thankful for being nice to people and being thankful to them. Because I hold doors for people and I say thank you to people. Mr.E is one of those nice people, and he is the best, he teaches us very well, we are very smart and everybody is the best. We are very good kids, and very smart.

Finally I am thankful for Bailey and Rocky. They are the best, they listen really well. Because they don't pee in the house and they don't chew up stuff. I love them very much and they mean alot to me, because they are family. I hope they don't pass away

Those are the three things I am most thankful for. I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving, and remember to give thanks for everything you have! When I grow up I want to work at a school, because it will be fun and I like to teach, because you teach and that will be good for the people so they can get better and smarter and they can be a teacher to and that's good.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Kenly Solberg



Thanksgiving is almost here and it is time to give thanks. There are many things I am grateful for but there are 3 things that I am most thankful for. They are family, friends, and my dog Fletcher.

The thing I am most thankful for is family because they are fun. I like how we get together. It is really fun. The parents play cards and the kids are down stairs and we usually play hide and seek or we play tag. I am thankful for my family because they are funny. Like one time I was at my grandma Pam's house and we were eating super with all my cousins that live in Northwood and my cousin Lawson was being funny. The last thing why I am thankful for my family is that they are helpful like when I am sick they help me and get me stuff.

The second thing I am thankful for is my friends because they are nice to me and we get along and we have a lot of fun together. We play with each other and my friends are fun. We have a lot of fun together.

The last thing I am thankful for is my dog Fletcher. Fletcher is brown and white, and me and Fletcher have a lot of fun together. Fletcher is really playful. He has a lot of energy, and he goes on walks with me. He is really funny, he makes zoomies around the living room and last but not least he is cute.

Like I said Thanksgiving is almost here and it is time to give thanks and there are many things I am thankful for, but the most thing I am thankful for is my family. If I did not have them I don't know what I would do without them to keep me safe and they feed me.

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I Am Thankful

By Sara Wubben

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and it is time to give thanks. There are lots of things that I am thankful for, but I have 3 to tell about. They are my dog Jax, my school, but the most important thing is my family.

The thing that I am most thankful for is my family. My family is so nice and they buy me all my toys and all my clothes and we go on a lot of trips. They buy me almost all of my stuff. They bought me my phone and my computer and my shoes. They are so nice to me that they buy all my stuff. I am most thankful for my family because they care about me and they help me a lot too. They are so kind to me and work so hard.

Next is my dog, his name is Jax. He helps me do things and licks me alot and he follows me everywhere and stays by my side. He catches the chickens all the time. He is so funny he runs so fast he is the best. I love him so much. Sometimes he is a little bad but he had 3 owners before us so he is afraid that he will get left behind. When we first got him I was so excited that I ran up to him and gave him a big hug.



Finally, I am thankful for my school. My school, it's really fun and helps a lot. I get to see my best friends and I get to play with them outside every day. Hixton and I sometimes play football and Isabell and I play basketball. They help me a lot with math and groups and get the hard words or names I don't know. I learned a bunch at school and my friend probably did too.

I am thankful for a lot of things, but I am most thankful for my family, friends and my school. I hope you liked my story, and remember, Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks! Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Layne Jensen

Thanksgiving is a round the corner so I am going to tell you what I am thankful for. These are all the things I'm thankful for. Nana is coming to my house all the way from Arsenal. We hardly see her so now we do and my brother is coming from Decora college. There are so many things that I'm thankful for . My favorite food at Thanksgiving is the pumpkin pie,but the thing I'm most thankful for is my family.

Nana is my grandma, and she lives in the mountains. It is cool in the mountains across the road from her house is a house with a gun range. We like to bring our guns to Arkansas. It is 12 hours down there. Well if you went to town in Arkansas it would be an 11 hour drive. It's a long drive so we bring stuff to do. We leave in the morning and I fall asleep because it's dark. This Thanksgiving she is coming home and we all are excited .

The next thing I'm thankful for is the Xbox. I love to play Minecraft. I am close to a town where I built a zoo.I went to a village and I connected them all together I have cows & sheep, pigs, chickens & dogs. I built two houses so far and a restaurant. I still need to put the food in and build a bow and arrow range so when bad things come, or animals I can get meat so I can eat.

