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Briefs

N-K preschool registration April 21

Northwood-Kensett preschool will open its registration for the 2021-2022 school year on April 21.

Any children three years old by September 15, 2021, are eligible for the school's three-year-old program.

The registration will be held on Wednesday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the school's preschool room. Those registering can enter through the preschool door on the north side of the building.

Anyone with questions should call the school office at 641-324-1127.

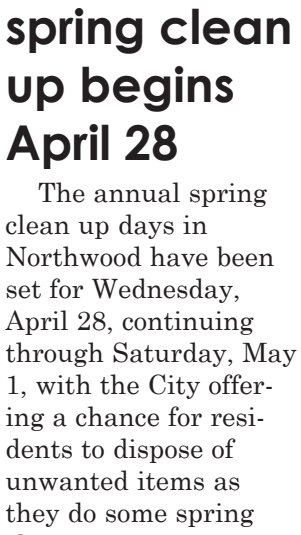
Northwood spring clean up begins April 28

The annual spring clean up days in Northwood have been set for Wednesday, April 28, continuing through Saturday, May 1, with the City offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some spring cleaning.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.



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by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Ready to rock

The Northwood-Kensett drama department rocked the stage recently as they presented the play "Rock of Ages." The play told the story of rock legends, aspiring stars and the fans that fight to save their last legendary venue. The play was presented with a cast of students, a crew that included students and community volunteers and a number of other members of the N-K faculty lending a hand.

Vaccinations open to those 16 and over in Iowa

With state officials in Iowa opening vaccinations to those that can safely receive them, Worth County Public Health has begun accepting the names of all those 18 and older, with a focus on those that work with the public and with others.

Last week Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced that, as of April 5, COVID-19 vaccination would be open to anyone over age 16, or age 18, depending on which vaccine they had access to.

The Pfizer vaccine as available to those age 16 and over. The Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccines are available to those 18 and over.

The expanded access comes as the State expected to receive a large number of vaccine doses in the coming weeks.

WCPH announced on March 26, that it would begin accepting the names of those age 18 and over that wanted to receive the vaccine at their office, anticipating the expanded availability. WCPH has offered the Moderna vaccine previously.

Last week WCPH also shared that county workers, grocery store employees and other

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School board approves bond for activity center

As the Northwood-Kensett school district prepares for the construction of the Vikings Activity Center, the school board recently approved borrowing that will finance a majority of the project.

At a meeting on March 25, the N-K board of education reviewed bids that had been received to borrow against future sales tax revenue.

The district receives a share of the state's one cent education-focused sales tax and is allowed to borrow against that income for projects like the activity center.

According to financial advisors, the district could expect to receive roughly $3.5 million in sales tax over 10 years as an option for part of the project's financing.

The district received two bids for the bonds.

The lower of the two bids came from NSB Bank, which offered interest rates over the course of the bond that would average 1.21 percent. Based on the amount of expected sales tax revenue, the district would then be able to borrow $3,624,000 to put towards the project, with $228,596.78 in interest payments.

The low interest rates, according to superintendent Mike Crozier, combined with a $25,000 donation from NSB Bank, showed the bank's confidence and support of the project.

Other funds that are planned for the project include roughly $1 million in donations and grants and $1,126,669 in physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL) and additional sales tax revenue that the district will have on hand by the time the activity

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County reviews renewables funding limits, zoning exemptions

The Worth County supervisors are continuing with plans to repeal an ordinance that exempts renewable energy projects from zoning regulation. They also plan to replace a connected resolution that restricts how tax increment financing (TIF) on those projects can be spent.

At recent meetings, the supervisors have discussed a resolution that restricts the planned uses of tax valuation on renewable energy projects.

The resolution, passed in December 2018, commits 65% of the value to four categories. The 65% figure reflects the amount that the supervisors at the time were comfortable spending, leaving the remainder on hand for emergency reserves.

Of the 65%, the resolution restricts 20% to bridge and road projects; 25% to courthouse repairs, renovations or construction; 5% to sanitary sewer projects in unincorporated areas; and 15% to infrastructure projects the county pursues as a part of a joint governmental agency.

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Students get the drop on engineering lesson

Last week, students in Northwood-Kensett's Science 9 classes got the drop on a unique engineering exercise, with an egg activity that had nothing to do with Easter.

Last Tuesday's activities wrapped up a project to build a craft that could cushion the impact of a falling egg.

The project, called "Eggstronaut Spacecraft Design," challenged teams of students to play the role of vehicle-safety engineers. They were to create reentry vehicles for their "eggstronauts" to safely land from 10 meters (32.80 feet).

They were instructed to keep their vehicles no bigger than a 12 inch sided cube. Their eggs could not be taped our otherwise secured to their cushioning.

The materials provided to them were straws, popsicle sticks, string, masking tape, cardboard and their egg passenger. They had to build a unique design and could not include a parachute.

"I provided all of the materials listed on the directions but I also allowed kids to be creative and use a few materials beyond what I provided," said their teacher, Rachel Symonds. "I also required each group to have a unique design (material wise/shape) and I'd say they definitely rose to the challenge! No two designs were exactly alike!"

The end results featured cushioning materials that included packing peanuts, cotton balls and even balloons and socks amongst the options.

They had a trial to practice their engineering skills, dropped from 5 meters (16 feet), before starting on their final design, which was dropped on March 29.

The project challenged them to calculate the mass of the egg and vehicle, and how much force it would take to break an egg as they built their capsules.

Out of two classes, only two eggs were lost to the collision with the ground.



Vikings back on track — See Sports Page 10

County begins review of courthouse design options

Worth County officials have begun the process of evaluating the current status of county facilities and what will be needed as they consider renovations or new construction. That includes the assistance of a design firm, and input from members of the public.

County officials have begun working with FEH Design, a firm out of Dubuque, to look at existing County offices and facilities and offer options for how to address building concerns, either by renovation or the potential construction of a new County facility.

At a recent meeting with FEH representatives, County officials discussed their goals, needs, issues with the current facilities and plans to involve members of the public in the process.

The goals for the County as they look at options include:

• Complying with building codes

• Consolidating some offices in one location where appropriate, that provides space for all departments

• Building separations from court and jail facilities

• Improving efficiency

• Including flexible meeting and office space

• Improving safety and security for members of the public and County staff

• Updating technology infrastructure needs

• Reducing maintenance needs

• Improving public access and access to those with disabilities

• Accommodating future growth and change

A representative of FEH recently toured County facilities and shared her observations.

One of the primary issues for most of the County's departments is that they don't have the space they need for storage or the operation of their offices.

As far as the jail is concerned, she said that there is a lack of space and traffic flow is an issue, as interactions between the public and inmates can't be avoided at all times in the courthouse.

The building used by the WCSO deputies, located in downtown Northwood, was noted as being at the end of its use, and it was not designed to house the deputies. That building is owned by the City of Northwood, which is letting the County use it as the Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement to the city.

At the courthouse, there are water drainage issues and outdated wood paneling is likely hiding the extent of the building's issues. Accommodations have also been made that are not ideal for electrical and IT infrastructure. Difficulties for those with disabilities to maneuver in court spaces and offices was also mentioned.

