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Briefs

Highway detour starts Monday

A detour on Highway 9 will go into effect this Monday, May 3.

The highway will be closed to allow the replacement of a culvert.

The detour will route traffic on Warbler Avenue to 390th Street to Balsam Avenue.

The detour is expected to be in place for about 10 days, or on about May 13.

Clean up days begin today

The City of Northwood's annual spring clean up days start today, offering a chance to dispose of items through this weekend.

The City will provide dumpsters for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Cleanup days are intended for discardable items that would

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Lions Club blood drive set for May 6

The Northwood Lions Club will hold its next opportunity for potentially lifesaving blood donations on Thursday, May 6.

The Northwood Lions Club and the N-K High School coordinate their respective blood drives five times each year so that each of these drives will not conflict with each other. This provides an opportunity for a donor to be in a position to

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Northwood-Kensett's Wyatt Willand barrels down the final stretch of the 400-meter wheelchair race last Thursday afternoon at the Drake Relays in Des Moines. Willand ran the second fastest 400-meter wheelchair race in state history, completing the oval in 54.57, at least seven seconds better than his previous personal best.

Willand finishes second at Drake with second fastest HS 400 in history

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

In my 15 plus years covering Northwood-Kensett athletes I've come across maybe two or three that made me think to myself that one day, maybe not even in athletics, but one day I'll tell people, "I know that kid, I covered them when they were in high school." Now add a kid to that list that is destined to do great things, not only in athletics but beyond. That kid is N-K's Wyatt Willand.

Willand, who as you know is wheelchair bound, has already made a name for himself in numerous sports, some just for wheelchair athletes, others are not. They include sled hockey, track and field, a wheelchair track team in Minnesota, softball and trap.

But last Thursday afternoon in Des Moines, Willand was not only allowed a chance to be a part of history as one of the first wheelchair competitors at the Drake Relays, he and Evan Correll from Waukee made history.

While wheelchair races have been sanctioned at the

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County building issues, needs discussed at task force meetings

Over the course of recent meetings, members of the public have gathered to take part in the process of investigating options that address issues with current Worth County facilities.

Worth County is working with FEH Design to involve the public as much as possible in the process.

The first public involvement took place on April 7, when an advisory task force meeting was held. That was followed by another meeting on April 21. The task force consists of people invited by county officials to take part. The task force meetings are also open to members of the public.

The meetings have opened with goals of the process, including complying with building codes, bringing county offices and services into one location as much as possible, providing flexible meeting and office spaces, improving safety and security, increased efficiency, separating the courts and jails from the visiting public, updating technology and infrastructure, making a structurally sound and watertight building, reducing maintenance needs, improving ADA accessibility and public access, providing a controlled environment for historic documents and accommodating growth and change. After the first meeting, at the request of the task force, a goal of preserving the historic courthouse was added.

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N-K goes wild with prom 2021

Northwood-Kensett students will take part in prom festivities this Saturday, with a tropical tinge.

This year's prom will feature a theme of a "Welcome to the Jungle." It will be held this Saturday, May 1, with N-K juniors and seniors and their dates taking part in an evening's worth of activities.

That begins with the grand march at 4:30 p.m. in the high school gym, when students' family, friends and

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WCDA announces spring awards totaling $1,009,260.70

The WCDA once again awarded funds with spring 2020, after canceling the fall 2020 awards following the impacts of COVID-19 on the Diamond Jo casino.

The WCDA receives 5.76% of casino revenue. Part of the funds it receives are made available to Worth County and regional groups for their projects and facilities.

The awards are usually given out twice a year, in the spring and the fall. However, with the onset of the pandemic last March, the State of Iowa shut down casinos in the state, and Diamond Jo was closed for three months. That led the WCDA to cancel its fall 2020 awards. They resumed with awards announced on April 15. And while the WCDA board approved the award recipients, they decided it was not yet time to hold a banquet to celebrate the awards, sending the announcement to those receiving funds.

The WCDA announced $1,009,260.70 in awards to Worth County and regional recipients.

Grants awarded to projects in Worth County totaled $891,324.84.

The largest award of the funds announced earlier this month went to the Northern Lights Masonic Lodge. They received $84,274 for tuckpointing on the north side of their building in Northwood. The lodge also received a grant for tuckpoint-

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Juniors Carly Hengesteg and Mason Thofson are ready for this weekend's 2021 Prom, "Welcome to the Jungle."

Davidson leads Vikings on hot streak — See Sports Page 12

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The process before the meetings involved conversations with County officials about their space needs and an assessment of current County facilities by an FEH Design architect.

According to the needs presented at the meeting, there would be some significant increases in what the county offices would require.

For the Sheriff's office, that would be an increase from 2,005 square feet currently to 4,350 square feet of proposed needs. The jail would increase from 2,335 square feet to 8,506 square feet to meet needs that are largely unmet state requirements, such as exercise spaces, security, inmate service areas and more.

The judicial branch currently uses 4,215 square feet. Their needs would bring the space to 6,737 square feet.

County administration, which includes the assessor, auditor, IT and GIS, recorder and treasurer offices, currently occupy 1,679 square feet. Space needs would total 1,686 square feet. While those numbers are similar, that points to the inefficiencies of current offices, as there is more space than needed for some purposes and a lack of space for other.

For the engineer's office, an additional 648 square feet would be needed for break, meeting and lab spaces. The office current occupies 2,522 square feet.

The current building housing the public health, veterans affairs and emergency management offices were renovated for their needs in 2016 and would not need any changes. Emergency management could use additional space for emergency supplies and for redundancies of services in emergencies.

The conservation department's current buildings do not meet their needs, with one open space for offices and meetings, garage areas for other work and the storage for vehicles and equipment. To meet office and other requirements, conservation would need 5,031 square feet.

For the secondary roads buildings in Northwood, the needs for replacement facilities would be 20,410 square feet.

That information covered the needs of the County offices, according to department heads. Next up for discussion was an assessment of current issues and what it would take to address them.

Common to most of the facilities were issues with water infiltration as the courthouse brick exterior sealants and roof connections deteriorate. Another common issue was ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements not being met, either through changes in the law after past construction, or the layout of the aging courthouse.

While the majority of the county's facilities showed damage that needed fixing, the secondary roads buildings were said to be past their useful life and would need to be replaced, according to the architects.

The cost to fix the urgent needs, like water issues, of all the buildings in Northwood used by the County was estimated to be $209,250. To address ADA and building code needs would add $737,050.

If the County were to follow through on other recommendations of the architects, it was estimated to cost an additional $881,250.

To address space needs, the estimated cost, based on land and construction costs, would be $6,890,000.

The total to address all issues and needs for county offices would be $8,717,550.

Of that total, the cost for offices that are currently and may be relocated to the courthouse property would total $6,118,300. That is the focus of the county's needs at this time. That leaves out the conservation and secondary roads portions of the projected costs, which could be addressed after the courthouse.

The task force and other interested members of the public have been invited to give their input on how the current issues should be addressed and if or how the lack of space should be tackled as well.

One issue, mentioned at the April 21 meeting, is that the public has not been given an idea of what kind of money may be available and whether that will come from taxes countywide, borrowing against future wind development taxes or any other sources. That information may be valuable as options are considered.

On Tuesday, May 11, and Thursday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., sessions will be held to allow the task force and members of the public to meet with FEH representatives to share ideas and see how they may be executed determining which are the most popular and which should be considered moving forward.

The public is invited to all the task force meetings and design workshops. They will be held at the Kensett Community Center. Options will be available to participate online as well.

Willand
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Iowa State High School Championships for many years, this is the first year that the Drake Relays have held a race.

The state record set during the state championships in the 400-meter event was 57.5. With Correll leading the way he and Willand smoked the old record, Correll by almost six seconds and Willand by three seconds, finishing with a second best time in state history of 54.57.

Willand, who races against his own time, lonely on the track other than competing on Drake's Blue Oval, relishes the other competitors.

"It's so much fun when you come down here to Drake, you get so much energy from the crowd," Willand said. "I'm finally competing against someone besides myself, which, for me, makes a huge difference. It really affects how you run your race."

Running mostly in races against his own time Willand had never broken the 60 second barrier in the 400. With his competitive juices flowing at the thought of competing against others, he beat his own personal best by over seven seconds.

400-meter wheelchair Results at Drake Relays – Evan Correll 51.96, Wyatt Willand 54.57, Koda Beland 1:33.26

Clean up
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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.

Appliances will be accepted. Anyone that wants to dispose of an appliance will need a sticker, available at city hall for $20. That cost covers the City's expenses to dispose of those items. Appliances include washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, water heaters, water softeners, dishwashers and televisions.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up days.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Wednesday, April 28, and Friday, April 30, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Thursday, April 29, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon.

More information is available in the ad in this week's Northwood Anchor or by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up week may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

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members of the community are invited to view prom attire.

Following grand march the students will travel to the Worth County Fairgrounds, where they will enjoy a meal, catered by Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill.

The prom dance begins at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Following the dance, students will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities, including a photo booth, caricature artist, bingo, inflatables, bean bags, laser tag, food and prizes.

Following their play time a hypnotist and magician will entertain the promgoers to end their prom festivities.

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WCDA spring 2021 awards

ing on the east side. Grants for the lodge totaled $127,832.

The second largest award went to Worth County Community of Promise, which operates the Northwood Community Center. The group received $72,849.76 for an extension on the community center building.

The third largest grant went to the City of Northwood, which received $65,865 for a computer system for its water and wastewater systems.