The next thing I am thankful for are my dog's. One of them is blind, but she gets around well when we let her outside. She likes to explore and she knows where the house is. It takes her a little bit to get to the house. My other dog is Oakley. She's my favorite dog, and when Caden left for college she was always sad in the morning. She lays with me until I get up. She hates the camera, and she runs away down stairs when I try and take her picture. She comes up stairs a again, but at night she lays with me through †he hole night. Our other other dog Blue wiggles in his kennel in the morning.

I sure cannot wait till Thanksgiving to see my Nana! I miss her alot, and I am very thankful she is coming to our house. I am also so thankful for my dogs and my xbox. What are all of you thankful for?

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Rylee M. Schoon

Thanksgiving is a time to say thanks . So I am working on this story to show what I am thankful for. There are many things I am thankful for, but there are 3 things that I am most thankful for. They are family and friends, My dog Kasey and school.

The thing that I am most thankful for is my family and friends, because I will always have someone to play with. One day I was sad and my best friend came and played with me. It made me very happy, and one day my little sister was bored and I came and played with her and made her happy. My family loves me too. Like if I had a nightmare I know my mom or dad will be there and they make me laugh. My family or my friends will always cheer me up, and that is why I am thankful for my family and friends.

The next thing is my dog Kasey. One of my favorite things about Kasey is that she is playful. When I want to play I get a toy of hers, and I say Kasey, Kasey come here. She comes running. One day we played for 3 hours. The second thing is she is nice to my friends. When I had my sleepover my mom got a picture of everyone cuddling with her. IT WAS SO CUTE!! The last thing is she is very protective. One time all my family members came over, and she barked and barked. So we had to put her in her kennel. Then we let her out after a while. She came up to people and sniffed them and then let them all pet her. That is why I love my dog Kasey.

The last thing I am thankful for is school. If there was no school how would we learn? One of the reasons why I love school is because we get to learn. Like the only reason that I know how to read is because someone taught me to. The second thing I love about school is Mr. E. He is nice and never gets mad. If Mr. E was not here, I would not know about the Northeast region stuff. The third thing is gym. I like gym because I get to exercise and run. That is why I am thankful for school.

As I said Thanksgiving is a time to say thanks. So make sure you say thanks. Try to be nice. I really hope you have a nice Thanksgiving.

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I Am Thankful

By Maci Platts

The thing I am most thankful for is my dog Lexy because she makes me happy. When I get in trouble, Lexy will come to me and she makes me smile.. We will play. I am thankful for Lexy because when I am sad she makes me happy. When I was a baby Lexy was there, and I have lived with her for a long time.



Next, I am thankful for my dad because he gets me food when you need something to eat. I am also thankful for my dad because when I feel unloved he knows he loves me and I love him too

I am also thankful for mom because when I struggle with my school work she helps me and when I get bored she plays with me. What do I do when I am bored? She helps me get things done at home and gets me things I need. I am most thankful for my mom and I love my mom so much.

I hope you have a great day and a great Thanksgiving, and remember to be thankful for what you have.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Owen Binnebose

As you know Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Thanksgiving is a special holiday. Everyone should have something that you are thankful for. There are lots of things I am grateful for, but the most important things I'm thankful for are family, grandparents and dogs.



The thing I am most thankful for is my family because they always have been there for me. I love it when we all get together and watch movies. My dad makes popcorn. I love his popcorn, it's so good. We all sit on the couch and pick the movie that we all want to watch. I love spending time with my family. It is so fun being with my family.

I am also thankful for my grandparents because they are always nice to me. I love when we play board games all together. It is so fun. They are very kind to me. We always have Sunday dinners together. My grandma is a great cook. My grandpa is good at fixing broken stuff. I am very grateful to have grandparents that love me.

Last but not least I am thankful for my dogs. I have two lovely dogs named River and Rouger. One is a rottweiler and the other one is a yellow lab. They love to play with me. River is a great hunting dog. He loves to swim. One time River jumped into our pool. It was so funny. Now Rouger on the other hand he loves to cuddle with me. They are both really nice dogs. I love them.

Now, like I said Thanksgiving is right around the corner, so remember you should all be very thankful for everything you can get. Some kids do not have as much as others, but the thing I am most thankful for is family. They have been there for everything I've done. I love them very much!!

