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Old man winter visits again

This past Monday, northern Iowa had another visit from old man winter. With the temperatures being in the 60's last week, who would have thought this snow would have hit the area. What a surprise it was!

Woman dies after leaving road north of viaduct

A Northwood woman lost her life on Friday night when her vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a building.

According to an Iowa State Patrol report, Michelle Marie Runde, 37, was traveling north on Eighth Street North/ Highway 65 in Northwood, over the viaduct, at around 9:30 p.m., when her vehicle left the road, traveling through a field and ending up in a machine shed.

According to the report, Runde was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. She was pronounced

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Carpenter's 150th events kick off Saturday

The community of Carpenter is preparing to kick off its celebration of 150 years with events that start this weekend and continue into the summer.

Carpenter will kick off its sesquicentennial celebration this Saturday during its Spring celebration.

Doors open at the Carpenter Community Center this Saturday, March 20, at 5 p.m.

There will be a pulled pork meal, available with a free will donation.

At 7 p.m., those interested in participating in a sesquicentennial beard contest will be able to sign up for a clean shave start to the contest. Those taking part will be invited to let their beards grow until the big Sesquicentennial celebration planned for August 20-22, when the winners of several categories will be decided.

Saturday's Spring celebration will end with a performance by Bad Habits. They will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight.

T-shirts will also be available commemorating Carpenter's 150th. They will be available on Saturday, or are available by contacting the Carpenter Community Center Facebook page.

As August's events approach, organizers are inviting those with family that might have pictures of previous town celebrations to share them on or message them to the Facebook page.

Updates on upcoming sesquicentennial events and activities can be found on the Facebook and will be shared in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal.

Voters choose District 2 supervisor Tuesday

A special election will be held this Tuesday, March 23, to decide who will fill the District 2 supervisor seat.

The seat was vacated on January 12, when Gary Hanson, elected in November 2020, was unable to take the oath of office.

Incumbent supervisor Mark Smeby was appointed to the position after it was vacated.

Smeby's appointment was necessary to certify the results of the January 19 election to fill the vacant District 3 supervisor position. If the election results weren't made official and the District 2 seat remained vacant, the County would have one sitting supervisor, unable to take any action for a lack of a majority of the three person board.

Following Smeby's appoint-

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Lutheran Retirement Home updates visitor guidelines

On Monday, the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood announced that it had adopted the recently updated federal guidelines for visitors.

Scheduling visits in advance is no longer required.

Any resident that is not in quarantine may have visitors in their room or outside. Visitors must remain in the resident's room unless walking to or from the main entrance. Social distancing must be observed from all staff and other residents.

Visitors must be screened for health concerns at the front entrance before being allowed inside. They will not be allowed inside if they don't pass.

Visitors must wear masks at

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CDC issues guidance for those that have been vaccinated

Last week, the CDC issued its guidelines for those that have been vaccinated and how their interactions can change while some precautions should remain the same.

The CDC guidance, "When You've Been Fully Vaccinated," starts with timelines for when people can count themselves amongst those that have been fully vaccinated.

People are fully vaccinated two weeks after they've had the second of a two dose vaccine or two weeks after a single dose vaccine.

Only after that additional two weeks after a full vaccine series can people begin to relax

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Looking back at COVID-19's initial impacts

By Kris Kenison

It seems hard to believe, but it was one year ago that COVID-19 made a swift shift from a distant threat to a sobering reality.

The timeline of news stories in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal demonstrates how quickly what was known and expected of the virus changed in the first weeks and months of the pandemic.

The first mention of the coronavirus in the Anchor appeared in the February 19 issue. At the time, it was still something that was happening somewhere else and was not a real concern at home, so much so that coverage was relegated to page 11 (or 3B) of that week's paper.

The headline read "IDPH says coronavirus risk is low for Iowans." At that point, the Iowa Department of Public Health was quieting fears of the virus' potential presence in the state, as no cases had been identified in Iowa.

The story shared information about the ban and surveillance of travelers from China and IDPH asking those traveling from China to quarantine, cover their mouth when coughing and take other now standard health measures.

At that time hand washing, avoiding touching one's face, staying home when sick, covering the mouth with the upper arm and cleaning surfaces were recommended. The use of face masks was not.

Two weeks later, in the March 4 Anchor, recommendations remained the same, and no Iowan had been identified to have COVID-19. However, the IDPH had begun encouraging Iowans to prepare for COVID-19 to arrive, urging the same actions as those preparing for severe weather.

A message from Worth County Public Health in the March 11 Anchor advised that COVID-19 had entered the phase of "community spread," the point at which it could no longer be traced solely to people traveling overseas. WCPH also advised that people should have a 30-90 day supply of medications available.

In that same issue, IDPH had expanded quarantine and health advisories to travelers from five additional countries.

The same issue detailed how the stigma of a distant connection to COVID-19 contact had negatively impacted business.

One week later, a front page picture showed the lighted sign trailer at the Worth County courthouse.

Community spread had begun in Iowa.

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds ordered the closing of Iowa schools on March 14, for four weeks as many returned from travels on spring break. On April 17 schools were officially



closed for the rest of the school year.

Locally, the quick shift in tone and government action impacted two groups of young people and chaperones returning from the Worth County 4-H to Washington, D.C., and the Northwood-Kensett Spanish class' trip to Spain. The latter cut its trip short as European travel was banned.

Local governments and services closed their doors to the public. Events and gatherings were cancelled abruptly. Other businesses and public services adapted as they were

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. March 9	57	30	
Wed. March 10	63	45	.39
Thurs. March 11	62	31	.03
Fri. March 12	46	26	
Sat. March 13	45	25	
Sun. March 14	55	25	
Mon. March 15	44	27	.39

N-K Vikings receive recognition — See Sports Page 5

Pi Day at N-K

The Northwood-Kensett Math Club takes time to celebrate the school's academic achievements each year as they celebrate Pi Day. The day is so named for its connection to the number pi, whose first three digits are 3.14, and so March 14 is the date of the celebration. As they would be on spring break on Pi Day, the club celebrated on March 11 instead. That included a recognition of academic activities at the school. The Pi Day assembly also recognized the pi recital schools of students and included an auction of pies. Two students also got to put a pie in the face of teachers.



There were 30 pies to bid on in the Pi Day pie auction. The auction raised $588.20 for the Math Club's graphing calculator scholarships.





Raffle tickets were sold to students for $1 a ticket at the chance to pie a teacher. Twenty staff members were willing to take a chance at being randomly drawn to get a pie in the face. Social Studies teacher Mr. Capitani was pied by middle schooler Emersyn Wahl. Math teacher Mr. Abbas was pied by high schooler Thomas Rodemeyer. By all accounts, it was the highlight of the pep rally.



Seen here are the winners of the Pi Reciting Contest winners. A new record was set by Sydney Welch, with 188 digits. Pictured are (from left) high school winners Josiah Kliment, with 47 digits and Welch, and middle school winners Weston Willand with 27 and Gabriel Thompson with 7.



Linca Scarlett proudly shows the mini-strawberry pie Mrs. Willert made and that he bought.

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all times, while in the building and in the resident's room.

There can be two visitors per resident at a time. Children may visit, but only if closely supervised and only if they wear a mask.

Residents that have been vaccinated against COVID-19 may choose to visit with hugs, hand holding, etc., as long as the visitor is wearing a mask and has disinfected their hands before the visit.

The updated rules are subject to change based on federal guidance, COVID-19 outbreaks or county positivity rages.

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some of the prevention measures, as advised by the CDC.

"Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic."

Those that have been fully vaccinated can gather indoors with other people that have been vaccinated without wearing a mask.

They can also gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household without masks, unless they would be visiting someone with increased risk of COVID-19 complications.

Those that are fully vaccinated that have been around someone with COVID-19 do not need to stay away from others or get tested, unless they develop symptoms.

The latter change does not apply to those that live in a group setting, like a correctional facility or group home. They still need to stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even without symptoms.

What hasn't changed for those that are fully vaccinated is steps recommended for interactions with others who haven't or may not have been vaccinated. This includes visiting public spaces, gatherings with anyone that might be unvaccinated from more than one household and interacting with anyone that is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19.

In those cases, the CDC still recommends wearing a mask, keeping a distance of six feet and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

In the guidance, the CDC also acknowledges what is known and unknown about certain aspects of COVID-19 vaccination.

It is known that the vaccines are effective against preventing the COVID-19 disease, especially sever symptoms and death. However, it is not know how effective the vaccines are against variants of the virus that have been found throughout the world.

The CDC also knows that other prevention steps help stop the spread, but they don't know how well a vaccine keeps a person from spreading COVID-19. Early data suggest that the vaccine may have some impact on how the virus spreads.

The CDC is also still learning how long vaccines are effective in protecting people.

Until these answers are available, everyone, including those vaccinated, is still urged to observe social distancing, wear masks, avoid gatherings and wash hands and take other hygiene measures frequently.

