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Gifts await first baby of 2021

While many are no doubt looking forward to bidding the year 2020 farewell, that may be even more true for the parents that are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the first baby to be born in 2021 in the Northwood-Kensett school district. Besides the joyous arrival, 13 Northwood area merchants will be celebrating the first baby of the new year with gifts for the baby and their family.

To qualify for the gifts the announcement of the birth must be submitted to the Northwood Anchor as soon as possible.

The winning baby must be born to parents living in the Northwood-Kensett school district; and the baby's time and date of birth, gender, place of birth, weight, name and the names of the baby's parents will be shared.

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Council discusses joint road project, dangerous building

At their December 14 meeting, members of the Northwood city council discussed a shared street project and their options in addressing a dangerous downtown building.

As the Northwood city council continues to look at a new housing development with an uncertain future and a big impact if achieved, it is moving forward with the Northwood-Kensett school district on a crucial first step.

At their December 14 meeting, members of the council discussed the prospect of sharing the costs of a

road that would lead to the location of a long-discussed and delayed housing project that would be built northwest of high school property.

The district is proceeding with two projects of its own, the Vikings Activity Center and a new transportation facility. The projects would include an overhaul of the traffic flow around the secondary campus. Part of that is a road to the transportation center, to be built on unused city land near its water treatment facility. That road would also connect to the location of

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Businesses observe special hours for new year holiday

Northwood business owners and employees will be observing special hours for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, as they take part in their own celebrations. Listed below are holiday hours for each business.

Bean and Bistro will close at 11 a.m. on New Year's Eve and will be

closed on New Year's Day.

Farmers State Bank in Northwood will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on New Year's Eve. The bank will be closed on New Year's Day.

Northwood City Hall will close at noon on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

Kelly Hardware will be open until noon on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

NSB Bank in Northwood will close at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

At R80 in Kensett, the cafe will be closed on New Year's Day.

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First baby 2020 welcomes new year, new first baby

As the new year approaches, several area businesses are awaiting the chance to congratulate the family that will welcome the first baby born in 2021. Pictured above is the baby whose family was congratulated for the recognition in 2020. Lukas Perkins, who will turn 1 on January 10, is the son of Jess and Landon Perkins, and brother to Lawson and Brianna. His birth year took on more significance than others, but he nonetheless seems eager to welcome the new year and the new addition to the first baby alumni.

Special election set for Jan. 19

Those that would like to pre-register to vote before the upcoming special supervisor election have until next Friday, January 8, to do so.

A special election will be held on Tuesday, January 19, to fill the vacancy of the District 3 seat on the Worth County board of supervisors.

Only those living in District 3 will vote in the election. District 3 consists of the city of Northwood; Deer Creek Township Sections 7-9 and 16-21; and Grove and Hartland townships.

The voter pre-registration deadline is on Friday, January 8, 2021. The county auditor must receive all registration forms no later than 5 p.m., unless post.

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WCCF awards over \$87,000 to local nonprofits

The Worth County Community Foundation (WCCF) has granted \$87,227.10 to 17 projects of organizations serving Worth County through its 2020 grant cycle.

"The Worth County Community Foundation's mission is to connect resources to enrich our communities and we are proud to be able to support the projects of these deserving nonprofits as they help make Worth County communities better places for all people," said Lucy Heiken, chair of the WCCF governing committee.

Grant recipient organization, project the grant will fund and grant amount are listed below by funding areas.

Community Betterment City of Fertile, Fertile Garden Club - Banners and

- Brackets, \$3,000
- City of Joice, Library - Book Shelving Project, \$10,000
- City of Kensett, Library - Computers Update, \$3,700
- TUNE - Total United Northwood Effort, The Timbers - Northwood's Event Center, \$5,000
- Education
- Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa, Show Love Campaign, \$1,000
- Lake Mills Family Center, Three-Year-Old Preschool, \$1,000
- North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, Ag Education in Worth County, \$5,000
- Worth County ISU Extension, Workroom Equipment and Building Sign, \$8,000

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The Week's WEATHER			
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Thurs. Dec. 24	45	-4	
Fri. Dec. 25	3	-7	
Sat. Dec. 26	18	-7	
Sun. Dec. 27	29	-7	
Mon. Dec. 28	28	8	T

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the proposed housing project.

The school and the city have been discussing what resources and costs can be shared to make their projects more affordable.

The school district is proceeding with plans to build the transportation center this coming summer, and so need input from the City. First, does the City want to split the costs of the project? Second, will the City assume ownership and responsibility for the road once complete? Third, what specifications for the road's construction would the City want?

Council member Dan Reader said that the cost of building a road has been one of the biggest stumbling blocks for the construction of the housing development, and that working with the school to bring down that expense would do a lot to make the housing a more realistic possibility.

The cost for the road, as well as sewer and drainage work involved, would be around \$180,000.

Reeder said that, at the time of the meeting, the school wasn't looking for a commitment of specific funds, but wanted to make sure the council was interested in making the road a joint effort.

Reeder also said that pooling their efforts not only split the cost, but, if it made new housing possible, stood to benefit both the city and school as well.

The council approved a motion to continue working with the school to share in the costs of the road's construction and related portions of the project.

The council also returned to a years-long struggle to address a deteriorating downtown structure, known as the old bakery building, located at 737 Central Avenue.

The building has been owned by several people over the years, all with plans or who began but were not able to complete projects to rehabilitate the structure.

Nevertheless, the interior remains col-

lapsed and the short-term fixes have begun to fall apart as well.

With concerns that the condition of the building makes it an increasing danger to neighboring property owners and pedestrian traffic, the council discussed its limited options.