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING EVERYONE

Happy Thanksgiving

GAVILON

I Am Thankful

By Kris Quam

Thanksgiving is a couple weeks away and I am writing about things I am thankful for. I am most thankful for my family and friends.



The things I'm most thankful for is my family. When it was summer we all went to Mississippi. We went there to help my grandma move her stuff to Northwood. Then we stayed there for a week and we ate at Sonic and it was good. We then went to a restaurant that was kind of like Tequilas and it was also good and we saw my aunt and my cousin. We also got to see a lot of horses and it was fun.

I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving, and remember to give thanks for what you have.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Madeline Christianson

Thanksgiving Is the day when you need to be thankful for stuff and I am thankful for a lot of things. The three things I am most thankful for are my family, friends and my dog.

The first thing that I am thankful for is my family. The one thing I'm most thankful for is my family because if I did not have a family I would not get to go with them on vacations. I have a big family. I am also thankful for my family because they protect me. One time I saw a bee when I was in my church and they did not let me get hurt. Also, they love me and take care of me so I know because they give me food and stuff I need. I went to Omaha with my family and that shows that they care about me and that's why I am thankful for them.

The second thing that I am thankful for is friends because they never give up on me. What I mean is that they are my friends and they do not stop being my friends. They are kind because they let me go on trips with them. My best friends in the whole wide world are Casey and Kaylee because I met them when I was 3 months old. I am not lying.

Last but not least I am thankful for my dog Copper. I have three reasons why I like him. Well I do have more than three things that I like about him, but I will just tell you only three things. Ok so the first thing is he is smart because one time I said kittie and he looks under my bed and goes behind my couch and goes crazy. He is also playful. What I mean is that when I go play with him, he does play with me. So yeah. Next, he is funny, and well I do not have anything to say to that but he is funny. If you have a dog maybe play with him or her just to make sure that you are thankful for them.

Okay so it is almost Thanksgiving and my thing that I am most thankful for is for my family. I love them a lot and if I did not have a family I do not know what I would do. Happy Thanksgiving and I hope you have some things that you are thankful for bye.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Henry Hanson

I think Thanksgiving is about spending time with your family and friends to celebrate all the things you're thankful for. I'm thankful for wildlife, my friends and family.

I'm thankful for wildlife because I wouldn't be able to hunt and fish without them and it helps me relax just by watching any animal or fish.

I'm also thankful for my friends because they keep me company when I'm at a place where I don't want to be, like school. My friends also make me laugh.

But i'm mostly thankful for my family because I wouldn't have gotten to go to all the awesome places that i've gotten to go with them and I wouldn't have gotten to go hunting and fishing without them.

As you can see, I am thankful for wildlife, friends and family. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because of the food.

Happy Thanksgiving



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I Am Thankful

By Maggie Rye

Thanksgiving is coming up and I am thankful for a lot of things, but there are three things I love more than anything. They are my family, life I love my life because it is a good life, and I am a nice person. The last thing I am thankful for is my heart. If I did not have a heart, I would be a very rude person and I would not be alive.

The thing I am most thankful for is my family. I am thankful for my family because they are nice, they are loving and they pay for food. If I did not have my family I would not be alive or if they died I would be alone. They help me when I am sad, sick or hurt. They make me feel better if someone is being rude to me.

The next thing I am thankful for is my life. I would not be here without a life. Some reasons I love my life is because I have a good life. If I had a bad life it would not be worth living. Another reason I love my life is because I have friends. If I did not have friends I would be lonely. The last reason I love my life is because I have a good sister and dog and a good family.

The last thing I am thankful for is my heart. I love my heart because it helps me remember good memories about my dog CJ. He died last summer and if I did not have a heart I would not care if he died. I was really sad when he died so that's why I love my heart. The last reason I love my heart is because I am nice and if I did not have my heart I would be a bully. And a really rude person and I don't want that.

Anyway Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. I hope there are a lot of things you are thankful for. Have a great Thanksgiving, spend time with your family and friends and have fun.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Kylie Reich

On Thanksgiving it is my baby brother's birthday. We go to my grandparents, we play games and we eat. Then me and Wyatt go to our dad's house to celebrate. Three things I'm thankful for are my family, shelter, and school.