At the treasurer's office, the building is inefficient and outdated, compounded by the location of the office away from the courthouse.

While consolidation is a focus, that likely will not apply to the County building that houses public health, veterans affairs and emergency management. That building was purchased by the County and renovated for those departments' needs in 2016. It was agreed that those departments should remain separate because of the recent renovations and the unique services and privacy needs of those that use the building. The building also provides an emergency space away from the courthouse.

Other offices, that may make sense to relocate, according to officials, are the secondary roads and conservation offices. The employees of the departments are more spread out as they work on county roads and in parks and other conservation areas countywide.

The secondary roads offices are currently located on the second level of a building located across the parking lot from the courthouse. The conservation office is located in a building on the west side of Northwood.

It was said that a more central location, near Kensett, may make sense for the departments. However the secondary roads area in Kensett does not have space to add offices.

The County sought a bond referendum in 2014 to pay for new conservation offices in the area near the Worth County Recycle Center, just outside of Kensett. The referendum narrowly failed the 60% approval required.

That site was mentioned as a possible place to look should the County choose to relocate the secondary roads and conservation offices.

A task force has been formed, with County officials asked to select members of the public to take part.

The first meeting with the advisory task force was set for tonight, April 7, at 6 p.m. at the Kensett Community Center. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings in person or virtually.

The center will be set up to allow for social distancing. Online viewing options will also be available. Recordings may also be made available. Visit the County's website, www.worthcountyiowa.gov, for more information

Future task force meetings have been set for Wednesdays, April 21, May 11, May 13 and May 26.



An egg-celent result

These students returned to the classroom to find their "eggstronaut" had survived its fall during the recent egg drop science project.

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At the time the sanitary sewer project would have referred to future needs at the Highway 105/Interstate 35 interchange. The joint governmental agency funds would have gone towards a natural gas pipeline extension through the county that was previously up for discussion.

The current supervisors have been discussing eliminating the percentage caps in the resolution, in case any project may exceed that limitation.

The supervisors had decided to rewrite the resolution to remove the percentage limits.

The resolution is connected to an ordinance, also passed in December 2018, which exempts renewable energy projects from future zoning.

The ordinance applies to renewable energy developments and exempts them from any future zoning if taxes will be used to pay for county projects in the categories also mentioned in the resolution discussed above.

Supervisor chairman AJ Stone had asked the supervisors to consider repealing the ordinance. He said that he wanted zoning to be fairly applied no matter how it is used, and didn't think any industry should be exempt.

At their March 29 meeting, the supervisors agreed to proceed with repealing the ordinance. That will involve publishing their plans and holding three meetings before taking that action. A date for the repeal of the ordinance had not been set at press time Monday.

The supervisors also plan to repeal the resolution and pass a new resolution that states that the County plans to use taxes on renewable energy projects for the four categories of projects, but without the percentage restrictions previously in place.

As they planned to remove the restrictions on the funding, they also approved a road project that may be financed in part by borrowing against wind turbine tax revenue.

Worth County engineer Rich Brumm has been working on a paving project on Highway 105 from Interstate 35 west to the county border.

However, earlier this year Brumm came to the supervisors to say that he would not be able to complete the project without additional financing.

One option for that is TIF, or borrowing on the wind turbine tax revenue.

The supervisors have indicated that they would use that method, but not taken official action as of yet.

Brumm brought a bid for the project to the March 29 meeting. The supervisors approved a bid of $3,699,783.17 for the project.

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center construction is complete.

Crozier explained that the district will use the bond funds, then the donations and grants and then use the available PPEL and sales tax funds as needed.

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local business employees should call them to get vaccinated and make sure to let them know if they are in any of those groups.

Those with questions, or who would like to be added to the list to receive a vaccine may contact WCPH at 641-324-1741. Those wanting to be added to the list should not leave a message. They will need to speak to someone to make sure they are added to the list.

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Public health disaster extended

Iowa remains under an extended Public Health Disaster with the latest declaration from Governor Kim Reynolds.

Last Friday, Reynolds issued a new declaration that extends the state's Public Health Disaster.

Iowans are still strongly encouraged, but not required to observe public health measures like social distancing and use increased hygiene practices.

The new proclamation remains in effect until Monday, May 2.

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Northwood's library staff, (from left) Linda Griffith, director Morgan Johnson and Nancy Amundson, are celebrating National Library Week this week. They will also welcome people as they completely reopen in May, returning to normal hours and more activities as summer approaches. They will still offer online services and curbside pickup as well.

Northwood Library celebrates National Library Week as it plans full reopening

By JoAnn Lower

The theme for National Library Week 2021 is "Welcome to Your Library" – happy words to the book reader's heart.

Due to the pandemic, the Northwood Public Library closed in April 2020 but, even through this difficult time, continued to meet the needs of its users. Slowly the library opened with curbside services and later allowed people inside on certain days, with restrictions. On May 1 the library plans to completely reopen, including the reading room and restrooms. Curbside services will continue.

Library Director Morgan Johnson reminds us, "Our library extends far beyond the building's four walls, and everyone is welcome to use our services. We have e-books, e-learning opportunities – everything from online courses for learning different languages to auto repair manuals.

"We have microfilm from past newspapers dating back to the 1800s, as well as interlibrary loan. If we don't have the book you're looking for, another library will send it to us and we're happy to get it for you if it's available."

You will also find a large selection of movies on DVD, books on tape, even a table of books for sale.

In previous years the library has celebrated with an open house, offering treats and programs. This year a trivia question, i.e., most popular author or how many books in a collection will be posted to the library's Facebook page.

"We will have a to-go craft for the kids available in the entryway beginning April 1," said Morgan. "This one will have a lion for the Library Lion and a Zoom Bingo game that will take place on April 8. Bingo cards can be picked up any time before that."

Library hours beginning May 1: Mondays and Fridays – 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June will start outside programming and story hours for kids as well as author visits and craft nights for adults.

April 6 is National Library Workers Day. Morgan extends a big thank you to her dedicated coworkers. "I appreciate Linda and Nancy for all they do for me."

She also wishes to thank board members Joanne Steinmetz, DeAnn Reed, Carolyn Reeder, Dan Block, Jim Hanson, Joel Rohne and Cheryl Lunde.

Libraries are inclusive places that foster a love of learning, discovery and exploration. Visit the Northwood Public Library this week in person or online.

Worth COVID rates on the rise again

In the past week, Worth County's COVID-19 rates have remained low, but are on the rise from the end of March.

As of March 29, Worth County's seven day COVID-19 rate fell to 0%, accounting for the number of positive test results out of those taken since March 22. On April 5 the seven day positivity rate was at 4.1%

There were seven new COVID-19 cases identified in Worth County in the past week, up to 723 as of April 5.

The 14 day positivity rate reflects the number that have tested positive out of those tested, falling within the two week window that COVID-19 may be transmitted and in which symptoms may develop, according to the CDC.

In Worth County, the 14 day positivity rate, as of April 5, was 1.8%. That was up slightly from 1.7% on March 29

A total of 3,729 Worth County residents had been tested as of April 5. A total of 12,038 tests had been taken by Worth County residents.