In past discussions, the council consensus has been that it would be too big of a risk for the City to take over the ownership of the building, which would make the taxpayers liable for any potential costs should the structure damage other property or lead to injury. The City would also be forced to assume the costs of demolishing or stabilizing the structure, with estimated minimum costs being prohibitively expensive.

The other option, which the City is pursuing, is to declare the building a dangerous structure, which would require the building's current owner to address the dangerous parts of the building.

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announcement has been made in the Northwood Anchor, the parents are welcome to pick up the gifts from the participating merchants, listed below.

The first baby's parents will have a perfect place to store the baby's first clothes, once the first baby has put them to good use, with a new laundry basket from Kelly Hardware.

One of the first baby's first toys will be provided by Carquest Auto Parts with a limited edition collector car.

The first baby will be kept warm with a baby quilt from the Top of Iowa Welcome Center's Barn Boutique.

The parents will be able to celebrate the

event well with a bottle of wine from Shade Tree Liquors.

The first baby's parents will also be able to enjoy an evening out with a night at the movies, with \$20 in Northwood Theatre dollars.

Gifts for the first baby's financial future will come in the form of a \$25 opening deposit in a kid's piggy bank CD from Farmers State Bank.

The parents can also bank on the first baby's future with \$25 towards a new savings account from NSB Bank.

The vehicle used to transport the first baby will be well-maintained with a free oil change at A & I Auto, Inc.

Knutson Auto will

also provide a free oil change, to help keep the family's vehicles maintained and safe.

The first baby will enjoy a special gift from Ver Helst Drug.

The first baby's parents will no doubt appreciate the chance for a delicious meal, with a \$20 gift certificate from Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill.

Fallgatter's Market will offer a \$25 gift certificate, which can be used for items for the new baby, or for the rest of the family.

The first baby's parents will be kept up to date with local news and events, thanks to a one year subscription to the Northwood Anchor.



Over the river from the woods

The Northwood public works crew recently spent some time clearing out trees from the banks of the Shell Rock River across from Swensrud Park, below Northwood City Hall. With no easy access from above, the crew brought the trees down on the north side and pulled them across the river into the park, where they could be chopped into smaller pieces and removed.

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Health
City of Northwood, Water Plant Upgrade - SCADA Monitoring & Remote Access System, \$10,000

Lutheran Retirement Home, COVID-19 Visitation Walls, \$3,162
N-K Booster Club, Vikings Activity Center, \$9,177.10

Historic Preservation Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center, Grandma Sina's House, \$5,000

Human Service 43 North Iowa, Virtual Services Project, \$1,845

Elderbridge Agency on Aging, Client Assistance, \$8,000

Iowa Legal Aid, Stabilizing Low-Income Families in Worth County During the COVID-19 Pandemic & Economic Crisis, \$3,000

Serenity Acres, Port-A-Potty, Hand Washing Station, and General Operating Expenses, \$4,017

Worth County, Sheriff's Reserve Unit - Protective Equipment Purchase, \$6,326

Decisions on grant awards are determined by a local committee, which consists of volunteers from Worth County. Committee members include: Merlin Bartz, Craig Benjegerdes, Keven Bruesewitz, Ronald Davidson, Lucy Heiken (chair), Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pat Muehl (ex-officio), Chad Nelson, Cindy Peters, John Tenold and Mark Thoma.

Grants are awarded through WCCF's competitive grant process to projects in the program areas of: art and culture, community betterment, education, environment, health, historic preservation and human service. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization or government entity serving Worth County in order to be considered for funding. The 2021 grant cycle opens July 1 with an application deadline of September 30. The grant guidelines and application can be found at www.worthccf.org.

Community Foundation grant cycle has been made possible by the Jaspers Family Foundation Fund. Maynard and Marjory Jaspers were long time successful business owners in Worth County. They had three sons with no heirs. At his death, Donald Jaspers donated the proceeds from combined estates of the Jaspers Family to provide charitable support for Worth County. Now, the funds have grown, allowing the Worth County Community Foundation to begin granting to area programs.

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A lesson in tasty treats delivered

Before the holiday arrived, students in Northwood-Kensett's Viking Cafe class took part in what is becoming an annual tradition. The students took orders throughout the first weeks of December for a variety of Christmas treats, which were picked up or delivered just in time for holiday festivities, including those at the Northwood Anchor office. Pictured is Viking Cafe teacher Megan Thorson, delivering an order to Anchor publisher Kris Kenison.

**May 2021
bring good
news**

**Election
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marked on or before Monday, January 4, 2021. Voters may request an absentee ballot at the auditor's office at any time. If the ballots are not at the office at the time of request, they will be mailed to the voter as soon as they are available. The deadline to request an absentee ballot be

mailed is 5 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021. Voters may request and vote ballots at the auditor's office until 5 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021. Polls will be open at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room on January 19, 2021, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

COVID-19 shows downward trend ahead of holiday impacts

As the first in the area are receiving their vaccinations, COVID-19 numbers showed a stabilizing trend before the potential impact of holiday gatherings will be seen. From December 14 to December 21, cases increased to 472, up 8.8%. In the past week, from December 21 to December 28, cases increased to 504 an increase of 6.8%. At the same time, positivity rates were up. Positivity rates are the amount of residents with COVID-19,

out of those taking a test. From December 14 to December 21, the rate increased 0.9% to 16.5%. From December 21 to December 28, the rate increased 0.6% to 17.1%. A total of 2,950. Worth County residents had been tested as of December 28. Another figure that has been a focus, as an indicator for schools, is the 14 day positivity rate, the measure of

how many residents have tested positive over the past 14 days, out of those tested. In Worth County, the 14 day positivity rate, as of December 28, was 14.6%. That was up from 13.9% on December 21. The rate would put Northwood-Kensett in the minimal to moderate category. Central Springs falls within four counties, including Worth. Besides Worth, CS county rates included 17.9% in Mitchell County, 10.5% in Cerro

