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Briefs

Worth County Fair 2022 4-H and FFA swine weigh-in set for March 4

The Worth County Fair 4-H and FFA swine weigh-ins will take place this Friday, March 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Northwood-Kensett Vo. Ag. Shop.

Exhibitors may weigh up to eight market gilts or eight market barrows. The maximum weight is 85 pounds and exhibitors are to have all pigs ear notched and castrated prior to the weigh-in.

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

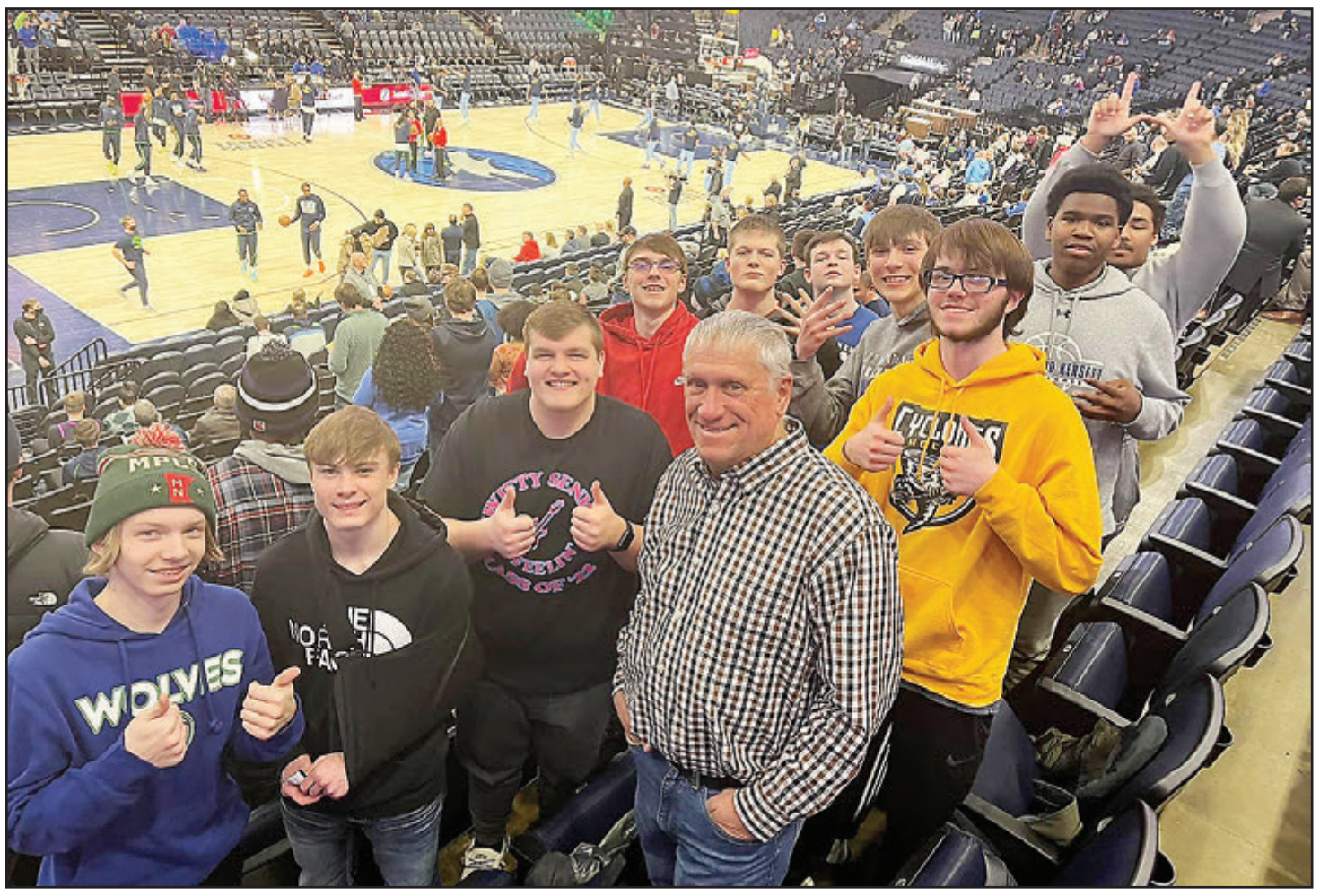
County Republican Convention March 12

The Worth County Republican Convention will be held at the N-K high school, beginning at 10 a.m, on Saturday, March 12.

The Central Committee will meet concurrent with the convention.

All delegates and central committee members elected at the February Caucus should attend to determine the county Republican platform and elect delegates to attend the District and State Republican Conventions.