As of April 5, 3,630 vaccine doses have been administered to Worth County residents. Of those, 832 have received a first dose, 1,369 have received both doses of a two does vaccine and 54 have received a dose of a one shot vaccine. That makes a total of 1,423 Worth residents that are fully vaccinated.

Of those, 2,310 have been administered by Worth County Public Health, the County's vaccine provider. WCPH has administered 943 full series of the vaccine.

Including Worth's eight deaths, in the eight county area that includes Worth, there have been 300 deaths to COVID-19. That is up four in the past three weeks.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 19,051 confirmed cases, as of Monday, up 206 from three weeks ago. Cases in neighboring counties included 1,442 in Winnebago, 1,512 in Hancock, 5,514 in Cerro Gordo, 1,697 in Floyd and 1,358 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 3,121 in Freeborn and 4,407 in Mower in Minnesota.

Information and resources on COVID19 in Iowa can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

Information on vaccination in Iowa can be found online at vaccinate.iowa.gov. Older Iowans can get assistance in scheduling a vaccination by dialing 211.

Local information, including about vaccine access and availability can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page.

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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

Wyoming is the ninth largest state in the U.S. Its nickname is "The Equality State" and its motto is "Equal Rights." Apparently the equality extends to cooking and eating if "Wyoming Cook Book" (2008, Golden West Publishers, Pheonix, Arizona) is a true example. Compiled by Karin Wade, this spiral-bound thin book boasts "more than 130 lip-smackin,' palate pleasin' Wyoming recipes!" Let's see what those cowboys enjoy.

BJ's Smothered Burritos: a two day recipe
BJ's Green Chili:

3 to 5 pound boneless pork roast, fat removed
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon coarsely-ground black pepper
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 large clove garlic, minced
2 cans (28 oz. each) diced tomatoes with their juice
2 cans (7 oz.) each, diced green chiles, hot or mild, drained
1 large yellow onion, chopped

Place the pork roast, salt and pepper in a large slow cooker and cook on LOW for 12 hours. Cube the roast into 1-inch pieces. Pour the juice out of the cooker and save it. Return the pork with 1/2 of the juice to the slow cooker. Add the flour and mix well. Add the remaining ingredients, cover and cook on LOW for another 12 hours. Shred and serve with the recipe below.

BJ's Burritos:

2 pounds ground chuck
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
24 flour tortillas, 8" size
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
2 cups chopped lettuce
2 medium tomatoes, chopped
2 cups real sour cream, not low-fat

In a large heavy skillet, combine the beef and onion and brown. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon 1/3 cup ground chuck mixture into the center of each tortilla. Fold in the sides of the tortilla then roll up from the bottom to enclose the filling. Place on a plate and pour hot BJ's green chili over the burrito. Top with the cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and a dollop of sour cream.

Makes 24 burritos, enough for a hungry crowd. SANDY'S NOTE: These are smothered burritos but you can also use either of the meat recipes on their own to fill tortillas for soft tacos.

Swiss Steak...Wyoming Style

1 1/2 pounds boneless round steak, 1- 1 1/2
inches thick
2 medium yellow onions, sliced
1 can (10 oz.) cream of celery soup
1/2 cup milk, not skim
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
Flour for dredging
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut the meat into serving-size pieces. Season the flour with salt and pepper and dredge each piece of steak to coat both sides. In a large, deep oven-proof skillet, heat the oil and brown the meat on both sides. A cast iron skillet or Dutch oven is perfect for this. You may need to add a bit more oil if it all get absorbed doing the meat in batches. Mix the soup and milk until smooth. Add the sliced onions and soup to the skillet and cover tightly. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. and bake the steak for 90 minutes or until tender. Remove the meat to a serving platter and make gravy from the drippings in the skillet. Serve with mashed potatoes.

Some Like It Hot...Chili Con Carne

3 pounds ground beef, about 85% lean
1 large yellow onion, chopped
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
1 teaspoon EACH: salt, cayenne pepper, Tabasco ®
1 tablespoon ground oregano
1 tablespoon ground cumin
6 red chili peppers, seeded and diced (wear gloves if they are hot peppers)
4 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon paprika...smoked if possible
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Saute the meat, onions and garlic in a heavy, large Dutch oven. Pour off excess grease. Add the tomato sauce and the rest of the ingredients. Cover it all with 1/2-inch of water and stir well. Reduce the heat and simmer for 1 1/2 hours minimum, stirring regularly. Skim off any surface grease and add the flour to the chili to thicken.

One of the things to notice about these recipes is how big they are! Those cowboys are hearty eaters but I'm sure they make every attempt to give each person an "equal" portion. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Halbach bids farewell to LRH

By JoAnn Lower



Scott Halbach, Administrator of Northwood's Lutheran Retirement Home, left his position at the end of March to serve as Administrator at Faith Lutheran Home in Osage.

"This was an unexpected opportunity," said Scott. "My wife Deanna, Vice President of Lending at Cresco Union Savings Bank, and I will be moving closer to Osage, near both of our families."

"During my years at the LRH, I have been privileged to work with many caring individuals. Everyone has the same mindset when they come to work – wanting to care for our seniors in the best way they possibly can. I've made a lot of friendships during this time and can't stress enough how blessed I have been to work with incredible coworkers.

"The world of long-term care is very challenging," Halbach added. "This year has been frustrating and heartbreaking for everyone with the lockdown due to COVID.

"I've always told people how unique the situation is here in Northwood. We have independent and assisted living, the nursing home and Alzheimer's unit as well as the therapy clinic all in the same block. You don't usually see that in a community of 2,000 people.

"Looking back over these 15 years, we as an organization have been busy with Maple Court renovations and adding garages. We have remodeled portions of the nursing home, and April 1 will mark the 13-year anniversary of adding the Pines Assisted Living facility.

"Without question the LRH is a very special place. It's neighbors taking care of neighbors. It's at the heart of what this town stands for, a place the community can be proud of."

With both their kids off to college – Hayden at the University of Northern Iowa and Alexis at Iowa Lakes, the Halbachs are empty nesters.

The couple enjoys golfing and, once on the backside of COVID, they plan to do some traveling.

Bolan

It was a very meaningful Tenebrae Service on Good Friday evening at Bolan Trinity UM Church. Providing special music during the service was TeAnna Ausborn singing "Were You There" accompanied on the piano by Mary Wendt.

Bolan Trinity may be a very small church family but there are so many that can share their musical talents. Sharing special music after Mary Wendt's Prelude on Easter Sunday were Lori and Kelsie Willert playing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" on their trumpets. The choir sang "Our God Reigns" and later in the service Sue Cowell played "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" on her violin, accompanied by Mary Wendt. Then Sue on her violin, Lori at the piano and Mary at the organ did the song "Crown Him with Many Crowns," plus Mary and Lori also doing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." The Postlude was "Thine Be the Glory" with Lori and Kelsie on their trumpets. Music always adds so much to a church service.

Larry and Michele Nydegger and Daniel and Evelyn hosted Easter Dinner at their home in rural Elledale. Those attending were Joe and Linda Nydegger, Lori Willert and Kelsie and Cole, plus other members of Michele's family. It was a beautiful day to social distance outside.