One thing I'm thankful for is my family. They buy me food and clothing and shoes. They make us happy. We like to watch movies.

Another thing I'm thankful for is shelter because we have a bed and couch and tv and phone.

But most of all, I am thankful for going to school to learn. I like school because we can be with friends. School is fun.

As you can see, I am thankful to celebrate with family and friends. Thanksgiving is fun.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Aidan Ouverson

I like Thanksgiving because I get to eat food and I love food. Three things I am thankful for are shelter, my friends and my family.

I am thankful for my shelter because if I did not have shelter I would be outside in the cold weather. The reason I have shelter is because my mom and dad and grandma.

I am also thankful for my friends because they help me with stuff they are nice, funny, kind, and trustworthy.

Lastly, I am thankful for my family because they help me in bad times. I love them. They love me. I help them with stuff and they buy me food and water to survive. If I did not have them I would not be able to do the stuff I have done with them.

As you can see I am thankful for my family, friends and shelter. You should be thankful for your family and friends too.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

By Lilly Strand

I am Thankful being thankful. There are a lot of things I am thankful for, but there are three things that I am most thankful for. The three things that I am thankful for are fI think that Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks for what we have. The most important part of Thanksgiving is having fun andamily, friends, and pets. I hope you like this story.

The first thing I'm thankful for is my family because they help me when I am sad and when I need help. I like when we all get together and watch movie's. I like Christmas because we get together and we are all in the same room. I like my grandma and grandpa and when they come to move downstairs. Their house sold. I like that they are moving here because they are super nice to me. My family is the most important thing in the world to me.

The second thing that I am thankful for is my pets because they are nice and they like to go on walks. I like my pets because they help me have a good day. Hugging my pets makes me happier, and I like to see them waiting for me sitting on the couch. I also like my pets because they keep me safe. They are also nice to my friends. When someone comes over my pets always go up to them and greet them.

The last thing I am thankful for is my friends. I like that I have friends here. I can play with them and they are nice to me. My mom bakes me and friends cupcakes, and I really like that. My friends like to play with me. We play this game called ranma.

I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving and I hope you like this story. It took me 3 days to finish it. I hope you have a good Thanksgiving and get to spend time with family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving

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I Am Thankful

Jaxon Reyerson

Thanksgiving is coming up and we are telling a story about what we are thankful for. I am thankful for a bunch of stuff but there are 3 things I am most thankful for are my family, life and my pets.

The thing I am most thankful for is my family because we get together on holidays and they are nice to me. I am also thankful for them because they keep me safe and they are kind to me and they do stuff for me. They also make me food and other stuff. And that they take me and my sister on vacation.

I am also thankful for a life because I get to spend time with my family and get to do anything but not everything but a lot of stuff. I also like my life because I get to do fun stuff with my family.And I can eat different foods because I need food because I get hungry fast. I also like my life because I will be able to go to school and see my friends. If My mom and dad did not have me all of those things would not be true. So I am very lucky I have a life.

The last thing I am thankful for is my pets and my sister because if I am sad or not feeling good my pets or my sister will cheer me up. My pets make me sleep better and my pets are fluffy.

So those are the things that I am thankful for. I picked those because if I did not have a life none of that would be true.You want to know why my family is my most thing I am thankful for because I would not have a life or I would not do fun stuff without my family.

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N-K third grade teacher Colette Ubben recently provided a learning experience for her students.

North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom Program Director Brenda Mormann was at the Brian and Julie Tweeten farm and did a live Farm Chat while riding in the combine.

Mormann explained about harvesting corn, what the combine does, as well as the tractor and grain cart, grain wagons and semi; where the grain goes after harvest; the uses of the field corn; and how many bushels on average are harvested.

The students also saw the inside of the combine cab, monitors and the corn head pulling in the corn stalks.

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Worth 4-H meetings change form, not value

Worth County 4-H members, leaders and supporters are continuing to adapt their activities while in-person gatherings aren't encouraged. That includes regular group meetings, with members and leaders joining Extension staff via video conference to check in on Worth County 4-H.

Since the start of the new school year, also the start of the new 4-H year, leaders and their Extension support system have been working to make sure that the youth involved have as many of the same opportunities as possible.

Part of that has involved virtual discussions with leaders and members invited to take part.