Gordo and 9.4% in Floyd. That would also put Central Springs in the moderate category. Those rates are meant as an indicator, to be used with others, like student absenteeism, as schools look at how they educate students. In Worth County, there were 374 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 130 potentially remaining active. In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 14,003 confirmed cases, as of

Monday, up 353 from the previous week. Cases in neighboring counties included 1,091 in Winnebago, 1,150 in Hancock, 4,260 in Cerro Gordo, 1,261 in Floyd and 1,011 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 1,934 in Freeborn and 3,296 in Mower in Minnesota. Including Worth's two COVID-19 related deaths, 214 have died in the region because of COVID-19, up 10

from last week. 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 COVID19 in Iowa can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

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R80 in Northwood will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Day. R80 in Kensett will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on New Year's Day. Signatures Supper Club will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. on New

Year's Eve and open from 5-8 p.m. on New Year's Day. They will be open from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, January 2. Sue's Cornerpost will be closed on New Year's Day. Worth Brewing will be open on New Year's Eve from 5 to 9 p.m. and closed on New Year's Day.

Ver Helst Drug will close at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day. Glenville Short Stop will be open on New Year's Day until 5 p.m. Worth County offices will be closed on New Year's Day. The Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day.

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center Rest Area will be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The gift and coffee shop will be closed. The Northwood Anchor office will be closed on New Year's Day.

Celebrate the New Year with friends and family, and enjoy all the fun and excitement that makes this time of year so special. Thanks for making the past year a pleasure for us. May the days to come bring you continued success and good fortune.

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COVID-19 vaccinations begin at MercyOne North Iowa

MercyOne North Iowa announced last week that, in support of its mission and the continued national and local response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it had received its first shipment of the Moderna vaccine on December 21, and proudly began vaccinating health care colleagues with their first dose on December 22. MercyOne will continue voluntary vaccinations to frontline colleagues identified in Tier I and II in alignment with the CDC prioritization.

“We’re incredibly excited the vaccine is here,” said Dr. Paul Manternach, chief medical officer of MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center. “I would encourage anyone who is offered the vaccine to take it. Vaccination is the best way to get control of this pandemic.”

MercyOne is confident in the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. As immunizations become available to more individuals, we strongly encourage everyone ages 16 and older to be immunized.

Anticipation for the vaccine from MercyOne colleagues is high. “Our team has seen a lot in the last 10 months and our patients have been through a lot,” said Dr. Doug Summerfield, Critical Care physician. “I’m thankful for getting the vaccine and I’m hopeful that this vaccine will bring an end to the pandemic and we can all get back to celebrating holidays with our loved ones.”

“The COVID patients we’ve seen in critical care are the sickest we’ve ever seen,” said Shannon Wooge, RN, Critical Care. “I am hopeful that with

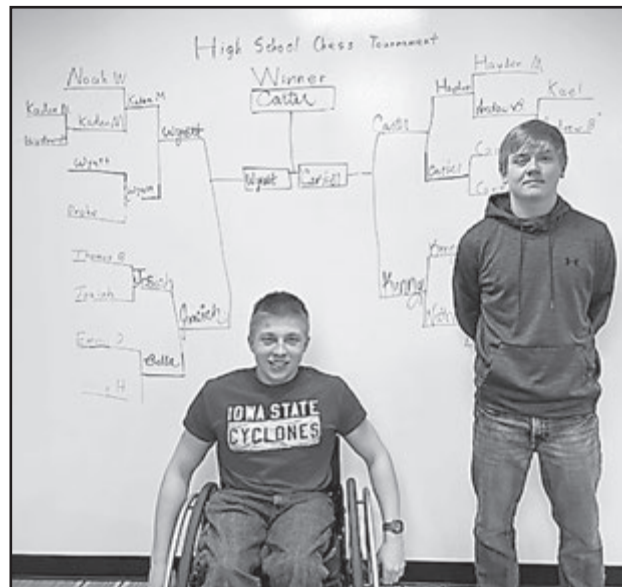
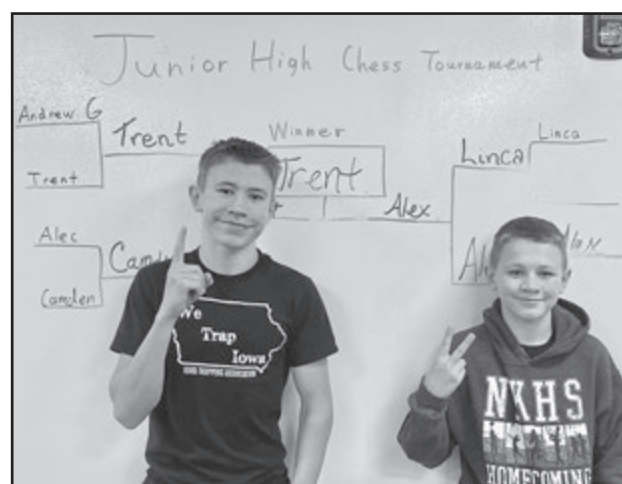
the vaccine some of these patients can be hugging their loved ones next Christmas.”



MercyOne urges everyone to continue to follow current safety measures. It is crucial we all remain vigilant with avoiding crowds, practicing physical distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene. We must continue upholding our personal safe living and decision-making responsibilities until the vaccine is more broadly available.



The COVID-19 vaccine is not currently available to the general public. The latest MercyOne information on the COVID-19 vaccine, can be found online at [MercyOne.org/COVID19Vaccine](https://www.mercyone.org/COVID19Vaccine).



Viking's gambit

Even before the recent increased interest in chess, N-K students have been taking part in tournaments twice a year. The latest wrapped up just before the holiday break, with eight from the middle school and 17 from the high school taking part. Pictured at top are the winning brothers of the middle school tournament, in second place, Alex Tiedemann (left) and winner Trent Tiedemann. Pictured below are high school second place finisher Wyatt Willand (left) and winner Carter Severson.