Next coming up at Bolan Trinity UMC will be the "Drive In – Take Out" lunch on Sunday, April 18, starting at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Homemade chili and a cinnamon roll will be the main items with crackers, and carrot and celery sticks. A minimum donation of $5 is asked. To guarantee your meal please call Linda Nydegger at 641-748-2385 or cell number 641-420-3048 or email joelin@wctatel.net by Thursday, April 15. For a noon pick up at the Northwood courthouse, please contact Pam Anderson at 641-324-1102.

Shoars welcome baby boy on March 29

Justin Shoars, along with his sisters, Natalie and Kinslie, are proud to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Jaxton Chase.

Jaxton was born on March 29. He weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

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N-K girls track team

Members of the 2021 N-K girls track team include (front row) Olivia Walker, (second row, from left) Madalynn Berge, Emma Hengesteg, Sydney Welch, Laney Miles, Ella Fritz, Megan Ocel, Madalynn Hanson, Tristen Schnulle, Emma Logeman, (third row) Marissa Halbach, Teagan Johnson, Lindsey Moore, Mallory Rheingans, Jesslyn Sims, Ella Leonard, Morgan Wallin, Madison Berry, (back row) Marli Backhaus, Kennedy Christianson, Ruthie Conlin, Damaris Peterson, Carly Hengesteg, Isabella Efflandt, Kayla Senne, Chloe Costello and Rachel Hill.



N-K boys track team

Members of the 2021 N-K boys track team include (front row, from left) Hannah Kraft, Kylie Robinson, (second row) Brandon Varner, Collin Kuhlmann, Treycen Rollene, Wyatt Willand, Lamonte Sims, Seth Clapp, Nathan Hannemann, (third row) coach Dave Capitani, Isaiah Anderson, Eli Mix, Christopher Madsen, Dante Sims, Drake Tiedemann, Anthoni Martin, assistant coach Brendan Ehlke, (back row) Te'Juan Whitelow, Benjamin Yezek, Alex Follmuth, Josiah Kliment, Hayden Moore, Thomas Rodemeyer, Thomas Block and Nolan Senne.

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88th General Assembly:

New property assessments arrived in many Iowa mailboxes this week and those assessments came with a shock for many Iowans. The Quad City Times reported average increases of 8.5 percent in Scott County, WOWT noted increases of $55,000 on a residential property in Council Bluffs and the Sioux City Journal wrote of an increase of 13 percent in parts of Sioux City.

Property assessments, along with local levy rates, are the factors in determining property taxes paid by Iowans and these sharp increases in value can lead to painful property tax increases for Iowans, their families, and seniors. When assessments rise, property taxes increase, even if the levy rate stays the same. In 2019 the Legislature passed significant property tax reform to improve transparency around the property tax process and give property taxpayers more information to engage into local taxing decisions.

This session the Iowa Senate is again working to reduce the property tax burden. SF 587 eliminates the property tax levy on mental health and shifts funding to the state level. Eliminating this levy not only means over $100 million in reduced property taxes, it also has a compounding effect in future years because as property assessments rise, the elimination of the levy will reduce the increase of property taxes when assessments rise. As I stated in last week's newsletter, it also allocates $60 million for mental health in the first year and $125 million in the second year.

Property tax increases are especially difficult for many Iowans. Seniors on fixed incomes frequently do not have an increase in income to pay for additional taxes. Working families need new clothes for growing children and high property taxes are a hurdle for new home buyers working to attain the American Dream of home ownership. Permanent, reliable tax relief is a positive, pro-growth solution for many Iowans.

I hope everybody has a happy Easter!

New law impacts boats on federal waterways

A new federal law went into effect on April 1 that requires the operator of a boat with an installed Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) to use the ECOS link while operating on all federally navigable waterways. In Iowa, that means the four flood control reservoirs: Coralville, Rathbun, Red Rock and Saylorville; and the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

The link is usually a coiled bungee cord lanyard clipped onto the operator's person, personal floatation device or clothing and the other end attached to the cut-off switch, but there are plenty of variations on the market, including electronic wireless devices.

When an operator is wearing a link while underway, the engine will cutoff if the operator is separated from the operating area, an occurrence that can happen if the operator is ejected from the vessel or falls within the vessel. The shutdown of the engine is essential for safety reasons. If the operator is ejected from the vessel, the shutdown may prevent the operator from impacting the vessel's spinning propeller, and may aid the operator in safely returning to the drifting vessel.

The intent of these new laws is to improve safety for all recreational boaters by reducing the potential for propeller injuries to recreational vessel operators, other users of the nation's waterways, and marine law enforcement officers responsible for responding to runaway boats. Boats with motors less than 3 horsepower are excluded from the law.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has authority to enforce federal law on the federal reservoirs, the U.S. Coast Guard patrol has the authority to enforce federal law on the border rivers.

Worth County 4-H lamb, goat and swine field day held April 10

The Worth County Extension Service will be hosting a 4-H Lamb, Goat and Swine Workshop at the Chad and Jamie Nelson farm seven miles west of Northwood at 877 Highway 105 on Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m. 4-H'ers must attend the full two hour program to become YQCA certified.

All area 4-H and FFA lamb, goat and swine project members and their parents are invited to attend. This workshop will cover information about feeding, showing, fitting and grooming and recommendations about how to keep their sheep, goat and swine healthy.

More information is available by contacting Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-324-1531 or at djohn@iastate.edu.

Bills progress as second funnel passes



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Weeks 11 and 12 were the final two weeks of the second funnel. The second funnel is a self-imposed deadline by which policy bills from the Senate must be out of committee in the House and House bills must be out of committee in the Senate in order to continue being considered. The exceptions to this rule are bills that have a tax implication or are an appropriations bill. In the interests of keeping bills eligible for floor action, agreements are made to vote a bill out of committee to further the discussion, and look at amendments or changes before a bill comes to the floor for debate.

Most of our time was spent in committee, passing bills to keep them eligible for floor debate, but we did debate and pass a handful of bills, including:

- HF 848 Broadband Grant Program - With more people working remotely, what was once seen as a luxury has now become a necessity. This bill sets a framework for building out Iowa's infrastructure by creating target service areas to not only increase speed, but focus on access to broadband internet for all Iowans. It increases the percentage match and specifically designates funds for difficult to serve areas. The goal of the Iowa House is to fund this at $100 million this year.
- HF 694 Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program – This bill makes several changes to the states tax credit. It lifts the cap on the number of times an agreement can be renewed and extends the length to 15 years and removes the cap on the number of years and eligible taxpayer can participate in the program.
- HF 185 Governor's Biofuel Bill – This bill supports the biofuel industry by expanding infrastructure and increasing access to biofuels at gas stations. There have been many changes made to the original bill with exemptions for small retailers and an increase in the infrastructure grant fund. There are still issues to work on to gain support on the floor.

Iowa extended the tax filing deadline to June 1 after the Federal Government extended the tax filing deadline to May 17. The Federal Government also voted to exclude the first $10,200 of unemployment compensation from taxable income, Iowa is a state that automatically conforms with the Internal Revenue Code so this will not be taxable in Iowa either. As a result of the late legislation, the Department of Revenue will be making unemployment adjustments to those that have filed, there is no need to file an amended return.