The City of Northwood also received grants for holiday decorations and a trailer and for pool slide restorations.

Other projects in Northwood that received funds include the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, which received $49,876.50 for a community sign and monument.

The Worth County Historical Society received several grants. That included funds for the Waking Miss Winifred hotel for storm windows, basement cleanout and for asbestos removal. The WCHS also received a grant for an apartment kitchen in the Stromstein building.

The Worth County Extension office received a grant for acoustics and cameras in its community room.

First Lutheran Church received an award for its sound system.

Grants to groups outside of Worth County totaled $117,935.86.

The largest regional grant went to the Stacyville Fire Department, which recived $27,720 for its jaws of life project.

The WCDA will hold its awards again this fall. Applications will be accepted in the month of August and organizations with projects and needs are encouraged to apply.

Manly Library	Beautification	$2,331.32
City of Kensett	Refinish City Hall Floor	$3,500.00
Grafton Library	Handicap Accessible Door	$4,208.00
City of Joice	City Hall Furnishings	$4,499.45
City of Fertile	Park Benches	$5,034.04
Silver Lake Lutheran Church	Enclosure for Windows	$6,234.96
New Bethel Baptist Church	Church Improvements	$6,894.99
New Bethel Baptist Church	Windows/Interior Painting	$7,173.00
City of Kensett	City Hall Doors	$7,211.00
City of Kensett	Shingles for Shelter House	$7,475.00
Waking Miss Winifred	Basement Cleanout	$7,500.00
City of Manly	Ryan Field Drainage Project	$8,430.00
First Lutheran	Phase 2/Sound System	$8,944.98
WCHS	Stromstein Apartment Kitchen	$9,052.79
Waking Miss Winifred	Asbestos Removal	$9,759.00
Worth County Extension	Acoustic/Cameras Community Room	$9,849.26
City of Manly	Meter Transmitters	$9,984.00
WC Emergeny Management	Operations Center Enhancement	$10,000.00
City of Joice	Library Furnishings	$13,201.08
City of Grafton	Community Center LED Lights	$15,355.27
City of Northwood	Holiday Decorations/ Trailer	$15,796.54
Bethany Lutheran	Lighted Message Center	$17,188.70
City of Grafton	LED Street Lights	$17,213.71
City of Northwood	Pool Slide Restoration/Updates	$18,781.00
Bethlehem Lutheran	Manly LED Sign	$21,940.30
Grafton Fire Dept.	New Turnout Gear	$22,273.65
City of Joice	City Siren	$23,775.00
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Kitchen Reno/Phase 1	$28,096.38
Manly Fire Dept.	Station Solar Panels	$30,000.00
Waking Miss Winifred	Storm Windows	$30,734.00
Bethany Lutheran	Ceiling Replacement	$34,224.00
Northern Lights Lodge	Tuckpointing East Side	$43,558.00
City of Manly	Water Treatment Update	$44,910.00
Northwood Fire Dept.	Sign/Monumument	$49,876.50
Fertile Fire Dept.	Portable/Mobile Digital Radios	$55,325.16
Bolan Schoolhouse/ Cultural Center	Grandma Sina's House Restore	$58,005.00
City of Northwood	Computer System for Water/Sewer	$65,865.00
WC Community of Promise	Building Extension	$72,849.76
Northern Lights Lodge	Tuckpointing North Side	$84,274.00
TOTAL		$891,324.84

Regional awards

Friends of Pilot Knob	Wood Splitter	$1,125.00
Austin American Legion	Baseball Uniforms/ Equipment	$1,875.00
Central Gardens of NI	Golf Cart	$2,100.00
North Iowa Youth Center	Inflatable Water Slide	$2,996.25
Friends of Pilot Knob	Stone Shelter Roof Replacement	$3,129.00
Kanawha Pool	Cement Pads	$4,000.00
Friends of Pilot Knob	East Gate Timber Replacement	$4,219.95
Nora Springs Impact Group	Ball Complex Updates	$6,853.50
Cedar Summerstock Theater	Wireless Microphones	$6,869.00
Carpenter Community Club	Insulation	$6,935.48
Floyd County Fair Society	Tables/Chairs	$7,394.43
Friends of Bohemian Brick Hall	Climate Control	$7,718.25
St Ansgar Historic School Project	Roof/AC Project	$10,000.00
City of Lake Mills	Mini Golf	$10,000.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church/Leland	Tower Repair	$15,000.00
Stacyville Fire Dept	Jaws of Life Project	$27,720.00
TOTAL		$117,935.86
GRAND TOTAL		$1,009,260.70

Lions
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donate five times per year. Several of the donors do contribute to the growing need for blood at each of these drives. Many donors know their pint of blood will be used for up to three transfusions or be helpful for blood related research.

It is hoped by these sponsoring organizations that there will be many past donors and new donors to help in this effort.

The local Lions Club, along with LifeServe, will be holding its first blood drive of the current year.

As in past years the drive will be held at the VFW Post at 609 Eighth Street North (Highway 65) on Thursday, May 6. The appointments will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m.

To set up a lifesaving appointment people may call Bob Perry at 641-324-2252 or text LIFESERVE to 999-777 or contact 800-287-4903 or lifeserveblood-center.org for a fast pass.

Guidelines of the CDC for blood drive will be followed, which includes taking temperatures, social distancing and answering a few questions. After each donation the area will also be sanitized.

All members of the Northwood Lions Club hope that all who are eligible will participate in this lifesaving effort.

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Davidson performs in Treble Clef Choir concert



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

Lindsey Davidson, of Northwood, is one of 10 Central College students who performed in the Treble Clef Choir concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, in Cox-Snow Music Center Recital Hall.

Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year liberal arts college. Central is known for its academic rigor, leadership and character development, global experiential learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and sustainability education, athletics and service.

More information about Central College is available by visiting www.central.edu.



Back at play

Many of the milestones of the Northwood-Kensett school year have been the small touches as actvities get closer to normal. One of the latest was a return to the playgrounds. COVID-19 restrictions made it difficult to safely sanitize the equipment between uses. Instead, the playground equipment will be cleaned before the start of each new school day.

Triathlon in the works in Northwood

A unique race may be on the way in Northwood, as the city council has learned at recent meetings.

Steve Peterson was at the meeting on April 12, following up on earlier discussion. He updated the council about his efforts to organize a triathlon in the city.

Currently planned for July, depending on interest, the triathlon could include swimming 100 meters at the Northwood pool, a 10 mile bike road to Ochee Yahola and back and then running a 5K in Northwood.

Peterson said that he believes it will be a popular draw with visitors out of state, particularly in Minnesota, as COVID-19 restrictions have meant that similar activities for the past year have been canceled.

Peterson said that, depending on the numbers taking part, it will bring a lot of people to town, including those in the race and those traveling with them.

Peterson is working with the intent to open registration in June and seeing what kind of response there is before determining if the triathlon will be held.

Peterson is also working with local groups so that proceeds from the race's entry fees will be donated to the community.

COVID rates steady while new cases continue

After several weeks with falling rates and numbers, the rate of COVID-19 in Worth County remains low, but has been on the rise.

The number of those with COVID-19 has increased as rates are up again. As of April 19, the rate decreased to 3.3%. On April 26, the seven day rate increased to 7.7%.

There were 1 new COVID-19 cases identified in Worth County in the past week, up to 762 cases as of April 26.

In Worth County, the 14 day positivity rate, which covers the two weeks that those with the disease may develop symptoms or spread the virus, as of April 19, was 3.1%. On Monday, it was up to 4.3%.

A total of 3,895 Worth County residents had been tested as of April 26. A total of 13,006 tests had been taken by Worth residents.

As of April 26, 4,780 vaccine doses have been administered to Worth County residents. Of those, 613 people in Worth have received a first dose, 2,026 have received both doses of a two dose vaccine and 118 have received a dose of a one shot vaccine. That makes a total of 2,144 Worth residents that are fully vaccinated.

Of those, 2,890 doses have been administered by Worth County Public Health, the County's vaccine provider. WCPH has administered 1,251 full series of the vaccine.

In the eight county area that includes Worth and surrounding counties, there were a total of 20,492 confirmed cases, as of Monday, up 232 from last week. Cases in neighboring counties included 1,490 in Winnebago, 1,545 in Hancock, 5,691 in Cerro Gordo, 1,752 in Floyd and 1,367 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 3,341 in Freeborn and 4,544 in Mower in Minnesota.

In the eight county area, there have been 304 deaths to COVID-19, including 8 in Worth County. That is up 1 from one week ago.

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

Information on vaccination in Iowa can be found online at vaccinate.iowa.gov or by dialing 211.

Local information can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page.

Free Start Smart Workshop to be offered over Zoom

The NIACC Pappajohn Center and the Small Business Development Center plan to offer a free two-hour workshop designed for anyone who is considering starting a business.

At Start Smart, participants will learn how to create a business plan, conduct market research, discuss different types of business ownership and learn how to register a business.

Start Smart will be offered on Wednesday, April 28, online via Zoom from 6-8 p.m.

The activities involved in starting a business fall under two broad categories—feasibility (the business plan) and administrative tasks. While we like to focus on the feasibility issue, Start Smart provides information and the chance to ask questions on numerous other topics, including:

- Business registration
- Doing customer research

How bankers evaluate business concepts and loans

- Start-up costs
- Business plan tips and more

After attending Start Smart, participants can make an appointment to meet over the phone with the Small Business Development Center Counselors to help review a business plan or provide guidance with other issues. Registration is required at www.pappajohncenter.com, clicking on the Program and Events tab to register.