Fish Iowa program opens registration for free virtual ice fishing courses

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering two free virtual ice fishing courses to individuals who have little to no ice fishing experience or would like to further improve their current skills.

cold weather fish behavior, choosing a location and basic ice fishing gear and tactics. This course will focus on panfish as the desired species.

will have the chance to ask questions to DNR staff.

registration are available online for each session at:

Fisheries and Law Enforcement staff with the Iowa DNR will be providing the instruction for both courses.

During the second course, participants will have the chance to learn about more advanced skills such as reading the ice, specialized equipment, fishing shacks and will focus on species such as bass, walleye and trout. Both courses will cover ice-fishing regulations and participants

The courses are geared for participants 16 and older. Those under 16 must have an adult register and participate in the course as well.

January 12: Basic Ice Fishing - <https://tinyurl.com/icefishbasics>

January 19: Advanced Ice Fishing - <https://tinyurl.com/icefishadvanced>

Space online will be limited so those interested should register right away to ensure a spot. The events will be held on January 12 and 19 and will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

The program is provided through the Iowa DNR as part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters and anglers due to the overall decline in hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

More information and

Northwood Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

Sunday, Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Outdoor Worship, 9 a.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor
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Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Radio Broadcast of Worship on 97.1 FM or Kensestia.com, Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:15 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon.

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Virtual Worship Service/Communion on Bethel of Manly Facebook, Check out YouTube: Bethel Website, 10:30 a.m., Radio Station 97.1 FM (Previous Sunday's Service), 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish

Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 8 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366, Wednesdays 6 p.m., KC (Kids & Christ) Night; 9:30 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; All services require masks and social distancing.

Alliant Energy offers 25 Innovation Scholarships

Alliant Energy is seeking applications for their 2021 Innovation Scholarships as the company recognizes outstanding community leadership. Up to 25 students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help them reach their academic goals.

nity and presents an innovative solution using science, technology, engineering and/or math.

at an undergraduate school. They also must be a dependent child of a current Alliant Energy customer or a customer themselves.

tions totaled more than \$150,000 to offset tuition costs and student loans.

Applicants for the annual scholarships will be asked to write an essay that identifies a problem in their commu-

Recipients will be selected based on the content of the essay, participation in a leadership role in community service activities and volunteer work, grade-point average and standardized test scores.

Applications must be submitted online at scholarsapply.org/alliantenergyinnovation.

More information on the Innovation Scholarships and a full list of scholarships offered by Alliant Energy can be found online at www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityAndStewardship/CommunitySupport/Scholarships.

Applicants must be age 24 or under and enrolling for the first time

The application deadline is February 17, 2021.

In 2020, over 130 students received scholarships from Alliant Energy. These contribu-

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Gifts of the Spirit

Why do we laugh? To say that we laugh because we find something funny begs the question why we find things funny. We may laugh for a variety of reasons, and not always because something is funny, since we laugh sometimes when we are nervous or in other situations where we are essentially “breaking the ice.” Plato and Aristotle thought that we laughed because we felt superior in some way to the object of our laughter, whereas Kant thought that we laughed when something seemed incongruous. A good joke, according to Kant, raises certain expectations and then dashes those expectations at the punch line. Modern theories of humor tend to side more with Kant, some of them speculating that when social norms are violated in a way that isn't overly threatening we find it funny. And indeed, most jokes break some rules of propriety and if we don't find that violation too offensive, we're likely to laugh. We are wise to think carefully before telling a joke, making sure it doesn't make someone in the audience the object of ridicule. In any case, we ought not to take ourselves too seriously, and should take every opportunity to laugh.
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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.

Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

A wonderful way to entertain on New Year's Day (after everyone has had big dinners at Christmas Eve or Christmas Day or lots of food and drinks at a New Year's Eve party) is with a dessert buffet. Early afternoon is a perfect time; people often want to sleep in on January 1. "How Sweet It Is Dessert Cookbook" (2004), which was compiled by Gate City Bank, a chain of banks in Minnesota and North Dakota. The recipes are from employees, retirees and directors of the various bank branches.

Steamed Cranberry Pudding

- 2 cups raw whole fresh cranberries
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup light molasses
- For The Cream Sauce:
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup real butter
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine the cranberries and the molasses. Add the baking soda to the boiling water and pour this over the cranberries. Add the flour and salt. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees F. (very low). Grease an 8x8-inch square baking dish and pour the cranberry batter into it. Cover loosely with foil. Place a rack in the middle of the oven and one below it. On the lower rack, place a cake pan filled with water. This will work to steam your pudding. Put the pan with the pudding in it on the middle rack. Steam for 3 hours. In the meantime, make the cream sauce by putting all the ingredients in a small heavy saucepan and bringing it slowly to a boil. Boil for only a few minutes. Serve warm over the cranberry pudding. This dessert is both sweet and tangy and very different.

Cream Puffs

- 1/2 cup real butter
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup boiling water
- Real whipped cream
- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- Custard, vanilla ice cream or pudding for filling

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Melt the butter in the boiling water. While still on the stove, add the flour

and salt, stirring vigorously. Keep cooking, stirring constantly, until the mixture forms a ball and does not separate. Remove from the heat and cool slightly. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating vigorously until smooth, after each addition. You can do this at low speed with an electric mixer if desired. Drop the dough by heaping spoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Make 10 piles and space them 3" apart. Bake for 15 minutes. Split the puffs by cutting the tops off and turn off the oven. Put the cream puffs back into the hot oven for another 20 minutes. This will crisp them up. Remove and cool on a rack. Fill with custard pudding, ice cream or whatever soft filling you like. Boxed pudding is just fine but real whipped cream is exceptional! To be extra fancy, drizzle with chocolate syrup before serving.