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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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Bell Practice, 6 p.m., Senior Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Pryer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday - 9 a.m. worship Service with Noisy Offering, Sunday School, 10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m., also available to watch live on the Facebook page; Monday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.

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

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In the Image of God



Humans are a diverse species, no two of whom are identical. Even so-called "identical twins" have their differences. Then what does it mean to say that God created mankind in his own image? Perhaps it means that God sees our commonalities more than our differences, and that our physical differences, which may seem important to us, are irrelevant to God. This suggests that we are spiritually created in the image of God, rather than in his physical image. But it is also the case that when we think of God, we tend to think of Him or Her as looking like a person, and most people probably think of God as having a body and looking something like them. European art tends to paint Jesus as light-complected, whereas images from the Near and Middle East paint a darker-complected individual. Images of the Virgin of Guadalupe resemble the native Americans who lived in Mexico 500 years ago, and even if the Virgin of Guadalupe is not considered a divinity, it reinforces the idea that people tend to think of God and holy individuals as physically resembling themselves. We all tend to create God in our own image. But again, we should remember that this image has more to do with the spirit than with the body, and it is this imprint of God within us that most resembles God and puts us into spiritual communion with our Creator. – Christopher Simon

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." – Genesis 2:27 NIV

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

April 6, 1921

Forty-five head of pure bred Polled Herefords were sold at auction on the Wardall Farm, north of town, the offering consisting of 30 head from the fine herd of W.E. Wardall and a consignment of 15 head from the herd of Albert King of Milaca, Minnesota.

Just as The Anchor went to press we learned of the death of Andrew Gray, one of Northwood's oldest and most respected residents, having been in the blacksmith business here for over 50 years.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League will be held at the high school assembly room. Canvas will be made for new members who have not already signed the constitution. The committees in charge are working hard to have something of interest in the way of a program to offer and women of Northwood and vicinity are cordially invited.

Rev. Ylvisaker, Mesdames L.O. Thompson Iver Iverson, C.H. Madson, A.A. Thompto and P.J. Johnson were in Mason City to attend a meeting of the Women's Mission Federation of the St. Ansgar circuit, the former having a place on the program.

About 46 neighbors and friends dropped in unexpectedly at the Art Finch home, south of town, to give the head of the family a regular "April Fool" party, the occasion being his birthday. A quantity of tempting victuals was bought by the guests and a most tempting meal served. The evening was spent at games and music and a general all around good time had.

75 years ago

April 4, 1946

With approximately 80 pupils taking part in the various events, the Northwood High School will be well represented at the preliminary state music contest to be held at Britt. Vocal contestants will appear on the programs on Friday with solo numbers and small groups scheduled during the afternoon and the larger group in the evening.

Grafton Golden Banner 4-H club boys won the county 4-H basketball tournament, played in the Northwood high school gymnasium. This is their second consecutive 4-H club championship. The Golden Banner team defeated Silver Lake 26 - 18 in the final game of the tournament.

"I feel that college and high school athletes performed better in the late war because of their earlier competition in various sports," said Ben Douglass, athletic coach of Grinnell College, as he spoke to members of the N.H.S. Letter Club who were guest of the Lions Club at dinner.

C.F. Ashman has bought the residence of Miss Marjorie Espedokken on east Central avenue where the Ashman family now lives. Miss Espedooken is a resident of Mason City.

Temperatures locally the past week ranged from 76 to 36 degrees. Rainfall was .72 of an inch. For the corresponding week of last year temperature readings ranged from 68 to 26 degrees, with 1.13 inches of rainfall.

Announcement has been made that canning sugar for the 1946 season is to be limited to 10 pounds a person unless more sugar is obtained than statistics now show will be available. This information is given out by the price control setup of the OPA.

50 years ago

April 8, 1971

Pony Express riders ride through Worth County, leaving the state line at about 7 a.m. A rider is scheduled to arrive in Northwood at about 8 a.m., Kensett at about 9 a.m., and Manly an hour later. Teenage Republicans will solicit Worth County towns for the benefit of crippled children and to augment the collections of the riders.

Several thefts of seed corn and chemicals have been reported throughout Iowa, according to Worth County Sheriff Ivan W. Davey. He cautioned farmer sand distributors to take special care in handling and storing of blight resistant seed corn, in order to minimize the possibility of theft.

Richard D. Miller, 23, Clear Lake, was killed in a one-car accident about one-half mile east of Fertile, when the car he was driving apparently went out of control. Miller is the first traffic fatality in Worth County for 1971. Sheriff Ivan W. Davey received a call on the accident and he and the Iowa Highway Patrol investigated.

Dale Jones, Deer Creek Township farmer, was elected a State Vice President of Iowa Jaycees, from Region 3, at a meeting held at Janesville. He is one of five Jaycee vice-presidents in Iowa. Jones was president of the Northwood Jayvees in 1996-1970 and was named one of five outstanding presidents during his term.

Merle Aase, rural Northwood, has been named adjustor for Worth Mutual Insurance Association. He replaced Ronald Sietsema, who resigned.

25 years ago

April 3, 1996

The Northwood-Kensett Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted two new student members and three honorary members in ceremonies at N-K High. Participants included honorary member Maynard Midtgaard, sophomore inductee Sarah Brunsvold, Honor Society members Carrie Meyer, Brad Loberg, Jeremy Schmidt, Jay Johnson, Kevin McNutt, Wes Ferley, Adam Okerlund, Jay Weselmann, Sarah Wallin, August Madson, Jody Hansen, Laurie Steinmetz, Nicole Dalluge, Kate Pixley, junior inductee Ryan Meyer and honorary members Lowell Gangstad and Robert Perry.

First Lutheran Church pastor Mark Bents peered out from behind a scaffold while taking time out from a paint job in the church sanctuary. Bents was one of several congregation members who turned their hands to sprucing up the church in preparation for this week's Holy Week observances.

Northwood American Cancer Society volunteer Lloyd Madson delivered a bouquet of daffodils to Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home receptionist Sharyl Lunde. The Worth County unit of the American Cancer Society took in $3,000 during its March 26-29 Daffodil Days promotion, according to event chairman Barb Walser.

10 years ago

April 6, 2011

Kevin Kramer, NIACOG transit administrator, delivered a brand new bus to the City of Northwood. Checking it out were Kramer, mayor Randy Severson and transit driver John Anderson.

Worth County recently received the National Award for Excellence in Concrete Pavement from the American Concrete Pavement Association for the "outstanding design and construction" of County Road A-34, northeast of Joice, in 2009. The County had previously won the state award for that stretch of road, chosen for its smoothness, quality finishes and edging. County engineer technician Russ Meyer; Tom Bonner, project manager from Cedar Valley Corp.; former county engineer Jim Hyde; Thomas Parsons from the Iowa Concrete Pavers Association; assistant to the county engineer Al Venz; county supervisors Ken Abrams, Dennis May and Dave Haugen; and county engineer Richard Brumm were all present.

Sophomore Maren Davidson exploded out of the blocks in the distance medley relay at the Nashua-Plainfield Earlybird. Davidson and teammates Jami Dahlby, Kayla Branstad and Meagan Storvick finished in sixth place with a time of 5:41.38.