Anyone with questions may contact Jeff Gorball at 641 529-0975.



Game time

Students in Northwood-Kensett's sports marketing class took a field trip last week to see the subject of the class in a real world application. The trip included a visit to the Target Center to learn how sports marketing is used by the Minnesota Timberwolves and to take in a game.

Expanded county zoning brings questions at first public hearing

The Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission had a public hearing last week to answer questions about the process of a potential recommendation for countywide zoning.

The expansion of zoning is being discussed after the Worth County supervisors began the consideration of a wind development ordinance. The supervisors were advised that passing the ordinance on its own could be viewed as discriminatory against the industry.

However, zoning ordinances include similar rules to what is included in the wind ordinance, and can be applied to specific land uses.

The county does have a zoning ordinance in place. However, it is only in effect in the three townships, that include Interstate 35.

To make wind development rules apply countywide, zoning would need to expand.

While it is a motivating factor, it is not the first time that zoning expansion has been considered.

With that in mind, the zoning commission has been discussing the process of determining if and how they should make a recommendation to the supervisors. Part of that is two public hearings to hear comments and questions from those that could find themselves in a newly zoned township.

The first public hearing was held on February 22. The intent of that meeting was to answer any questions about the process of expanded zoning and how the commission intends to proceed.

The meeting was somewhat sparsely attended, but a few rural residents, whose properties would become zoned, asked questions, while another signaled support.

One rural resident asked what the process would involve to modify the county's zoning ordinance if it is expanded to encompass all 12 townships, mentioning wind turbine setbacks in the process.

Commission chairman Jeff Gorball said that the process would begin with expanding zoning. As the county's zoning ordinance does not mention wind developments currently, there would be no turbine regulations initially. Adding

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Worth schools approve WCDA education fund uses

Worth County's school districts recently approved their plans for their share of WCDA education dollars.

Since it was established, education has been a focus of the WCDA, as it has designated half of its 5.76% of Diamond Jo casino revenue to students and schools. That money goes towards scholarships for Worth County's graduating seniors each year, gift cards for Worth students and preschool tuition, along with funds given to school districts with borders in Worth County, based on the number of Worth students attending.

At recent meetings, the Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs school boards approved their plans for how districts will spend their portion of WCDA education dollars.

The amount available to the school districts was up from the previous school year. However in 2021, the WCDA funds were down after the casino was closed during the first year of the pandemic.

Northwood-Kensett will receive $464,820.86 for the 2022-2023 school year. That is up 20.2%, or $78,183.65 from the total for the current school year.

The most recent amount for a full year of casino operations brought in $493,154.19 for the 2020-2021 school year at N-K. That is 6.1%, or $28,333.33 more than for the next school year.

At Central Springs, $370,540.26 will be available for the coming school year. That is up 58.9%, or

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POPS LIV on the way Friday

This Friday, March 4, Northwood-Kensett students will share their talents during POPS LIV, with a theme of "Just Dance!" The show will go on at 7 p.m. at the N-K Elementary gym.

The toe-tapping tunes will include the high school band sharing "Dancing in the Street"; "Your Mama Don't Dance"; "Can I Have This Dance" (from "High School Musical 3"); "Jump, Jive an' Wail"; and "Party Dance Mix" (includes "Moves Like Jager," "Good Time," and "Party Rock Anthem").

The high school jazz band is also preparing several selections.

The high school choir will perform "Charleston," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "Born to Hand Jive" and "Dance Evolution medley" ("Hound Dog," "The Twist," "Keep On," "Greased Lightning,"

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County officials consider uses of recovery act funds

Worth County officials recently discussed potential uses of federal COVID-19 recovery funds.

The funds come as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The County has discussed several potential projects, needs and other uses of those funds. That continued at the December 21 meeting as supervisor AJ Stone shared what was discussed by the committee of county officials that has looked at uses of ARPA funds.

The funds will come in

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Feb. 22	21	-1	
Wed. Feb. 23	7	-6	
Thurs. Feb. 24	16	2	
Fri. Feb. 25	14	1	
Sat. Feb. 26	34	8	
Sun. Feb. 27	39	13	
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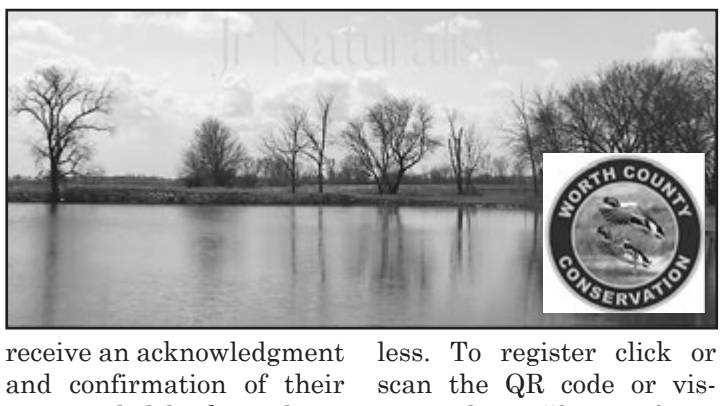
The Lutheran Retirement Home named its annual Valentines Royalty and this year for 2022 is Paul Hanson and Gloria Hall.