Pumpkin Fudge

- 2/3 cups evaporated milk
- 7 oz. marshmallow cream
- 2 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 tablespoons real butter
- 3/4 cup plain canned pumpkin
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon real vanilla extract

Line a 9-inch square baking pan with foil and set aside. In a large heavy saucepan, heat the milk and sugar over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Stir in the pumpkin puree and cinnamon (NOTE: be sure not to use pumpkin pie filling in this recipe; plain pumpkin puree). Bring the mixture back to a boil. Stir in the marshmallow cream and butter. Bring back to a rolling boil and cook, stirring occasionally, for 18 minutes. Watch that it doesn't scorch on the bottom of the pan. Remove from the heat and add the white chips and vanilla. Stir until creamy and all the chips are melted. Pour into the prepared pan. Cool then use the foil to remove the fudge from the pan. Cut into squares to serve.

Depending upon how much of the cooking you want to do, you can also ask guests to bring desserts. OR...make your table a cookie bar with only a variety of bars and cookies to enjoy. Serve coffee, hot tea or another non-sweet beverage...even milk. Life is sweet! And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



State 4-H Council members (from left) Hannah Lanphere, Kelsie Kinne and Cecilia Hill, along with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension education specialist, pose with food items donated for the MANNA food pantry in Worth County.

Iowa 4-H Council donates over 20,000 items in food drive effort

When Iowa's State 4-H Council members began their statewide food drive, their original goal was to collect 10,000 nonperishable food items. However, Iowans across the state helped the group more than double their goal by collecting and donating 21,771 food items in seven weeks. The food items will be donated to local food pantries, churches and places in need during this holiday season.

This statewide food drive was initiated and facilitated by all 40 members of the State 4-H Council, including Worth County's four council members, from November 2 through December 18, said Haley Jones, 4-H youth program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The youth council members used their communication and leadership skills to engage all 100 ISU Extension and Outreach county offices across the state in the effort.

Austen David, state council member from Taylor County, took the food drive effort to her local school. "Taking the food drive effort to the school was the perfect opportunity to educate and make known the large need for donated food in our town. Our elementary school had a 'tallest tree challenge.' It provided friendly competition, holiday spirit and knowledge of the need. This went over very well, and the students were very involved,"

David said. Council members wanted to ensure that local food pantries were full during the holiday season. According to Feeding America, one in seven children in Iowa struggle with hunger.

Smaller neighborhoods, such as the Farmington community in southeast Iowa, benefited from this food drive effort.

"The 4-H food drive has increased awareness of the need to support food pantries in our area. The Van Buren County donations went to the Farmington Food Pantry, which has seen a large increase in usage this year. They served 105 families for Thanksgiving and just this past week they served 52 families. I am impressed that the small population of our county could come together and donate over 1,000 items for the 4-H food drive," stated Josiah Westercamp, council member from Van Buren County.

Through promotional videos, social media posts and word of mouth, council members worked with county extension staff to engage their communities in this effort. Weekly food totals from counties were recorded by council members throughout the seven-week initiative.

"When you advocate for an initiative, see it happen and successfully meet your goal, you can't help but feel a sense of achievement within your team," said Holly Schmitt, council

member from Winneshiek County. "The food drive has given our state council a sense of purpose in the state and it has given individual members opportunities to grow in their marketing, communication and leadership skills. This initiative has also helped each council member see the needs their communities have, whether that be in food donations or other acts of service, helping our group of 4-H'ers to create a lasting impact in our clubs, communities, country and world."

Locally, Worth County 4-H Council members made contacts throughout the community and were happy with the response they got, more than meeting their goals early in the drive. The food they received was donated to the MANNA food pantry.

Iowa's State 4-H Council is a group of 40 energetic and positive high school 4-H students who serve as ambassadors for the Iowa 4-H program, Jones said. Council members also plan the annual Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and 4-H'ers for 4-H campaign, participate in professional development opportunities and gain valuable leadership and communication skills through quarterly retreats.

More information about the State 4-H Council or the Iowa 4-H program is available by visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.

Bolan

The Village of Bolan is lit up for Christmas from one end of Tulip Lane (main street) to the other. The big tree by the Trinity UMC has Christmas lights all the way to the top. It is worth your time to come and check out Bolan lights.

Bells were ringing in Bolan at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Trinity Church bell was rung. That was joined by the two bells on the train in the park. The bell at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center

joined in and a "cow" bell was added from across the street. It was a very special musical sound ringing in Christmas Eve. I am sure other bells around Worth County were ringing also.

Joe and Linda Nydegger hosted family members for a meal after the bell ringing in Bolan and also on Christmas Day.

On Saturday morning 11 people of the Bolan Trinity UM Church family gathered for social

distancing at church to rehearse the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It took about three runs through the song before it was ready to tape for the Sunday, December 27, church service at Bethel UMC. During the service after the song was presented Pastor Cory shared what each of the "gifts" the true love gave stood for. You would be able to check this out on the Bethel of Manly website, Facebook or Youtube.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.



Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

How was your Christmas?

It was wonderful. I got everything I wanted. It makes me think.

About how lucky you are?

No, it makes me think I should have asked for more.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Hindsight is 2020. I try to have pinch-me dreams where COVID-19 is a Chevrolet model sold only in other countries. Nobody told us there'd be days like this and I'm trying not to take 2020 and its rough spots personally. I didn't get a wreath of Franklin (a Christmas wreath made of \$100 bills) as a Christmas gift but there were many things during 2020 I was thankful for. No one likes masks, but I'm happy I remember to wear one. I'm pleased that eggnog and McRib come but once a year. I lost people who were important to me, but I'm grateful I knew them. I've learned every customer of this column is an essential person. I saw a rare celestial event, the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. I couldn't have waited another 60 years before seeing it. It's good to know I can see 550 million to 1 billion miles. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is a lovely song but I wanted to say "duh" each time I heard it. I listened to Porky Pig singing "Blue Christmas" and realized he was the Elvis Presley of farm animals.