N-K's Logan Nielson showed perfect form as he soared over a hurdle in the shuttle hurdle relay. The team of Nielson, Tanner Haberman, Daniel Pendleton and Dylan Nitcher finished fourth with a time of 1:11.40.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Marlas Harang



MARLAS HARANG

Marla Ann Harang, 71, of Northwood, died on March 29, 2021, in Mason City, Iowa, from complications of a stroke.

A service will be held on April 9, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood. A visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time.

Marlas (Mickey) was born on August 24, 1949, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Marion and Lillian Munson. Marlas married Donald Harang on August 19, 2013, in Mitchell, South Dakota. They have been together for 16 years.

Marlas loved her cats. She enjoyed going on the Harley with Donnie to Sturgis and other rallies. She also loved to go fishing and spending time with friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ronald Munson.

Marlas is survived by her loving husband, Donald Harang of Northwood; sister, Ginny Thomas of Waterloo, Iowa; and three sons, Christopher (Patty) Rigel of Lawler, Iowa, Matthew (Deborah) Rigel of Traer, Iowa, and Tracey (Kara) Rigel of Denver, Iowa.

Arrangements are through Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood, Iowa.

James Cooper



JAMES COOPER

James Ray Cooper, 78, of Plymouth, Iowa, died on March 19, 2021 at Pearl Valley Nursing Home, Perry, Iowa.

Per Jim's wishes cremation rites have been accorded.

James Ray Cooper, son of Harold and Lois (Peterson) Cooper, was born on September 2, 1942, in Manly, Iowa. Jim attended Manly schools until high school graduation in 1960. His class was the last class of Manly High School.

James then enlisted in the United States Navy in the fall of 1960 in Des Moines. Jim achieved a Seaman E-3/Radio Control personal before his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1966.

Upon leaving the military he embarked on his next career as an engineer for the Rock Island Railroad out of Manly. James achieved this goal of being an engineer and continued until the Rock Island Railroad shut down in the 1980s. Jim then became one of the engineers and conductor on the "Star Clipper" dinner train out of Osage, Iowa. Jim was engineer for freight trains running from Osage to Waterloo at his time of retirement in 2003.

After his retirement he worked for Winnebago Industries traveling across the United States delivering motorhomes.

Jim had a passion for raising and showing horses. His hobbies included golf, horses, dancing and playing cribbage, pool, bingo and cards.

Jim is preceeded in death by his parents, Harold and Lois; brother-in-law, Kenny Lestrud; and a great-nephew, Riley Lestrud.

Should friends desire memorial contributions may be designated to the James R. Cooper memorial fund in care of his family.

James was the father of Kim (Glen) Venz and Justin (Megan) Cooper; grandfather of five, Nathan, Natasha, Nicole, Isla and Clara; great-grandfather of two, Khloee and Jaxon; brother of Judy (John) Pete, Jacqueline (Vince) Murphy, Joan (Kirk) Ney, Pam Lestrud and Tammie (Neal) Brennan; as well as 12 nieces and nephews; and aunts, Ruby Kopps and Jane Peterson.

Graveside serviceswill be held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 10:30 a.m at the Manly Cemetery, Manly, with officiating by Pastor Linda Johnson-Prestholt. Military honors will be conducted by the Manly Legion. The music selections are "There's Nobody Home on the Range" and "How Great thou Art." Inurnment is at the Manly Cemetery, Manly.

The family will host refreshments in Jim's honor at the American Legion following graveside services in Manly. All are invited to attend.*

Last chance Private Pesticide continuing instruction course

Worth County Extension will offer a "Last Chance" Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for private pesticide applicators at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at the Worth County Extension Office at 1206 Third Ave. N. in Northwood.

This program is shown in cooperation with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

Applicators must pre-register at least 24 hours in advance prior to the training. Face coverings are required.

The course runs for approximately 2 1/2 hours. The registration fee is $20.

Those interested may register or obtain additional information about the CIC by contacting Lacey at the Worth County Extension office at 641-324-1531.

The course will fulfill 2021 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators.

Topics to be covered include equipment calibration and safe application techniques, drift reduction, phytotoxicity, pesticide stewardship and pest management and pesticides.



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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Did you fix my car?

I couldn't. There wasn't anything wrong with it.

I wish I'd have known that. I could have fixed it myself.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Once upon a time, there were more mother-in-law jokes than there were mothers-in-law. My mother-in-law was no joke. I loved her and she, the baby of six, has died at 93. Even though she spent considerable time on the brink, death startles and those we love die too soon. My son said Grandma's love was unconditional and I felt as if I had all the legroom I needed when I was around her. We bought her a cellphone she could use for emergencies as she drove to work and back. Over the years, there was never a single emergency. She retired at 80.

The ironing board was always up in her house, except when company was expected. A sprinkler head was inserted into a soda bottle containing water. I remember it as a 7UP bottle, but my rememberer might be incorrect. Clothes were sprinkled and set aside before ironing. This helped remove the wrinkles. She spent substantial chunks of time flattening cloth. She did the Batt laundry once when we were newlyweds and hung the clothes outside on a line so they'd smell like the world should. Her dog found my beloved University of Minnesota sweatshirt intriguing and tore it from the line and to shreds. Lorraine worried I'd be angry. How could I be mad at someone who did my laundry? One of my late elders would stand by a fresh grave and say, "Well, (insert your mildest profanity here)." That's how he moved on from a loss. How do you get over the death of a loved one? I don't know. I never have. Part of belonging is leaving. As Dorothy did with her ruby slippers, Lorraine has found her way home. We cry, we laugh, we're given a rainbow.

In local news

Local book club disbands after Waldo was found.

The annual discount airshow has no airplanes but plenty of air.

Enormous hole in the ground is evidence of a successful yard sale.

Local man charged with luting at Renaissance Festival.

I've learned

My neighbor missed eating in the cafe where he could salt his food proudly instead of having to do it secretly at home. His bucket list has one thing on it: chicken.

An antique is anything you've had longer than you wanted.

Don't drink and use a Flowbee.

I had to replace my old wedding band. The singer retired.

On the internet, every day is April Fool's Day.

The Solitary Book Club

I read "Walking my Dog, Jane" by Ned Rozell. It's about travel and a dog. What could be better? The author said, "I took my dog for a walk last spring and we didn't come home until fall." Ned and Jane, a chocolate Lab that had seen him through "three pickup trucks and seven girlfriends," walked 800 miles along the trans-Alaska pipeline beginning at Valdez and ending at Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic Ocean.

Nature notes

The grass is always greener in the Easter basket. Why do birds stand on one leg? They do that when standing on a bathroom scale. We've all tried that. They also do it to minimize energy loss.

Mark Sorenson of Hollandale asked why a bald eagle pair builds a second nest. There could be several reasons: A mate is lost, the site is disturbed, a nest failure or a damaged nest tree.

A song sparrow often has a dark spot in the center of a streaked breast and dark feathers resembling mutton chops under its bill. They are persistent singers throughout spring and summer. I never let their song go to voicemail. Its scientific name Melodia means "melody" in Greek.