Anyone with questions may contact Mary Spitz at the SBDC office at NIACC, at 641-422-4342 or mary.spitz@niacc.edu.

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RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF

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2021 CROP YEAR

Be it resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Worth County, Iowa, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such time in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming into maturity and shall keep such lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, or otherwise destroyed.

Primary noxious weeds, which shall include: quack grass, bull thistle, perennial sow thistle, horse nettle, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, perennial pepper-grass, European morning glory or field bindweed, Russian knapweed, buckthorn and palmer amaranth

Secondary noxious weeds, which shall include: butterprint annual, wild carrot biennial & perennial, sour dock perennial, multiflora rose, teasel biennial, cocklebur annual, buckthorn perennial, smooth dock perennial, wild sunflower annual, shattercane annual, wild mustard annual, sheep sorrel, poison hemlock and puncture vine annual

2. That all weeds on county trunk and local county roads and between fence lines thereof will be taken care **of by the county**.

3. That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any lands in Worth County fail to comply with the forgoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and that the expense of said work, including costs of serving notices and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate.

4. That the county auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the forgoing order by publication in each of the official newspapers of the county by request of County Weed Commissioner, Mike Bode at 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA (641) 390-0268.

5. The Weed Commissioner be given full authority and power to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

Published upon order of the Worth County Board of Supervisors, A.J. Stone, Chair, this 19th day of April, 2021.

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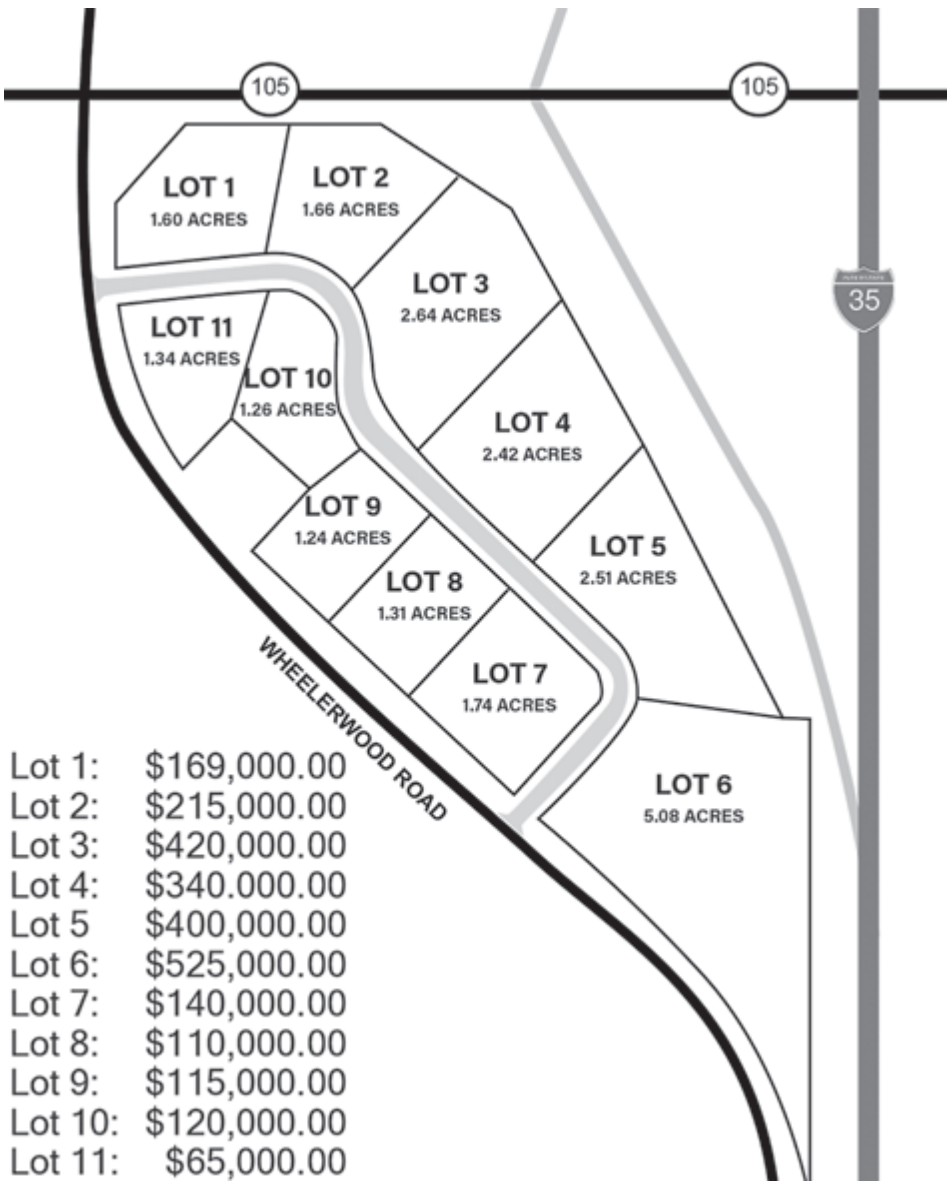
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Supervisors lift renewable exemption, ban alcohol at park, set lot prices



At a recent meeting of the Worth County board of supervisors, three public hearings were held before the board considered a park's alcohol ban, lifting zoning exemptions for renewable energy and setting the prices of lots near the interstate.

The hearings were set to allow questions and comments from the public about two ordinances and the sale of county property.

The first hearing was for an ordinance that would prohibit alcohol at Kuennen's Quarry. No public took part and the supervisors proceeded.

Under the ordinance, alcohol is not allowed at Kuennen's Quarry, except during events held in the shelter house. Alcohol would not be allowed from the Friday before Memorial Day through the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Ordinances require three readings at consecutive meetings, unless the supervisors decide to waive second and third meetings.

With no questions or comments from the public, the supervisors opted to waive additional readings and passed the ordinance.

The second public hearing was in regards to an ordinance that would eliminate the effects of an earlier ordinance passed in 2018, which provides a zoning exemption for renewable energy project.

Under the 2018 ordinance, any renewable energy project would not be subject to zoning regulations if the taxes they generate are designated for County projects.

The ordinance was being revisited as supervisors AJ Stone and Enos Loberg, who joined the board after 2018, had said they didn't think it was fair or equitable to allow renewable projects to avoid regulations that apply to other industries.

Supervisor Mark Smeby was on the board in 2018 and had voted for the exemption ordinance. He remained in favor of its goal of encouraging development in the county.

The public at the hearing either spoke in favor of removing the exemption or sought clarification.

After the hearing, the the supervisors waived second and third readings. They passed the ordinance on a 2-1 vote with Stone and Loberg in favor and Smeby opposed.

The final hearing held was in regards to the sale of lots at the Highway 105/Interstate 35 interchange. The lots are located south of the highway, west of the interstate, east of the off ramp.

The supervisors have developed the lots, bringing utilities and a roadway to the area.

Before they could proceed with offering the lots to potential developers, the County had to approve the prices that the lots will be sold for.

The prices were set primarily to recoup the costs to the county and to encourage sales to bring the properties back on the tax rolls.

One of the lots will be sold for $1 to the Diamond Jo Casino, as part of an agreement that provided land for other lots to the County. The casinos lot is the location of a building owned by the casino.

The remaining lots will range in cost from $65,000 to $525,000 based on size and location.

With no comment or questions, the supervisors approved the prices for the lots, which are available and being marketed to developers.



For the birds

This bald eagle was spotted in a nearby field recently, as it stood watch over a potential meal. The pictured crow showed some curiosity before opting to look for food elsewhere.

Iowa Food Bank Association shares COVID relief partner agency grants

Across Iowa's 99 counties, 324 grants totaling $3,452,729 were awarded to Feeding America partner pantries and feeding sites to mitigate additional costs incurred by front-line food assistance providers who stepped up to respond to unusually high demand during the COVID-19 food insecurity crisis.

Grants provided this week to Feeding America food bank partners are possible due to CARES Act funding. The COVID Relief Partner Agency Grant was administered by the Iowa Food Bank Association, a coalition of six Feeding America food banks banding together to ensure no Iowan lacks proper nutrition.

Food banks are large-scale food distribution businesses. These essential nonprofits operate industrial freezers, cold and dry storage, warehouse equipment, and truck fleets. Administration of USDA commodities, acquiring and distributing free and reduced-cost food, storage and transportation is always done with food safety and serving the needy top-of-mind.

In 2020, Food Bank of Iowa and food banks in Waterloo, Davenport, Hiawatha, Sioux City, and Omaha together distributed more than 60,000,000 pounds of food to Iowans struggling to make ends meet via close collaboration with 1,200 boots-on-the-ground partners. By working together, we provide hope, striving for a better tomorrow.

According to Feeding America, food insecurity exploded due to the economic fallout of the pandemic, initially impacting one in four Iowans. Even as vaccinations start to slow the spread of COVID-19 across Iowa, a high level of food insecurity persists, as one child out of five relies on some form of food assistance for a full tummy.

"Food Bank of Iowa served an additional 220,000 Iowans, moving 25 percent more pounds of food in 2020," said Michelle Book, Food Bank of Iowa CEO. "This level of service would not have been possible without dedicated, committed partners who share our ethics, mission and passion. Individually – we provide help. TOGETHER – WE CHANGE LIVES."

