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Not one to 'loaf' around, Hill reaps benefits of baking routine

By JoAnn Lower

This time of year Sue Hill would usually be enjoying the sun in Arizona, where she's spent the past 21 winters. This year, because of the pandemic, she decided to stay home on her acreage near Plymouth. When son-in-law Andy asked her what she would do cloistered at home all winter, she replied, "As long as my TV works I'll be fine."

Not wanting Sue to spend a "lethargic winter," and knowing she liked to bake, Andy challenged her to make bread, promising he would find somewhere for it to go.

Sue took up the challenge, deciding she would make two batches of bread a day.

"My initial goal was that Mom be physically active every day. Each batch requires eight minutes of kneading, which means she stands at the counter working the dough for 16 minutes. Bread making is definitely a physical activity."

Being physically active is just one way Sue has benefited from bread making. It has also given her intellectual stimulation. She searches YouTube sites for new bread recipes, the type of flour to use for a particular kind of bread and, instead of just measuring, weighs the ingredients on a scale.

"There is also a social aspect to this," said Andy. "Our family delivers her groceries, plus we're there five days a week to pick up the finished loaves and dis-

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Sue with four loafs of freshly baked bread

Worth County budget calls for 2.62 percent tax increase

At their regular meeting on Monday, March 29, the Worth County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to discuss their proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2021, and ends on June 30, 2022. See the County's website for an agenda and how to attend or take part in the meeting electronically.

The local government's budget includes decreases in levy rates and an increase in the total to be collected in property taxes in the coming fiscal year. The County's projected fund balance will decrease by the fiscal year's end.

Budgets for Iowa counties rely on two different sets of tax levies to compute how much they plan to ask in property taxes. Those levies are applied to urban and rural areas separately. In the proposed budget, both rates will decrease slightly.

The urban tax rate in the proposed budget is $5.65713 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. The rate for the current fiscal year was $5.69. That is a decrease of $0.03287.

The rural tax rate in the proposed budget is $8.43213 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. The rate for the current fiscal year was $8.465. That is also a decrease of $0.03287.

Tax levies are combined with tax valuations to determine the amount the County collects in property taxes every year.

Taxes to be levied on rural areas only, in

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Supervisors discuss turbine policy, valuation, moratorium

The Worth County supervisors recently discussed wind turbine valuation policy and whether or not to place a temporary halt on any future development.

Julie Kunz, a rural Grafton resident who has been vocal on matters of wind turbine development in the county in recent years, was at the meeting to ask the supervisors to look at how wind turbines are valued in the county.

Kunz asked the supervisors to reconsider a policy that staggers the taxable valuation of wind turbine development in the county.

The policy was originally instituted to reflect a wind development incentive allowed by the State of Iowa to encourage renewable energy projects in the state.

The policy sets a staggering increase on turbine valuations, starting at 0% the first year they are in operation, increasing 5% every year until they reach a cap of 30% after seven years.

Kunz said that she didn't think the County is getting the value from the projects that it could be. She also said that she felt it wasn't necessary to give the profitable energy companies a tax break that they don't need to be able to build the projects.

Kunz also gave examples of other counties that were considering or had repealed the valuation policy.

The question was raised about how much the turbines would be valued at if the policy was repealed.

Worth assessor Cindy Thompson said that they would be valued at 100% instead.

Any turbine projects that had been developed before the policy might be repealed

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School board discusses field trips, math curriculum

The Northwood-Kensett school board recently gave their support for limited field trips, while learning about how COVID-19 impacted the search for the district's new math curriculum.

At the meeting on March 9, Director of Curriculum Kimberly Odegaard discussed how the district's new math curriculum programs were selected, and how that was impacted by COVID-19.

According to Odegaard, the process would normally involve meetings between members of the staff, starting in February or March, right around the time that the pandemic began to unfold. Those staff members were prevented from the in-person gatherings to discuss what the district's new curriculum should be.

Instead, Odegaard

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

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March 22-26 is severe weather awareness week in Iowa

The Worth County Emergency Management Agency, Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), National Weather Service (NWS), and Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) have joined together to promote Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa.

Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 22-26, is an opportunity to highlight the importance of being aware of, and prepared for, severe weather.

For each day during Severe Weather Awareness Week, a different subject will be featured:

- Monday – Severe thunderstorms
- Tuesday – Weather warnings
- Wednesday – Tornadoes
- Thursday – Family preparedness
- Friday – Flash floods

The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Wed., March 24, beginning at 11 a.m. Worth County will also activate the outdoor warning sirens at that time unless threatening weather is possible that day. Schools, businesses, individuals, and state and local governments may participate, keeping in mind COVID-19 safety guidelines, including:

- Staying at least 6 feet from other people outside of your household in your shelter location if possible
- Wearing a mask
- Washing your hands often, cover coughs and sneeze
- Avoiding touching high-touch surfaces, such as handrails, as much as possible

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Alley work and no play

Northwood's alleys received some work last week as the warm weather and melted snow helped the city works crew work on the surfaces of the paths between the streets.

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These guidelines also apply if you must go to a public shelter or stay with family or friends during, or following, severe weather or other emergencies.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time to review your family's emergency plan and to check the contents of your emergency kit. Be sure to include in your emergency kit items you may need if you must shelter outside of your home, including masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes.

Learn more on sheltering safely and protecting yourself and others from COVID-19 at www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/covid-19/public-disaster-shelter-during-covid.html

Additional information about the tornado drill can be found on local NWS websites.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, visit www.beready.iowa.gov

Follow HSEMD and NWS on social media using the hashtag #IAwx and #ReadyIowa.

Follow Worth County Emergency Management on Facebook at Worth County Iowa emergency Management

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said, they used video conferencing and consulted with resources available from the Area Education Agency.

Normally, as they looked at their options, the search would have involved visiting schools where the curriculum was being used, to observe how effective it was as implemented.

Instead, those other schools made videos to show the curriculum options being put to use.

In the end, Odegaard, who was a math teacher before taking on her current role, said that they found a curriculum that she was excited to put to use.

Odegaard said that it doesn't focus on the memorization of numbers and problems so much as on how numbers work together. She said it should help students have more ways to look at a math problem to help them find a solution.

She also said that the curriculum provides resources for individual and group learning, to help students learn from each other as well as their teachers.

Odegaard said that the two systems being pursued would make it an easier transition, as the systems are connected, with one designed for grades K-5, and continuing with similar methods for the system designed for grades 6-12. The split would make it easier for the sixth graders as they move buildings into junior high.

One other COVID-19 impact was also discussed at the meeting, with a policy change allowing for more options for learning outside of the school.

Prior to the March 9 meeting, the district's COVID-19 policy had prevented any field trips.

At the meeting, superintendent Mike Crozier asked the board to consider allowing field trips to resume, with the stipulations that masks would be required at all times and that the district's principals would have to approve any destinations to make sure that they would be safe for the students to visit.

The school board agreed to those terms and approved the change to the district's COVID policy.

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tribute them. Sue receives phone calls thanking her and shares her experience on Zoom with Bible study friends. Bread baking has become a stepping stone for her to say hello to people and feel part of the community."

"When Mom started this she was concerned about what we would do with all the bread. Some days it's easy to know where to take the loaves. Other days it takes some thought."

Andy and his wife Michelle have distributed more than 150 loaves since mid-November.

"Making bread gets me up and it's fun," smiled Sue. "I went to Iowa State as a Foods major and have always liked to cook, but now I'm just making bread. I do my kneading on an Amana breadboard my granddaughter brought me. I make four loaves at a time, two batches a day. My favorite flours are King Arthur and Wheat Montana, a high-gluten flour that's grown near where I used to live. High-gluten flour makes a good bread."

"I start a batch in the evening by making a sponge of rye flour and whole wheat, yeast and water, let it sit covered overnight, then start with that for the next morning's batch. There are no chemicals, just old-fashioned yeast. I use cold water, which makes for a slow rise and long fermentation that results in a better bread."

Sue makes wheat bread, white, oatmeal, cranberry/citrus, cinnamon rolls, dinner rolls and no-knead Dutch oven loaves.

"My bread has gone places I don't even know," she said. "People donate flour and money sometimes. If I knew of people desperately in need, I'd be happy to donate. Wherever there's a need, we're there."

Our lovely 82-year-old bread baker has neuropathy in her hands and feet, but that isn't stopping her from making bread for the world.

"Making bread is my exercise program and makes life more enjoyable. My kids love it. My grandkids say 'We love your bread, Grandma.'"

The Hills ask you to email them at hiland@wctatel.net if you know of anyone in need of nutritional assistance and they will add you to their list.

Do you know anyone who is staying mostly at home because of the pandemic and the cold weather? Andy and Michelle suggest that maybe you could challenge them to do a daily activity and facilitate that activity with supplies and moral support. "We are amazed and humbled by the Win/Win this has become for us."

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the proposed budget, would total $1,450,487. The current fiscal year's budget called for $1,405,661 in rural only levies. That is an increase of $44,826 or 3.19 percent.

Taxes levied on property countywide in the proposed budget would total $3,666,552. The budget for the current fiscal year included countywide taxes of $3,580,932. That is an increase of $85,590 or 2.39 percent.

The total of taxes to be levied on property in the county in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be $5,117,039. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year called for total property taxes to be $4,986,593. That is an increase of $130,446 or 2.62 percent.

In the proposed budget, revenues for the coming fiscal year would total $15,642,368. The re-estimated budget figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues of $19,646,558. That is an decrease of $4,004,190, or 20.38 percent.

The biggest change in revenue categories in the proposed budget comes in the category of miscellaneous. In the current fiscal year, the total was $4,205,443. In the budget for the coming fiscal year, the total is $203,359. That is a difference of $4,002,084.