A northern flicker, an avian anteater, fed on the ground. I heard the rattling gu-rrroo calls of sandhill cranes flying high in the sky. A pair of American kestrels flew overhead on bent wings with swept-back tips as they exchanged excited "killy" sounds. These handsome falcons nest in cavities. They resemble mourning doves when perched on a utility wire.

Paul Peters of Ceylon reported many wood ducks. The Wood Duck Society says wood ducks return as soon as ice melt occurs, with egg-laying beginning shortly thereafter and an initial egg-laying peak in early to mid-April.

Meeting adjourned

Anne McCaffrey wrote, "Make no judgments where you have no compassion." Be kind.

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Notice

Public Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LONNIE G. BAILEY, DECEASED

PROBATE NO. ESPR009257

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lonnie G. Bailey, Deceased, who died on or about December 15, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of March, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Lonnie G. Bailey, deceased, bearing date of the 28th day of December, 1988 and the First Codicil to the Last Will and Testament of Lonnie G. Bailey, deceased, bearding date of the 28th day of September, 1989, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jessica L. Whipple and Nicholas J. Bailey were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing 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 this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Jessica L. Whipple
128 Westhaven Drive
Forest City, Iowa 50436
Co-Executor of Estate

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Date of second publication 7th day of April, 2021.

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Supervisors

March 29, 2021
Thirteenth 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 Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the March 29, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the March 22, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution #2021.03.29.01

RESOLUTION 2021.03.29.01

APPROVAL OF THE HIGHWAY105 PAVING PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the HIGHWAY 105 PAVING PROJECT, LFM-81—7X-98, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as PCC OVERLAY from Apple Ave. east to Wheelerwood Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Flynn Company, Inc., in the amount of $3,699,783.17 and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this 29th day of March, 2021.

The vote on the resolution:
Aye: Stone, Smeby, Loberg
Nay: N/A
Abstain: N/A

AARON STONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest:
JACKI A. BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution #2021.03.29.02

RESOLUTION 2021.03.29.02

APPROVAL OF THE 390th ST. BRIDGE PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the 390th STREET BRIDGE PROJECT, BROSCHBP-C098(79)—GA-98, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – PPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from DIXON CONSTRUCION CO., in the amount of $1,211097.50, ($535,241.10 WORTH COUNTY SHARE) and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this 29th day of March, 2021.

The vote on the resolution:
Aye: Stone, Smeby, Loberg
Nay: N/A
Abstain: N/A

AARON STONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest:
JACKI A. BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution #2021.03.29.03

RESOLUTION 2021.03.29.03

APPROVAL OF THE 350th STREET BOX CULVERT PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the 350th STREET BOX CULVERT PROJECT, BROSSWAP-C098(80)—SE-98, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as RCB CULVERT REPLACEMENT – TWIN BOX; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc., in the amount of $165,849.30 and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this 29 day of March, 2021.

The vote on the resolution:
Aye: Stone, Smeby, Loberg
Nay: N/A
Abstain: N/A

AARON STONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest:
JACKI A. BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the salary change for Justin North at $52,984.80/year as submitted by the sheriff.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the ownership update to the Kum & Go LC d/b/a Kum & Go #119 Class E Liquor License (LE).

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the National Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month Proclamation.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution #2021.03.29.04

RESOLUTION 2021.03.29.04

WHEREAS, the Worth County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Worth County Compensation Board met on December, 2, 2020, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	$58,747	3.50%	$60,803
County Attorney	$86,240	1.00%	$87,102
Recorder	$58,747	3.50%	$60,803
Sheriff	$75,173	5.00%	$78,932
Supervisor-Chair	$31,252	1.00%	$31,560
Supervisors	$30,752	1.00%	$31,060
Treasurer	$58,747	3.50%	$60,803

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Worth County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

Elected Official	Approved Salary	Approved Increase
Auditor	$59,922	2.00%
County Attorney	$86,732	0.57%
Recorder	$59,922	2.00%
Sheriff	$77,315	2.85%
Supervisor-Chair	$31,252	0.00%
Supervisors	$30,752	0.00%
Treasurer	$59,922	2.00%

Approved this 29th day of March, 2021.

WORTH County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Aaron Stone, Chairperson
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

AYE:
NAY: None
Aaron Stone, Supervisor
Mark Smeby, Supervisor
Enos Loberg, Supervisor

Chairperson, Aaron Stone recessed the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to open the Worth County FY21/22 Budget hearing at 9:00 A.M. The auditor reviewed the budget with the board. There was no public comment.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to close the public hearing at 9:01 A.M.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone reconvened the regular session.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution # 2021.03.29.05

RESOLUTION
#2021.03.29.05

ADOPTION OF THE WORTH COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022
PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Monday, March 29, 2021 to receive comments regarding the proposed FY21/22 Budget of expenditures and revenues as was published, per Public Notice, in the March 17 & 18, 2021 issue of the Official County newspapers, The Northwood Anchor and The Manly Junction Signal, and presented at the public hearing on March 29, 2021.

THEREFORE the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY21/22 Budget as was presented and published. Budget certification attached.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of March, 2021.

Aaron Stone, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on 3/29/21, by the following vote:

AYES: Stone, Smeby, Loberg
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: None
ATTEST:

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor & Clerk to Board

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to canvass the results of the 2021 Special Election for District #2 Worth County Supervisor. We hereby certify that 492 ballots were cast in Worth County at the Special Election on March 23, 2021.

County Supervisor, District #2 was declared as follows: Mark Smeby

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to start the process to repeal Ordinance 2018.12.03 Renewable Energy Provisions.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:23 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Northwood Anchor

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N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Larry Hovey; John Anderson, Susan Kliment, Cindy Pangburn; and Roger Harris. Members Absent: None

(5-0) Approved the Agenda

New Business:

Consideration of Sealed Bids and Financing Opened and Reviewed by Mike Crozier, Kim Hengesteg, Roger Harris, Larry Hovey, John Anderson, Cindy Pangburn and Susan Kliment

(5-0) Adopted Resolution Directing the sale of approximately $3,624,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 and moved its adoption

Sale of the Bonds has been awarded to NSB Bank. President, Larry Hovey declared the Resolution adopted.

Personnel:

(5-0) Approved hire of Rich Beck as Secondary Night Custodian at $15.00 hour

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Rachel Symonds Secondary Science Teacher

(5-0) Adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm

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Business Announcements

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On the hunt

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Testing for this position will be on May 8, 2021

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• 40 Acres+/- Hancock Co, IA	Listing	PENDING #1899
• 102 Acres+/- Woodbury Co, IA	Listing	PENDING #1961
• 223 Acres+/- Union Co, IA	Listing	PENDING #1962
• 45 Acres+/- Warren Co, IA	Listing	PENDING #1978
• 37 Acres+/- Davis Co, IA	Listing	PENDING #1922
• 230 Acres+/- Fayette Co, IA	Auction	SOLD #1832
• 38 Acres+/- Floyd Co, IA	Listing	SOLD #1858
• 95 Acres+/- Bremer Co, IA	Listing	SOLD #1847
• 197 Acres+/- Bremer Co, IA	Listing	SOLD #1846
• 309 Acres+/- Worth Co, IA	Auction	SOLD #1794
• 71 Acres+/- Butler Co, IA	Listing	SOLD #1845
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Lady Viking Jesslyn Sims competes in the shotput last Tuesday afternoon at the Saints Coed Relays in Saint Ansgar. Sims earned her team one point with her throw of 26-09.25, good for sixth place.