The Lutheran Retirement Home also had a Fantasy Football competition this year and this was won by Michael Christ, who had the LA Rams.

Junior Naturalist Program offered with Naturalist Dakota Popp

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's Junior Naturalist Program with Worth County Conservation Naturalist Dakota Popp. There are a few different programs to choose from. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for anything that is of interest, and rank choices so Popp will know what they are really interested in.



Each class offered will include pick up at Bosworth Park in Manly or the Conservation Office in Northwood. There are no costs for these programs, except the Cave trip.

Classes are limited to 10 participants, first come first served. Applicants will receive an acknowledgment and confirmation of their spot mailed back to them. Programs are open to ages 13 - 18 (7th to 12th grade).

Programs include fishing, blacksmithing, hiking, boating, mix bag and cave.

Registration closes on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

This year they are attempting to go paperless. To register click or scan the QR code or visit https://form.jotform.com/220314308408143

For questions or to request a paper form email Dakota at dakota.popp@worthcounty.org.

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several phases. The first phase includes roughly $700,000 for the interchange water/wastewater system.

Other funds that have been suggested, according to Stone are wifi and security cameras at Kuennen's Quarry and Worth County Lake.

The cameras would address the issues with dangerous behavior at Kuennen's Quarry in previous summers. The wireless internet connection is necessary to access the video from the cameras remotely. The wifi could also be used as a feature for those camping at the parks. The estimated cost of the internet connections and cameras is between $40,000-50,000.

Another project that is being considered is building or renovating a building that could be used for storage, as well as a drive-through clinic should a future public health situation require that option.

The storage could provide an enclosed space for the county's public transportation vehicles, as well as an EMA trailer and elections equipment. There was some discussion of working with the Worth County Fair Board to either renovate or build a new building that would meet the County's needs but then could be vacated and be made available for other uses during the fair.

Other potential ARPA uses included future unexpected maintenance needs at the courthouse, until a course of action for renovating or building a new facility begins.

At that meeting the supervisors had learned about the need to clean mold from ductwork in several areas of the courthouse. It was suggested that remaining first phase ARPA funds could be used for that purpose. Unforeseen projects at the courthouse were also noted for funds in the future.

One suggestion that was not as certain was the potential use of ARPA funds to give to County employees as a form of hazard pay.

Supervisor Mark Smeby said that while he valued the dedication of the employees, he thought the funds should be used on projects that are for the greater good of the county and that benefit the taxpayers.

Enos Loberg said that he would like to see some compensation for the hazards that were likely faced by those working in public health and in the sheriff's office during the early days of the pandemic. But, he acknowledged that they shouldn't only compensate those departments if they did approve some form of hazard pay.

Stone said that he was on the fence. He noted that no one went without pay or had any lost income to compensate for, as workers in other sectors that received additional funds may have.

The supervisors noted that the County did not have the funds on hand for the hazard pay from the first round of ARPA money.

The committee considering uses of the funds will continue their discussions and make recommendations as future rounds of funding become available.

Worth remains a high transmission area under new CDC guidance

The CDC announced on Friday that it had revamped its guidance for how to determine the community transmission levels for counties in the U.S.

The former method of calculation meant that almost all counties in the U.S. were classified as areas of high transmission. The new method has left a wider range between low and high transmission across the country.

As of Monday, Worth County remained an area determined to have a high transmission level.

The new system for measuring community transmission levels uses a combination of factors.

The first of those is the number of new COVID-19 cases in the past seven days, measured out of 100,000 people.

Worth County, according to the CDC, had 15 new cases of COVID in the week between February 16 and February 23. Calculated as the number of cases per 100,000 people, that would be 203.3. A number that is 200 or more puts a county in the medium or high transmission levels.

Two other factors are used to determine a county's level, the number of new COVID-19 admissions and the proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients. A county, like Worth, would be counted in the high range if either category reaches a high level.

While there is no such data online for Worth County, the closest county with a hospital that Worth resident may be sent to, Cerro Gordo, has a number of new admissions that would put Worth in the high transmission level.