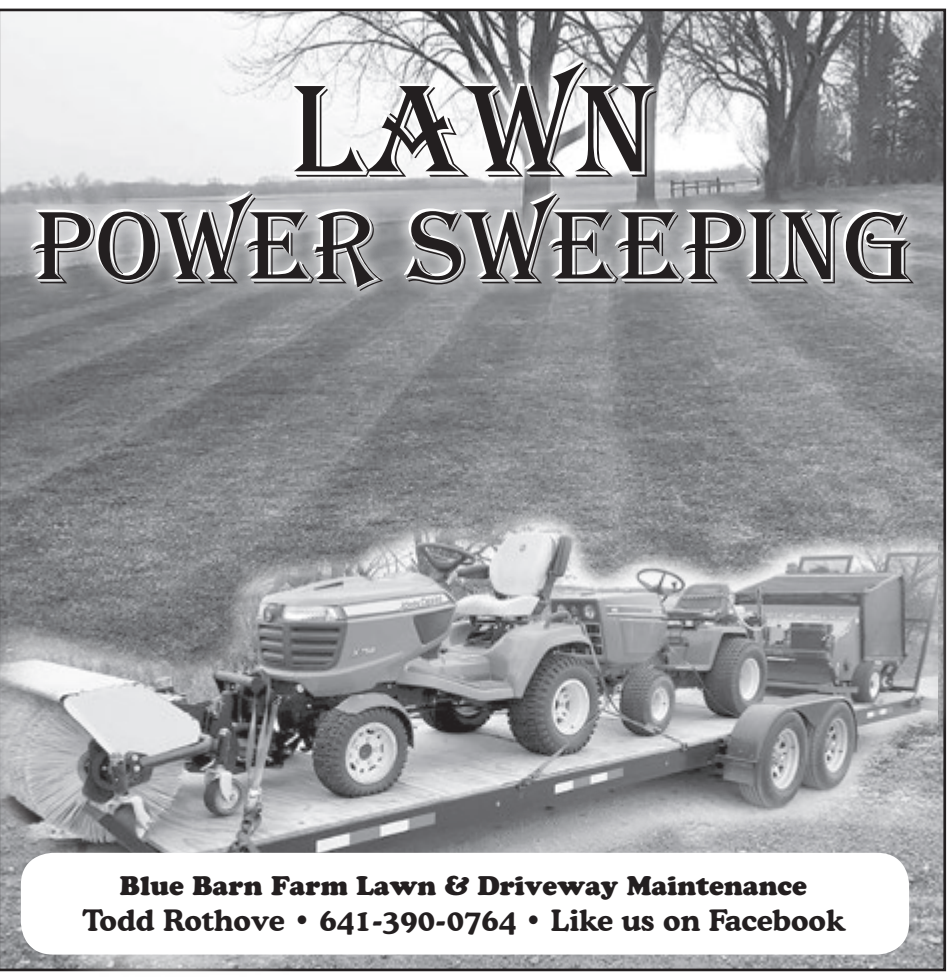
A similar shift can be seen in the capital projects category of expenditures. This year's re-estimated budget shows $7,555,000 in that category, compared to $1,480,000, for a difference of $6,075,000 in the proposed budget.

The County was set to complete the construction phase of a development area at the Highway 105/Interstate 35 interchange in the current budget year, which may be reflected in those categories of the budget.

Expenditures and other uses of funds in the proposed budget total $16,699,586. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year's budget show total expenditures of $23,798,973. That is a decrease of $7,099,387, or 29.84 percent.

The proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2021, includes spending of $1,057,218 in excess of total revenues. The proposed budget includes a beginning fund balance of $6,711,504. The County's ending fund balance, at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2022, would then be $5,654,286. That would be a fund balance decrease of 15.75 percent.

The Worth County Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing to discuss their proposed budget at their regular meeting on Monday, March 29, at 9 a.m. at the Worth County Courthouse, or available electronically. Find the agenda, including Zoom meeting instructions, on the county's website, at www.worthcounty.org.



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CDC updates COVID-19 guidance for schools

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is updating K–12 school guidance to reflect the latest science on physical distance between students in classrooms.

The CDC now recommends that, with universal masking, students should maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings.

The CDC has updated its operational strategy to say:

"In elementary schools, CDC recommends all students remain at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal — regardless of whether community transmission is low, moderate, substantial, or high."

In middle and high schools, CDC also recommends students should be at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal and in communities where transmission is low, moderate, or substantial.

Middle school students and high school students should be at least 6 feet apart in communities where transmission is high, if cohorting is not possible. Cohorting is when groups of students are kept together with the same peers and staff throughout the school day to reduce the risk for spread throughout the school.

This recommendation is because COVID-19 transmission dynamics are different in older students – that is, they are more likely to be exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and spread it than younger children.

The updated Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention is part of CDC's existing resources for K–12 schools to open and remain open for in-person instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the release of the Operational Strategy on February 12, 2021, the CDC has continually reviewed the evolving evidence on SARS-CoV-2 transmission in K–12 schools, as well as the latest science on the effectiveness of different prevention strategies within schools.

The updated guidance complements the CDC's existing guidance, resources, and tools for K–12 schools.

Three studies, published in March 19's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), also address spread of SARS-CoV-2 in schools. Taken together, these studies build on evidence that physical distancing of at least 3 feet between students can safely be adopted in classroom settings where mask use is universal and other prevention measures are taken.

"CDC is committed to leading with science and updating our guidance as new evidence emerges," said CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky. "Safe in-person instruction gives our kids access to critical social and mental health services that prepare them for the future, in addition to the education they need to succeed. These updated recommendations provide the evidence-based roadmap to help schools reopen safely, and remain open, for in-person instruction."

These updated recommendations are specific to students in classrooms with universal mask wearing.

The CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet of distance:

- Between adults in the school building and between adults and students.
- In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums.
- When masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports or exercise. These activities should be moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible.
- In community settings outside of the classroom.



What a day for a swing

These young people were in Northwood's Swensrud Park last week as they took advantage of the warmer weather to enjoy the park's swing set and playground equipment.

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would remain under the reduced valuation schedule for up to 19 years.

The discussion of this policy change came after another issue had been discussed at previous meetings and earlier in the meeting.

For several weeks, the supervisors have looked at a resolution that requires the supervisors to divide available TIF revenue on renewable energy projects, including wind turbines, into four categories, limiting their potential use on larger projects. The supervisors had discussed rewriting that resolution to remove the percentage limits.

However, supervisor Enos Loberg said that he had reviewed related county language and believed that an ordinance tied to the resolution would be voided if it was changed, potentially creating more issues.

With the consideration of the ordinance, resolution and valuation policy, Loberg suggested that the County should place a moratorium on new wind project construction until they could review the County's wind policies.

Supervisor Mark Smeby questioned whether it was fair to single out one industry. He noted that the wind turbines wouldn't be here if the landowners weren't in favor of their construction. He said that the County may have to put a moratorium on all construction if they were going to go that route.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that he wasn't opposed to construction, but that he thought the County needs to sort out the resolutions and ordinances that apply to wind projects. He said that the same rules should apply to everyone and all construction in the county, mentioning the valuation policy, as well as zoning of not just wind development, but making zoning a countywide development.

Stone said that the supervisors would take what was discussed under consideration, get legal input on what they could do and talk with other counties to see what they had done and if it had been effective.

March is Problem Gambling Month

For 19 years, the month of March has been designated by the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) as Problem Gambling Awareness Month. March Madness, the annual NCAA basketball tournament that sees over $8 billion wagered on its games, is the backdrop that NCPG and its partners across the country leverage to help raise awareness and create action for those suffering from gambling problems.

According to Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) data from 2019, 315,000 adult Iowans experienced at least one problem related to their gambling in the year prior.

"Iowans who have problems with their gambling come from many backgrounds. Problem gambling can affect people of every race, every religion, and all socioeconomic backgrounds," said Eric Preuss, Manager of the Iowa Problem Gambling Services program. "The one constant is that problem gambling is treatable and recovery is possible. The impacts of problem gambling can be addressed, helping individuals and families get their lives back on track."

Symptoms of problem gambling include:

- Thinking a lot about gambling, such as past gambling experiences, future gambling ventures, or ways of getting money for gambling
- Needing to gamble with larger amounts of money or with larger bets in order to get the same feeling of excitement
- Repeatedly trying to cut down or stop gambling without success
- Feeling restless or irritable when trying to cut down or stop gambling Gambling to run away from problems or to get relief from feeling depressed, anxious, or bad about yourself
- After losing money gambling, often returning another day in order to win back losses
- Lying to family members, friends or others in order to hide gambling activities from them
- Losing or almost losing a significant relationship, job, or an educational or career opportunity because of gambling
- Relying on others to provide money to relieve a desperate financial situation caused by gambling

The Iowa Problem Gambling Services program works to reduce the harm caused by problem gambling by funding a range of services for Iowans. Services include outpatient counseling for those experiencing gambling problems, and their family and other concerned persons; recovery support services; and, financial counseling, including budgeting and debt reduction plans.

If you or a loved one are facing a problem with gambling, you're not alone. Call 1-800-BETS OFF, text (855) 895-8398 or visit https://yourlifeiowa.org/gambling to initiate an online chat session for free and confidential help 24/7. Help is just a call, text, chat away.

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More than one million doses of vaccine administered in Iowa

Iowa has administered its one-millionth dose of COVID-19 vaccine less than three months after the first Pfizer doses were given to health care workers in the state starting on December 15, 2020.

"Today is another important milestone in Iowa's strong recovery from the pandemic. This has been a monumental effort, and our state has proven that we have the right teams, providers and processes in place to safely and efficiently vaccinate Iowans in a timely manner," stated Governor Kim Reynolds.

I'm extremely proud of our progress and I look forward to further expanding eligibility to all Iowans as supply increases. In his address to the nation last week, President Biden directed states to open vaccination to all adults by May 1. Here in Iowa, it's possible we could beat that deadline as long as vaccine supply increases as projected and remains stable."