Scholarship celebration honors Central students

Central's annual Scholarship Celebration was scheduled for Thursday, April 22, but was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The event gives student scholarship recipients the opportunity to personally thank and share dinner with donors who help make their Central education possible. More than 800 students would have been recognized this year in P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium.

Amongst those was Lindsey Davidson of Northwood, who received the John & Marilynn Poole Scholarship.

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LRH welcomes new administrator

By JoAnn Lower

"I'm looking forward to getting to know people in Northwood better," says Steve Shell, new administrator at the Lutheran Retirement Home (LRH).

Previously, the Shell family lived in western Nebraska, where Steve worked as business office manager in a nursing home.

"I really liked the environment of the health care industry and wanted to further my career as an administrator," said Steve, who then went into administrative training through the Good Samaritan Society.

"My first job was at Good Samaritan in St. Ansgar – the job that brought us here six years ago."



STEVE SHELL

On March 22 Steve began as LRH's administrator. "The good Lord just dumped it in my lap," he smiled. "I will be continuing what has already been established here at this good, solid five-star nursing home."

The LRH also has a new admissions person. Katelyn Thofson is replacing Patti Brekken.

Steve and his wife Jodi have seven beautiful children (four still at home) – Trent, Max, Gabby, Natalie, Piper, Geoff and Martha. Jodi teaches piano and homeschools their children.

Entrusting those we love to the care of a nursing home is one of life's biggest decisions. A nursing home administrator knows that:

"At our youngest we're most pure. At oldest we're most experienced. But at both we're the softest at heart." -Anonymous.

"Thank you, Steve, for all you're doing to enrich lives in our community."

Twenties Club meets on April 12

Thirteen 20's Club members met on Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the Olson Community Room. Sandy Olson, president, called the meeting to order.

Minutes and roll call were read by Becky Tews, secretary. Chris Moore made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Deb Herweyer. Motion passed.

Old business: Sandy Olson gave an update on the Senior Tea. The Senior Tea committee decided to cancel the tea this year due to COVID-19. Each senior girl will receive a card, Northwood Dollars and the club signature raspberry tea. Sandy Olson said she would write up an article for the Northwood Anchor about the senior tea.

A thank you was read from Manna for the gift to the food bank from the 20's Club.

The Christmas party had been canceled due to low attendance.

New business: Election of offices: Becky Hickman, president; Sharyl Lunde, vice president; Delores Knudson, treasurer; Becky Tews, secretary; Deb Nagle, historian and sunshine.

Program committee consists of Delores Knudson, Sandy Olson, Becky Tews and Marcia Price as an intern.

Next month the club will meet at NSB Bank and head over to Teluwat in Lake Mills for food, drink and to discuss the club's last year.

Senior Tea chairman for 2021-2022 will be Linda Loken.

This year the mystery trip chairperson is Sharyl Nestor. She wanted the club's input on their thoughts of wearing masks, how many in a vehicle and any other thoughts for the day trip.

A motion was made to adjourn by Gerry Arnold with a second by Gloria Fallgatter. Motion passed.

Chris Moore gave the program on household gadgets from the 1920s.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Tews, secretary

Who pays the lowest tax levies in Worth County?

By Kris Kenison

Local governments have completed the process of approving their budgets for the coming fiscal year, which begins on July 1. That includes setting property tax levies. A look at levies for the current fiscal year shows who pays the highest and lowest levies in different areas of Worth County.

The local tax levy rates any particular property owner pays depend on where they are located geographically and include county, city and school levies.

Tax levies set by the County apply to property countywide, with a levy for all properties, and a levy for rural property owners, who may benefit from additional County services.

General county levies total $5.69270 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, set by the Worth County supervisors, for those living in incorporated areas.

The county levy also includes a levy for the Worth County assessor's office, determined by the assessor's board, which was set at $0.52171.

A levy of $0.31540 was in place for Ag Extension services in the current fiscal year.

The levy, in the current fiscal year, for all county property was set at $6.52981 per $1,000 of taxable property valuation.

Those levies are in place for all property in the county. Property in rural areas, outside the borders of incorporated towns, are set with an additional levy of 2.77500.

That accounted for a total county levy, for those in cities, of $6.2981. Those in rural areas would be assessed a levy rate of $9.30481 by the County, Assessor and Extension.

Another levy that affects all property county-wide is the area college levy for NIACC. That levy was set at $0.99544 in the current fiscal year.

Every property owner in the county also pays property taxes to the local school districts in which their property is located.

The highest school levy rate in Worth County in the current fiscal year was for those living in the Northwood-Kensett district, where the school district levy is $12.66022.

The lowest school levy rate in Worth County is in the Central Springs district. That district's levy rate was $9.76995.

The Lake Mills district levy was $12.59012. For the St. Ansgar district, the levy was $12.34264. The levy for the area of the county in the Forest City district was $11.27635.

Those living in Worth County cities are assessed levies to pay for the services provided by their cities.

The lowest levy rate amongst Worth County cities was once again in the city of Joice, with a levy of $8.10000.

Manly's levy rate is the highest amongst Worth cities in the current fiscal year, at $13.99734, followed by Kensett at $12.55555, Fertile at $11.97693, Hanlontown at $11.75669, Northwood at $11.62863, Grafton at $10.23755, and lastly, Joice.

The lowest total tax levies, including county, school district and community college levies, on property in Worth County is in the portion of Bristol Township that lies in the Central Springs school district. Property owners in that area pay total local levies of $20.28480 per $1,000 of valuation.

The highest total tax levies in rural areas is in Lincoln Township in the Northwood-Kensett school district boundaries, where local levies total $23.63547.

The highest total tax rate in the county is paid by those living in Kensett, including school district, city, county and community college levies. Those in Kensett pay total tax levies of $32.74102.

Amongst residents of Worth County cities, the lowest levy rate is paid by those living in Joice, who pay levies totaling $28.21537.

Other total levies for cities in Worth County include $31.81410 in Northwood, $31.29254 in Manly, $30.77853 in Fertile, $30.10544 in Grafton and $29.05189 in Hanlontown,

It should be noted that while tax levies are used to determine property taxes, valuations, the other part of the formula, may also depend on where property is located. Property tax levies may also reflect the services available to those living in a community, as well as other indications.

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Fertile Lutheran Church
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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Confirmation at Hanlontown, 5:45 p.m; Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast of Worship on 97.1 FM or Kensettia.com, Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon.
Pastor Tom Martin

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
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Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 11 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366, Wednesdays 6 p.m., KC (Kids & Christ) Night; 8 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; 9:30 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea, Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.; All services require masks and social distancing.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, 7-8 Grade Confirmation, 5:45 p.m., 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, Service with Holy Communion, 9 a.m., 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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The Wisdom of Old Folks



It is worthwhile spending time with folks who have "been around the block a time or two." Older folks have been around long enough to have picked up some valuable wisdom along the way. I recently heard Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer being interviewed, and he mentioned that his father didn't give much advice, which is usually wise, but that before he died he told him to stay on the payroll and to do your job, i.e., to do your job well. That reminds me of something my father always said, which was to always give your employer an honest day's work. The first time I recall taking the time to sincerely listen to one of my elders was when I was in college and stopped my daily run to talk to an elderly gentleman from my neighborhood who was always out walking his small dog. He always smiled and said "hello" and so I decided one day to cut my run short and talk to him for a few minutes. His advice was a simple reflection of his own life. Smile and say "hello" to everyone you meet was his kind advice. And then he told me to "be your own doctor." His message was essentially that you know what's good for you and what's not, what to eat and how to keep your body healthy, so be your own doctor. Good advice coming from someone who was probably in his nineties at the time. –Christopher Simon

Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days. – Job 12:12

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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

Although I was raised in upstate New York and have lived in Iowa since 1981, for four months each winter now I am a proud Winter Texan. Whereas Florida and Arizona have their Snowbirds, those of us who spend the cold months in Texas make sure we are known as Texans! There is a most wonderful museum on one campus of the University of Texas called the Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio. In 1977 they published an amazing cookbook celebrating all diversity of cooking in the Lone Star State. "The Melting Pot: Ethnic Cuisine in Texas" features recipes from 26 nationalities of immigrants plus Native Americans. The following are adapted from this cookbook.

Chinese Barbecued Pork

1 pound pork tenderloin
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons ketchup
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

NOTE: the recipe also calls for ½ teaspoon MSG; this is optional according to whether or not you use it in your cooking. Some people are allergic to this flavor enhancer but if you are not it is a consideration.

Slice the pork into two strips. Combine the remaining ingredients to make a marinade. Put the pork into a bowl and add the marinade; leave for 3 hours. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Drain the meat and discard the marinade. Place the pork in a roaster and roast for 45 minutes, turning every 10 minutes to insure even browning. Since into pieces about 1/4-inch thick.

Steamed Cake
A Filipino Recipe

1 cup all-purpose flour
2/3 cup whole milk, room temp.
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs, room temperature

Mix the flour and sugar. Add the milk and eggs and stir to a smooth consistency. Pour this batter into a 10-inch cake pan. Place the pan in a steamer and steam for 30 minutes over medium heat. Serve with fresh grated coconut. Makes 4-6 servings. SANDY'S NOTE: if you do not own a steamer, take a large saucepan and place a trivit or rack inside that will lift your cake pan above the bottom by several inches. Put water into the bottom of the saucepan and place the cake pan on the rack. Cover the pan and bring the water to a boil, then reduce the heat to a light simmer in order to create the steam needed to cook this cake.