Reading and

listening at Christmas

I reread "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee and "O Pioneers!" by Willa Cather. I enjoyed them again. I recalled my first visit to Florida eons ago. I stayed in a room that had the smell of a microwaved, sweat sock. A sign claimed the motel had "Reasonable rats." Someone had stolen the "e" from "rates" or it had been truth in advertising. The lodging came with Thomas Jefferson's favorite bird, a mockingbird. The one stationed outside my Florida room sang loud, hopeful sounds in a spirited attempt to attract a female. It sang all night. I put wet tissue paper in my ears to sleep. I wanted to gather up aggravating noisemakers to use near the mocker's napping place as I organized an endless parade featuring fireworks and bad bands. But despite the lack of sleep, I enjoyed the mockingbird's company.

Cather reminded me that people always think the bread of another country is better than that of their own.

I also read "Janesville: An American Story" by Amy Goldstein. It told the story of a Wisconsin city after its General Motors assembly plant closed. Some workers transferred to a GM plant in Fort Wayne and stayed in Indiana during the week before rushing home on weekends. Three were in a car traveling the 280 miles home when one asked, "Think we'll get lucky and get a double raccoon tonight?" One night, they had hit two raccoons. As many road-killed raccoons as I see, that can't be an odd occurrence.

I didn't watch a Christmas movie this yuletide, not even one of those where a suc-

cessful, handsome man or an attractive, successful woman returns to the hometown they'd discarded and discover Christmas. Instead, I listened to the late Fireside Al Maitland read "The Necklace," a short story by Guy de Maupassant that presents the power of perception and Frederick Forsyth's "The Shepherd," an imaginative ghost story on "As It Happens" from CBC radio.

Nature notes

The range of an eastern cottontail is about five acres (the size of four football fields).

Once settled into its winter home, the striped skunk becomes dormant but doesn't enter a full state of hibernation. Skunks enter torpor — a deep sleep from which they awaken occasionally. They may emerge briefly from their dens at any time.

I've been told when we hear a cardinal sing, our sadness will soon be lifted. And when we see a redbird in winter, we will prosper in spring. I've also heard that if a bird poops on you or anything you own, it foreshadows good luck.

Scientists once believed snowy owls came here because they were starving in the Arctic, having exhausted the supply of lemmings, their primary prey item. However, many of the travelers are relatively healthy and well-fed. Their visits may indicate it was a boom year for the birds and their population was so high they couldn't all stay in the Arctic. The owls move for food availability or due to population density.

Meeting adjourned

Tidings of comfort and joy to those good folks who work in grocery stores. They are heroes.

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Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Rev. Gary Lee

Rev. Gary K. Lee, 80, of Decorah, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, December 17, 2020, at Wellington Place.

Memorial services will be held on July 17, 2021, at First Lutheran Church in Decorah. Burial will be the afternoon of July 17 at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood, Iowa.

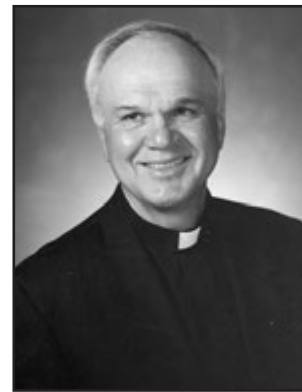
Gary Kent Lee was born on March 27, 1940, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, the son of Sophus Walter and Adelyne (Miller) Lee. He was baptized by Rev. A.J. Gravdal at Milnor Lutheran Church, Milnor, North Dakota. He was confirmed by Rev. Oscar Mikkelsen at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa.

Gary excelled in music, sports and academics. He graduated from Northwood High School in 1958.

He knew from an early age that he wanted to pursue the ministry in the Lutheran church. Gary chose to attend St. Olaf College. In his freshman year at St. Olaf, he toured as a vocal soloist with the St. Olaf Band. In his sophomore year he transferred to Luther College, where he sang in the Nordic Choir under Weston Noble for three years. He graduated with a major in Classics in 1962.

Gary met Geraldine Freeman while at Luther College and for six weeks was too nervous to ask her out. Finally his roommate, Jerry Lerum, called Gerry and posed as Gary to get him a date. All worked out and Gary and Gerry were married on July 28, 1962, at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota, by the Reverend Paul Hanson.

Gary attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, graduating in 1966. He served his internship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. In 1966 he was ordained at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa, and



REV. GARY LEE

he took his first call to Williams Bay Lutheran Church in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Gary was their first full-time minister, and the church grew strong and remains an active and vibrant congregation today. He was very proud of the church and was happy to have been a part of their history. He was also a Contact Chaplain at Walworth Correctional Center.

In 1973 Gary, Gerry and their children moved to Cresco, Iowa, to take a call at First Lutheran Church. He was passionate about preaching and knowing the congregation.

While in Cresco Gary supervised 33 interns from various seminaries. He saw the internship program as a means for him to contribute to the wider Lutheran church. During his time in Cresco, he also served on the library board, started the Howard County Substance Abuse Council and served on the Peace and Reconciliation Task Force for the Northeast Iowa Synod. He continued as pastor at Cresco until his retirement in 2005.

In January of 2005 he received the Faithfulness in Ministry award from Luther Seminary. In their remarks about the award, the seminary said, "In his 32 years at First Lutheran Church, Lee has built a reputation as a gifted preacher, an insightful theologian, a compassionate counselor and an innovative leader. But his dedication to training future leaders of the church has left perhaps the greatest legacy. First's reputation as a top-notch internship site

has developed because of Lee's belief that interns should have a full pastoral experience—teaching, preaching, visitation and collegial reflection."