"This would not have been possible without the incredible teamwork between state and local public health departments, coordination with our federal partners and strong relationships with pharmacies and other providers statewide," said Kelly Garcia, Director of the Department of Human Services and Department of Public Health interim director. "We're grateful to every individual and organization that's been part of this response."

According to the CDC, Iowa has administered a total of 1,034,296 doses of vaccine. 28.7% of all eligible Iowans age 18 and up have received at least one dose, a rate that ranks 13th in the nation. The number of Iowans fully vaccinated now totals 359,687, which is 14.8% of the state's eligible population and ranks 19th nationally.

As of March 12, 2,430 vaccine doses had been administered to Worth County residents. Worth County Public Health had administered 1,240 doses. A total of 855 Worth County residents had received a full vaccine series.

Other statistics include:

• 94.9% of Iowans age 65+ have had at least one dose of vaccine

• 27.1% of Iowans age 18-64 have had at lease one dose of vaccine

Last week, the 211 Iowa call center launched a new vaccine navigator service that schedules appointments for adults age 65 and older who've been unable to get vaccinated due to technology or other barriers. Since starting the service on March 9, as of the end of the week, 211 had scheduled 2,123 appointments for older Iowans at Hy-Vee pharmacies located near them.

More more information about vaccine eligibility and availability in Iowa is available online at vaccinate.iowa.gov. Vaccine data is reported daily at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

2020-2021 Northwood FFA students



Madeyln Berge and Ryder Lestrud participate as delegates for the NC District FFA Business session via Zoom meeting.





FFA members Briar Anderson, Christopher Madsen, Justin Mills and Tyler Mills assist with the Worth County Fair hog weigh in that took place at the Northwood-Kensett Ag Shop.

Dairy technology field day to be held on April 14

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dairy team is hosting a field day focused on dairy technology on the farm. The April 14 field day will feature two farm visits where attendees can see automated feeding and milking system technology in action and learn about calf barn management, ventilation and feeding calves with a milk taxi.

The first farm visit will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Honey Creek Dairy, 1636 400th St., Strawberry Point, Iowa. Honey Creek Dairy recently installed a Lely Vector automated feeding system as well as three Lely Astronaut automated milking units. Co-owner Dan Venteicher will be on hand to explain how the automated feeding system works and answer questions about the new facilities and equipment.

The second farm visit will be from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Putz family dairy at 1368 310th Ave., New Vienna, Iowa. Two years ago, the Putz family built a new naturally ventilated calf barn with individual pens and a supplemental positive pressure tube ventilation system. The facility also uses a milk taxi system for feeding calves. Brad Putz will be available to discuss how the milk taxi works and answer questions about the facility. A fogger demonstration will be performed on the ventilation system at 1:45 p.m.

"Technology is becoming more commonly used on dairy farms as a way to improve labor efficiency and flexibility, boost production, and enhance overall health and management of cows and calves," said Jenn Bentley, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "This field day will give producers a chance to see new technologies and facilities in person and have their questions answered."

Attendees are asked to practice social distancing at the farms. Lunch will be on your own between the two farm visits. There is no fee for the field day, but RSVPs are appreciated. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact dairy specialists Brian Dougherty at brian1@iastate.edu or 563-239-7070; or Jenn Bentley at jbentley@iastate.edu or 563-382-2949.

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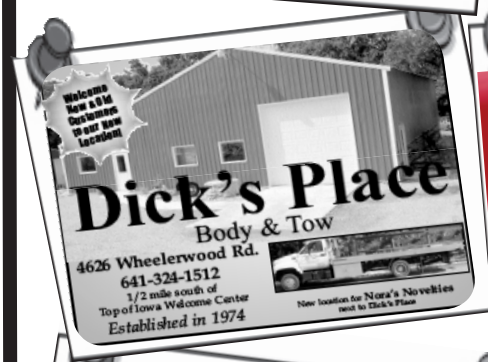
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Cook Bookin'



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

Somewhere in my ongoing quest for new cookbooks I found "Life Together Heartland Community Cookbook." Heartland Community is an intentional town that was established to provide a second chance to people who are struggling with life. Located in Northeast Missouri it provides a Christian-based year-long program for men and women who need a fresh start. God played a major role in the establishment of this place and continues to be the center of their ministry. The cookbook was published by Scribbles & Scribbles Ink, in Bethel, Missouri. but has no date.

Ham & Cheese Bread
(either a sandwich or an appetizer)

1 tube (10 oz.) refrigerated crescent rolls
4 oz. thinly-sliced deli ham
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
4 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese
1 large egg, beaten
Black pepper to taste
Grated Parmesan cheese
Seasame or caraway seeds (opt)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Unroll the crescent dough onto an ungreased cookie sheet and pinch together the seams to form one solid layer of dough. Spread the mustard over the dough and arrange the ham slices down the center. Sprinkle with the Cheddar cheese. Bring the long ends up toward the center and tuck them in to form a roll. Pinch together the ends and the long seam. Brush with the beaten egg and top with the desired amount of Parmesan cheese and, if desired, sprinkle with seasame or caraway seeds. Bake 15-20 minutes until the bread is golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack for 2-3 minutes. Cut the bread into slices, either 6 to serve as a sandwich or 12 to serve as an appetizer. Variation: use sliced turkey instead of ham and cranberry sauce instead of mustard.

Grandma's Cornfritter Pancakes

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon real vanilla extract
Milk to moisten
1 can (12 oz.) cream-style corn
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal

Mix the flour, baking powder, salt, egg and vanilla. Add enough milk to make a smooth batter. Add the corn and cornmeal, mixing well. Pour about ½ cup onto a hot greased skillet or griddle. Cook over medium heat, flipping when the first side is brown. Serve with warmed maple syrup.

Oven-Baked Chicken Parmesan

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
3/4 cup Italian dry bread crumbs
1 jar (26-28 oz.) good quality marinara sauce

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Place the beaten egg in a shallow dish and the breadcrumbs in another shallow dish. Spray a 9x13-inch glass baking dish. Slice or pound the chicken breasts until they are uniform thicknesses. Dip each piece of chicken into the egg and then into the crumbs, coating well. NOTE: you might need more of each if the pieces are large or you have cut them thinner and now have more pieces. Arrange the chicken in the prepared baking dish. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes then cover with the marinara sauce and the cheese. Return to the oven and bake another 15 minutes, making sure they do not dry out. Serve with hot cooked pasta.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

2 large eggs
2 sticks real butter
2 cups sugar
1 cup real sour cream
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Cream the butter and sugar; add the eggs and beat well. Add the sour cream and mix well. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together and add to the creamed mixture. Add the vanilla. Lightly grease a baking pan and pour in half the batter. Mix the brown sugar, cinnamon and pecans. Sprinkle half of this mixture over the batter in the pan then top with the remaining half of the batter. Sprinkle the remaining sugar and nut mixture on top. Bake for 45 minutes or until it tests done with a toothpick. Serve for breakfast or dessert.

According to this cookbook, one of the important factors in the recovery and new lifestyle of the residents at Heartland Community is breaking bread together. It's an important part of their sharing lifestyle. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





N-K presents 'Rock of Ages' this weekend

Northwood-Kensett students will take to the stage to present a rockin' performance, with the "Rock of Ages."

The performances will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students, with N-K activity passes accepted.

The show is open to the public. Masks are required in N-K school buildings.

Naig encourages students to submit art for 2021 Choose Iowa calendar

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig invites school students to participate in the 2021 Choose Iowa Calendar Contest hosted by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

The artwork should feature at least one aspect of Iowa agriculture — food, livestock, crops or renewable fuels, for example. Submissions will be judged on creativity and the ability to connect agriculture to everyday life.

Entries must be postmarked or emailed to the Department by June 1, 2021, to be considered for the 2021-2022 Choose Iowa calendar.

The winning artists will be honored by Secretary Naig during an award ceremony held on Tuesday, Aug. 17, in the Agriculture Building during the 2021 Iowa State Fair.

Their submissions will also be included in the Choose Iowa calendar that will be distributed online at ChooseIowa.com and at the Department's booth in the Varied Industries Building.

"I encourage students of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the Choose Iowa calendar contest. It's a great opportunity to learn about food production, the broader agriculture community, and the profound impact it has on our state," said Naig. "Through this process, I hope students will realize there are a variety of career opportunities in agriculture, right here in our state."

Students 18-years-old or younger are invited to participate. Pictures should be drawn in a horizontal orientation using only black lines on plain white, 8.5 by 11-inch paper. The pictures should not be colored in.

Entries can be emailed to communications@iowaagriculture.gov or mailed to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Coloring Calendar, 502 E 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

Each submission should include an entry form, which lists the artist's name, age, school, hometown and contact information.

Brandt-Eilertson welcomes Keagan Paul Brandt

Proud parents Marcus Brandt and Maddie Eilertson of Mason City, welcomes Keagan Paul Brandt who was born on February 18, 2021 at 1:07 p.m. at MercyOne North Iowa. He weighed nine pounds eight ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Misty and Tom Hakes, Kensett; Beth and Nathan Buehrer, Northwood and Doug and Kristy Bohner, Mason City.

Great grandparents are Rose LaPoint, Northwood; Sue and Harry Hakes, Clear Lake; Dave and Sue Eilertson, Northwood; Karen and Dave Youngerman, Charles City; Don and Marlis Bohner, Charles City; Dennis and Sharon Dagestad, Emmons, Minn.; Paul Brandt, Hayward, Minn.; Vicki and Ronnie Stricker, Cape Fair, Missouri and Randy and Laure Buehrer, Northwood.