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dead at the scene.

The Iowa State Patrol was assisted by the Worth County Sheriff's Office, Northwood Volunteer Fire Company and Mason City Fire Department.

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ment, the public, per Iowa code, filed a petition to request that an election was held to fill the position.

That election will be held this Tuesday, March 23.

Appearing on ballots will be Tom Dakin, of Kensett, representing the Democratic Party; incumbent Mark Smeby, Joice, representing the Republican Party; Dean Mueller, Northwood; and Brian Nelson, Northwood.

Those living in District 2 will vote in this election. District 2 consists of the cities of Fertile, Hanlontown, Joice and Kensett; and the townships of Bristol, Brookfield, Danville, Fertile, Kensett, Silver Lake and Fertile.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

Voters may request and vote ballots at the auditor's office until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 22.

Carpenter's 150th Kick-Off
Spring Celebration
Saturday, March 20
Carpenter Community Center
The Band BAD HABITS starts at 8 p.m.
BBQ Pork Meal 5 p.m.
Free-Will Donation
Participants wishing to enter the Beard Contest in August are asked to come at 7 p.m. for a shave.
For more information watch the Carpenter Community Center Facebook page

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Pictured are the newly inducted and current members of Northwood-Kensett's National Honor Society chapter.

N-K National Honor Society inducts 24 in 2021

Last week, 24 students at Northwood-Kensett High School were inducted and granted membership in the National Honor Society in a ceremony held on March 7.

A faculty council selects members for meeting high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The inductees joined the current members in the National Honor Society Pledge:

"I pledge to maintain my high scholastic standing

"To hold as fundamental and worthy

"An untarnished character

"To endeavor intelligently and courageously

"To be a leader

"And to give of myself freely in service to others

"In so doing, I shall prove myself worthy

"Of a place in the National Honor Society"

Students inducted at the ceremony were Briar Anderson, Addyson Bachtle, Marli Backhaus, Jadyn Beland, Madelyn Berge, Grady Buenzow, Thomas Block, Andrew Breitsprecher, Emma Davidson, Alexis Hakes, Carly Hengesteg, Rachel Hill, Isabella Hoch, Teagan Johnson, Josiah Kliment, Ryder Lestrud, Dalton Logeman, Emma Logeman, Hayden Moore, Carter Severson, Mason Thofson, Drake Tiedemann, Hayley Wallin and Wyatt Willand.

Existing National Honor Society members at N-K include Ruthie Conlin, Bella Efflandt, Austin Foss, Nathan Hannemann, Brylee Hoeppner, Kael Julseth, Evelyn Ocel, Kayla Senne, Olivia Stilley, Hallie Varner and Sydney Welch.

The induction ceremony featured Jared Barnes, N-K instrumental music teacher, as the guest speaker. NHS officers, including president Nathan Hannemann, vice-president Ruthie Conlin and secretary Olivia Stilley, led the induction ceremony. Language arts teacher and NHS advisor Alison Clark opened and closed the induction program.

The Northwood-Kensett High School Chapter has been active since November 1960.

The group's purpose is to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools."

National Honor Society is a prime organization created to recognize high school students that are exceptional. The students selected demonstrate a distinction in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Today, National Honor Society chapters can be found all over the United States, with an estimated participation level of above one million students.



Pictured are (from left) NHS officers that led the induction ceremony last week, including secretary Olivia Stilley, vice-president Ruthie Conlin and president Nathan Hannemann and the program's speaker, Jared Barnes, N-K instrumental music teacher.

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able.

The next week's Anchor shared the news of the latest orders from Governor Reynolds, as many businesses had to close and restaurants could only offer carry out or delivery.

Local governments began to adapt, with remote meetings to keep those involved, and the public safe in the process. For many, those alternatives remain in place, as others have changed slightly, with safety measures updated over the past 12 months.

The schools solidified procedures for the rest of the school year as teachers adapted online learning options or sent materials home. Meals were made available, delivered by drivers who no longer had daily routes to pick up students and nutrition staff who could no longer serve at the lunch line.

Meanwhile, residents of Worth County had to adapt to an unusual way of life. For safety, they could no longer gather around a cup of coffee at their spot of choice. They couldn't share the peace or gather after church. They could no longer gather at the fundraisers, meals and other social events that make North Iowa truly special.

But they found other ways to let each other know that they were there. Staring back from many windows were teddy bears. Others had special decorations, greeting neighbors and thanking essential workers for their service.

Instead of birthday parties, many celebrated with a parade of honking and waving well-wishers driving by their homes.

On April 7, the first COVID-19 case was identified in Worth County. Many knew it was coming, but it officially hit home that day and has continued as the number increased.

Of course, in the ensuing months, masks, social distancing and safety precautions have become another facet of daily life. They don't go unnoticed, but they are accepted as a reality, as health officials continue to advise that these essential efforts continue to be necessary to protect the health and safety of ourselves, our families, our neighbors and our community.

And more and more we hear of friends and neighbors who have either had COVID-19 or have been vaccinated against the virus.

Since April 7, 707 have tested positive in Worth County, as of March 12. Since mid-December, 2,430 doses of COVID vaccine have been administered to Worth residents. And eight of our Worth County neighbors have been lost to COVID-19.

It has been a year since COVID-19 became a significant impact on life in Worth County, but more and more the worrying numbers and scary scenarios are being matched or replaced with hopeful developments and signs that we may be getting closer to normal, even if social distancing, masks and other safety measures remain normal for now, for the safety of our neighbors and our community.



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Lions seeks support for holiday park project

Over the course of several years, Northwood's Swensrud Park has become an increasingly illuminated display of the holiday spirit as the season arrives. One Northwood service group recently approached the Northwood city council about working to provide a way for others to contribute.

At the council's regular meeting on March 8, Bob Perry and Norlyn Stowell presented a project that the Northwood Lions Club hopes to pursue.

As they explained, the club wants to add more electrical access points around the park.

Once in place, they plan to invite businesses, community groups, families and anyone else interested to set up their own holiday displays. The goal is to make Swensrud Park a destination for people to drive through and see the variety of decorations on display.

The Lions would look at collecting donations from visitors, which would in turn be used to support the Lions' service efforts.

The Lions plan to raise funds to cover the costs of the project's development. The City would only be asked to cover the cost of electricity once the holiday displays are added to the park.

Perry and Stowell were at the meeting to make sure the council was OK with the project, before the club begins raising funds for the project.

The council members shared their enthusiasm and gave their support for the Lions Club's efforts.



On the road for POPS LIII

Northwood-Kensett students continued the tradition of the annual music and variety show with POPS LIII. The annual event gives student performers a chance to show off their talents and have some fun by sharing songs and skits. The show returned with one difference. The students and their audience wore masks, only removing them to appear in the pictures seen here. The theme of POPS 53 was "Road Trip." Songs performed included "A Thousand Miles," "Life is a Highway," "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)," "Hit the Road Jack" and more.

Shell Rock River Watershed planning begins

Local governments whose borders include or who are impacted by the Shell Rock River were recently contacted about joining the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition. The coalition would be formed to provide local governments opportunities to pool resources to address flood risk and water quality needs.

The watershed's jurisdiction would include a portion of rural Worth County, as well as the cities of Grafton, Kensett, Manly and Northwood.

Beyond Worth County, the watershed starts at the Minnesota border and continues southeast, including portions of Black Hawk, Bremer, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd and Mitchell counties and the cities of Clarksville, Dougherty, Greene, Marble Rock, Nora Springs, Plymouth, Rock Falls, Rockford, Roseville, Rudd and Shell Rock.

The coalition would be formed under state code that allows cities, counties and soil and water conservation districts to combine their resources to support watershed planning and improvements.

Duties of a watershed coalition, per Iowa code, may include assessing and improving flood risks and water quality; monitoring federal activities that may impact flood risk planning and activities; educating residents of the area about water quality and flood risks; and providing funds for water quality and flood mitigation.

According to watershed formation documents, other sources of funding for watershed activities may include grants, donations, gifts and similar sources.

The coalition will be managed by a board that includes representatives from each participating city, county and district in the watershed.

Cities, counties and conservation districts that were interested in participating were asked to signal their intent by March 1.







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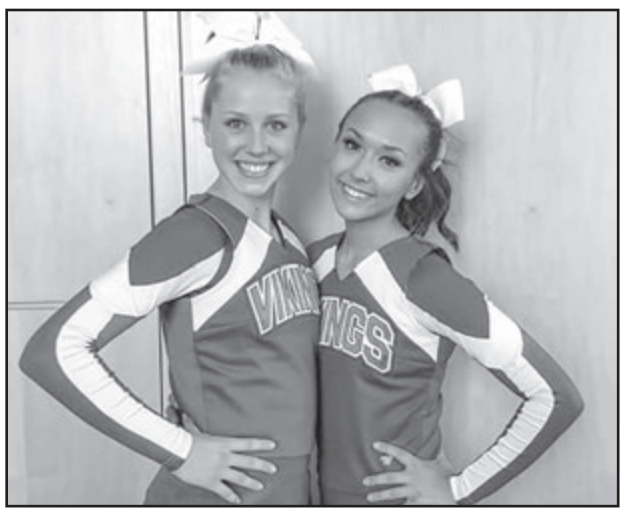
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N-K's all-state cheerleaders Lindsey Moore and Jozalyn Munson.