Under the updated method of determining transmission levels, several area counties are amongst the 14 remaining in Iowa that are in the high level of transmission. That includes Cerro Gordo, Hancock and Winnebago counties. Mitchell County is a medium transmission area. Floyd County is a low transmission area. Across the border, Freeborn and Mower counties remain in the high transmission category.

Based on a high transmission level, those in Worth County are encouraged to wear a mask in public indoors, along with the more general recommendations of staying up to date with COVID vaccinations, getting tested if you have symptoms and taking additional precautions if you are at high risk of severe illness.

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$137,318.22 from the current school year's total of $233,222.04.

School districts must spend their WCDA education funds based on four different categories, with a percentage dedicated to each. That includes 29% for physical plant operations, maintenance, expansion and/or green energy; 24% for staff development, equipment, technology, text books, library books, support staff and instructional support; 19% for operation requests, fees and fundraising; and 14% to be divided amongst a district's teachers for classroom uses. The remaining 14% includes the funds used to provide scholarships to the district's graduates that school year.

At N-K, as approved by the school board at their February regular meeting, the 29%, or $156,741.92, will go towards two purposes. That includes $16,741.92 for the Vikings Activity Center project and $30,000 for concrete repair.

Of the 24%, or $129,717.45, that includes equipment and technology, $38,000 will be used for textbooks, $35,000 for technology, $3,000 for library books, $47,691.45 for stage curtains, $2,700 for powder coating, $2,926 for saxophones and related costs and $400 for banners and signage.

The 19%, or $102,692.98, for organizations, fees and fundraising will include $25,000 for book fees, $3,000 for milk breaks, $24,850 for activity passes, $20,000 for the activity fund, $10,000 for athletic uniforms, $3,000 for high school student camps, $875.83 for towel fees, $4,967.15 for field trips and $11,000 for laptops.

The 14% for teachers, $75,668.51 total, will provide $1,576 to each of 48 teachers, along with $20.51 for paper supplies shared between teachers.

At Central Springs, the 29%, or $124,949.62, for physical needs will include $3,000 for the grades 5-12 band; $6,000 for science units; $20,000 for bus and vehicle maintenance; $4,500 for radios; $18,000 for a baseball fence; $36,282.01 for a camera system; $15,000 for wrestling mats and football helmets; $5,600 for science room desks; $1,500 for whiteboards; $7,400 for middle school tables, chairs and seating; $6,500 for window clings; and $1,167.61 for energy savings projects.

The 24%, or $103,406.58, for staff development and educational resources will be spent on a variety of classroom needs, such as scripts for the K-8 music festival and contest music; online textbooks and resources and other learning resources; monitors; Lego League; Future Problem Solvers; Reading and Math Club; Big Brother and Big Sister; field trips; Panther Pride awards; citizenship incentives; the Worth County Naturalist program; microscopes; branding and marketing; and energy savings projects.

The 19%, or $81,863.55, for organizations, fees and fundraising will include $2,000 on the senior citizen meals; $1,800 for roller skate rentals for PE/PTO; $300 for basketballs; $600 for recess supplies; $2,800 for milk breaks; $3,000 for conference meals; $1,200 for student incentives; $1,700 for the trap shooting team; $2,500 for the post prom; $4,500 to reduce the costs of yearbooks for students; $3,000 for sports physicals; $25,000 for student passes to athletic events; $3,125.80 for coaches clinics and trainer; $2,500 for athletic awards and letter programs; $1,500 for rugby; $10,000 for middle school activities; $3,000 for culture and climate supplies; $12,337.75 for the high school activities fund; and $1,000 for the high school student council.

The 14%, or $60320.51, will provide $972.92 to 62 Central springs teachers.

The WCDA board must approve the districts' requested fund uses before the funds are made available.

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the proposed wind regulations would come after the zoning expansion.

Another resident asked about how zoning would apply if it expands, specifically if it would impact the current or potential future uses of her property.

Gorball explained that when zoning first expands, that any existing use of property would be allowed, as would any buildings that are in the process of being built. Minor changes to property would also be allowed, such as windows, trees or replacing a part of an existing structure.

Any new building or a change of the use of a property would require a building permit. If the new structure or land complies with zoning rules, there would be no other issues. A process also exists to apply for variances that may still allow for some projects that don't meet zoning regulations.

The commission members were asked if the permit requirements would apply to land zoned for agricultural purposes.

Gorball said that by Iowa law, any land zoned as agricultural would be exempt from zoning requirements, including the permit process. That includes homes, sheds and other buildings and ag uses.

The commission was asked how the zoning ordinance would be enforced.