KEAGAN PAUL BRANDT



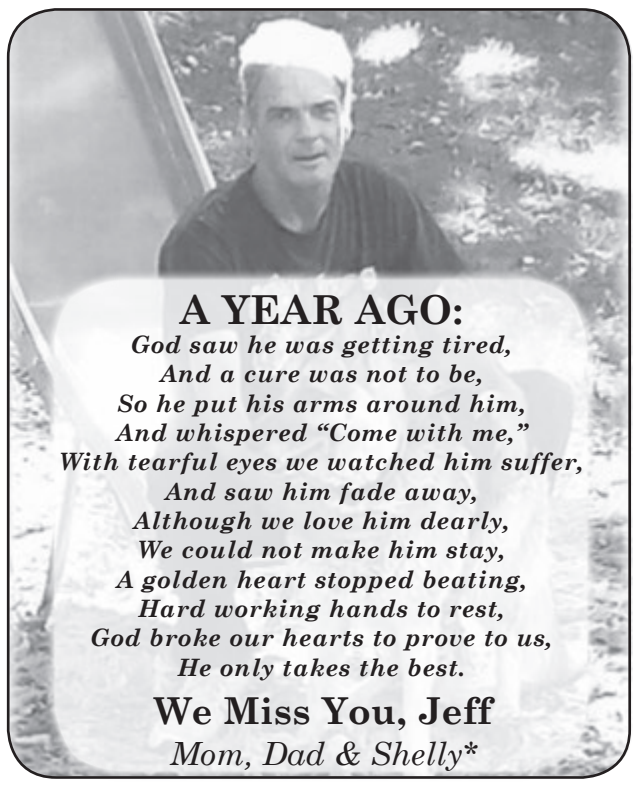
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And whispered "Come with me,"
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away,
Although we love him dearly,
We could not make him stay,
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

We Miss You, Jeff
*Mom, Dad & Shelly**

Populations down in Worth, according to 2019 estimates

While the city and county level 2020 U.S. Census numbers are still in the works, the Census Bureau provides estimates on population changes each year, providing a look at changes between the counts taken every 10 years.

Information from the 2019 population estimate shows that the population of Worth County has declined. The same can be said of Worth County's cities.

According to the program, at the state level, Iowa's population increased 108,199 between the Census in April 2010 and July 2019, to 3,155,070.

Worth County's population, meanwhile, has decreased since the 2010 Census, continuing a downward trend since July 2014.

At the time of the 2010 Census, Worth County's population was 7,598. Estimates for July 2019 show Worth County's population as 7,381. Worth's population decreased 217 since the Census, a drop of 2.8 percent.

Worth's population fell 32 from the 2018 estimates.

While Worth's population decreased, its rank amongst Iowa counties, in terms of population, increased. Amongst Iowa counties, Worth County ranked 89th in population following the 2010 Census and 88th based on the July 2019 estimates.

Like the county, Worth County's cities have also seen decreases in populations overall.

The city of Northwood's population has decreased 34 since the 2010 Census, going from 1,989 to 1,955, a decrease of 1.71 percent.

The 2019 figures show that Northwood's population has decreased seven from the previous year.

At the time of the 2010 Census, Northwood ranked 161st amongst Iowa cities in population. Based on the 2019 estimates, Northwood ranked 165th.

Manly's population fell 45 or 3.40 percent between the 2010 Census and 2019 estimate. In 2010, Manly's population was 1,323 and in 2019 was 1,278.

Manly's population fell two from the 2018 estimates.

Manly's population ranked 224th at the time of the Census and 233rd based on July 2019 estimates.

The city of Fertile, according to the 2019 figures, decreased from 370 with the census to 360 in 2019. That is a decrease of 2.70 percent.

Fertile's population fell one from the 2018 estimates.

Fertile ranked 531st in 2010 and 530th in 2019.

Grafton's population went from 252 in 2010 to 244 in 2019. That was a decrease of 3.17 percent.

Grafton's population fell one from the 2018 estimates.

Grafton ranked 631st in 2010 and 633rd in 2019.

At the time of the 2010 Census, Hanlontown's population was 226. That decreased by 6 to 220, as of July 2019. That was a decrease of 2.65 percent.

Hanlontown's population fell one from the 2018 estimates.

Amongst Iowa cities, Hanlontown ranked 658th in 2010 and 657th in 2019.

Joice went from 222 in 2010 to 210 in 2019, a decrease of 5.41 percent.

Joice's population fell two from the 2018 estimates.

Joice ranked 667th in 2010 and 666th in 2019.

Kensett's population decreased by 10 people, from 266 in 2010 to 256 in 2019. That was a decrease of 5.41 percent.

Kensett's population decreased three from the 2018 estimate.

Kensett ranked 613th in 2010 and 619th in 2019.

Supervisors hear public comment about public comment policy

The Worth County supervisors recently heard from a member of the public who shared concerns about what she saw as a restriction on the public's timely input on County business.

Julie Kunz, who has shared her concerns in public comment format several times in recent years, shared her concerns about the current public comment policy, and how it may prevent input prior to action being taken by the supervisors.

Since January 2018, the public comment policy of the board of supervisors has been that anyone wishing to speak to the board has to submit a request in writing by the Thursday before the supervisors' regular Monday meetings.

Prior to the change, public comments had been allowed at the end of a meeting, or more informally during other discussion.

Kunz said that the current policy does not allow the public to comment on anything that the supervisors may be discussing or approving on their regular agendas, as they are usually posted to the county's website after the Thursday deadline.

As such, Kunz said, the supervisors regularly take action on an item without the public having the chance to discuss or weigh in.

Kunz asked the supervisors to revisit the policy to offer more opportunities for public input.

Supervisor AJ Stone mentioned that other counties have comment time at the end of meetings, where members of the public have up to three minutes to voice concerns, opinions and questions.

Stone said that the supervisors would consider the suggestion and potentially discuss it at future meetings.

A look at bills in the works



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Week Nine and Ten

Weeks nine and ten have been busy as we work towards the second funnel deadline of April 2. We had less debate this week and passed four bills on the House floor.

• HF 744 Protecting Free Speech in Schools and on Campus received broad bi-partisan support.

• HF 802 – Prohibiting Gender or Race-Based Stereotyping in Training & Curriculum. This bill prohibits training or curriculum that present certain divisive concepts that rely on race or gender-based stereotypes as fact.

• HF 621 – Clarifying Immunity for Firearms Manufacturers

This bill reestablishes that the responsibility for heinous acts relies solely on the perpetrator of the act, not on the manufacturer of the firearm or ammunition

• HF 756 2nd Amendment Omnibus Bill, will improve public safety by ensuring law-abiding citizens can protect themselves immediately, tightening the loopholes on private sales, and allowing law enforcement officers to carry on school grounds regardless of if they are off-duty or not. This bill does not eliminate background checks as many are being misled to believe. It is actually likely to increase the amount and frequency of background checks on gun purchases.

Increasing access to mental health services in Iowa:

• HF 294 requires health insurers to reimburse for mental health services provided through telehealth at the same rate as services provided in-person. This will be a huge help to all Iowans, especially those in our rural communities

• HF 773 is a bill to create a statewide study of Iowa's mental health services. This information will help identify opportunities to better serve Iowans suffering from mental illness. This is also the first step in requesting an 1115 Waiver from the federal government, which would provide additional funds for services to treat mental illness.

Local Government bills:

• HF 623 provides immunity to licensed veterinarians who in good faith report or participate in investigations with law enforcement of animal abuse. This legislation provides immunity from administrative, civil, or criminal liability to veterinarians who act to protect the abuse of companion animals. Law Enforcement agencies in Iowa have at times struggled to find veterinarians who are willing to help participate to investigate animal abuse or to aid in the rescue of abused animals. There has been fear of administrative discipline with the Board of Veterinary Medicine, a civil suit, or criminal charges for veterinarians who want to help abused animals.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached at jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov Check out my Facebook page for other updates.

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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
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Pastor Tom Martin

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

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
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Though it is a well-worn cliché, it is nonetheless true that since we do not know the day or the hour of our deaths, we should live each day as if it were our last. Do not put off the good deeds which you could do today. Do not neglect to tell your friends and family how much they mean to you. Be vigilant and awake. Many of us are sleepwalking through life, unaware of where we are heading and what the purpose of this life is. If we do not wake up every morning with a clear understanding that our purpose in life is to serve our fellow humans and by doing so to glorify God, then we are asleep and living in a dream world. In our dreams we often drift from one scene to another without any logical connection between them. But our lives should not drift haphazardly along. Rather, we should have a clear sense of what we are doing and why, asking always whether it serves our fellow man and glorifies God. We should be single-minded and determined in our pursuit of what is good, and stay awake!

"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." – Romans 13: 11

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 23, 1921

One of the most pretentious entertainments given in Northwood for a long time at least, was staged at the Slosson Opera House when the boys' and girls' Glee Clubs of Northwood High presented H.M.S. Pinafore. Miss Dorothy Meder directed the production and judging from the excellence of the entertainment must have taken a great deal of time and practice. Miss Stella Tenold at the piano played the complete instrumental score. Heiny's orchestra played between acts.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated when Miss Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyne, of Albert Lea became the bride of Otto Vold of Northwood. The ceremony took place at the bride's home.

Oscar Olsen and Art Ewald, who recently purchased a confectionery store at Rockford, will go to that town to invoice and take possession of the business. Both of these young men are popular and experienced and will no doubt make a success of their new venture in the Floyd county town. Mr. Olsen was employed in the G.I. Kaasa store and Mr. Ewald has been engaged in farming since returning from the service.

Andrew Gray, one of the really pioneers of Northwood, is still confined to his home by illness but is reported to be making some improvement. Mr. Gray has been ill for several weeks and has not been down town for the past fortnight.

75 years ago

March 21, 1946

Prospect of being mayor of Northwood seems to have lost its appeal. The second candidate nominated has now withdrawn, but too late to have his name left off the printed ballot. And friends of O.J. Wardwell, local attorney, say they have prevailed upon him to be a "write-in" candidate on the independent ticket.