N-K's all-state cheerleaders Jozalyn Munson and Lindsey Moore pose with the all-state cheerleading team at the state basketball tournament held in Des Moines.

N-K's Munson and Moore make all-state cheerleading team

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

It's really a shame that COVID 19 kept many fans away from this winters sports season. And while you could log into the internet to watch most any game you pleased, one thing you couldn't get the feel for was the atmosphere in the gym, not over a computer monitor.

Who's responsible for that positive atmosphere at Northwood-Kensett ballgames you might ask, the easy answer is the schools always fabulous cheerleading squad, led by its longtime and universally well respected headcoach, Cindy Pangburn.

Once again, this year, despite the many hurdles that was placed on their participation, Pangburn and her cheerleaders out did themselves and are truly the best representatives the school could possibly ask for.

Coming from what is now a long line of past greats, two of this year's cheerleaders were selected for a special honor, the All-State Cheerleading Squad. Jozalyn Munson and Lindsey Moore tried out with over 200 other cheerleaders from around the state, kids from class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A schools all competing against one another for the honor of representing their schools on the all-state team.

Munson and Moore, who made the squad of just 38 cheerleaders from across the state, performed with their fellow teammates at the halftime of three boys semifinal games at Wells Fargo Arena during the state basketball tournament held in Des Moines.



Mallory Rheingans – Newcomer Award, Haddie Hanson – Coaches Award.

N-K's winter cheerleaders receive recognition for a job well done

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With the winter sports season now in the history books it's that time of year for the coaches to recognize those student athletes who went above and beyond the call of duty to make not just themselves better, but their fellow teammates as well.

With COVID 19 restrictions in place Northwood-Kensett didn't field a wrestling cheer squad this year but it did have one of the best basketball cheer squads in the conference and beyond.

Those receiving awards from their longtime coach, Cindy Pangburn were Mallory Rheingans – newcomer award, and Haddie hanson – coaches award.

Vikings receive post season honors

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys' basketball team handed out is annual awards last week while skipping the usual ceremonies because of COVID-19. Receiving postseason honors for the 7-13 Vikings this season were Caden Roberts – MVP, second team all-conference, Monte Sims – Newcomer Award, Kael Julseth – MVP, honorable mention all-conference and Jason Hanson – most improved.



Kael Julseth – MVP, Honorable Mention All-Conference.



Jason Hanson – Most Improved Award.



Caden Roberts – MVP, Second Team All-Conference.



Monte Sims – Newcomer Award.



Sydney Welch – Team First Award, Ruthie Conlin – Academic All-State Award, Carly Hengesteg – Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Lady Vikings receive postseason honors

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett girls' basketball team, who finished the 2020-21 season with a 6-15 overall record, held its annual awards banquet last week to celebrate those individuals who in one way or another stood out among the rest. Those receiving postseason honors include, Madalynn Hanson – Newcomer Award, Chloe Costello – Defensive Player of the Year, Emma Davidson – Leadership Award, Carly Hengesteg – MVP, Marli Backhaus – Most Improved Award.

A few of the Lady Vikings received recognition from the state and the other TIC East coaches, they include Sydney Welch who received the Team First Award, Ruthie Conlin who received the Academic All-State Award and Carly Hengesteg who was voted to the TIC East All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.

The Team First Award is presented from the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association and is awarded to a player that puts their team first despite any obstacles or hardships along the way.

"Sydney (Welch) always gave her all this year, in practice and on the court to get what playing time she could," said Lady Vikings headcoach Daryl Love. "She battled through her asthma, an ankle injury, a shoulder injury, a broken nose that will have to be surgically repaired, and finally a concussion that ultimately ended her senior season."



Emma Davidson – Leadership Award, Carly Hengesteg – MVP, Marli Backhaus – Most Improved Award.

Madalynn Hanson – Newcomer Award, Chloe Costello – Defensive Player of the Year Award.

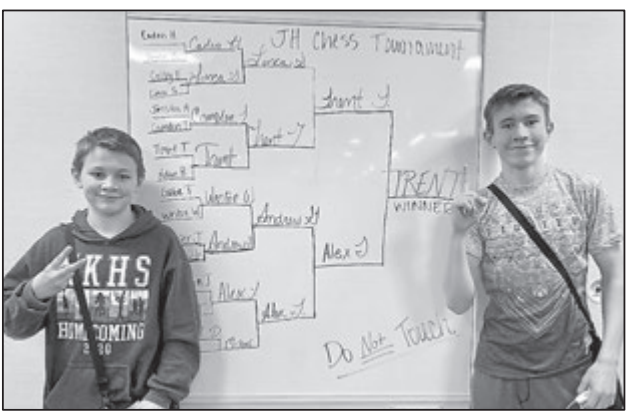
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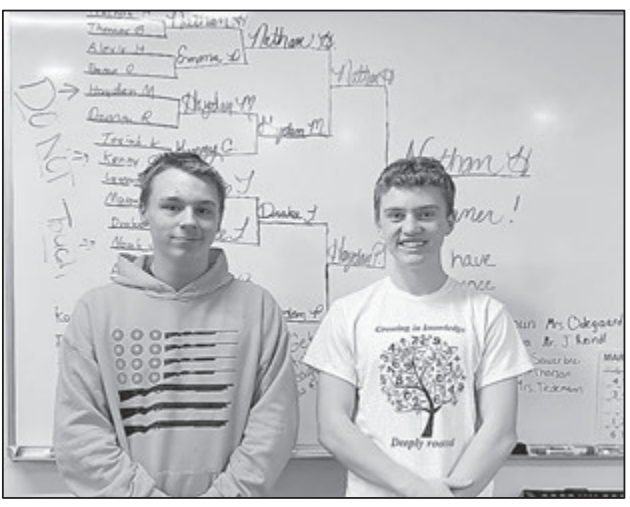
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As they were on their way to spring break, students at Northwood-Kensett finished the winter chess tournament. Pictured above are the middle and high school division winners. Seen at top are the middle school winners, Alex Tiedemann (left), who took second, and Trent Tiedemann, the middle school winner. Pictured below are the top high school finishers, Haydan Pestorious (left), who took second, and winner Nathan Hannemann.

North Iowa Orthopedics and Mason City Clinic welcome Allison Bitter

Allison's clinical specialties include fracture management; hip, knee and ankle pain; joint arthritis, steroid injections; and wrist, finger and elbow pain.

Allison received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at the University of Dubuque. She completed her undergraduate degree as a proud panther at the University of Northern Iowa.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, Allison chose to pursue a career in medicine because she's always been drawn to helping others. Orthopedics has become her specialty due to its hands-on nature. She enjoys the continual learning that accompanies working in the ever-changing world of medicine as it challenges her to never become complacent.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

What does IDK mean?

I don't know.

Nobody seems to know.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The much-dreaded spring ahead. Daylight saving time should direct timepieces to be changed to noon. Noon is a nice time. It's not too early and often involves food. I grew up with an outhouse. Between that facility and livestock, I noticed time changes more then. I wasn't always pleased with having to use an outdoor bathroom. In Haines, Alaska, a woman sat down to use an outhouse. You're seldom alone in an outhouse. If the weather was warm enough, ours entertained spiders. Mosquitoes, flies and mice were frequent visitors. One year, there was a skunk in our outhouse. That isn't a pleasant memory for me. The Alaskan woman hadn't sat for long when she felt a bite on her behind. She didn't know what had bitten her but she screamed anyway. That brought her brother to investigate. He aimed his headlamp into the hole and saw the face of a bear staring back at him. The man and the bear both left the scene. This account made me grateful we had a skunk and not a bear in our biffy.

I heard a fellow from West Virginia talk about cow tipping. Pushing over sleeping cows. Maybe cows are feeble in that fine state, but cows don't sleep standing up. Cow tipping is another snipe hunt. It's not part of the real world. Now outhouse tipping, that's a thing.

Relax the Kraken

Right before the world became digitalized, we flew out of MSP Airport and landed in Anchorage. We deplaned and moved to baggage claim. Those in my tour group were tired but excited. There were but a handful of bags on the carousel. The number refused to increase no matter how long we waited. When it became apparent no more bags were forthcoming, I, being the feckless leader, headed to the baggage office to speak with a customer representative. I needed to make a lost luggage claim for everyone's bag. There was a long line of unhappy people. They were venting their anger on a poor woman who had done nothing wrong. A bad day isn't improved by ruining someone else's day. I asked her what I should do. She told me that only one cart had been loaded, a plane would come later that day with our bags, and they would be delivered to our hotel in Wasilla. I informed my charges and sent them away on a deluxe tour bus. I'd wait for the luggage. The plane was late, but every bag arrived. I helped load them into a van, accompany them to Wasilla, and put them in storage at the hotel. I nearly got to bed before it was time for breakfast. I greeted everyone with, "Good morning." It was.