Spaghetti and Olive Oil
An Italian Recipe

1 pound uncooked angel hair pasta
1 1/4 cups good olive oil
2 cans flat anchovy fillets, finely chopped
1 large clove garlic, crushed
1/4 cup finely grated Romano cheese

Cook the pasta as directed in a large pot of salted boiling water. Put the anchovies, garlic and olive oil in a large, heavy heated skillet over medium heat. Let this simmer for 15 minutes, mashing up the anchovy pieces until they "melt" into the sauce. Pour this sauce over the drained pasta and toss lightly. Sprinkle with the Romano cheese and serve hot. NOTE: if you do not like the strong taste of Romano cheese, you may substitute fine toasted bread crumbs. Serves 4-6. SANDY'S NOTE: Don't let the addition of anchovies put you off. Most people who think they are too salty or "fishy" have only tasted them on salads or pizza where you get a large piece at once. When they are used as an ingredient along with other things and are cooked until soft, they disappear into the dish and many people will not even know they are there!

Basel Flour Soup
A Swiss Recipe

4-5 tablespoons real butter
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
5 cups beef stock
2 oz. grated Parmesan plus more to pass around

NOTE: you can make the beef stock from beef base but it will be too salty if you use the bouillon cubes unless you can find the low-sodium version

Heat the butter in a shallow heavy skillet and "fry" the flour until it is golden brown, stirring often so it doesn't burn. Work in ½ cup of the beef stock. Pour this into a large saucepan and whisk in the rest of the stock. It will help if the stock is warm. Simmer the low over low heat for 30 minutes. Pass it through a strainer to remove any lumps and add the grated Parmesan. Serve in individual bowls with more cheese for people to add if they desire. A note with the recipe says this soup is not only eaten for dinner but also often in the "early hours" after a party. Makes about 6 servings.

We usually think of oil or cattle or cowboys or the Mexican influence when we think of Texas. There was, however, much, much more to the development of the culture as we know it today. And....that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

City of Northwood awarded Iowa LTAP Work Zone Sign Package

Northwood's public works crew will be safer thanks to signs provided by funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT).

The City of Northwood received work zone signs as a part of the LTAP (Lotal Technical Assistance Program) Work Zone Sign Package Program.

The goal of this Iowa DOT funded program is to provide an avenue for smaller cities, less than 10,000 population, to be able to obtain a basic work zone sign package that is in compliance and to make their work zones safer for operations personnel and motorists. It is currently proposed that the materials to be included in the package will be the following:

- One Lane Road Ahead signs
- Road Work Ahead signs
- Be Prepared to Stop signs
- Type III barricades
- 28" traffic cones
- Class 2 safety vests
- Sign stands
- 42 inch channelizers



Northwood public works crew member Logan Butler is pictured with some of the work zone equipment.

Each of these will be of the correct type and size for lower speed city street work. All of the devices will include high intensity retro-reflective sheeting suitable for nighttime use.

For the 2021 program, funding allowed for 12 winning cities Mingo, Mitchellville, Mondamin, Northwood, Hopkinton, Windsor Heights, Lawton, West Point, Toledo, Gowrie, Stockport and Lenox.

4-H and FFA beef and YQCA Clinic set for May 15

The Worth County Extension Service is inviting and encouraging all North Iowa area 4-H and FFA Beef Project members to attend an educational beef clinic.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, May 15, at 2 p.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds Show Arena.

Beef project members will be learning about how to best present their calf in the show ring, proper show ring etiquette and showmanship. Participants will be observing proper techniques for fitting and grooming their calf as well as the many show ring accessories that exhibitors need to show their beef entry at the Fair. There will be an opportunity to receive YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Livestock Certification Training as well.

Those interested may get more information or sign up by calling Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531.

4-H Poultry and Rabbit YQCA Workshop set

The Worth County Extension Service will be holding a 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Workshop on Saturday, May 8, at the Tim and Tammy Charlson farm at 3422 Zinnia Avenue, Plymouth, Iowa, at 10 a.m.

The meeting will kick off with 4-H member Tianna Charlson presenting poultry information on breeds, exhibiting and caring for birds. There will also be information distributed about feeding and growing broiler market chickens and how to provide proper housing and care for 4-H project members' birds.

There will also be an opportunity to confirm an order at a discounted price to purchase baby chicks for this year's Worth County Fair 4-H Poultry Show scheduled for Friday, June 18.

The workshop will also include a rabbit presentation at 10:30 a.m. by Tori Eckard, 4-H Club member, who will discuss the 4-H rabbit project and the 2021 Rabbit Show scheduled for Thursday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m.

The 4-H'ers attending the full two hour workshop will be able to become YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified. All North Iowa and southern Minnesota 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Project members are welcome to attend.

More information about the workshop is available by calling Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531or emailing djohn@iastate.edu.

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The Worth County Reserves have received a grant from the Jaspers Family Foundation Fund, a fund of the Worth County Community Foundation. This grant, along with the annual soup supper donations will be used to finalize purchasing plans for ballistic vests & helmets, tasers and some miscellaneous duty equipment. This is nearly an $11,000 project.

Worth County Reserves would like the thank all of those who made these purchases possible!

Reserves pictured (from left) Brian Lund, Wyatt Quam, Madi Dorsey, Kris Hearn, Michael Logeman, Justin Bruns and not pictured Scott Butler.

Northwood Anchor Opinion

Poll: Many farmers still doubt that humans drive climate change

By Perry Beeman
Iowa Capital Dispatch
iowacapitaldispatch.com

Farmers continue to question whether climate change is driven by humans, the consensus of scientists worldwide, an Iowa State University researcher said Wednesday.

ISU sociology professor J. Arbuckle, drawing largely from ISU's Farm and Rural Life Poll, said farmers have become more open to conversations about carbon emissions and climate change.

"Farmers are diverse in their perspectives on climate change and frankly what should be done," Arbuckle told the Iowa Farmers Union. "Their beliefs are changing, but on average they are pretty far from the scientific consensus."

The lead international authority on the issues, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, reports that humans' activities are driving a buildup of greenhouse gases that are warming the globe. Without massive cuts in emissions, the planet will face even more severe storms, droughts, floods, migration of pests, changes in oceans and rising sea levels that will inundate coastal areas and islands, the panel of international scientists adds.

ISU's 2020 survey found that the percentage of farmers who agreed that climate change is occurring and mostly caused by humans stood at 18%, up from 10% in 2011. More than a third, 40%, of farmers said natural causes were as much a factor as human influences, up from 35% in 2011.

A central part of the debate in Iowa has been the prospect of paying farmers to help sweep carbon from the sky with plantings. That conversation has intensified with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack back in office and President Joe Biden pushing new climate initiatives as recently as Wednesday.

"A lot of farmers, I think, are ready to talk about climate change and that wasn't the case back in 2011," Arbuckle said. "Even farmers who are not ready to talk about human causes of climate change are ready to talk about climate change and extreme weather events and adaptation."

The 2020 survey found that 50% of farmers agreed that extreme weather events will happen more frequently.

Though they can't be directly tied to climate change, a series of major floods, droughts, and even the hurricane-force derecho of August 2020 are consistent with scientists' projection of more severe weather as the atmosphere warms.

"I think farmers think that they're going to have to do more to protect the land from increased extremes ... They are looking for support from extension and private-sector sources and are at least open to adaptation or mitigation policies and programs," Arbuckle said.

In many cases, those programs center around soil conservation, cover crops, and idling marginal crop acres where forests or prairie could be planted to help sweep carbon from the atmosphere. Government programs often pay part of the cost of the voluntary efforts.

Senior reporter Perry Beeman has nearly 40 years of experience in Iowa journalism and has won national awards for environmental and business writing.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My son has a Burmese python that's very long.

How many feet?

None, it's a snake.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I had visited Chokio and mentioned I'd enjoyed my time there. A sheriff with family connections there corrected me. "You've been there, but you don't know how to pronounce it?" he said. I know it's supposed to sound like Ohio (Sha-kie-oh), but I don't know what I made it sound like. I wish I could correctly pronounce every place I've been to for work. I hear news and weather folks mispronounce Waseca, Otisco, Mankato, Owatonna and Shakopee. Faribault is correctly pronounced Fair-boe and Gaylord is Gail-erd. In Iowa, Madrid is pronounced Mad-drid, Sigourney is Sig-ur-nee, Nevada is Nuh-VAY-Duh, and Des Moines is Duh-Moin.

Andrew Jackson said, "It is a damn poor mind that can think of only one way to spell a word." He could have said the same about pronouncing a word.

Sherlock Holmes made me do it

I built a shortwave radio. When I hooked it to a long antenna, I could go almost anywhere. A friend of a neighborhood fellow bought it. The man said he didn't enjoy having his pockets picked clean by any store, so he was happy to pay me a fair price. I built another radio. I was better at building radios than rebuilding motors. If Sherlock Holmes had been a mystery-solving mechanic, I'd probably have done as much wrenching as reading. I built the shortwave radios because I wanted to listen to BBC World Service. I'm still listening.

In memoriam

In the obituary of Loren Rux of Janesville, it said, "Loren was a regular contributor to the Minnesota State Lottery."

Bad jokes

Gravity is a fundamental physical force. If you remove it, you have gravy.

The man who invented autocorrect has died. Restaurant in piece.

Does eating Alpha-Bits cause vowel movements?

The doctor said, "Your DNA is backwards." The patient replied, "And?"

The Institute of Incomplete Studies has determined that six out of 10 people.

What do you call a sleeping Scandinavian? A snorewegian.