Gorball said that the permit process is the main method. He added that he thought it unlikely that the County would hire someone to drive around and patrol for permit uses. In response to another question later in the hearing, Gorball added that there isn't an inspection process in the ordinance, just an initial review after the permit is approved.

Another resident, who has spoken in opposition to wind development, shared her support for expanded zoning, particularly as a way to implement the proposed wind regulations.

She said that she has worked with zoning in other counties and that those that make the decisions are people with the best interest of the community in mind. She said that countywide zoning would strengthen the ordinances of the county.

Gorball said that the commission will continue the process based on the hearing and will prepare for a second hearing after sharing more information, including potential zoning designations in the unzoned townships.

Gorball said that if the commission proceeds, the supervisors likely won't receive a recommendation on countywide zoning until April.

If the commission makes that recommendation, the supervisors would decide whether or not to proceed, with a process that would involve additional public hearings before approval.

Information on the planned expansion, as well as the existing zoning ordinance that may be expanded countywide, can be found on the Worth County website, online at worthcountyiowa.gov and clicking on "Planning and Zoning" under "My Government."

Worth County 4-H Educational Presentation Night held March 30

Worth County 4-H will host their annual 4-H Educational Presentation Night on Wednesday, March 30, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office Community Room.

The meeting will be an opportunity for all Worth County 4-H'ers to organize and deliver a presentation for potentially being selected to advance to the Iowa State Fair this summer in Des Moines.

More information is available by calling Kimberly Bode, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

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A message to speak of

Last week Northwood-Kensett schools were visited by Joe Beckman, who visited to share program on self-esteem and ways to focus on mental health. The program featured music, dancing and a variety of activities and messages that encouraged students to value themselves, keep a positive attitude, make connections, do what is right and make a difference in the lives of others.

COVID test numbers continue down

In the past week, the downward trend in new COVID positive tests continued in Worth County.

Since the pandemic began, the State of Iowa's now decommissioned website listed COVID-19 numbers in positive tests and in rates of positivity. Since shifting to the Iowa Department of Public Health's website, the COVID-19 data has eliminated rates and added the number of the total positive cases. The new category on the State's website more closely aligns with how the CDC shares its COVID transmission data.

The recent shift from a designated COVID-19 information website by the State of Iowa added a new category of COVID information, total postive cases. According to the IDPH information there have been 1,744 positive cases of COVID-19 in Worth County.

Based on the previous State focus, the number of positive tests, there have been a total of 1,927 in Worth County. That is up 21 in the past week. In the past two weeks, there have been 51 new cases.

Worth County remains in the high community transmission rate, according to the CDC. Masks are still recommended in public indoor settings.

For the eight county region that includes Worth County, there have been 506 deaths. That was up 7 since February 16.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 47,844 positive tests for COVID-19 reported by state agencies. That is up 421 in the past week, from the total as of February 16. That includes 3,255 in Winnebago, 3,140 in Hancock, 12,342 in Cerro Gordo, 3,923 in Floyd and 2,716 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 8,865 in Freeborn and 11,676 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

According to the CDC, 3,796 residents of Worth County had been fully vaccinated, for 51.4% of the total population. That is up 11 Worth County residents since February 16.

CDC numbers show that 4,053 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 54.9% of the population. That is up 10 since February 16.

In the county, 1,332 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 86.2% of that population. Of that age group, 1,395, or 90.3% have had at least one dose.

Of those 18 and over, 3,561 have been fully vaccinated, for 60.9% of that population. Of those, 3,788 have received one dose, for 64.7%.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,730, or 58.4% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,978 or 62.3% have received at least one dose.

Of those 5 years and older in Worth County, 54.5% have been fully vaccinated and 58.2% have received at least one dose.

Of those fully vaccinated in Worth County, 2,093, or 55.1% have received a booster dose.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates that include 51.8% in Winnebago, 49.1% in Hancock, 62.4% in Cerro Gordo, 52.4% in Floyd, 48.3% in Mitchell, 56.7% in Freeborn and 61.4% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 57.3% of the total population has been fully vaccinated.

Information and COVID-19 can be found the Iowa Department of Public Health website, online at idph.iowa.gov.

Information will also be shared at the CDC website, at covid.coc.gov/covid-data-tracker.

Local information can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page, or by calling 641-324-1741.

4-H Animal Science Round-Up applications are due on April 15

All Worth County 4-H members interested in participating in this year's 4-H Animal Science Roundup during the annual State 4-H Conference scheduled for June 28 - June 30 are reminded to get their application submitted to the State 4-H Office by Friday, April 15.