I've learned

Old socks make wonderful napkins when you're eating alone.

If I think I should know better, I already know better.

A woman asked if I'd give a eulogy for someone I'd never met. I wondered aloud if that would be a good idea. She said, "It's a great idea. You'll be unbiased."

Many useless things become antiques because they were seldom used.

If you buy a book on animal tracks, expect it to be filled with footnotes.

If you want to keep Bigfoot away, spread Legos all over your lawn.

Nature notes

Dennis Anderson of Hartland wondered why the number of patrons to his bird feeders had diminished. Kind weather allows birds to explore the landscape and its food sources. We're into the time of seasonal fluctuations and migrations. Birds may be as fickle as a bad prom date, but they'll be back.

Skunks, raccoons and opossums don't hibernate but hole up in sleeping places if the weather isn't good for foraging or courting.

Red-winged blackbird males returned to call on territory. "No, you shut up," they yell at the other males. The yard crows were indignant at the discovery of a great horned owl. Crows hate owls because owls love to eat crows. A pair of compact birds, white-breasted nuthatches, moved up, down and around a tree. I sometimes refer to one as a tree mouse. The male called what-what-what-what. The active and agile birds often start high in a tree and move down it headfirst, probing into bark crevices for food.

I heard the whinnying call of a woodpecker. It was a downy's utterance — descending at the end. The rattling call of the similar and larger hairy woodpecker doesn't descend in pitch at the end.

Meeting adjourned

Be kind. Jiggle the handle.

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Northwood Anchor **Church**

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Lenten Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m., Ruth Circle, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Outdoor Worship, 9 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Lenten Worship - Grace, 7 p.m.; Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast of Worship on 97.1 FM or Kensettia.com, Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon.
Pastor Tom Martin

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church
Swallow Coffeehouse, 10 a.m. - Noon; Thursday, Worth Brewing, 7 p.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

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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.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Lenten Services, 7 p.m.; Sunday - 9 a.m. worship, also available to watch live on the Facebook page; Wednesday - 5:45 p.m. Confirmation

Check with your local church about online services, updates and changes.

Where are you going?



Someone recently remarked, in jest, that he was going to Hell after telling a joke that was a bit indelicate, even if it wasn't exactly blasphemous. His remark got me thinking about the ultimate destination of our souls, and what we ought to think and profess about that. There are some who say we should profess a high degree of certainty about going to heaven, perhaps in the hope that believing it strongly enough might make it true, or perhaps just in the hope that we can raise the bar a bit on our morals by professing that we are future saints. St. Paul tells us that we are saved by faith rather than by works, but he is quick to add that we shouldn't boast. (Romans 3: 26-27) Who is so sure of their own faith, after all? Isn't it God's job to examine our hearts and decide whether we are going to heaven or not, and isn't the more humble approach to say that we just don't know, and should not presume to decide for God? It certainly isn't obvious that any of us deserves eternal bliss, or that our professions of faith will grant us instant entry into heaven. Since all have sinned and fallen short, perhaps the more honest and humble approach would be to say that we just don't know where we're going, but that we certainly hope we're going to heaven. – Christopher Simon

They have all fallen away; they are all alike depraved; there is none that does good, no, not one. – Psalm 53:3

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

A long-ago cookbook collector friend of mine, Lisa Watson, worked at the Flat River Community Library in Greenville, Michigan. Lisa was involved in the publishing of "The Overdue Cookbook...shhh!" (2004, Morris Press Cookbooks, Kearney, Nebraska). A clever idea this cookbook committee had was to contact famous authors (they are a library after all!) and ask each to submit a favorite recipe. I've included some recipes from authors as well as one from my friend, Lisa.

BLT Dip
Lisa Watson, library staff member

1 pound good bacon, crisp and crumbled
4 large ripe tomatoes, seeded and chopped
½ cup real sour cream, not low-fat or fat-free
2/3 cup real mayonnaise, not "miracle" salad dressing
Shredded lettuce for garnish
Cracker for dipping

Mix all the ingredient except the lettuce and crackers together in a large enough bowl to combine them gently but well. Put into a serving bowl, cover with plastic and refrigerate at least an hour before serving. Garnish the bowl of dip with the shredded lettuce and put more around the dish. Serve with the crackers.

Hot Chili Pasta
Lurlene McDaniels, young adult author, "Journey of Hope"

1 small yellow onion, chopped
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes (or more/less to taste)
1 large clove fresh garlic, finely minced
½ teaspoon chili powder (or more/less to taste)
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
4 oz. pasta "twists"
Grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

Heat a non-stick frying pan and coat it lightly with vegetable oil spray. Add the onion, red pepper flakes and garlic. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring often. Add the chili powder and tomato sauce. Cover and cook on low heat for 10 minutes. In the meantime, cook the pasta in salted water according to package directions. When al dente, quickly drain and add the sauce to the pan, tossing to cover. Sprinkle with cheese and serve. Makes 2 servings and is good with a tossed green salad.

Lunchtime Gloop
Steven King, horror author of many books

NOTE: this is an odd recipe but Mr. King declares that his children love it although his wife won't eat it or even look at it!

2 cans Franco American Spaghetti (without meatballs)
1 pound cheap, greasy ground beef

Brown the hamburger in a large skillet. Add the canned spaghetti and cook until heated through. Don't drain off the fat or it won't be greasy enough. If it burns to the bottom of the pan that's good; adds flavor! Serve with buttered Wonder Bread ®.

Rhubarb Marmalade
Janette Oke, inspirational author, "The Distant Beacon"

SANDY'S NOTE: a way to use some of that spring rhubarb you may have in the freezer.

6 quarts washed and chopped rhubarb
6 oranges, washed, with peel, cut into sections (remove seeds)
12 cups sugar

Mix the rhubarb and orange sections and process through a food grinder. Mix in the sugar. Cook slowly in a large, heavy kettle; it will make it's own juice. Cook until the desired consistency. Bottle in sterilized jars and seal.

Raspberry Brownies

4 oz. unsweetened baking chocolate
8 oz. unsalted real butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
2 cups sugar
4 large eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups chopped walnuts
1 cup raspberry jam

Melt the chocolate and butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and add the salt, vanilla and sugar. Mix well. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing after each addition. Add the flour and beat until smooth; a big wooden spoon is good for this. Stir in the walnuts and pour half of the batter into a greased 9x13-inch baking pan, smoothing the surface. Place the pan into the freezer for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the pan from the freezer and spread the raspberry jam over the frozen batter in a thin layer. Pour the remaining batter over the jam, spreading carefully to cover all the jam with batter. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until it tests done with a toothpick. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes before cutting. Cool completely before serving.

Lisa has the right idea for living the good life: reading and cooking. She earns a living working with books and enjoys her leisure time in the kitchen. What's not to love about that? And....that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Governor tours Timbers

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds paid a visit to Worth County last week. She traveled to Northwood to take a tour of Northwood's new event center, the Timbers. Reynolds talked with members of TUNE about the project's construction, from its humble beginnings as the former lumberyard to the focal point for community celebrations that it has become. Reynolds (right) is pictured above with Lt. Governor Adam Gregg as they talk with TUNE member Wendy Weisert and Scott Madson, who had the idea for the project.

Summer 2021 young naturalist programs to be offered

The Worth County Conservation is announces the 2021 summer programs. Young Naturalist program will run as usual for kids aged 8 – 12. This year we are also introducing a small series of youth programs for kids aged 13 – 18 as well as some family programs. Dates are as follows for each type of programming.

Spots are limited so reserve a spot now.

Youth Programs:

- Fishing: June 3 and June 10
- Hiking: June 24
- Boating: July 1 and 8

Family programming

- Family Fishing day: June 5 from 1-5 p.m. at Worth County Lake
- Star Party: June 24 from 9 – 10:30 p.m. Christianson – Taylor Wildlife Management Area
- Family Hiking: June 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Ochee Yahola Park
- Sunset paddle: July 6 and 13 from 9 – 10 p.m. at Kuennens Quarry

To reserve a spot contact Dakota at dakota.popp@worthcounty.org the office phone at 641-325-1524 or on Facebook at @worthcountyconservation.

State Treasurer awards college savings Iowa contribution to Worth County family

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald recently awarded a $529 College Savings Iowa contribution to the Krull family of Northwood. Two year-old Amelia was randomly drawn as the Worth County winner of the 2020 College Savings Iowa Year-End Giveaway.