Maxine Anderson, 13, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Anderson of Manly and a pupil of the eighth grade of the Manly public school, is the 1946 Worth County spelling champion. Maxine won that honor in the county grade school spelling contest held at the Northwood high school.

Wm. T. Smith post, American Legion, greatly augmented in membership by scores of Work War II veterans, has started work on raising $50,000 for a memorial building to be erected in Northwood. At a special meeting of the local post, tentative plans were outlined for an intensive campaign of solicitation.

Larry Haugen, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Haugen of Fertile, fell into the Winnebago river above the mill dam at Fertile and nearly drowned. His mother happened to see him as he fell, rushed into the water and reached him before he was swept away.

Leon Prell of Grafton was named foreman of the Worth County grand jury at the organization session held at the court house Tuesday. Thus is the first meeting of the grand jury as the members were excised for reporting at the January term of court. Other members of the grand jury are W.A. Alitz, C.O. Groe, Peter Stehn, Royden Christianson, Alfred Johnson and Herbert Scheffel.

50 years ago

March 25, 1971

Although the thermometer has been unseasonably low during the past week, the Shell Rock River flowing through Crescent Park has been over its bank.

No injuries were reported in this Highway Commission snowplow and transport collision just north of the viaduct on Highway 65 on March 18, Walter Bernard, Grove III, was passing the snow plow when the plow made a left turn into the rest area. The plow was driven by David E. Petznick, Manly. The transport suffered an estimated $4000 in damage and the snowplow was totaled out, according to the Worth County sheriff's department, who investigated. The cement transport upset in the ditch just north Glenville, reportedly being blown off the road by a strong gust of wind. The driver was not injured.

An enthusiastic group attended a legislative meeting at the Kensett school. Kenneth Fredrickson, Melbourne, Butler, State Representative Kenneth Logemann, Russel Sawin, L.G. Stevens and Peder Skram.

Alvin Ellingson, Charlotte, North Carolina, district sales manager for RCA, will leave on March 25 on a 12-day trip to Greece and the Greek Isles, Mrs. Ellingson will accompany him. Ellingson was awarded the trip through sales promotion, and he and his wife will be among 180 on the tour.

25 years ago

March 20, 1996

Northwood-Kensett kindergarteners Alyssa Willand, Marissa Nitcher and Rochelle Carlson kicked up a few gentle waves on this flooded stretch of sidewalk while walking home from school. Their respective parents are Wendell and Holly Willand, Kent and Cheryl Nitcher, and Vaughn and Chris Carlson, all of Northwood.

All 45 of Northwood-Kensett's fifth-graders were winners at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation exercises in the West Elementary auditorium. Members of the class who won recognition for their D.A.R.E. essays and posters, or who won free D.A.R.E. jackets in a drawing at the end of the exercises included, Stephanie Diamond, Jonathan Williams, Joe Fierova, Lisa Foley, Laura Carlson, Jennifer Medlang, Cory Stucky, Nicole Sanderson, Jennifer Tenold, Beth Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Ben Johnson and Matt Adams.

Rose and Al Fredericks and Terry, Northwood, hosted "Dinner With Don" with Don Harmon, a TV personality with KIMT, on Monday evening, March 18.

David and Cheryl Gentz, Northwood are parents of a baby girl, Hannah Marie, born on March 13, 1996 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center, Mason City. She weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces Hannah has a sister Naiomi and brother Jacob. Grandparents are Raymond and Dorothy Gentz, Northwood and Esther Anderson, Lake Mills.

10 years ago

March 23, 2011

Manna organizers, Terri Sculley, Cindy Pangburn and Tom Sculley are very happy with the new home. It provides more space and accessibility for all who need foot assistance.

Worth County 4-H members visited the state Capitol on March 16. During their tour of the statehouse, the 4-H'ers met with Senator Merlin Bartz who showed them around the Senate chamber and talked to them about his experiences as a state legislator.

The late Alfred and Elenora Bruesewitz of Grafton cruised in Alfred's first car he ever sold, a 1922 Chevy, in the Bolan Sesquicentennial on August 25, 1986.

Visitors to Casey's General Store in Northwood were treated to a number of special promotions and bargains with the Northwood store's grand re-opening. That also included a chance to meet the walking piece of pizza known as Pizza Pete. The Casey's mascot is with Casey's manager Julie Fierova.

Only a sophomore and freshman, Savannah Lira and Zoie Staplekamp will be counted on to score points in the discus and shot put events this year if the Vikings are to be successful.

A group of N-K sixth grade students took part in the regional Math Bee held on March 4. The Bee consisted of several rounds for individuals and teams. The members were Matthew Parcher, Cade Tindall, Mary Irons and Tegan Cotter.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Susan Mega

Susan M. Mega, 78 of Northwood, passed away on Monday, March 15, 2021 in Waterloo after a tragic car accident.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 410 North Broadway, Manly, IA 50456 with Father Neil Manternach, celebrant. Inurnment was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery beside her husband, Robert.

A livestream of the services can be found here www.facebook.com/HoganBremer-MooreColonialChapel.

Visitation and public viewing was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Avenue South, Northwood, IA 50459. The Rosary was said at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Scriptural Wake Service.



SUSAN MEGA

Susan Margaret Stringer was born on November 27, 1942 in Brooklyn New York, the daughter of George and Clare (McMenamin) Stringer. She attended Northport High School in New York, graduating in 1960. Sue found her calling soon after at Caledonia Hospital, where she became an LPN and began her career caring for others. On July 11, 1964, she married Robert Mega at the St. Philip Neri in Northport, N.Y., and to this union two children were born, Keith Robert and Kristine Marie.

The family soon made their home in Iowa where Sue worked for Mercy Medical Center, Lutheran Retirement Home and later at the Northwood-Kensett Schools for many years.

Sue was a longtime member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly. She was very active in Rosary Society, acting as a past president, a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and was a part of St. Anne's and Our Lady of Victory Guild.

In 2007 she and Bob traveled to Italy with Father McAndrew to see the Pope; a lifelong dream fulfilled for both.

Most of all, Sue loved her family, especially her girls and her beloved four legged companion, Deacon II.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two children, Keith (Lynn) Mega of Minot, N.D., and Kristine (John) Rasmussen of Marshalltown; two grandchildren, Kathryn (Sean LeCavalier) Mega and Brianna (Kyle Groen) Rasmussen; great-granddaughters, Kaylin and Skylar; siblings, Hugh (Marta) Stringer of Massachusetts, Jean (James) Berry of Massachusetts, and Bernard (Connie) Stringer of New York; many nieces, nephews and many extended family members and friends.

Greeting her in Heaven is her husband, Robert; parents, George and Clare; and her siblings, George and William Stringer.

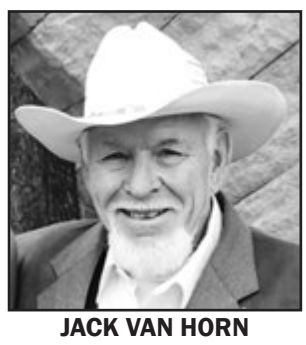
Jack Van Horn

Jack Van Horn, 80, died at home on March 15, 2021 after his battle with cancer.

Visitation will be held at Schroeder Funeral Homes in Northwood, Iowa on Friday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m. and a service will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 2 p.m.

Jack was born on February 19, 1941 at home in Kensett, Iowa, the son of Harley and Lucille Van Horn. He married Diane Gordon on September 1, 1962 and became a long-time resident of Northwood.

Jack was a hard-working handy man and always wanted to lend his helping hand – he was a "jack-of-all-trades." He was a truck driver for 50 years and spent most of his retirement out at Sorbo Campground where he maintained the land and built strong relationships with the campers. He looked forward to every December where he would put on his big red suit and act as the town Santa Claus. He was also quite the jokester and enjoyed making those in his presence smile. His heart grew softer with each new grandchild and completely melted when his six great-grandchildren were born. He dedicated his life to his family and will be greatly missed by them all.



JACK VAN HORN

Survivors include his daughter, Rebecca Van Horn of Northwood, Iowa; son, Robert Van Horn of Albertville, Minn.; brother, Ben (Eva) Van Horn of Columbus, Wis.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Lucille Van Horn; his loving wife, Diane Van Horn; daughter, Debra Johann; sisters, Anita Madsen, Donna Caldwell, Maxine Colstrup, Mary Lou Van Horn; and brother, Darrell Van Horn.

Richard 'Dick' Johnson

Richard "Dick" Johnson passed away peacefully on March 6, 2021 at 86 years old.

He was born and raised on a farm in Northwood, Iowa with his mother, father and three siblings. In 1954 he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served primarily in Japan. Upon returning home, Dick settled in Texas. That is where he met Norma, the love of his life and the two got married.

His passion for music led him to a 21 year career at May-Duncan Music Company, Richard then later sold food at Terguson before retiring in 1996.

Not only was he a loving husband and a one-of-a-kind father to his two beautiful daughters, Barbara and Debbie; and in 1992 he gained another title, "Grandpa." There was nothing he would not do for his grand-daughter, Hillary and they were inseparable from the moment she was born.



RICHARD JOHNSON

Richard and Norma were members of several organizations throughout their life: The Eagles, The American Legion, Midland Lutheran Church and bowling teams. If he wasn't fishing off of the dock on Oak Creek lake you could find him gambling and enjoying scotch in Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nevada.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Mabel Johnson; infant sister, Carol Lou Johnson; sister-in-law, Jean Johnson; brother-in-law, Darroll Julson; and son-in-law, Phillip Clark.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Norma Johnson; his beautiful daughters, Barbara Clark and Debbie Robertson; his very special grand-daughter, Hillary and her husband, Ricky Stephens; his siblings, JoAnn Julson, Lawrence Johnson Jr, Margie Johnson, Joel and Sandra Empie and many cousins.