Take, for example, the latest meeting, which was held on November 15, with 4-H'ers, families and leaders taking part.

As the meeting opened, Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson offered to play host for clubs whose leaders aren't as experience with video conferences, giving their members a chance to continue the individual clubs' meetings, which can be a vital part of the 4-H experience.

Also offered was a chance for club leaders to take part in Extension-led virtual meeting training, which will be held December 7-9, with meetings held at 7 p.m. each night. Leaders would only need to take part in one evening.

After the offering of support for clubs to branch off in their own virtual gatherings, the county catch up meeting began, with an example given of a typical meeting format, for new 4-H members who may be taking part.

Cecelia Hill led the pledge of allegiance, the way regular 4-H meetings would begin.

Hill then gave an update on the State 4-H Council project to collect donations for local food drives. So far the local members of the council, including Hill, Tianna Charlson, Kelsie Kinne and Hannah Lanphere, have raised money, but are still looking for donations of food items, as well as monetary donations, at the local Extension office. The

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Harvest wraps up a positive year for local farmers



Sometimes, as a harvest season winds down, there is a need to search for a bright side, or to acknowledge that no news is good news. But not so, this year, said Worth County Extension Education Specailist Dennis Johnson.

According to Johnson, "It's pretty much all positives this year."

Johnson said that the last time Worth County had seen such a positive result as the season came to a close was in 2010, when Worth had the second highest yield in Iowa.

Johnson said Worth was fortunate to avoid some of the weather pitfalls elsewhere in Iowa. "We were lucky. We didn't get the drought of western Iowa. And we didn't see any of the devastation of the derecho."

From the start of the year, it seemed, Mother Nature was on board. Planting started early, and well.

"It was one of the best starts to a season in recent years," said Johnson. "Most farmers had their crop in the ground by May."

Johnson said he thought a lot of the enthusiastic early start came following the wet springs of recent years, when the overabundance of moisture put too much in jeopardy.

"They just kept their planters going."

With the onset of summer, things just kept going as well, with nearly ideal conditions.

"We did OK in the summer months too. We had enough growing degree days. We had timely rains. It all came together well."

And the fall was more of the same, with no real worries standing in front of local farmers.

What moisture did fall, came with good timing and in the right amounts. Just enough to warrant an occasional break for the farmers, but not enough to hamper their efforts.

"By the end of September, beans were ready," Johnson said. "And by the end of October, corn was set too. There wasn't as much drying needed, so most of it went right in the bin."

If that wasn't enough to bring some relief to the farmers, then better than expected prices going into harvest time only sealed the deal.

Johnson said ethanol plants provided a good amount of demand as they started ramping up production.

The savings on fuel for drying and the demand to produce ethanol led to favorable trends, according to Johnson.

"All in all, you really couldn't ask for a much better year," Johnson said.

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local goal is to bring in enough for 100 donated items. That would make 10,000 items if repeated statewide.

Next on the agenda was an example of a typical meeting agenda, with a demonstration of parliamentary procedure, led by Charlson. She explained a meeting's agenda and was assisted in demonstrations of motions and forming committees to look at various topics.

Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator Mindy Tenold led an example of a meeting icebreaker, as those in the conference took part in an impromptu scavenger hunt.

Tenold followed that with some information on options for record book work and assistance.

Johnson updated everyone on tentative plans for December calf weigh-ins, which are still being required for those that want to take part in the Iowa State Fair. Johnson said that they may not be necessary to enter the Worth County Fair this coming summer.

Johnson then shared that Worth County had been recognized as tops in the region for fundraising for the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

For those new and re-enrolling 4-H members, in light of the differences due to COVID-19, Johnson said that the Extension council, and the county's clubs would likely be covering any costs this year.

Johnson then shared a slide show, which had been designed to be shown in the county's elementary schools during National 4-H Week. Unfortunately, that wasn't an option with schools limiting outside visitors and contacts.

Following that, Lanphere gave a presentation of her own, on how to give a presentation, to improve communication skills, confidence and public speaking abilities.

Lanphere then led the meeting to a close with the regular meeting closing tradition, the 4-H pledge:

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking,

"My heart to greater loyalty,

"My hands to larger service,

"and my health to better living,

"for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

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