"I'm happy to award this contribution as a way to help another family with their education savings journey," stated Fitzgerald. "College Savings Iowa giveaways are a great opportunity to reach individuals and families around the state and inform them about the benefits of saving with a 529 plan."

College Savings Iowa celebrated the year-end and gift-giving season with a giveaway in each of Iowa's 99 counties. The 99 county winners each received a $529 College Savings Iowa contribution, and one grand prize winner received a $1,529 College Savings Iowa contribution. "Nothing is better than giving 100 gifts to 100 families around the state," Fitzgerald said. "I'm optimistic these contributions will inspire our future generations to pursue their education and career aspirations."

College Savings Iowa is a 529 program that lets parents, grandparents, friends and relatives invest for education expenses on behalf of a future scholar. If an Iowa taxpayer is a College Savings Iowa account owner, they can deduct up to $3,474 in contributions per beneficiary account from their state taxable income in 2021.*

With funds and earnings from a College Savings Iowa account, families can pay for qualified expenses like tuition, room, board, books, supplies and more at any accredited program around the country.** The education institution does not have to be in Iowa and includes colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools, apprenticeship programs and more. College Savings Iowa holds over $5.9 billion in assets and more than $3.3 billion has been withdrawn for qualified education expenses.

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( ) Whine about them
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Vote TOM DAKIN
Democrat for Supervisor District 2
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Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club meet February 28

On Sunday, February 28 the Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club had their first in person meeting at Worth County Extension office.

We had elections for officers. The officers are Teagan Johnson as president, Justin Mills as vice president, Tyler Mills as treasure, Maya Johnson as reporter, Layla and Linca Scarlett as historians and Olivia Gentz as secretary.

Olivia Gentz and Hunter Janssen gave a presentation on resin. We all enjoyed making key chains.

Our next meeting will be on March 28 at the Extension office at 1 p.m. New members welcome.

Reporter - Maya Johnson

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have known Dean Mueller for many years. We first met when I was appointed to the Worth County conservation board in the early in 1994.He was an effective and intelligent as the director for the Worth County conservation board. During this time he was awarded numerus awards at the state level for excellence in his work, and retired as one of the top conservation board directors in the state of Iowa. Dean has spent is working life serving the public I believe that he would do an excellent job as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Worth county.

Dr Matthew Smith
Manly Iowa

Hunters education field days held

Worth County Conservation announces that they will be hosting two Hunters Education Field Days this spring. Classes are limited to 20 participants and will follow COVID guidelines. Masks will be required.

To participate in the field day people must have completed the online portion of the class through www.hunter- ed.com/iowa/ and have a certificate in hand when checking in for class. To sign up for a field day visit license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Event/Events.aspx Field days are as follows.

• Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Kuennen's Quarry from 5 – 9 p.m. Registration opens on Monday, March 29, 2021.

• Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Worth County Lake from 5 – 9 p.m. Registration opens on Monday, April 19, 2021.

More information or concerns is available by contacting Dakota at dakota.popp@worthcounty.org or messaging Worth County Conservation Board on Facebook.

Supervisors

March 8, 2021
Tenth Day

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

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the March 8, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the March 1, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Change Order #1 for DD #46/Lat 9 as submitted by Jon Rosengren, P.E., Bolton & Menk, Inc. in the amount of $9,994.90.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $16,678.50 as per the following schedule:

Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 11 Main A, Prof Services $1,510.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 13 Open Main, Prof Services $9,237.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 13/Lat 3, Prof Services $2,154.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 46/Lat 9, Prof Services $3,776.50
Grand Total.... $16,678.50

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve claims in the amount of $107,595.40 as per the following schedule:

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Service-Eng 4,253.05
Adam Mittag
Safety-Eng.....150.00
Agco Plus
Supplies-Con & Eng.167.04
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Service-Shf.....2,510.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Ema 169.14
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Service-Con.....100.00
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Service-San.....2,258.00
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Supplies-Eng 835.35
U S Postal Service
Postage-Shf.....305.00
Valerie R. Gaetzke
Service-Cta 30.45
Vanguard Appraisals Inc
Service-Asr 845.00
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Ndp 7,170.00
Verizon Wireless
Service-Ema 40.01
Visa, Servie-Dap.....215.09
Wex Bank
Service-Tra 1,269.09
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn, Service-Gsr 3,171.86
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf 4,181.45
Wunsch Construction Inc
Service-Ndp 2,888.00
Ziegler Inc
Parts-Eng.....545.64

Grand Total 107,595.40

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve salary changes for Melissa Hoch at $55,154.95/year and Margie Butler at $21.80/hour as submitted by the sheriff.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve a Class C Liquor license for Northwood Country Club.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the FY22 Health Insurance Premium Employer share at Plan 9 - $840.00/month/employee.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from CB Neel & Sons for facility #63839 located in Section 1, Lincoln Township, Cerro Gordo County and facility #63840 located in Section 36, Danville Township, Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Pay Estimate No. 7 – Final Pay Estimate for Wunsch Construction, Inc. and sign the Certificate of Completion

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution No 2021.03.08:

RESOLUTION NO.
2021.03.08
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING WORK

WHEREAS, on October 14th, 2019, the County of Worth County, Iowa, entered into contract with Wunsch Construction, Inc., of Greene, Iowa, for the construction of the Top of Iowa Second Addition Project, within the County, as therein described; and

WHEREAS, said contractor has fully completed the construction of said improvements, known as the Top of Iowa Second Addition Project, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said contract and plans and specifications, as shown on the certificate of the Engineer filed with the Auditor on March 4, 2021:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. That said certificate of the Engineer be and the same is hereby approved and adopted and said improvements are hereby accepted as having been fully completed in accordance with the said plans, specifications and contract. The total contract cost of the improvements payable under said contract is hereby determined to be $1,694,848.76.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2021.

Aaron Stone, Chairperson
Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Worth County Board of Supervisors

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the 2021 Worth County Courthouse Security Plan.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:45 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 3/8/21 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Nerlien, Tenold, Reeder. Absent: Meyer

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB,
Monthly ACH Fee $20.00
IA Dept of Revenue Water Excise Tax $1,108.00
IA Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $343.00
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $10,583.34
IMFOA
Certification Renewal $50.00
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phones-tr,fd $107.10
Visa, Notary fee-cc $30.00
Payroll, Wages..... $18,166.43
Principal, Insurance. $410.62
USPS, Mailing..... $280.80
Alliant Energy
Services..... $16,692.01
Memorial Park Cemetery
Columbarium-½ down $7,825.00
Worth Co. Recorder
Release-cc $7.00
Payroll, Wages..... $19,764.23
Aquafix, Supplies-pw$389.94
CarQuest
Supplies-pw $610.92
D & L Equipment
Parts-pw $1,387.57
D & L Equipment
Mower-pw $15,500.00
Dirk Van Ryswyk
Cell Phone Expenses-pw..... $1,078.46
Falkstone
Supplies-pw $418.54
Huber Supply Co.
Cylinder Rental..... $32.17
John Deere Financial
Parts, Freight-pw ... $557.34
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-pw $371.76
Keystone Labs
Testing-pw..... $1,744.76
Knutson Oil, Co.
Fuel-pw,tr..... $1,857.50
Midwest Pipe Supply
Supplies-pw $856.00
Northwood Anchor
Publications..... $359.74
Northwood Electric
Repairs-pw..... $1,513.98
Northwood Sanitation
Garbage Services. $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation .. $650.00
Star Equipment
Parts-pw $271.00
Storey Kenworthy
Supplies-cc..... $692.80
USA Blue Book
Supplies-pw $73.56
Warren Willand Estate
Water Deposit Refund $130.00
WCTA, Phone $666.57
Wo. County Sheriff's Office
28E Police Services $29,669.42
Library:
Baker & Taylor
Materials $493.37
Demco, Materials $258.86
Center Point Large Print
Materials $183.84
Birds & Blooms
Material $16.05

Summary of February 2021 receipts by fund type: General - $28,309.57; Special Revenue-$22,346.87; Debt Service - $1,386.01; Capital Projects-$3,094.78; Enterprise- $101,437.05; Trust & Agency - $0.

Summary of February 2021 disbursements by fund type: General - $69,208.88; Special Revenue-$32,524.49; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$5,000.00; Enterprise-$63,460.29; Trust & Agency - $7,825.00.

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

Following the public hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2103-04 Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Unam.

Motion to set spring clean-up April 28-May 1, 2021. Unam.

Norlyn Stowell & Bob Perry (Northwood Lions Club) asked and received support to promote and expand the holiday light displays in Swensrud Park.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
County Name: WORTH COUNTY County Number: 98

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/29/2021 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: 1000 Central Ave, Northwood

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request.