This opportunity is being offered to all 8th grade to 12th grade 4-H members that might want to attend one of three days of educational training in the areas of horse, swine, sheep, dairy, beef and poultry.

Those interested may call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at the Extension Office in Northwood at 641-390-0795 or email djohn@iastate.edu.

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"Thriller," "Oompa Loompa," "Mr. Roboto," "Walk Like an Egyptian," "Ice, Ice, Baby," "Can't Touch This," "Cotton Eye Joe," "Bye Bye Bye" and "Hey Ya!").

POPS LIV will also include several solo performances and skits throughout.

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Davidson on Central College track and field team



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

Lindsey Davidson, sophomore, distance, a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School received one varsity letter as a member of the Central College women's track and field team.

The Dutch return 18 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished fifth at both the indoor and outdoor American Rivers Conference Championships.

Already in the midst of its indoor season, Central opens the outdoor season on April 1-2 by hosting the Central Invitational.

Apps of the USA

Students in Northwood-Kensett's Foods class have recently spent time learning about cooking across the U.S. The students researched areas of the U.S. and taught their classmates about the climates, crops and popular dishes of those areas. The lesson also included cooking a popular appetizer from the area. Pictured are a few of the American appetizers that they made.









Worth 4-H State Recognition Day is on March 26

Worth County 4-H senior high members will be participating in a statewide 4-H Recognition Interview Day on Saturday, March 26.

This is scheduled for those Worth County 4-H'ers who submitted State 4-H Recognition Award applications on February 1. The awards recognition includes trips to Atlanta, Georgia, Washington, D.C. and include State 4-H Project awards as well as opportunities for 4-H members to serve as State 4-H Council and Shooting Sports ambassadors.

Those wanting more information may call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-390-0795 or email him at djohn@iastate.edu; or contact Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator at kabode@iastate.edu.

DPS launches new missing person website, seeks public's assistance

More than 300 Iowans are currently missing. The Iowa Department of Public Safety's relaunch of the Missing Person Information Clearinghouse website – iowamissingpersons.com – provides an interactive design and advanced functions to make it easier to help identify and locate people.

Established in 1985 within the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the Missing Person Information Clearinghouse compiles, coordinates and disseminates information in relation to missing persons and unidentified body/persons. Since 2005, the Clearinghouse has been sharing missing person information through a public-facing website that combines an individual's identification data supplied from law enforcement agencies across the state with a photo provided by families.

Development of the new website enhances the display of persons currently missing, and provides more robust search capabilities to improve the user experience. Upgraded features include an advanced search function that allows users to select identifiable body details, date of birth, type of incident and originating law enforcement agency, among others. Users can also create a downloadable poster featuring a missing person and access a child fingerprint ID kit.

According to DCI Missing Person Information Clearinghouse Coordinator, Medina Rahmanovic, the mission of the new website is two-fold. The primary purpose is sharing missing person information. However, the site also serves as an educational hub housing resources to support the prevention of children and adult runaways, and abductions as well as general information about missing person issues.

"We have been working for many years toward our goal of generating awareness, prevention and cooperation, and updating the Missing Person Information Clearinghouse website to make it more user-friendly," said Rahmanovic, who added that a key priority for the DCI is reducing the number of profiles without photos. More than 75% of the approximately 300 missing persons do not have photos available to display. "We need the public's assistance, and we encourage loved ones to share a photo with us at mpicinfo@dps.state.ia.us."

Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan Bayens said, "Locating missing persons is difficult work, and often takes collaboration from a wide network of people. We're very pleased to give the public and our law enforcement partners more advanced tools to help locate and bring missing Iowans safely home."

Federal disaster declaration approved for Dec. 15 storm

FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Iowa to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes on December 15, 2021.

Federal funding is available to the state, eligible local and tribal governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities in Appanoose, Audubon, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cass, Cherokee, Davis, Emmet, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Mills, Mitchell, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Sac, Van Buren, Webster, Worth and Wright counties.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

DuWayne Tewes has been named Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of damage assessments.

Public Assistance funding may be used for emergency work, such as debris removal and emergency protective measures, or for the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities.