The family has decided to have a service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in Richard's name to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 19.

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Let the Northwood Anchor help memorialise your loved ones
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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Healing and hope, from art to Zoom

By Michael Morain
Iowa Culture Wire

All the virtual activities that have popped up online over the last year – concerts, tours, how-to classes – help people feel connected when they're physically apart.

That's especially good news for cancer patients, whose immune systems were compromised even before anyone had heard of Covid-19.

For more than a decade, a Quad Cities nonprofit called the Living Proof Exhibit has helped cancer patients, survivors and caregivers tap into the healing power of the arts through workshops and exhibits. More recently, the group has jumped on the Zoom boom and enlisted local artists to create free virtual experiences for cancer patients as well as the general public.

"Our mission is to reduce the stress associated with cancer," said Pamela Crouch, the nonprofit's executive director. "Our focus has been on people affected by cancer, but when you think about it, everyone in the last year has experienced heightened levels of stress."

On the Living Proof Exhibit's website and YouTube channel, you can watch a performance by the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, tour the Figge Art Museum or take a virtual stroll through the Quad City Botanical Center. The nonprofit has also partnered with other arts organizations in Dubuque and Cedar Rapids.

"I'm so impressed with what they're doing," Crouch said. "This year, all of us have had to almost completely re-invent ourselves. And who can do that better than creative people?"

Now her team is distributing bookmarks printed with a QR code that enables people to access all the online content with a simple swipe of a smartphone. The nonprofit team hopes more people will take advantage of it, even after the pandemic ends.

"There are no limits now," Crouch said. "These online programs are really going to open up the arts to anyone who might be housebound."

With support from the Iowa Arts Council and others, the Living Proof Exhibit has commissioned the Quad Cities composer Jacob Bancks to create an opera based on interviews with local cancer survivors and caregivers. Its premiere with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra has been postponed to February 2022.

Even in a virtual world, some in-person events are worth the wait.

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A robot named Genie guides virtual tours at the Figge Art Museum of Art in Davenport. (Figge Art Museum)

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

We have a sale on rolling scones today.

No, thanks. I'd like to buy a half-dozen long johns with cream filling.

I'm sorry, but we accept only cash.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was hot and tossed and turned in bed. I felt like a rotisserie chicken. I discovered my wife had sneaked an extra blanket onto the bed. Happy the cause was benign, I staggered to the window and looked at 9 inches of snowfall — more or less. I serve on a board on which everyone but me is from Alaska and I mentioned on our Zoom meeting we'd had a snowfall and gave 8 inches as an approximation to be modest about the weather. A member from Haines said they'd just received 17 and another from Anchorage said 19 inches. They won. I should have claimed 9 feet. I remember snowfalls from my formative years. The amounts increase in my memory. Dylan Thomas wrote, "I can never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or whether it snowed for twelve days and twelve nights when I was six." Snow adds to March Madness, which has referred to a form of madness or uncharacteristic behavior affecting people in March since the 1900s. The expression may come from the erratic weather of the season or the harebrained behavior of hares. The NCAA's March Madness incites insanity. Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind." Some pessimistic Minnesotans maintain that if spring comes, winter can't be far behind.

Signs

I worked in a gas station in a large city. It was an inconvenient convenience store. It sold gas, snacks, pop and cigarettes, and had a restroom. The key to its locked door was chained to a hunk of metal the size of an anvil. The restroom hadn't been cleaned since sliced bread was invented. My boss told me to clean it. I wasn't happy to have that assignment. I hung a sign on the door that read, "Too closed for comfort."

Glen Christopherson died recently. I'll miss him. He made me think of Burma-Shave signs. Burma-Shave is a brand of shaving cream, famous for its advertising gimmick of posting humorous rhyming poems on small sequential highway roadside signs. Glen often sported a beard, so I'm not sure he used Burma-Shave. I thought of that product because one of their poems was "Don't stick your elbow Out too far. It might go home In another car. Burma-Shave." Years ago, Glen got from here to there by riding a motorcycle. My neighbor Irvin Armstrong drove a Cadillac. Glen drove fast. Irvin drove slow. You had to pass Irvin unless you were on foot and had a sprained ankle. Irvin liked to roll down the driver's side window and put his arm out. It produced a lopsided tan that was favored by plodders. One day, Irvin was racing a snail down the highway when Glen passed him. As Glen went by on his motorcycle, he reached over and slapped Irvin on his tanned arm. Both vehicles stayed on the road. It has become a cheering story to tell in memory of these two gentlemen.

Bad joke department

What has four letters, occasionally has twelve letters, always has six letters, but never has five letters.

How many opticians does it take to change a light bulb? One? Or two? Or one? Or two? How about now?

Nature notes

Birds enliven the yard. In spring, a woodpecker excavates a nest cavity in a dead tree. It knows it has its hole life ahead of it. Several readers reported birds fighting with their mirrored images in windows. That's what happens when they take anger management classes online.

Charles St. Charles of Michigan wrote, "You say the black-capped chickadee whistles 'Fee-bee,' but I hear something different. Maybe it's because I cheerfully feed so many of them throughout the year that what I hear is 'Feed me.'"

"You should let people know about the award you received from the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union." How nice of you to give me an opportunity for humblebrag. A few years ago, I received the T. S. Roberts Memorial Award, MOU's lifetime achievement award for "Outstanding Contributions to Minnesota Ornithology and Birding." Thomas Sadler Roberts (1858 - 1946) was a physician known for his work in ornithology, bird conservation, his book "The Birds of Minnesota," and for his help in establishing the Bell Museum of Natural History.

Meeting adjourned

A small kindness is never a little thing.

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Fit to print...

A Vacation taking in the sights

By Kris Kenison

Another spring break has come and gone, but this year was different. I'm sure I'm not alone in the fact that this time of year, the end of spring break particular, now and likely for some time more will be a reminder of the moments that many began living with the realities of a pandemic.

Last year, at this time, I was visiting family near Austin, Texas. The week began with normal fun. We hung out at the home we rented. We hiked. We went swimming. We visited restaurants. Some of us shopped.

But that all changed midweek. COVID-19 had been a conversation all that week, but not a genuine concern. Everyone believed that it would pass.

Towards the end of the week, as our return home edged closer, the impacts began.

A visit out to an arcade/bowling alley was conspicuously vacant.

My cousin learned that he would not be returning to college in person.

We were hearing from people back home that students on spring break trips, especially those overseas, were racing to return before travel became impossible.

It was a odd atmosphere to end a vacation on.

I distinctly remember the atmosphere at the airport a year ago.

Everyone was seated apart as there wasn't yet a clear understanding of how the virus spread. No crowding near the gates. Some restaurants were closed that normally would have been busy. Others were open but without the lines of those returning or beginning their spring break.

Cut to one year later and it was another spring break last week.

Fortunately, in the past year, we've learned how to travel safely, so many did get the chance to vacation again. But it did not look the same.

The airport looked similar to the trip home one year ago. The main difference is that this year, we knew the precautions we should take. We wore masks. We kept our distance. We washed hands frequently.

My family once again stayed at a rental home, with assurances that things were sanitized before our arrival.

We had a pool in the backyard and plenty of places to pick up food or have delivered nearby. We knew that this trip would be about spending time at "home," with a few limited excursions.

We went to Gatorland, and introduced the younger members to that world of prehistoric creatures.

We spent a day at the beach. We wore masks to our spot on the sand and paid attention to our distance from other gatherings of people. None of that would have been a concern 12 months ago.

Though we vacationed mere minutes from the worlds of Disney and Universal, we opted to avoid those gathering spots as well.

It was a trip not so much about where we were, but who we were with. It was not about the sites we weren't seeing, but the sights of family gathered around a borrowed dinner table, playing in the pool or seeing my niece and nephews to start the day.

After a year where we avoided traveling because numbers were simply too high and there was too much risk, a trip to visit no one in particular, and to visit no place in particular was truly special.

But, no matter how the past two spring breaks compare, I want to celebrate that things are beginning to look brighter. COVID-19 numbers are way down. Our state and national leaders suggest that vaccines will be available to everyone that wants one in a matter of weeks.

I hope everyone continues to take precautions and gets vaccinated so that next year's spring break looks completely different.

And in the coming months I hope more and more events and gatherings return safely. I miss the sights of friends and neighbors gathering at Worth County's special sites. And I look forward to sharing more of those sights in the Anchor.

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

Bolan

The Bolan Trinity UM Women met on Thursday afternoon. The "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" lesson was given which was entitled "She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference" written by Grace Musuka, a UM Women's Regional Missionary serving the work and Leadership of the UMW organizations in Central Africa.

Even though the Bolan Trinity UMC family has to wear their masks and social distance, it's really neat for one of the members passes out mini donuts to all of us after we leave the worship service. Perhaps when it warms up we can add coffee with that donut! It was great to again have some special music played by Mary Wendt at the organ and Lori Willert at the piano for the Service.

The Trinity Family also had a short meeting to discuss having a luncheon fundraiser, with reservations this time so we don't run out of food, in April. Please watch the paper for more information on this.

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009251
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER K. UTT, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Walter K. Utt, deceased, who died on or about the January 31, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on the February 24, 2021 the last will and testament of Walter K. Utt, deceased, bearing the date of the May 29, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Sara J. Utt was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of Worth County, Iowa within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the Estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur 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 March 19 2021.