County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget"amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available): www.worthcounty.org

County Telephone Number: (641) 324-2316

		Budget 2021/2022	Re-Est 2020/2021	Actual 2019/2020	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,117,039	4,986,593	4,919,197	1.99
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	32,503	32,428	32,503	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	367,574	352,123	367,574	
Net Current Property Taxes	4	4,716,962	4,602,042	4,519,120	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	250	40	250	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	8,769	29,794	8,769	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,614,755	4,509,026	4,432,214	2.04
Intergovernmental	8	4,270,117	4,483,962	4,167,894	
Licenses & Permits	9	33,230	25,487	33,230	
Charges for Service	10	285,955	296,094	266,755	
Use of Money & Property	11	174,841	210,653	174,841	
Miscellaneous	12	203,359	4,205,443	347,641	
Subtotal Revenues	13	14,308,238	18,362,541	13,950,714	
Other Financing Sources:					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	1,334,130	1,284,017	1,339,259	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,642,368	19,646,558	15,289,973	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,659,138	2,604,212	2,368,265	5.96
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,117,913	1,109,859	899,691	11.47
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	400,027	220,860	264,025	23.09
County Environment and Education	21	1,009,880	1,065,164	978,459	1.59
Roads & Transportation	22	4,175,104	5,259,274	4,268,062	-1.09
Government Services to Residents	23	488,503	467,609	433,493	6.16
Administration	24	1,761,777	1,954,968	1,560,226	6.26
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0	
Debt Service	26	2,273,114	2,278,010	2,275,546	-0.05
Capital Projects	27	1,480,000	7,555,000	988,165	22.38
Subtotal Expenditures	28	15,365,456	22,514,956	14,035,932	
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,334,130	1,284,017	1,339,259	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	16,699,586	23,798,973	15,375,191	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-1,057,218	-4,152,415	-85,218	
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	6,711,504	10,863,919	10,949,137	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	5,432,933	6,038,926	10,120,496	
Fund Balance - Committed	37	170,063	371,243	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	342,406	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	51,290	301,335	401,017	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	5,654,286	6,711,504	10,863,919	

Proposed property taxation by type:	Proposed tax rates per $1,000 taxable valuation:
Countywide Levies*: 3,666,552	
Rural Only Levies*: 1,450,487	Urban Areas: 5.65713
Special District Levies*: 0	Rural Areas: 8.43213
TIF Tax Revenues: 2,976,862	Any special district tax rates not included.
Utility Replacement Excise Tax: 203,284	

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:
The public purpose of Worth County participation in WINN-WORTH BETCO is to promote economic development for Worth County to add business and jobs which stimulates growth in the county and adds to the tax base.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 16, 1921

That the men of the Baptist Church are royal banqueters and adept at the art of serving was the verdict of the 25 ladies who sat down to the Mothers and Daughters banquet in the church parlors last evening, the men having complete charge of the affair.

The Silver Lake male choir, Grieg, led by Rev. H. Fosnes, celebrated its birthday on the evening of February 27, it being just one year since its organization. The committee arranged for a banquet in honor of the wives and sweethearts of the members whose liberally had entrained the choir at its meetings during the year. The choir has grown from 12 to 21 members.

The first dress form demonstration, under the auspices of the Farm Bureau, will be held at the home of Mrs. Oscar Low at Northwood, on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. The demonstration will be primarily for the women in town who wish to attend. A complete form will be made at the meeting.

The Waldorf College choir, under the directorship of Prof. Oscar Lyders, will make a tour through central Iowa during the Easter holiday. The choir will leave Forest City on March 22 and will be on tour for 10 days.

Vernon Thompson won first in the oratorical class at the sub-district contest held at Mason City Friday evening. He will go to Iowa Falls this coming Friday evening to take part in the pre-district contest. Miss Sadie Boyson, principal of the hight school and others will accompany him.

75 years ago

March 14, 1946

All country officers in Worth County have filed for nomination to succeed themselves though no formal announcements have been made. The list includes four Republican candidates, W.R. Christiansen, for country auditor, Ole O. Bakken for clerk of the courts, Louie Mostrom for treasurer, and C.M. Sheimo for sheriff and two democrats, Harvey Gaarder for county recorder, and L.E. Plummer for county attorney.

Hamlin B. Holtan was elected a member of the Northwood school board by a margin of four votes over Leon S. Barnes, incumbent director, in Monday's election which brought out 358 voters. This was the largest vote in a local school election in many years. Holtan received 181 votes while Barnes was polling 177.

Miss American Democracy should have blushed with pride at the Citizens' caucus held at the court house in Northwood last Thursday evening when candidates for mayor, five councilmen, an assessor and a treasurer were nominated. O.P. Jacobson was the only incumbent nominated for the council.

The mercury rose to 63 degrees Wednesday with a real springlike feeling to the air. Only small patches of ice in shady places remain on the ground. The low reading for the week was nine degrees, and three inches of snow fell last Thursday and Friday.

Dean Thompson started work last week at the Northwood Lumber Co. to get some experience before he takes over management of the lumber business at London, Minnesota, which he and his father bought recently from the Botsford Lumber Co. of Albert Lea.

50 years ago

March 18, 1971

Eight Northwood-Kensett speech students will travel to Dubuque on Saturday, March 20, to participate in the state speech contest. Included in the group are Bruce Crom, Carolyn Imlau, Doyle Crom, Penny Robb and Kim Ellingson. Debbie Citurs and Margaret Hagen are seated. Jon Fredrickson was not present for the picture.

Members of the Worth County Extension Council met recently with Mrs. Florence Ferden, Home Economist and Gene McBride, County Extension Director. Mrs. Ferden, Mrs. Reuben Holt, Mrs. Herbert Hagen, Glennis Garnas, Ernest Enderson, Gene Holfman, Richard Haugebak, Mr. McBride, Glenn Fjeld and Donald Adams were present.

Mrs. Ben Martin, 99, died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at the Lutheran Retirement Home, in Northwood. Survivors include her sons, John, of Northwood and Earl F. Of Riverside, California.

Mark Knudtson, former Northwood-Kensett athletic star, was awarded an athletic letter at North Iowa Area Community College by coach Herb Konigsmark. Knudtson was a starter for the NIACC Trojans.

The Northwood Depot was about the busiest place in town in the early 1900's, with as many as 10 passenger trains stopping daily. This early photo shows it in its prime.

25 years ago

March 13, 1996

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad broke bread with Northwood Development Corporation president Doug Fallgatter, Northwood mayor Dan Reeder, NDC secretary Bud Kragebrink and approximately 30 other Northwood boosters during last Tuesday night's prime rib dinner at Signatures Supper Club. Branstad was in town to facilitate an Iowa Community Forum co-sponsored by the NDC and the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

Several groups of current and former Northwood-Kensett vocal music students and their parents joined forces Saturday night to honor longtime Northwood-Kensett vocal music director Lowell Gangstad on the final night of the "Pops XXVIII" concert. Leila Gangstad gasped while her husband contemplated the 28 carnations Becky Rheinfels presented on behalf of the Music Suspenders.

John and Marilyn Nagle celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean Cruise. They visited San Jaun, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. They left on March 2 and returned home on March 9.

Northwood-Kensett seniors Erin Christianson and Kristi Halvorsen treated a full-house audience to their rendition of the Andrews Sisters World War II hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" during N-K High's Pops XXVVII concert Saturday night.

10 years ago

March 16, 2011

About every four years, utility companies send tree trimming crews along town and country power lines to remove branches that could interrupt the flow of electricity. Arborists had been though Northwood in the last couple of years, but the major ice storm that coated our region in February caused numerous power outages and upset that four-year routine. The "blitz crew," Shade Tree Service, on Fourth Street South, has been working steadily around Northwood for two weeks, preparing that storm damage. The work of the trimmers was also evident as the power remained steady through the estimated 30-50 mile per hour gusts experienced here last Saturday.

Students in Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten and Mrs. Myhre's first grade classes took part in an unique reading activity last Thursday, with the themed reading day of "Act Out an Awesome Book." Mrs. Myhre's class is pictures above acting out "Caps for Sale." Wyatt Willan portrayed the cap salesman, as his classmates played the monkeys, mimicking his holding of their cap-stealing ways.

Hailee Rustad and her friend Tim took off from Ocean Beach, California, on March 8 to ride bicycles across the United States, following the route by the Mexican-U.S. border. On Monday Hailee and Tim were expected to be in Phoenix. Hailee is the daughter of Cinda Rustad, Florida, and Arlyn Rustad of Northwood.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Larry Wright

Larry L. Wright, 78, of Northwood passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, in Fort Myers, Florida after a courageous battle with COVID-19.

A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, IA 50459 with Rev. Rob Lanphere officiating. Larry will be laid to rest in Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa.

A livestream of the service may be found at https://www.facebook.com/HoganBremer-MooreColonialChapel/

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the funeral chapel.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Northwood United Methodist Church, 1000 First Avenue North, Northwood, IA 50459 or to the Raptor Resource Project, 119 Winnebago Street, Decorah, IA 52101.

The family would appreciate masks to be worn at the visitation and memorial service.