The policeman asked, "Where were you between 5 and 6. The suspect replied, "Kindergarten."

Our dog ate all our Scrabble tiles. The veterinarian said the next time it goes outside could spell disaster.

Nature notes

I came at the day with the wonder of a Labrador puppy. Cardinals, thrashers, white-throated sparrows, chickadees, kinglets and red-winged blackbirds sang. Birds are like hash browns. Great to see early in the morning. I contacted birders to let them know about yellow-crowned night herons at Brookside Park in Albert Lea. New birds found in old places live between real and imagined. The Night Herons would be a great nickname for a baseball team that plays all their games at night in a stadium hosting an ongoing flea market during the day. The yellow-crowned night heron is quite alluring to the right demographic. Birders came up, down and across from Mason City to Duluth and from Winona to Sioux Falls. I hadn't seen some of them for a while. You see someone you don't recognize until you recognize their recognition. The Park filled with binoculars and cameras. And their owners. One told me the birds were really, really, really cool. We could only disagree on the number of reallys, but we agreed it was a gee-whiz moment.

Turkey vultures wobbled overhead. Charles Darwin saw a vulture from the deck of the Beagle in 1835 and called it a "disgusting bird" whose bald head was "formed to wallow in putridity." That was harsh. They are beautiful birds. If it perceives a threat, a turkey vulture may play dead or project offensive smelling vomit as a defense. Vultures can't eat and run. They might carry bits of food in their bills, but their feet are useless for carrying freight. In the ancient practice of Tibetan sky burial, a human corpse is placed on a mountaintop to be eaten by birds of prey, commonly vultures. This tradition is a sustainable burial method symbolizing the impermanence of life for Buddhists.

A friend, Gordon Hopp of Unadilla, Nebraska, called me after checking his 390 bluebird boxes. In the past five years, he's fledged approximately 300 kestrels, 600 wood ducks and over 11,000 bluebirds. Thoreau wrote of the bluebird, "His soft warble melts the ear, as the snow is melting in the valleys around."

Meeting adjourned

There are two bears fighting inside each of us. One is hatred, the other is kindness. The winning bear will be the one we feed.

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Fit to print... Charter schools must have sunshine too

By Randy Evans, executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council

The 2021 session of the Iowa Legislature will end in a few weeks, and one big issue moving toward a final vote would make charter schools easier to create as an alternative to the traditional K-12 public schools.

Others can debate the pros and cons of charter schools and House File 813, the bill that is awaiting debate and a vote in the Senate. That's not my purpose here today.

But I want to sound a cautionary note:

If the Legislature wants to make it easier to establish these independent schools and provide them with state tax money to operate on, then lawmakers should amend House File 813 to ensure these schools are subject to Iowa's public records laws.

As written, the bill already states that meetings of the charter schools' boards of directors would have to be open to the public. But the only records the bill mentions that would be open to the public are the annual budget for the charter school, the annual report it submits to the Iowa Department of Education, and the report on each school the department issues once a year.

This is far from adequate.

Unlike private K-12 schools that operate on tuition paid by the students who enroll there, the proposed law prohibits charter schools from charging tuition. Instead, their operating funds would come from Iowa's taxpayers, the same revenue source the state's K-12 public schools rely on.

If charter schools are not required to comply with the public records laws, Iowans would be deprived of important documents and information they deserve to properly evaluate how these schools use, or misuse, the tax money they have been provided.

The legislation, by design, gives charter schools more autonomy than traditional public schools.

Rep. Skyler Wheeler, an Orange City Republican and House floor manager of the bill, told colleagues: "Charter schools serve as incubators of innovation in neighborhoods across the country. These institutions give educators the freedom to cultivate new teaching models and develop creative methods to meet students' needs."

The schools could be organized by a local school district, with the approval of the Iowa Board of Education, and would operate as part of the district. More likely, however, the schools would be organized by an interested group or an education management company, with the permission from the state board. They would be independent from the local public school districts.

Whichever way a charter school is created, it would receive the same amount of state education funding, per pupil, as Iowa's public K-12 schools receive each year. That now is about $7,230 per pupil.

The legislation was approved last month, 55-40, by the Iowa House.

There is still time for lawmakers to require charter schools to provide the same access to their records as public school districts must provide. That legal obligation should go hand-in-hand with receiving per-pupil state school aid, plus additional money to support teacher salaries.

Educating our children is a fundamental mission of the state. Charter schools' governing boards should be held to the same standard of openness and accountability as the state's 330 public school districts.

It comes down to this: If organizers of charter schools want tax money to finance their operations, then they should be subject to public records laws. And if they don't want that scrutiny, then they can organize as a private school and operate on a tuition model.

There should be no room in Iowa for taxpayers to be denied access to how their taxes are being spent. Period.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council. He can be reached at IowaFOICouncil@gmail.com.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

April 27, 1921

The new hog pavilion at the fairgrounds is now about completed, the lumber in the building being that used in the large tabernacle building, which was bought by the fair association. The new building, which is 24 by 90 feet with 12 foot center posts, will assist materially in housing stock brought to the annual county exhibition.

A committee working on a prospective speaker for the Falling Laget celebration planned to be held in Northwood on May 28 has already made considerable headway and is now in correspondence with some prominent men.

The Livestock Breeders Association of Worth County will conduct a pure bred bull sale in the stock pavilion at the local fairgrounds at which time 35 head of registered animals will be offered. This is an excellent opportunity for farmers to get heads for their herds at their own prices. J.M. Robertson will do the selling.

Miss Groe Oleson retuned to Des Monies after a visit at the home of her parents, Marshal and Mrs. John Oleson.

Master Horace Dwelle, accompanied by his sister, Arlene and Dorothy and little misses Helen Dwelle and Olive Keeler, took Miss Helen Keeler out to where she teaches the Lundberg school. The little Misses remained during the day to visit a real country school.

The businessmen of Joice have organized a tennis club to be known as "The Lazy Man's Fat Reducer." So far 17 of the laziest men of Joice have joined the only one underweight, Floyd Baker, weight 107 1/2 pounds. His part will be to chase the balls.

75 years ago

April 25, 1946

O.G. Anderson, 81, a pioneer resident of Brookfield Township, died in Rochester, Minnesota, where he had been for a week receiving treatment. He was a sufferer from diabetes. Complications developed, which caused his death.

A Deer Creek Township landmark, the former Synod Lutheran Church located one mile south of the store and cheese factory and known as the "South Church," has been sold and will soon be taken down for the purpose of salvaging its lumber. Al Yankowiak of Northwood has bought the building and plans to use the lumber as the frame for a brick veneer residence to be erected on his lots on south Ninth Street in this city.

Margret Gilpin, senior in Northwood High School, was chosen by band members to represent Northwood at the North Iowa Band Festival to be held in Mason City on June 20.

Ole A. Tonga, 68, lifelong resident of Brookfield Township, died suddenly of a heart attack while operating a tractor and plow at his farm home about six miles southwest of Northwood.

Miss Fern Thompson is in the Park hospital at Mason City as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident at Bevington, Iowa, near Indianola, as she was returning to the school at Greenfield following an Easter weekend vacation at her home here.

Charles Anderson and his son Glen, who love on the Geo E. Whitcomb farm one mile north of the Northwood depot, have lively triplet calves, born on March 11 to a grade Hereford cow in their herd. The calves were led from the barn to pose for their pictures, put on a small but real imitation of a western rodeo.

50 years ago

April 29, 1971

Six Boy Scouts from Troop 33, Northwood, hung wood-duck houses on the south shore of Silver Lake. The Scouts are trying to lure wood ducks closer to water, in order that they be safer from predators. Scouts participating were Ron McMullen, Dan Robb, Scott Swenson, Kary Ihnen, Mike Evans and Dan Otis. Scoutmaster, Jack McMullen and Al Grossman assisted the group.

Ann Josten, Northwood, and Mary E. Imlau, Fred A. Sawin, Herbert H. Sawin, Robert R. Sawin and Terry O. Tenold, all of Kensett, made the ISU Dean's List.

Mrs. Floss Lichty, 80, mother of Northwood attorney Floyd Ensign, died in her sleep at her home in Sioux City. Funeral services were in Sioux City. Mrs. Lichty recently spent five months in the Ensign home in Northwood.

The boys gold team won their first match of the season on April 22 by a score of 185 over Ventura with 224. Patrick and Michael Otis and John Fredrickson tied at 46 storied for medalist honors and Tracis Pollock had 47. In the girls meet, Ventura won with 232 strokes over 226 for the Vikings. Patricia Halzer honored.

The Vikings girls track team finished in eighth place at Ventura, on April 21. Those scoring for the Northwood-Kensett girls in the individual events were Terry Arendts, who took second place in the 100 and 60 yard dashes and placed fifth in the high jump, and Julie Berge, who placed fifth in the 220 year low hurdles.

25 years ago

April 24, 1996

Nine Northwood-Kensett Elementary School students won local honors recently in the National VFW "I Love America Because…" essay contest. The winning essayists include Jesse Hennigar and Scott Butler; fifth graders Holly Lawson, Lindsey Rathbone and Krystle Jaspers; and sixth graders Kati Oetken, Trevor Madsen and Jared Avelar. Northwood VFW Post 6779 Auxiliary officer Carol Kelly presented the honors. Fourth-grader Amber Estes was not present for the photo.

Northwood-Kensett students Amy Brunsvold, Corey Mills, Allen Myli, Sara Rosch, Richie Davis, Betsy Mellem, Adam Ingersoll, Janet Solberg and her date climbed out of the lap of luxury on their way to the Northwood-Kensett Junior-Senior Prom on Saturday night.