Sara J. Utt
8316 29th Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55427
Executor of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#000008531
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Executor

Date of second publication 31st day of March, 2021. 12-2t

Supervisors

March 15, 2021
Eleventh 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 15, 2021 board agenda.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $160.00 as per the following schedule:

Mark Eilertson, DD 2, Beaver Tails $160.00

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the monthly clerk of court and sheriff reports.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve salary changes for Adam Mittag and Isaac Hovey at $23.38/hour as submitted by secondary roads.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve 2% FY22 Salary changes for Worth County employees.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to acknowledge the FY22 Salary recommendations as submitted by the Worth County Compensation Board.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Class B Native Wine Permit (WBN) for I-35/105 Welcome Center, Inc. – D/B/A – Top of Iowa Welcome Center & Barn Boutique and the Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) for Diamond Jo Worth, LLC – D/B/A Diamond Jo Worth Casino.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone recessed the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to open public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy FY22 at 9:00 A.M. Hearing was opened for public comment, but there was no comment.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to close the public hearing at 9:02 A.M.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone reconvened the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution # 2021.03.15

Resolution 2021.03.15
Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 21/22 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on 3/15/2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 21/22 shall not exceed the following:

ï General County Services: $3,599,977; an increase of 3.59% from the prior year

ï Rural County Services: $1,513,678; an increase of 3.93% from the prior year

Passed and adopted this 15th day of March, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Aaron Stone – AYE; Mark Smeby – AYE; Enos Loberg - AYE

Aaron Stone, Chairman of Board of Supervisors

Mark Smeby, Vice-Chairman of Board of Supervisors

Enos Loberg, Member of Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:04 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 22, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Department of Management - Form S-PB-6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Northwood-Kensett School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Location of Public Hearing: Northwood-Kensett Secondary Media Center, 704 7th St. N, Northwood, IA 50459
Date of Hearing: 4/8/2021
Time of Hearing: 7:01 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2021/22 school budget at the above-noted location and time. At the 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 district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

		Budget 2022	Re-est. 2021	Actual 2020	Avg %20-22
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,361,671	3,362,581	3,238,859	1.9%
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	83,744	65,266	66,924	11.9%
Income Surtaxes	3	145,534	130,000	145,481	0.0%
Tuition\Transportation Received	4	303,579	296,956	290,947	
Earnings on Investments	5	18,370	18,100	27,913	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	42,021	41,400	109,464	
Student Activities and Sales	7	124,300	122,500	166,111	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	1,902,974	1,874,861	638,999	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	3,278,638	3,176,505	3,098,678	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	0	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	572,562	564,338	593,548	
Commercial & Industrial State Replacement	13	111,080	91,572	94,135	
Title I Grants	14	86,713	86,713	77,910	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	732,529	776,916	332,182	
Total Revenues	16	10,763,715	10,607,708	8,881,151	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	3,582,950	3,530,000	0	
Transfers In	18	12,180	12,000	9,069	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	14,358,845	14,149,708	8,890,220	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	7,105,171	4,424,867	3,406,284	
Total Resources	23	21,464,016	18,574,575	12,296,504	
***Instruction**	24	4,823,626	4,598,903	4,298,474	5.9%
Student Support Services	25	227,755	698,606	204,721	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	420,300	436,606	371,714	
General Administration	27	296,317	286,098	270,020	
School Administration	28	439,680	470,631	407,442	
Business & Central Administration	29	140,899	136,459	136,726	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	609,897	583,525	567,465	
Student Transportation	31	417,784	405,608	235,108	
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***Total Support Services (lines 25-32)**	32A	2,552,632	3,017,533	2,193,196	7.9%
***Noninstructional Programs**	33	393,057	387,248	309,880	12.6%
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	34	2,854,714	2,812,526	429,035	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	35	406,703	400,693	397,293	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	36	259,552	240,501	234,690	
***Total Other Expenditures (lines 34-36)**	36A	3,520,969	3,453,720	1,061,018	82.2%
Total Expenditures	37	11,290,284	11,457,404	7,862,568	
Transfers Out	38	12,180	12,000	9,069	
Other Uses	39	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	40	11,302,464	11,469,404	7,871,637	
Ending Fund Balance	41	10,161,552	7,105,171	4,424,867	
Total Requirements	42	21,464,016	18,574,575	12,296,504	

Proposed Property Tax Rate (per $1,000 taxable valuation) 12.37707

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

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Office 641-324-1023 Home 324-1391

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Iowa County Treasurer's Semiannual Reconciliation

WORTH COUNTY — For 07/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

	Beginning Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Beginning Balance + Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance	Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance	Difference	Outstanding Bank Items
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	564948.45	2760484.89	3325433.34	2447196.45	**-34065.84**	844171.05	843650.13	520.92	129862.55
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	867015.97	751679.55	1618695.52	777369.42	**-4228.73**	837097.37	837097.37	0	13223.5
0003 - GENERAL BASIC TRUST	164973.16	0	164973.16	150000	**0**	14973.16	14973.16	0	0
0010 - MH-DD SERVICES FUND	28325.63	127756.93	156082.56	110430	**0**	45652.56	45652.56	0	0
0011 - RURAL SERVICE BASIC	161979.9	1233449.9	1395429.8	965555.54	**-10354.81**	419519.45	419518.63	0.82	14361.88
0014 - RURAL SERVICES TRUST	207871.65	56915.85	264787.5	150055.06	**0**	114732.44	114732.44	0	0
0020 - SECONDARY ROADS	2361770.71	2425200.68	4786971.39	3257619.53	**-102378.61**	1426973.25	1426972.82	0.43	71090.47
0021 - HWY 105 TRUST FUND	1735711.42	4286.86	1739998.28	0	**0**	1739998.28	1739998.28	0	0
0023 - ENHANCEMENT/PROTECTION(REAP)	13311.75	9086	22397.75	0	**0**	22397.75	22397.75	0	0
0024 - RECORDER'S RECORDS MGT. FUND	11280.55	850	12130.55	0	**0**	12130.55	12130.55	0	0
0026 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	1213.76	2605	3818.76	1375.1	**7.66**	2451.32	2451.32	0	23.4
0027 - COUNTY CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND	45047.68	0	45047.68	0	**0**	45047.68	45047.68	0	0
0029 - COUNTY DISPOSAL CLOSURE FUND	6611	0	6611	0	**0**	6611	6611	0	0
0030 - BOARD/ROOM	75091.91	6114.6	81206.51	710	**0**	80496.51	80496.51	0	0
0031 - PROBATION FEES	34175.95	0	34175.95	115	**0**	34060.95	34060.95	0	0
0036 - COMMISSARY FUND	5561.58	5000	10561.58	1074	**0**	9487.58	9487.58	0	0
0037 - DARE	3940.08	0	3940.08	0	**0**	3940.08	3940.08	0	0
0038 - WINDFARM TIF	4923636.57	1642700.16	6566336.73	1199361.59	**845**	5367820.14	5367820.14	0	1595
0039 - FORFEITURE FUND	5928.78	0	5928.78	0	**0**	5928.78	5928.78	0	0
0040 - CANINE FUND	5761.07	200	5961.07	0	**0**	5961.07	5961.07	0	0
0042 - NEW HEAVEN GRANT TIF	12222.84	2785.61	15008.45	0	**0**	15008.45	15008.45	0	0
0043 - RESERVE DEPUTY FUND	7853.48	20	7873.48	115	**0**	7758.48	7758.48	0	0
0100 - DRAINAGE	352368.59	172006.1	524374.69	99737.99	**82700.74**	507337.44	507337.44	0	0
4000 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	129957.28	84471.14	214428.42	72898.46	**445.88**	141975.84	141976.88	-1.04	1739.4
4010 - E911	728238.4	89062.92	817301.32	20286.11	**1652.44**	798667.65	798667.65	0	1868.78
4060 - FLEX BENEFITS	8900.01	5035.08	13935.09	7121.72	**0**	6813.37	6813.37	0	0
4100 - COUNTY ASSESSOR AGENCY FUND	694058.22	195642.83	889701.05	134885.48	**-16019.09**	738796.48	738796.76	-0.28	5862.24
4140 - AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION EDUCATION	1295.2	118055.93	119351.13	117628.69	**0**	1722.44	1722.44	0	0
4160 - PROPERTY TAX AGENCY FUND	11.47	1010.77	1022.24	1007.52	**0**	14.72	14.72	0	0
4200 - SCHOOL DISTRICTS	51080.29	4638466.33	4689546.62	4626230.94	**0**	63315.68	63315.68	0	0
4300 - NIACC	3184.11	372481.06	375665.17	370229.12	**0**	5436.05	5436.05	0	0
4400 - CORPORATIONS	19496.57	1151664.06	1171160.63	1161059.75	**0**	10100.88	10100.88	0	0
4450 - CITY SPECIALS	1446.51	10862.23	12308.74	10351.21	**0**	1957.53	1957.53	0	0
4500 - PRIVATE OWNED TAX SALE CERTS	3299	58693.4	61992.4	25520.05	**0**	36472.35	36472.35	0	0
4700 - TOWNSHIPS	582.13	81575.81	82157.94	80553.56	**0**	1604.38	1604.38	0	0
5010 - MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	160743.95	966283.55	1127027.5	915048.05	**325.68**	212305.13	212305.13	0	689.63
5020 - USE TAX	103143.46	550996.03	654139.49	569751.98	**0**	84387.51	84387.51	0	0
5040 - AGPAT FUND	5.7	84.55	90.25	73.15	**0**	17.1	17.1	0	0
5090 - TAX IN ADVANCE	18694.77	-14793.77	3901	0	**0**	3901	3901	0	0
5100 - UNAPPORTIONED TAX FUND	0	0	0	0	**24**	24	24	0	24
5300 - RECORDER'S ELECTRONIC FEE FUND	95	850	945	822	**0**	123	123	0	0
7000 - SHORT & OVER	583.47	0	583.47	0	**0**	583.47	583.47	0	0
8000 - WASTE WATER	338890.23	87458.97	426349.2	74196.78	**-3991**	348161.42	348161.42	0	7065.5
8001 - WATER	167183.36	70655.5	237838.86	71453.45	**78.61**	166464.02	166464.02	0	8167.5
8500 - HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	130395.09	400999.87	531394.96	387164	**-14780**	129450.96	129450.96	0	52707
9999 - TREASURERS FUND	43406.74	0	43406.74	0	**-43406.74**	0	0	0	0
Report Totals:	**14201293.44**	**18070698.39**	**32271991.83**	**17806996.7**	**-143144.81**	14321850.32	**14322371.17**	520.85	**308280.85**

I hereby certify the above report to be a true and accurate account of transactions during period(s) specified.