LARRY WRIGHT

Larry Lee Wright was born on July 17, 1942 in Waverly, Iowa the son of Alden James and Louise Marianne (Legel) Wright. He grew up on his parents' farm and loved everything related to farming.

Larry graduated from Nashua High School, continuing his education through Iowa State University where he earned a degree in Animal Science. On August 23, 1964 he was married to Janet Willsher in Nora Springs, Iowa and was blessed with two children, Brian and Sharyl "Shari". After working for W.R. Grace in Illinois for one year, the family made their home in Northwood where Larry started working at the Northwood Coop Elevator in 1966. He became General Manager in 1969.

Larry was a member of the Northwood Fire Department for many years. He was on the AG Processing Board of Directors in Omaha, NE; and the Land O' Lakes Board of Directors in Minneapolis for many years.

Retirement came for Larry in 2006, and he was lucky enough to spend his time traveling the country with Jan at his side. Together they took numerous trips to Yellowstone each year, spending winters in Florida and Arizona, and visited one of his favorite places, Alaska, several times. Whether it was enjoying the animals and surrounding nature in their travels, time spent in his plane Cessna 182 airplane, or capturing all of it with his cameras, Larry found peace in the outdoors. He had a knack for making friends wherever the couple traveled, with an uncanny memory for people's names, events, and good jokes.

Larry's love for his family was boundless. One of his greatest joys in life was becoming a father and playing an irreplaceable role in his kids' lives. He also enjoyed raising cattle and calves for many years and attending the Worth County Fair.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 56 years, Jan; his children, Brian Wright of Chanlder, Ariz. and Shari Wright of Mason City; a brother, James Wright and friend Brent Blackwell of Bonita Springs, Fla.; brother-in-law, Bob Willsher and wife Arelene; sister-in-law, Marcia Rowley and husband Frank; as well as nieces, nephews, and numerous extended family members.

Those greeting him in Heaven are his parents, Alden and Louise.

MN adjusts COVID mitigation measures as cases fall

Last week Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announced dialed back COVID-19 restrictions, citing falling case numbers, a successful vaccination roll out and more students returning to classrooms.

The lightened restrictions were designed to allow more Minnesotans to gather safely with friends and family, as well as providing support for small businesses and allow for visiting large venues.

Changes implemented as of March 15 include:

• Social gatherings are allowed with up 50 people outdoors or 15 indoors.

• Occupancy limits have been lifted on religious services and at salons and barbershops. Social distancing is still required in those places.

• At bars and restaurants, occupancy up to 75% is allowed, with a limit of 250 people. Bar seating is allowed up to parties of four.

• Gyms, fitness centers and pools are allowed up to 50% occupancy, with outdoor classes allowed up to 50 people.

• Entertainment venues may now welcome occupancy up to 50%, both indoors and outdoors, with a limit of 250.

Effective on April 1, as summer events begin, adjustments include:

• Seated outdoor venues can add an additional 25% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 10,000 people.

• Non-seated outdoor venues can add an additional 15% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 10,000 people.

• Seated indoor venues can add an additional 15% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 3,000 people.

• Non-seated indoor venues can add an additional 10% of their capacity over 500, with a limit of 1,500 people.

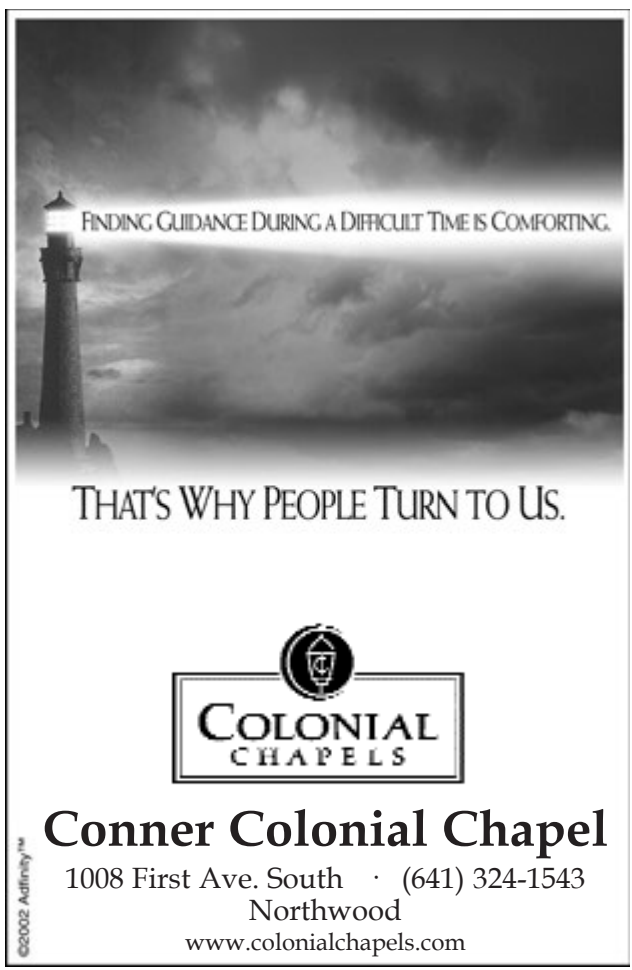
As more Minnesotans are vaccinated, starting on April 15, work from home will no longer be required, but will be strongly recommended.

Measures remaining in place include asking Minnesotans to continue to wear masks and continue to socially distance with six feet of distance.

Wish to celebrate the life of a passed loved one?

Let the Northwood Anchor help memorialise your loved ones

anchor1@nwdanchor.com
or 641-324-1051



Northwood Anchor

Legal

Notice

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

MERLIN E. BARTZ AND LISA M. BARTZ
Plaintiff(s) vs.
JEFFREY M. PAULSEN AND MICHELLE L. PAULSEN,
Defendant(s)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as a defendant in this action, which petition prays(1) Foreclosure of Real Estate dated September 20, 2016 as Document No. 20161061 and filed of record September 20, 2016.

The name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff(s) is Douglas A. Krull, 714 Central Ave./ P.O. Box 200, Northwood, IA 50459.

The attorney phone number is 641-324-1981; facsimile number 641-324-2581.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before (2) April 13, 2021, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file you motion or answer with Clerk of Court for Worth County, at the courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. If you do not, judgement by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aide or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 641-421-0990. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942. 10-3t

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009254

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL HICKMAN, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Russell Hickman, Deceased, who died on or about February 11, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on the February 25, 2021, the last will and testament of Russell Hickman, deceased, bearing date of December 14, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Rhonda Neubauer was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated February 26, 2021.

Rhonda Neubauer
3521 Satinwood Dr.
Springfield, IL 62712
Executor of the Estate

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

Date of second publication 17th day of March, 2021. 10-2t

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Larry Hovey; John Anderson, Cindy Pangburn; and Roger Harris. Members Absent: Susan Kliment

(4-0) Approved the Agenda; February 11th, 2021 regular meeting minutes and; Financial Reports for February; March bills for payment

Reports

Elementary Principal: 1) FAST Data 2) Preschool Parent Survey 3) ISASP scheduled March 24th-April 9th

Secondary Principal: 1) FAFSA 2) AEA training on teen mental health 3) Central IA Chapter March 24th 4) Farm Bureau grant 5) Amy Hansen working with QPR

Superintendent: 1) Alliant Energy Comm Rebate Proposal 2) Makeup days for School. Last day would be May 26, 2021 in addition May 27 and May 28 will be PD days for teachers 3) Partial Self-funding Insurance delayed till Jan 1, 2022 4) Lowering Tax rate 29 cents 5) Contracts, Classified Staff

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for April 8th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Old Business:

(4-0) Approved to allow field trips per Administration discretion, masks will be mandatory.

New Business:

(4-0) Approved purchase of the Math Curriculum from Bridges, Illustrative Mathematics and Transition to Algebra

(4-0) Approved publishing the budget for the 2021-22 school year in Northwood Anchor and Public Hearing & Certification for April 8, 2021 at 7:01pm in Secondary Media Center at Northwood-Kensett High School.

(4-0) Approved Resolution for Budget Guarantee for Fiscal Year 2022. That the Board of Directors of the Northwood-Kensett CSD will levy property

taxes for the fiscal year 2021-2022 for the regular program adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa

(4-0) Approved Cooperative Agreement for Pre-Service Clinical Placement with University of Northern Iowa

(4-0) Approved Ratification of Negotiated Agreement between the NKEA and the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education for 2021-2022 School year.

(4-0) Approved Issuing Letters of Assignment for Classified Personnel for 2021-2022

(4-0) Approved issuing contracts for Bus Drivers, Director of Transportation, Director of Technology, Business Manager/Board Secretary and School Nurse for 2021-2022

(4-0) Approved issuing contract for Administration for 2021-2022

Personnel:

(4-0) Approved hire of Jackson Abbas as JH Boys Track Coach for 2021 season pending successful coaching certification.