Making the first handoff of the 2021 track season look effortless, N-K's Chloe Costello takes the baton from teammate Bella Efflandt in the 800 sprint medley relay last Tuesday in Saint Ansgar. The team of Costello, Efflandt, Emma Hengesteg and Kayla Senne placed fifth in the event.

Hengesteg shines on the track, Lady Vikings finish seventh

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Like many of the competitors at last Tuesday night's Saints Coed Relays, I find myself this morning thankful that the track and field season, after a year off because of the COVID-19 pandemic, is once again underway.

With lineups thrown together from the remnants of last year's teams that never got to compete, minus the seniors who lost a whole year of athletic competition, eight northern Iowa schools came together to finally show off their respective talents on the track.

Northwood-Kensett's Carly Hengesteg was one of the few that looked like they had never taken a year off as the talented athlete had a hand in scoring 20 of the team's 31 points on the day. Hengesteg placed second in the 200-meter dash, second in the long jump and was a member of the 4x400 relay team that finished in third place.

Others scoring crucial points for the Lady Vikings in Saint Ansgar were Lindsey Moore in the 100-meter hurdles (18.64); the 4x100 relay team of Emma Hengesteg, Bella Efflandt, Kayla Senne and Lindsey Moore (1:05.00); the 4x400 relay team of Demaris Peterson, Madalynn Hanson, Chloe Costello and Carly Hengesteg (4:45.92); the 800-meter sprint medley relay team of Emma Hengesteg, Bella Efflandt, Kayla Senne and Chloe Costello (2:12.64); and Jesslyn Sims in the shot put (26-09.25).

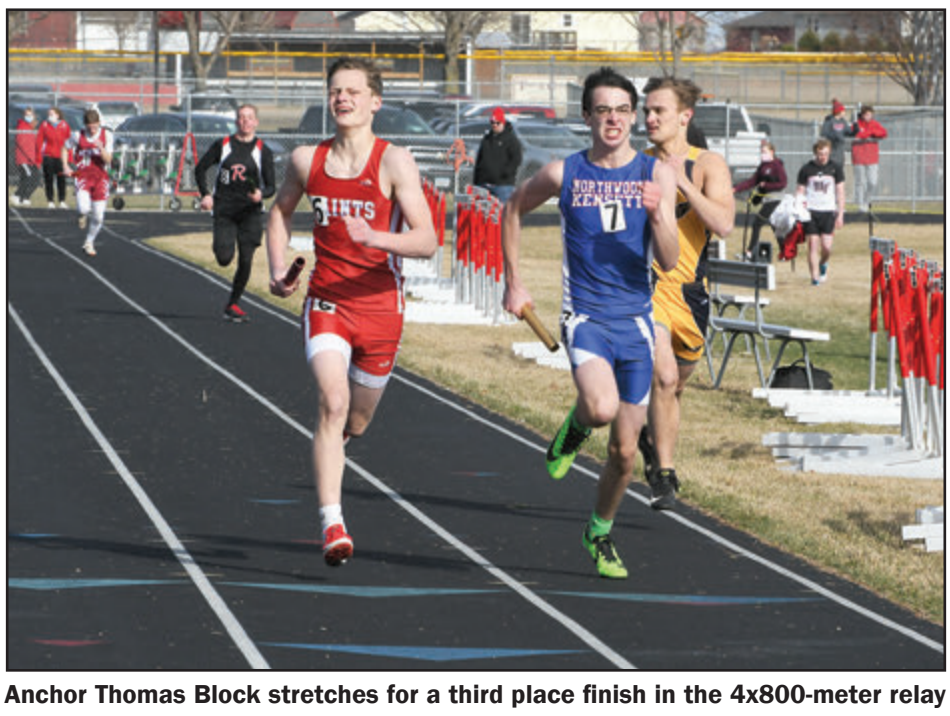
Looking to the future the JV 4x100 relay team of Laney Miles, Hallie Varner, Harli Reich and Madelyn Berge outdid the rest of the field to finish first with a winning time of 1:03.21.

The Lady Vikings, after competing at West Hancock on Monday will end the week on Friday when they travel to Hampton-Dumont.

Team Scores at Saint Ansgar – Saint Ansgar 148, Osage 135, Nashua-Plainfield 101, West Fork 71, North Butler 42, Riceville 38, Northwood-Kensett 31, Mason City Newman 13.



The Vikings Dante Sims throws the discus in last Tuesday's Saints Coed Relays. Sims placed ninth with a throw of 98-08.



Anchor Thomas Block stretches for a third place finish in the 4x800-meter relay last Tuesday in Saint Ansgar. Block and his teammates, Ben Yezek, LaMonte Sims and Nathan Hanneman, finished with a time of 1:49.95, earning the team six crucial points.

N-K boys track begins year in rebuilding mode after taking a year off

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Telling me not to expect a whole lot out of this year's track team, Vikings head coach Dave Capitani said, "All of our throwers are new and we only have three or four kids that can run. It might be a long year."

I've known Cap going on 15 years now and while I've never heard him say his teams were going to blow out the competition, even when he was sure it would, it's just not his style.

Instead he takes a bit of a lowkey approach but always gives an honest assessment of where he thinks his team stands to start the season. This season he truly believes could be a bit of a rebuilding year, and if last Tuesday's Saints Coed Relays are any indication, he's probably right, as usual.

The Vikings scored 39 team points and placed sixth out of the eight teams competing.

But all is not lost by a long shot. One source of pride that the Vikings can always depend on is their strength in the relays, something they are known for state wide and the one thing that came through for them in last Tuesday's meet.

Northwood-Kensett scored points in the 4x400, the 4x800, the 800-meter sprint medley, and the distance medley.

The 4x400 team of Josiah Kliment, TJ Whitelow, Thomas Block and Brandon Varner placed third with a time of 3:59.48. The 4x800 team of Treycen Rollene, Josiah Kliment, Drake Tiedemann and Hayden Moore placed third with a time of 9:57.89. The 900-meter sprint medley team of Ben Yezek, Nathan Hanneman, LaMonte Sims and Thomas Block finished third with a time of 1:49.95. The distance medley team of Drake Tiedemann, TJ Whitelow, Josiah Kliment and Hayden Moore placed third with a time of 4:12.13.

Others scoring points for the Vikings last Tuesday were Wyatt Willand in the 100 wheelchair, the 200 wheelchair the 400 wheelchair and the 800 wheelchair; TJ Whitelow, sixth in the 200 with a time of 25.93; cross country star Hayden Moore placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:27.67; and Brandon Varner scored six team points and earned a third-place medal in the 400-meter hurdles.

The Vikings have two meets this week, Monday at West Hancock and Friday they compete at Clarion-Goldfield.

Team Scores at Saints Coed Relays – Saint Ansgar 190, West Fork 102, Nashua-Plainfield 89, North Butler 73, Osage 69, Northwood-Kensett 39, Mason City Newman 23, Riceville 5.

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