Jake Hanson-Worth County Treasurer

Ray Larson

Funeral services for Ray B. Larson were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Silver Lake Lutheran Church, rural Northwood, Iowa, with Rev. Randy Baldwin officiating. Visitation was held from 5 – 8 p.m. on Monday at the Mittelstadt Chapel, Lake Mills, and again one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

The service will be recorded and uploaded to the Schott Funeral Homes website following the service. Go to www.schottfuneralhomes.com, click on his picture, and from Ray's obit page, click on the "tribute wall" tab to find the webcast link.

Ray passed away peacefully on Friday, March 19, 2021 at Lafayette Manor in Darlington, Wisconsin. He was 81 years old

Ray Bryan Larson was born on May 10, 1939 to parents George and Betsy (Bakken) Larson in Albert Lea, Minnesota. He grew up and graduated from Northwood High School. Following his schooling, Ray enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his



RAY LARSON

country honorably aboard the USS Kidd from 1957 – 1961. A highlight later in his life was being able to re-visit the ship with his family later in life.

On February 3, 1962, Ray was united in marriage to Lois (Nelson) in Hayfield, Minnesota. To this union, two children were born. The family called Stewartville, Minnesota home.

Ray spent 35 years working for Mettler Toledo Scale as a Service Technician. Following his retirement, he drove limo for Clements Chevrolet in Rochester for a few years. He was a member of a few local car clubs, and was involved in the Emmons Legion Post 317. When he wasn't working, you could find Ray working on old cars. He could take a car in the worst of shape, and quickly turn it into a treasure. He had a love for cars, but the biggest joy in his life came from his family. His children and grandchildren meant the world to him. He was an amazing husband, dad, and grandpa, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by both parents; wife, Lois in 2017; a daughter, Kim Hegna in 2000; grandson in-law, Ken O'Conner; sister, Blanch Larson; brother, Leland (Sally) Larson; and a sister in-law, Margaret Larson.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Michelle (Rick) Hander of Darlington, Wisc.; son in-law, Scott Hegna; grandchildren, Nathan (Bethany) Hander, Joshua (Stacy) Hander, Brittany (Jake) Bennett, Shauna O'Conner, Shareese (Will) Narcy, and Denny Hegna; 13 great-grandchildren; twin brother, Roy Larson of Pine Island, Minn.; as well as many loving extended relatives and friends.

You can contact the family with on-line condolences at www.schottfuneralhomes.com,

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

Margie Gilbertson

Margie Mae Gilbertson (Parsons) passed away on February 18, 2021 at her home in Apple Valley, Minnesota. She was born on January 10, 1926 in Mason City to Rhoda (Hoveland) and Wilson Parsons.

She attended Mason City High School and graduated with the class of 1944. She immediately went to work as a Timekeeper at the Mason City Brick and Tile.

She met the "Love of her Life," Floyd "Gib" Gilbertson and they were married on July 21, 1946. To this union, four children were born Julie Ann, Jane Kay, Jon Alan, and baby Jeffrey Kyle (who was born silently).

Margie had many activities. She loved to golf, play Bridge and 500, and enjoyed her coffee time with friends and family. They enjoyed traveling and camping with their camper.



MARGIE GILBERTSON

She is survived by her daughter, Jane (Scott) Berg; son, Jon (longtime friend, Elizabeth); son-in-law, Dick Groven: nine grandchildren: Jennifer (Jeff) Chan, Sara Atkinson, Jeffrey (Angie) Groven, Molly (Scott) Bergman, Tyler, Tommy (Cady), Danny, Cole (Savannah), and Haley (Billy); 17 great-grandchildren, Trevor, Carter, Nick, Alex, Jordon, Andrew, Austin, Aden, Gwen, Elise, Kai, Harper, Walker (due in June), Archer, Brynley, Calista and Harlow; five great-great-grandchildren: Elijah, Bently, Paisley, Leo, and Aries and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Floyd; daughter, Julie; son, Jeffrey; parents; brother, Phillip Dean; sisters and brothers-in-law, Viola (Pete) and June (Earl); sisters-in-law, Mavis (Cecil) and Wanda and mother and father-in-law, Ancel and Hulda Gilbertson.

It is appreciated by everyone who helped fill her long days with visits, phone calls, prayers and help in the home.

Special appreciation to Jane, Scott and Jon who went beyond their call of duty. God Bless you all until we meet again.

Memorial Service, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2021, with visitation one hour before at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8443 Second Avenue S., Bloomington, MN 55420.

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Ag Day is focus of National Ag Week

March 23, 2021 is National Ag Day, a time when producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America gather to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by American agriculture.

As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources produced in the United States.

The National Ag Day program believes that every American should:

• Understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced.

• Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

• Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

• Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industries.

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, and is increasingly contributing to fuel and other bioproducts. Each year, members of the agricultural industry gather together to promote American agriculture. This effort helps educate millions of consumers.

Americans need to understand the value of agriculture in their daily lives. Here are just some of the key reasons why it's important to recognize—and celebrate—Ag Day each year:

• Increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition allows individuals to make informed personal choices about diet and health.

• Informed citizens will be able to participate in establishing the policies that will support a competitive agricultural industry in this country and abroad.

• Employment opportunities exist across the board in agriculture. Career choices include farm production, agribusiness management and marketing, agricultural research and engineering, food science, processing and retailing, banking, education, landscape architecture, urban planning, energy and other fields.

Beginning in kindergarten and continuing through 12th grade, all students should receive some systematic instruction about agriculture.

Agriculture is too important a topic to be taught only to the small percentage of students considering careers in agriculture and pursuing vocational agricultural studies.

Agricultural literacy includes an understanding of agriculture's history and current economic, social and environmental significance to all Americans.

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National Ag Day essay contest winners announced

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) has announced the 2021 National Ag Day video and written essay winners. The winners were chosen based on the theme: How American Agriculture Brings Food to the Table.

The theme presented an opportunity for high school students to address how agriculture brings everyone together by feeding a growing population. Entrants chose to either write an essay or create a video. A first-place written winner and a video winner were selected.

"CHS has long supported rural youth education and leadership programs and we are proud to give this year's essay contest winners a platform that lets them share their ideas with a broader audience," says Annette Degnan, CHS Inc., director, Marketing Communications, and Agriculture Council of America board member.

The national written essay winner, Jaxon Rauber of High Point, North Carolina, receives a $1,000 prize and was to read his winning essay at the virtual Ag Day event on March 23, 2021. The contest also named two merit winners who receive $100 and blog posts featuring their essays. They are Codi LaBorde of Milliken, Colorado, and Aubrey Surage of Monument, Colorado.

This year's video essay winner, Keerthi Nalabotu of Pleasanton, California, wins a $1,000 prize. The winning entries can be viewed online at www.agday.org/2021-contest-winners.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., National Association of Farm Broadcasting and Farm Progress.

Founded in 1973, National Ag Day encourages every American to understand how food and fiber products are produced; appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products; value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy and acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Following is the winning essay:

American Agriculture: Food Brings Everyone to the Table

By Jaxon Rauber
High Point, NC

"My great-grandfather was an Ag teacher in western New York. By the time I arrived, he had long since retired. His hands were strong, and seemed permanently stained with the earth. When I was young, he would put us to work picking strawberries and green beans from the garden, or cracking piles of walnuts. He would walk us out back to feed the cows and goats in the neighbor's pasture. Sometimes he would teach us about the trees, advising us how to tell the difference between white oak and black oak. Friends stopped by to visit and often came baring gifts from their own crops. My great-grandmother worked magic in a small farmhouse kitchen as she prepared a mouth-watering spread with all that we had gathered. I feel fortunate to have had these early experiences. We all know food brings everyone to the table, but agriculture makes it all happen.

Agriculture has evolved significantly over time, from its simplistic beginnings, which allowed people to begin settling in communities, to modern practices of vertical farming and the use of robotics and drones. According to recent studies, precision agriculture allows farmers more accurate techniques for planting and growing crops, which in turn increases efficiency and cost management. (Ku). This focus on advancing farming practices is essential, as our population continues to increase. By the year 2050, farmers will have to produce 70% more food to feed our growing population. (Shearing). The role of technology in agriculture is now more important than ever to meet the demands of the future.

Whereas the advancements in agricultural practices have allowed for more efficient food production, a growing focus on healthy, clean eating has increased the demand for food. In addition to grocery store purchases, many people and restaurants are buying more produce at local farmers markets. According to the USDA, the number of registered farmers markets nearly doubled in a decade, reaching almost 8,700 in 2016 and leveled off just shy of 8,800 in 2019. (Maixner). Healthy eating habits are dependent upon the ability to access a wide variety of nutritious food, solidifying that agriculture is essential to our health and well-being.

While the world of agriculture is in a state of exciting technological advances that strive to meet the needs of our growing population, it is important that we not forget the vital roots of its existence. Agriculture not only brings food to the table, it brings family and friends. It builds tradition and reminds us of the importance of simplicity in life and the significance of those who share it."

Agriculture Council of America announces 2021 National Ag Day theme

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on March 23, 2021. This will mark the 48th anniversary of National Ag Day, which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2021 is "Food Brings Everyone to the Table."

On March 23, 2021, the ACA hosted a virtual Ag Day event. Additionally, the ACA was set to bring approximately 100 college students to Washington "virtually" to deliver the message of Ag Day to the Hill.

In addition to the events on March 23, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest. The winning essay was presented on National Ag Day.

Visit www.agday.org for more information on National Ag Day 2021.

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