(4-0) Approved hire of Trevor Hunt as Assistant HS Football Coach for the 2021 season

(4-0) Approved the hire of Mackensie Sauerbrei as Head HS Volleyball Coach for the 2021 season

(4-0) Entered closed session at 8:15 pm under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) (i) for Superintendent Evaluation

(4-0) Came out of closed session at 8:38 pm

(4-0) Adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District
03/9/2021

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School Bus #3 2011 IH..... 654.72
A1 Storage
Cube Storage Rental 268.00
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
Booked LP..... 371.35
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.
General 1,753.50
AIRGAS USA, LLC
Rent Cyl..... 164.18
AKJ Education
WCDA Supplies..... 75.56
All Star Pest Control
SERV FOR FEB 2021 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
Electric Bill..... 10,444.00
Amazon Capital Services
Classroom supplies and materials..... 266.28
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
DEF Bus Barn..... 18.38
Central Rivers Area Education Agency
Job #96498 Nichol Hebel lamination 15.00
City Laundering
Special Inv..... 419.88
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
services 1,320.40
DICK'S PLACE
Bus #10 tow..... 275.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
Code 21424 ..... 768.81
Hagen, Lisa
Reimbursement..... 11.50
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, Sanitizer..... 130.65
IOWA SCHOOL BUS MGMT ACADEMY
KIM HENGESTEG.. 395.00
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS, ISASP..... 1,344.00
Iowa Water Management Company, Service..... 200.00
JMC COMPUTER SERVICE
Software License HS..... 8,580.35
JOSTENS, INC.
diplomas 250.96
Kelly Hardware
Industrial Tech..... 169.53
MARTIN BROTHERS
Janitorial Supplies 1,358.23
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Educare Program 354.96
MIDWEST COMPUTER PRODUCTS, INC.
Equipt 589.00
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE
change oil & filter..... 61.64
NCI North Central International
Replace Fuel Pump Bus #7 Repair 721.46
NIACC Continuing Ed Dpt
Classes 325.00
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
Publication..... 316.97
NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC PC
DOT Physical 100.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, Feb Serv 610.00
One Source Background Check Company
Background Check ... 101.50
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
library book 60.64
RIVERSIDE INSIGHTS
CoGAT Testing..... 3,485.00
School Bus Sales
Asy. Blower/Motor 12V..... 98.95
Security & Communication Professionals
V1030 Horn & speaker 245.00
St Ansgar Electric & Refrigeration
Refrigeration Labor, Ice Production 348.87
Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC, Natural Gas ... 3,666.46
Thorson, Megan
reimbursement for Foods class 85.67
TRADING POST
Bench Grinder and accessories 410.95
Truck Center Companies
Software update..... 161.00
Unity School Bus Parts
Bus repair on Bus #9 & Bus #10..... 368.01
VISA
Registration Fee..... 478.37
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
Broadband & Telephone..... 956.76
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER, Gas & Diesel2,206.81
Worth Lumber Company
Industrial Tech..... 558.39
University of Northern Iowa
Ethan Welch..... 500.00
Amazon Capital Services
caution tape..... 31.56
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
Paint for pedal pull tractors 25.46
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
pops tshirt order..... 475.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
Character counts supplies 37.72
Heartland AEA
Golf score cards 22.83
IOWA CHEERLEADING COACHES
cheer plaque 22.15
IOWA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UNION
Girls regional basketball adm 714.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION
State IE Speech Registration 33.00
JOSTENS, INC.
Balance due for yearbook 1,887.22
Kelly Hardware
Paint for projects..... 31.87
N-K GENERAL FUND
Winter sports officials..... ..... 390.91
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION
Black frames for certificates 99.00
ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY
chocolate roses for valentine grams 232.24
ST. ANSGAR CSD
Registration Fee..... 300.00
Thorson, Megan
FCCLA meals & reimb 420.02
VISA
FCCLA candy order for candy/wrestling tick..... 1,083.64
WORTH COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE
Coaches vs. Cancer Donation. 1,344.63
Worth Lumber Company
Lumber for shelving. 162.32
Atura Architecture
Fees..... 191,105.78
TimeClock Plus
usage fee 14.00
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, milk..... 2,613.68
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES
Soap & Supplies 148.30
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP
Walk in Freezer Elem..... ..... 633.52
MARTIN BROTHERS
Food 9,506.91
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
Bread 345.77
Staples Business Credit
Printer Ink..... 54.01

NOTICE OF 2021 DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

A Special Election to fill the vacancy of the District 2 Supervisor will be held Tuesday, March 23, 2021. The precincts in District 2 will vote in this election. The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M to 9:00 P.M. If you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316. You may also verify the voting location for your address at https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx. The voting locations and address for this election are as follows:

PRECINCT #2-1 – TEMPORARY POLLING LOCATION
Bethany Lutheran Church-201 Franke Street
Bristol & Silver Lake Townships and the City of Joice

PRECINCT #2-2 – *PLEASE NOTE PERMANENT POLLING LOCATION CHANGE*
Kensett Community Center-300 Willow Street
Brookfield & Kensett Townships and the City of Kensett

PRECINCT #2-3 – Hanlontown Community Center-214 Main Street
Danville Township and the City of Hanlontown

PRECINCT #2-4 – Fertile City Hall-3494 Eagle Avenue
Fertile Township and the City of Fertile

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered such, as voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may have voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's office by March 29, 2021 at Noon. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voter id or phone 641-324-2316.

The voting site is fully accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Each precinct has an FVT machine, which is a voter assist terminal for anyone who has a visual impairment or any difficulty in reading the ballot.

Voters may also choose another person to assist them to vote, except their employer, employer's agent or an officer or agent of the voter's union. Curb-side voting is available at the site for voters unable to leave their vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at 641-324-2316 or email at auditor@worthcounty.org

The Voter Pre-Registration deadline is Friday, March 12, at 5:00 p.m. That is also the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Voters may cast an absentee ballot, in person, at the Auditor's Office until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22.

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in this election will begin on Thursday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Auditor's Office. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration.

CERTIFICATION

I, Jacki A. Backhaus, hereby certify that the sample ballot below is the first rotation of ballots on which the voters will cast their votes at the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections
Worth County, Iowa

Precinct Official's Initials

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Special Election
Worth County, Iowa
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Bristol Silver Lake Joice
00100

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Using blue or black ink, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ⬬

Write-in: To vote for a valid write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and darken the oval.

Do not cross out. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

Worth County

For Board of Supervisor District 2
To Fill Vacancy

Vote for no more than One

⬭	Tom Dakin	Democratic Party
⬭	Mark Smeby	Republican Party
⬭	Dean A. Mueller	
⬭	Brian L. Nelson	
⬭		

(Write-in vote, if any)

Sample Ballot

People's Right to know

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For the birds

With melting snow making for many a makeshift pond, this gathering of birds took advantage of wet spot in an area field to relax recently. The gathering of swans and geese seemed to have no issue with each other's company as they enjoyed the recent warm up.

Bolan

On Thursday evening Joe and Linda Nydegger were able to see granddaughter Clare's sixth grade choir concert and band concert on the Mount Vernon School's live streaming link. She is the daughter of Loren and Renee Nydegger of Mt. Vernon.

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Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2021



SEALED BID LAND AUCTION

Lincoln Township Section 24 Worth Co., IA
TWO 80 ACRE TRACTS LESS THE ACREAGE

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 • 1:30 PM

Held at Manly, IA Community Center

Top 6 registered bidders on each tract will be invited to the auction.
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TILE: 14,270 feet total of 4" tile put in both tracts in 2011
Farms are cash rented for 2021 with buyers getting all the cash rent.
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PARCEL 1

LOCATION OF FARM: From Highway 65 at Manly, IA, 2 miles East to Raven Ave on Highway 9, farm starts 1/4-mile North on East side

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) all in Section 24, Township 98 North, Range 20 West of the 5th PM, Worth County, Iowa except a portion of an acreage out. Legal Survey being done prior to auction.

FSA CROPLAND: 74.65 TAXABLE ACRES: 73.34

CSR: CSR2 64.9

PARCEL 2

LOCATION OF FARM: Just North of Parcel 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The North half (N ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 24, Township 98 North, Range 20 West of the 5th PM, Worth County, Iowa, except a parcel of land included in the acreage. Tract being surveyed prior to auction.

FSA CROPLAND: 60.24 TAXABLE ACRES: 71.1
This tract has approximately 7.66 acres of trees @large waterway on east one half.

CSR: CSR2 64.1 on tillable

TERMS & POSSESSIONS: 10% down payment required day of sale, w/the signing of the Real Estate contract. Successful bidders are purchasing with no financial contingencies and must be prepared for cash settlement of their purchase upon delivery of the deed and an abstract showing merchantable title. Closing will be on or before May 25, 2021 at the Law Office of GA Art Cady III Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm PLC PO Box 456 Hampton, IA 50441 641-456-2555
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