Iowa State University Extension Worth County Office 641-324-1531

Calendar of Events for March 2022

March 2–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Extension Office Community Room at Fairgrounds, 2 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator, Donovan Olson, Region 4 Extension Director and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

March 3–Northwood-Kensett Schools Senior Interviews at N-K High School, 10:05 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 4–Worth County Fair Swine Derby Weigh-in at Northwood-Kensett Vo. Ag. Shop, 4 - 6 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Marty Cotter

March 5–Iowa Association of Extension Councils Annual Conference at Iowa State University, Ames, 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 6–Green Shamrocks 4-H Club meeting at Town Hall, Kensett, 1 P.M. with Teresa Butler and Heather Rheingans, 4-H Club Leaders

March 6–Worth County 4-H Hoofprints Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds), Northwood, 1:30 P.M. with Pat Rothove and Val Foss, Hoofprint 4-H Club Leader

March 7–Iowa Ag Extension Association Meeting at Iowa State University, Noon with Dennis Johnson

March 8–Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Annual Conference at Iowa State University, Ames with Dennis Johnson

March 8–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids K-1 Meeting with Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller

March 10–Worth County 4-H e-Staff Meeting at Adobe Connect Virtual Meeting, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 10–Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Worth County Fair Board and Dennis Johnson

March 12-19–Worth County 4-H Washington D.C. Trip at Alexandria, Virginia, Saturday, March 12 to Saturday, March 19 with Dennis Johnson

March 21–Worth County 4-H Regional 4-H Volunteer Training at Mason City, 6 to 9 P.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 22–ISU Extension Financial Security Meeting at Virtual Zoom Connection, 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 23–Region 4-H Staff Meeting at Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 9 A.M. with Gail Castillo, Region 4 4-H and Youth Field Specialist, Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 23–Worth County 4-H Interview Preparation Night at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 6 P.M. with Evan Fritz, Worth County 4-H Communications Project Leader, Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 24–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds), 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller

March 26–Worth County 4-H State Recognition Day at Iowa State University, Ames, All Day with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 27–Worth County 4-H Hot Shots Club Meeting at Chad and Lori Pestorious Home, 10 A.M. with Chad and Lor Pestorious and Dean Mueller 4-H Club Leaders

March 27–Deer Creek 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Afternoon with Anneke Urbatsch and Gina Solberg, 4-H Club Leaders

March 29–Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room at Fairgrounds, 7 P.M. with Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President, Lacey Waller, Kimberly Bode, Dennis Johnson and Donovan Olson, Region 3 Extension Education Director

March 30–ISU Extension Horticulture Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Zoom Meeting, Northwood, 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 30–Worth County 4-H Educational Presentation Night at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds, Northwood, 3 to 7 P.M. with Kimberly Bode

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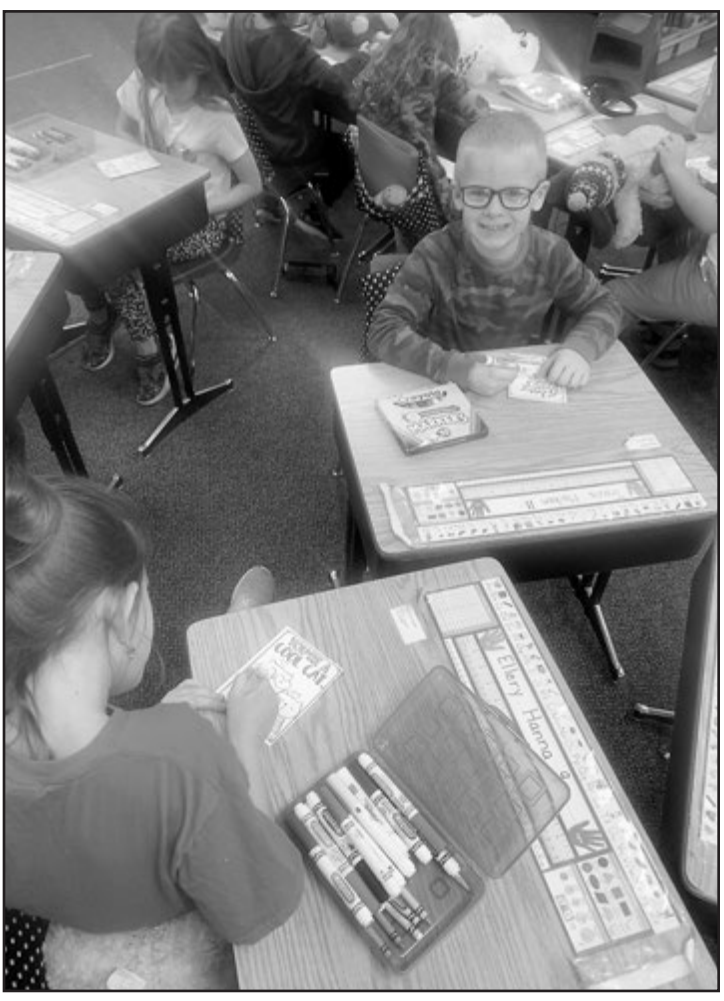
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Letters to LRH

Students in Samantha Hemann's first grade class at Northwood-Kensett spent some time with some special correspondence as Valentine's Day approached. The students are pictured above as they created Valentines for residents at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Lawmakers pass massive tax cut

By Katie Akin
Iowa Capital Dispatch
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Iowans would pay a 3.9% income tax under a massive tax bill passed Thursday by the Iowa Legislature, part of what GOP leaders called the "largest tax cut in Iowa history."