In 2000, Gary and Gerry bought their first home in Decorah, Iowa. Gary continued to preach for surrounding congregations in northeast Iowa after retirement. He also served as a chaplain at Aase Haugen Rest Home in Decorah. Gary enjoyed being a part of the lives of all the congregations he served.

A highlight for Gary and Gerry was meeting Gary's "Lie" (Lee) Norwegian relatives for the first time while on a trip to Norway in August of 2007. Among all of the visits, they were able to stay on the original family farm.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Gerry; three children and seven grandchildren, Kent Lee (Denise), Nathaniel Lee, Joshua Lee (Lauren), Stephen Lee (Ann), Sophia Lee, Elijah Lee, Anne Hagen, Kajsa Hagen, Svea Hagen and Britta Hagen. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Marie Lee and Jane Freema, many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Gary loved his family deeply.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, John (Marie) and Bruce, and Gerry's parents, Leoan and Ernest Freeman, and in-laws, Wanette and Frank Bills, Virginia and Harley Sweep and John Freeman (Jane).

Memorials may be given in his name to the Building Fund of First Lutheran Church at 604 W. Broadway St., Decorah, IA 52101, or Luther College, c/o Development Office, 700 College Dr., Decorah, IA 52101, or to Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Fjelstul Funeral Home in Decorah is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.fjelstul.com

\$100,000 donation feeds 2,000 families this holiday season

Alliant Energy is helping to spread some extra holiday cheer to families through a new holiday food box program. With a \$100,000 donation from Alliant Energy, 2,000 food boxes were delivered to families across 14 communities in Iowa and Wisconsin — just in time for a special holiday meal.

"This year has been difficult for many families, and we want to do all we can to help especially during the holiday season," said Julie Bauer, Executive Director of the Alliant Energy Foundation. "On behalf of Alliant Energy and our employees, we're proud to provide meals from our families to yours. Guided by our purpose-driven strategy to serve customers and build stronger communities, we are partnering with local organizations to help fight hunger."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more people are visiting food pantries for the first time. According to Feeding America, more than 80 percent of food banks nationwide are serving more people than last year.

In Iowa, Alliant Energy is partnering with area Hy-Vee grocery stores to provide 1,000 food boxes for families in Burlington, Cedar Rapids/Marion, Clinton, Dubuque, Ottumwa, Marshalltown and Mason City. Four Oaks is distributing the boxes to families in their programs such as Total Child, family development and self-sufficiency, foster care and adoption, among others.

Hy-Vee provided the food to Alliant Energy at a discounted rate and assisted with assembling the food boxes. Each box also includes a gift certificate for fresh meat, seafood or dairy

products for each family to select at their local Hy-Vee.

"These holiday food boxes will shine a beacon of hope on those we serve," said Debbie Craig, Four Oaks Chief Advocacy Officer. "Thanks to the generosity of Alliant Energy, this partnership will show families they are not alone and help them see a way forward in these challenging times. Compassion and unity can be one of our greatest gifts during this joyous season."

In addition to the food boxes, families received a gift certificate to purchase meat from a local grocery store.

"We can't thank Alliant Energy enough for their continued support in ensuring that our neighbors don't go hungry. They have helped feed thousands of families in our community," said Patrick Boyle, Executive Director of the

Sheboygan County Food Bank. "Alliant Energy's efforts to help us meet the dramatic increase in demand for emergency food during this difficult time is even more appreciated. We will never forget the kindness, generosity and love that they continue to share with their neighbors."

In both states, the food boxes included items for a holiday meal such as potatoes, turkey gravy, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce and ingredients for sugar cookies. The boxes also contained shelf-stable food, including macaroni and cheese and cereal. Overall, nearly 90,000 pounds of food was provided.

As part of Alliant Energy's continued effort to fight hunger and support communities, the company also recently announced its annual Drive Out Hunger event generated \$385,000 to supply over 1 million

meals for local families. More information about Alliant Energy's Foundation is available

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Winter bird irruption

From the Iowa DNR Wildlife Diversity News

You've probably heard of a volcanic eruption, but have you heard of a bird irruption?

Opposite to an eruption, a sudden outbreak, an irruption is a sudden or forceful entry. When we talk about birds irrupting in North America, we are often talking about birds from the boreal forest or tundra in the North, suddenly appearing in high numbers farther south into the United States. Bird irruptions often take place in fall and winter, and are caused by a lack of food resources in the North. Irruptions of winter finches are often associated with low production years of pine and spruce cones across Canada. Irruptions of Snowy Owls occur when rodent prey, especially lemmings and voles, are in short supply. High and low years of resources occur in cycles, and therefore so do winter bird irruptions, and this year, many winter bird species are

irrupting across the United States, including in Iowa.

Opposite to an eruption, a sudden outbreak, an irruption is a sudden or forceful entry.

In late August, the first irrupting species arrived, with many people reporting Red-breasted Nuthatches throughout the state and the region. Although this species is seen in Iowa most winters, the number of Red-breasted Nuthatches in the state this fall and winter has been higher than usual. Low cone crops in the eastern boreal forest caused this species to move south looking for food. I found my first Red-breasted Nuthatch on August 18th and have heard and seen them regularly since.

The next species to arrive was the Pine Siskin. This species is seen in Iowa in low numbers every winter, but Pine Siskins have been reported a bit more often this year. I found my first pine siskin on October 3rd and have been hearing regular reports

at feeders since. Pine siskins also rely on cone crops in the boreal forest, and good cone numbers in western Canada are keeping many pine siskins there this winter.