Chris and Dave Bergman, West Des Monies, are parents of their first child, a son, Jacob Christian, born on March 11, 1996, at Mercy Hospital in West Des Monies. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Dick and Cheryl Jenson, former residents of Northwood, now living in Waverly. Dick was a teacher/coach in the Northwood-Kensett Schools.

The Northwood FFA sold $10,600 worth of fruit during its annual fall fruit and specialty foods sale and netted a $2,891 profit. The top three sales generators included Nick Lupkes, Gina Perkins and Ryan Meyer.

10 years ago

April 27, 2011

Northwood-Kensett couples Jordan Garcia, Cameron Batton, Samantha Duckert and Tanner Haberman are excited for this weekend's prom festivities. The Grand March will be held at the N-K High School gymnasium at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. In the early evening the students will travel to Minneapolis to the Ball Room of Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America.

Children of all ages from the Northwood area met the Easter bunny and hunted eggs at the Worth County Fairgrounds at the Northwood Chamber of Commerce's and Worth County Jaycees' annual Easter egg hunt.

Although rain and snow allowed just one golf meet, junior Tessa Bratrud none the less took full advantage of the opportunity when she shot a 56 to lead the Vikings to a win at Riceville.

The weather hasn't been very good this spring but the boys golf team sure seems to be heating up. Sam Krull led the Vikings in their only meet as he scored a birdie and four bogies for a score of 49 at Riceville.

The Northwood-Kensett girls golf team put another check in the win column in Riceville, when it shared the win with the Wildcats at the Riceville Quadrangular. Junior Tessa Bratrud led N-K with a 56, but had teammates Mikki Butler and Hayley Buechele hot on her heels as both finished with a 57 respectively. The Lady Vikings had three meets scheduled this week.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Naven Knutson



NAVEN KNUTSON

Naven Judine Knutson, 89, of Clarksville, Tennessee, formerly of the Leland/Lake Mills area in Iowa, died on Thursday, April 8, at the Vanderbilt Medical Care Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

A graveside committal service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at Elk Creek Lutheran Cemetery, 4108 Killdeer Ave, Kensett, IA 50448 with Rev. Tom Martin officiating.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held immediately following the graveside in the fellowship hall of Elk Creek Lutheran Church until around 2:30 p.m.

Naven Judine Knutson was born on August 6, 1931, in Mason City, Iowa, the son of Eddie and Myrtle (Brudvig) Knutson. Naven graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1949, and graduated from San Francisco State University, in San Francisco, California. He was united on September. 2, 1956, in marriage to Doris Elaine Johnson (deceased), in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. They lived in California from 1956 to 1975 and in Alaska from 1975 until 1992, settling in Clarksville, Tennessee in 1992.

Naven was a noted athlete in high school; served his country during the Korean War; was a recognized expert in his field of accounting; a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and a friend to everyone he met.

Left to cherish his memory are his two sons, Naven John Knutson and his wife, Janey of Arab, Ala., and Paul Edward Knutson and his wife, Trudy of Frankfort, Ky.; four grandchildren, Elaine Knutson Wanstreet and her husband, Gavin of West Lafayette, Ind., Mary Knutson Lawlor and her husban, Lucas and daughters Lydia, Cora, and Emma of Huntsville, Ala., Anna Knutson and her son, Matthias of Arab, Ala., Naven E. Knutson, his wife, Carmen and son Naven L. of Frankfort, Ky.; his brother, David Knutson and wife, Ethel of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and sister Elinor Dalchow and husband LeRoy of Milaca, Minn.

Naven was preceded by his sister, Marilyn Thomas and brother, Robert Knutson.

The family would like to give a special appreciation to John Wallace, a special friend and neighbor for his companionship and help during Naven's final years.

Budgeting for public safety, child care



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Week Fifteen

As a member of the Administration and Regulation Budget Committee, we were glad to pass this budget that appropriates over $200 million to various departments. This committee meets with each department to discuss their needs, wants, and concerns to set their budgets for the upcoming year. Most departments asked for and received a status quo budget. This budget includes $100 million for broadband internet expansion.

The House Appropriations committee passed the Justice Systems Budget that included $20 million new dollars for the Department of Corrections and a $9.4 million increase in funding for the Department of Public Safety. With these increases, we are confident the departments can not only retain workers, but fill the vacancies that exist in the current budget. Additionally, $5 million was budgeted for a Public Safety Equipment fund, with $2.5 from the Justice Systems budget and a matching amount from RIIF. This fund will ensure our Department of Public Safety has the most up-to-date equipment.

The House released our Health and Human Services Budget proposal this week. We had several bills this year addressing our child care shortage and this budget continues to address this issue by increasing child care rates by $13.4 million and addressing the "cliff effect" by creating an off ramp from the child care assistance program. This allows parents to grow in their careers without losing their child care assistance entirely and allows for a gradual decline in benefits. This budget also prioritizes telehealth, mental health, nursing homes, and additional funding for more full-time employees in DHS field operations.

On Wednesday morning, we recognized our Pages that have been working at the Capitol all session. We are grateful for everything these young people do from staffing meetings and distributing bills to delivering messages and running all kinds of errands. A special shout out to Jagger for his work as our "official" photographer. This year, they brought a bill to us to receive a semester credit for their time as a page.

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.

Bolan

The Bolan Trinity UMW met on Wednesday evening at the home of Linda Nydegger, with Lori Willert giving Devotions. There was quite a bit of business to cover. We now as UMW and UMC need to do serious planning for our 126th year of Bolan Trinity celebration. The date is set for Sunday, September 19. On the 18th will be the Bolan Fall Festival also. A busy weekend!

Late Thursday afternoon Joe and Linda Nydegger drove to Wells, Minnesota, for a track meet held at United South Central High School. Daniel and Evelyn Nydegger are part of the NRGEG Track Team. Daniel, a senior at NRHEG placed second in the 800 in 2:25.8, the 1600 in 5:14.2 and the 4x400 he was in placed second in 3:55.9. The girls track team placed second. They had eight first places, four involving Evelyn, who is a Sophomore. She won the 400 in 1:10.5, the triple jump at 29-10 and ran legs on two winning relay teams: the 4x400 in 5:00.4 and the 4x800 in 12:16.4.

Cole Willert, who is on the University of Northern Iowa Track team, participated in the Drake Relays on Friday afternoon. He placed 16th in the 400 meter hurdles.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beth E. Reinhart Charitable Trust will be accepting Applications for grants during the period of July 1 to August 31. Charitable purposes for the benefit of children shall include educational activities, youth programs, delivery of health care services and any other charitable purpose benefitting children and acceptable to the Trustees within a fifty (50) mile radius of Mason City, Iowa. For complete procedure details, please contact:

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ORDINANCE
#2021.04.19.02

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY, IOWA:

That Worth County Ordinance 2018.12.03 Titled: Renewable Energy Provisions is hereby repealed in its entirety.

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication by law.

Adopted this 19th day of April 2021.

Aaron Stone, Chair
Worth County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor

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#2021.04.19.01

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY, IOWA:

That it shall be a criminal offense for an individual to be in possession of alcohol on the property known as Kuennen's Quarry from the Friday before Memorial day to the Tuesday following Labor day. This includes the parking lots, access roads, playgrounds, beach and water. It does not include the interior of the rentable shelter house to individuals that have rented or guests of the same.

Penalties. A violation of this Ordinance is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of at least $65.00 but not exceeding $625.00, and/or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty (30) days.

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication by law.

Adopted this 19th day of April 2021.

Aaron Stone, Chair
Worth County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor

Supervisors

April 19, 2021
Sixteenth 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 amend the April 19, 2021 to add acknowledgement of Manure Management Plan Update.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the April 19, 2021 board agenda as amended.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the April 12, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds as presented by Mike Bode, Worth County Weed Commissioner. The auditor was directed to publish the notice for 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa.

RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS
2021 CROP YEAR

Be it resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Worth County, Iowa, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such time in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming into maturity and shall keep such lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, or otherwise destroyed.

Primary noxious weeds, which shall include: quack grass, bull thistle, perennial sow thistle, horse nettle, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, perennial pepper-grass, European morning glory or field bindweed, Russian knapweed, buckthorn and palmer amaranth

Secondary noxious weeds, which shall include: butterprint annual, wild carrot biennial & perennial, sour dock perennial, multiflora rose, teasel biennial, cocklebur annual, buckthorn perennial, smooth dock perennial, wild sunflower annual, shattercane annual, wild mustard annual, sheep sorrel, poison hemlock and puncture vine annual

2. That all weeds on county trunk and local county roads and between fence lines thereof will be taken care of by the county.

3. That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any lands in Worth County fail to comply with the forgoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and that the expense of said work, including costs of serving notices and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate.

4. That the county auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the forgoing order by publication in each of the official newspapers of the county by request of County Weed Commissioner, Mike Bode at 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA (641) 390-0268.

5. The Weed Commissioner be given full authority and power to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

Published upon order of the Worth County Board of Supervisors, A.J. Stone, Chair, this 19th Day of April, 2021.

Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, County Auditor
WORTH COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the clerk of court's monthly report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve salary changes for Chad Wurtzel at $58,933.84/year and Jake Dalluge at $16.07/hour as submitted by the sheriff.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone recessed the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to open Public Hearing on Worth County Ordinance #2021.04.19.01 to Prohibit Alcohol at Kuennen's Quarry at 9:00 A.M. There was no public comment.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to close the public hearing.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone reconvened the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021.04.19.01.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adopt Ordinance 2021.04.19.01 AYE: Stone, Smeby, Loberg. NAY: None. Absent: None. Ordinance 2021.04.19.01 adopted and shall be in effect after publication as provided by law.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to appoint Todd Rothove to the Zoning Commission.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone recessed the regular session.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to open Public Hearing on Worth County Ordinance #2021.04.19.02 To Repeal 2018.12.03 Titled: Renewable Energy Provisions at 9:15 A.M. Public comment by John Adams, Julie Kuntz (via Zoom) and James Berge was heard.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to close the public hearing.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone reconvened the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021.04.19.02. AYE: Stone, Loberg. NAY: Smeby. Absent: None.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to adopt Ordinance 2021.04.19.02 AYE: Stone, Loberg. NAY: Smeby. Absent: None. Ordinance 2021.04.19.02 adopted and shall be in effect after publication as provided by law.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone recessed the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to open the Public Hearing to Sell County Owned Property at 9:15 A.M. Public comment by James Berge was heard.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to close the public hearing.

Chairperson, Aaron Stone reconvened the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to waive the second and third readings on public hearing on proposed sale of county owned property. AYE: Stone, Loberg Smeby. NAY: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the proposed sale of county property described as Lots One (1), through Lot Twelve (12) of the Top of Iowa Second Addition, Worth County, Iowa at the prices published in County newspapers. AYE: Stone, Loberg, Smeby. NAY: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:36 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, April 26, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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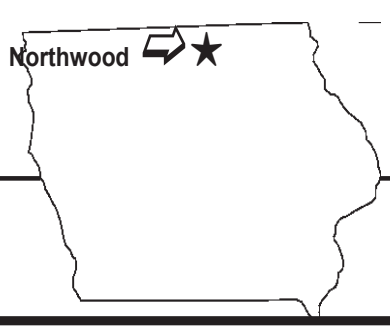
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Northwood - "A Friendly Town"

Kliment, Varner set the tone for fourth place Vikings at Bison Relays

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With virtually no field event presence on the team this season, not because of talent but instead its youth, the Northwood-Kensett boys track team depends on getting things started with the running events, hopefully early and with great success.

And while the Vikings placed fourth at last Thursday night's Bison Boys Relays in Buffalo Center, it was mostly on the strength of two individuals who had amazing nights.

Josiah Kliment posted 16 team points for his team right out of the box when he placed second in the 200-meter dash and took home the first place medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.59.

The other was Brandon Varner, who had a second place finish in the 110-meter hurdles and a third place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, one of the most grueling events in a track meet, adding 14 total points for the team.

Wrapping up the individual performers from last Thursday night, the Vikings' Treycen Rollene took home a third-place medal in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:09.52.

In the relay events, normally the Vikings bread and butter, they didn't fare as well as usual but still added to the team's point total with a fifth-place finish in the 4x400, a fourth-place finish in the 4x800, a fourth-place finish in the shuttle hurdle and the team of Drake Tiedemann, Thomas Block, TJ Whitelow and Rollene took home a second place medal in the distance medley, securing eight crucial team points.

The Vikings had two meets on their schedule this week. Monday they will host the Boys Viking Relays in Northwood and on Thursday they travel to Armstrong for a meet hosted by North Union.

Team Scores at Bison Relays – Saint Ansgar 130, Forest City 94, West Fork 89, Northwood-Kensett 62, Lake Mills 62, North Union 61, Bishop-Garrigan 31, North Iowa 19, GTRA 17, Newman catholic 14



N-K's Justin Mills stretches over the finish line after completing the anchor leg of the 4x00-meter relay last Thursday night at the Bison Boys Relays.

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Anchor Sports



LINDSEY MOORE

Stat of the Week: *For a hurdler that, before this season, because of COVID-19, hadn't competed in a track meet since the seventh grade, freshman Lindsey Moore is showing signs of a true veteran on the oval. The talented hurdler, if you look at her form going over the hurdles is probably the best on the team, which helped her to a first place finishes last week in the 100-meter hurdles and the shuttle hurdle relay in Nashua. She also placed fifth in the grueling 400-meter hurdles, giving the Lady Vikings a solid performer in the events for years to come.*



JOSIAH KLIMENT

Stat of the Week: *After having a very successful season on the wrestling mat the Vikings' Josiah Kliment could have been excused if he wanted to take it a little easy to get the track season started. But taking it easy just doesn't seem to be in the talented junior's DNA, he's the human version of the Energizer Bunny. Combine that energy with his talent and you get the results he got at last week's Bison Relays in Buffalo Center, where he posted 16 of the team's 62- point total with a first place finish in the 400 and a second place finish in the 200.*



Freshman Mallory Rheingans runs the first leg of the 4x800-meter relay at last Thursday's N-P Invitational. Rheingans and her teammates took home a sixth place medal in the event, 12:31.24.



Lady Viking Madelyn Berge competes in the long jump last Thursday night at the Nashua-Plainfield Girls Invitational in Nashua. Berge had a jump of nearly 12 feet, coming in at 11-10.

Hurdlers come up big for Lady Vikings at N-P Girls Invitational

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett girls track team had just one meet last week due the bitterly cold weather, the Nashua-Plainfield Girls Invitational last Thursday night, where the team finished in third place, thanks in large part to its squad of hurdlers who scored 26 of the team's 73 team points.

Lady Viking Lindsey Moore, perhaps the team's best pure hurdler, scored 10 points in the 100-meter hurdles with her first place finish in 17.66. A few events later Bella Efflandt and Moore picked up more points with their fourth and fifth place finishes in the 400-meter hurdles and the shuttle hurdle relay team of Efflandt, Morgan Wallin, Kayla Senne and Moore took home a first place medal with a winning time of 1:15.33, just one tenth of second faster than class 2A's second place Central Springs.

Another outstanding runner for the Lady Vikings, who carried her share of the load in Nashua, was Carly Hengesteg, who won the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.98 and placed second in the 400-meter dash, giving her team 16 crucial points. Hengesteg also was a member of the fifth place 4x100-meter relay team.

Other N-K competitors taking home medals last Thursday include Efflandt in the 400-meter dash (4th), Megan Ocel in the 3,00-meter run (6th), Teagan Johnson in the discus (2nd) and Jesslyn Sims in the discus (4th).

Apart from the team's first place finish in the shuttle hurdle relay the Lady Vikings probably didn't do as well as they had hoped in the relays, but considering the competition, they did more than hold their own. The 4x100 placed fifth, the 4x400 placed fifth, the 4x800 sixth, the sprint medley finished fourth and the distance medley finished fifth.

The Lady Vikings have just one meet on their schedule this week. On Thursday afternoon they travel to Armstrong for a meet hosted by North Union.

Team Scores at N-P Invitational – Nashua-Plainfield 81, Central Springs 78, Northwood-Kensett 73, Osage 73, West Fork 64, Wapsie Valley 48, North Butler 47, Don Bosco 42, Clarksville 27, Riceville 22, Janesville 19, Dunkerton 10, Tripoli 2



N-K junior Mason Thofson crushes this tee shot last Friday afternoon in Osage. Thofson shot a 49 on the difficult Sunny Brea Golf Course with the Vikings scoring 190 team points.



Lady Viking Haley Wallin chips up on the green last Friday at Osage's Sunny Brea. Wallin shot a 77 on the hilly course that causes troubles for most golfers.

Davidson leads Lady Vikings golfers with two rounds under 50

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Northwood-Kensett's Emma Davidson was on a hot streak out on the links in last week's two meets. The talented junior posted a top score of 49 in last Thursday's triangular at the Northwood Country Club, beating out Osage star Dani Johnson by two strokes, 49 to 51 to take home medalist honors. Peyton Wilder, Hayley Wallin and Haddie Hanson shot a 67, 73 and 74 respectively.

For the boys, Carter Severson led the way on his home course, shooting a team best 45, just one stroke away from sharing medalist honors with a Bodie Goddard (Osage) and Laondon Showalter (West Fork) who both shot a 44.

Other N-K boys scores were Drew Wilder 47, Kael Julseth 49, Mason Thofson 52, Nick Hanson 54 and Jason Hanson 55.

Last Friday afternoon the golf teams traveled to Osage to play on the hilly but beautiful Sunny Brea Golf Course, where for the girls, Osage's Johnson used the knowledge of her home course to get revenge on Davidson, edging the N-K star by just two strokes, 46 to 48, to win medalist honors.

Other scores for the Lady Vikings include Haddie Hanson 61, Peyton Wilder 69 and Hayley Wallin 77.

On most night's Drew Wilder's 45 would have put the talented junior in contention for medalist honors but not with this field. Osage's Leo Klapperich bested the rest of the field with a low score of 38.

Other N-K golfers' scores included Kael Julseth, 48, Carter Severson, 48, Jason Hanson, 49, Mason Thofson, 49, and Nick Hanson, 51.

The boys and girls teams had two meets on the schedule this week, including Tuesday at the Northwood Country Club and Thursday in Nora Springs.

Girls Team Scores at Northwood CC – Osage 223, West Fork 253, Northwood-Kensett 263

Boys team Scores at Northwood CC – Osage 181, Northwood-Kensett 193, West Fork 198

Girls team Scores at Sunny Brea – Osage 213, Northwood-Kensett 255

Boys team Scores at Sunny Brea – Osage 170, Northwood-Kensett 190

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