The showiest irrupting bird to visit Iowa this year was the brilliant yellow Evening Grosbeak. This species is an extra special treat because it does not visit Iowa every winter. The population of Evening Grosbeaks in Eastern Canada has been increasing over the last few years because of high rates of spruce budworm, which they eat in summer. A larger population experiences increased competition for winter food (seeds and berries), especially in a year with low cone production, forcing Evening Grosbeaks to travel south to find food. Evening Grosbeaks were seen in small numbers across eastern and central Iowa, in late October and November 2020, and a few individuals have been reported into December.



Snowy owl Photo by Doug Harr. In past years, Iowa has seen larger numbers than expected of snowy owls.



Red-breasted Nuthatch by Ellen&Tony on Flickr



Evening Grosbeak. Photo by Tyler Harms. The showy Evening Grosbeak.



Pine Siskin photo by Stan Lupo Photography.



Red Crossbill photo by Diane Crookham-Johnson.

Although there are several other species that are considered irruptive in some years, like Common Redpoll and Purple Finch, the last species I'll highlight is the Snowy Owl. Although this year does not appear to be a Snowy Owl irruption year, several Snowy Owls has been seen in Iowa so far this winter. When snowy owls do irrupt, they are often found in wide open spaces like harvested fields and airports,

which are similar to the barren Tundra habitat they use for breeding.

Although there are fewer bird species present in winter, interesting and unusual birds can be seen in Iowa all year! Keep an eye out this winter for irrupting finches, especially at pine and spruce trees with lots of cones, and bird feeders with black oil sunflower or thistle seeds.

Stay safe as Iowa lakes freeze over

The recent blast of arctic air is growing ice on lakes and ponds over much of Iowa. Anglers are ready to get out for the popular early ice fishing season.

"Many of us can't wait to get out on the ice each winter," said Joe Larscheid, chief of fisheries for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Ice

fishing is a fun, inexpensive activity for anglers of all ages to get outdoors and avoid cabin fever."

The DNR recommends a minimum of four inches of clear ice for fishing and at least five inches for snowmobiles and ATVs.

"Check ice thickness as you make your way to your favorite fishing spot," Larscheid said.

"Ice conditions change constantly and its thickness can vary across the lake. Trust your instincts - if the ice does not look right, don't go out."

Early ice offers an excellent chance for success. If fish are finicky, cut a series of holes and spend 15 minutes at each hole. Use small baits and light line.

Safety tips on the ice:

- No ice is 100 percent safe.
- New ice is usually stronger than old ice.
- Don't go out alone - if the worst should happen, someone will be there to call for help or to help rescue.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you will return.

• Check ice thickness as you go out - there could be pockets of thin ice or places where ice recently formed.

• Avoid off-colored snow or ice. It is usually a sign of weakness.

• The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process.

• Bring along these basic items to help

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Supervisors

December 21, 2020 Fifty-second 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 December 21, 2020 agenda.
 Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the December 14, 2020 board minutes.
 Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$7,688.00 as per the following schedule:
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD11/ Main A, Prof Services
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD13/ Lat 3 Ditch, Prof Services.....\$78.00
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD13/ Lat 3 Ditch, Prof Services.....\$1,264.00
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD34/ Main E, Prof Services\$650.00
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD49, Prof Services.....\$200.00
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD24, Prof Services.....\$875.00
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD37, Prof Services.....\$400.00
 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD21/ West Main, Prof Services.....\$418.50
 Patrick Maher, DD6, Beaver Removal.....\$100.00
 Patrick Maher, DD46, Beaver Removal.....\$150.00
 Mark Eilertson, DD5, Beaver Removal.....\$50.00
 Grand Total.....\$7,688.00
 Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the auditor's quarterly report.
 Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:07 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, December 28, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.
 Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
 Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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Keep Iowa Beautiful to award scholarships

Keep Iowa Beautiful (KIB) will award three \$1,000 scholarships to Iowa high school seniors in 2021 who plan to enroll in an Iowa college or university.

The scholarships are in honor of three pioneers in Keep Iowa Beautiful's 20-year history:

Bob Byers--Educator. Through Bob's leadership, KIB's Litter-Free School Campus program was started in NW Iowa. His dedication to young people and environmental concerns was a driving force encouraging young people to help improve their community.

William Fultz-KIB Founding Board Member and artist. Bill started an advertising agency that became the largest agricultural advertising agency in the world.

Gerald Schnepf-KIB Founding Executive Director. Gerry's career spanned 50 years of making Iowa a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The Byers scholarship is supporting high school students who plan to enroll and study environmental science, community development, landscape architecture or architecture (historical empha-

sis) or community planning and sustainability.

The Schnepf scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has a record of community service and a desire to continue to support and contribute to the enhancement of the place they live and work. College programs could include community & regional planning and volunteer management.

The Fultz scholarship will be awarded to a senior planning on studying communications, public relations and/or marketing.

"KIB seeks to foster positive values in younger generations and reinforce them in older generations. We encourage respect for home, neighborhood, community and state," said Kevin Techau, Keep Iowa Beautiful Executive Director.

Since the founding of the scholarship program, Keep Iowa Beautiful has awarded \$48,000 to 58 students. Applications are due February 12, 2021, with notification in March.

Those that would like more information or an application may go online to keepiowa-beautiful.org/grants-awards/scholarship.



Making it merrier

Modern Gardens Floral and Gifts in Northwood provided a truly unique gift option for kids before Christmas, providing a station where they could assemble their own bouquets for the special people in their lives. Pictured above are Zander and Keeghan Severson with their aunt, Jordan Smalley, as they prepare gifts for their mom and grandma.



Contest Rules:

1. First baby must be born to parents of the Northwood-Kensett School District.
2. Exact time of birth must be specified on statement signed by physician.
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