"This transformative legislation is the greatest act of social justice that we have done here in the six years that I have been here," said Rep. Jon Jacobsen, R-Council Bluffs, who delayed a trip to his daughter's wedding to vote on the bill.

House File 2317 is the result of negotiations among Republicans in the House and Senate, as well as the governor's office. It would create a single income tax bracket for all Iowans, lower the corporate tax rate, eliminate taxes on retirement income and reduce some corporate tax exemptions.

The nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency (LSA) estimates the bill would result in a reduction of $1.9 billion per year in tax revenues going to the state's general fund. It would mean a $1.7 billion income tax cut for Iowans and a $230 million reduction in the corporate tax rate when changes are fully implemented in fiscal year 2028.

The Senate passed the bill Thursday afternoon, 32-16, sending it to the House for consideration. Every Republican voted in favor along with two Democrats: Sen. Tony Bisignano, D-Des Moines, and Sen. Kevin Kinney, D-Oxford.

The House voted 61-34 to pass the bill Thursday evening. Two Democrats voted in favor: Rep. Steven Hansen, D-Sioux City, and Rep. Kenan Judge, D-Waukee.

Gov. Kim Reynolds was expected to sign the bill into law.

"Iowans will reinvest these dollars in our economy, communities will prosper, and families will rest a little easier," Reynolds said in a statement after the vote. "Once again, we're putting our faith in Iowans, and they won't let us down."

What would the tax bill do?

The final bill is similar to what Reynolds proposed when the legislative session began in January.

The most significant change is an income tax cut: Iowans, regardless of income, would pay the same 3.9% rate.

"The current system right now penalizes people who work harder," said Sen. Dan Dawson, chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. "We want to treat Iowans fairly."

Under current law, Iowa would have four tax brackets in 2023, with the lowest earners paying 4.4%. The bill still divides Iowa into four tax brackets for 2023, the first step in a gradual process to a flat rate in 2026.

Final plan cuts corporate tax rate, some credits

The package includes a corporate tax cut, cutting the top rate gradually from 9.8% to 5.5%. Corporate taxes would decrease only when the state exceeds $700 million in corporate tax revenue.

"It makes sure it maintains the state at $700 million worth of revenue, so you're not going to see any drastic dips when it comes to revenue," House Speaker Pat Grassley said. "You maintain that level."

The bill also reduces some large corporate tax credits by 5% each year over the course of five years. The Research and Activities Tax Credit will be reduced even further. That would result in additional state money, as Iowa will have to pay out fewer tax credits over time: The LSA estimates the state would collect an additional $49.7 million by fiscal year 2028, when the changes are fully implemented.

The bill eliminates the retirement income tax and introduces an additional exemption to retired farmers beginning in tax year 2023.

Democrats say tax cuts unfairly advantage wealthy Iowans

Most Democrats were opposed to the tax cut package, arguing the flat income tax rate and corporate cuts would unfairly prioritize the highest-earning Iowans.

Sen. Zach Wahls presented data on the median household income in Iowa – earners who make $68,000. He said those individuals would see their state taxes reduced by about $563 under the plan.

Meanwhile, Iowans who earn more than $1 million annually would see a much higher reduction.

"Their average tax cut, under this plan, would be $67,000," Wahls, D-Coralville, said. "So $1,286 per week, which is more than twice as much per week as your average household gets in an entire year."

Dawson, R-Council Bluffs, rattled off his own numbers on floor debate, emphasizing that families across Iowa would save several hundred dollars a year under the plan.

"The question before this body is simple: Will this tax proposal help the average Iowan?" he said. "The answer is unequivocally yes."

Senate Democrats proposed several amendments to increase the earned income tax credit and child dependent care tax credit, and to introduce more exemptions for beginner farmers. Sen. Jackie Smith, D-Sioux City, led a push for Iowa to retain a higher tax rate for people making over $250,000.

"Let's give a tax cut to families who are struggling and still protect education, protect public safety, protect public health systems," Smith said.

All Democratic amendments failed on the Senate floor.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he was surprised Republicans brought the tax bills to a vote Thursday, hours after Russia took military action into Ukraine. He raised concerns the conflict in Ukraine could complicate the projected growth rate for Iowa's economy.

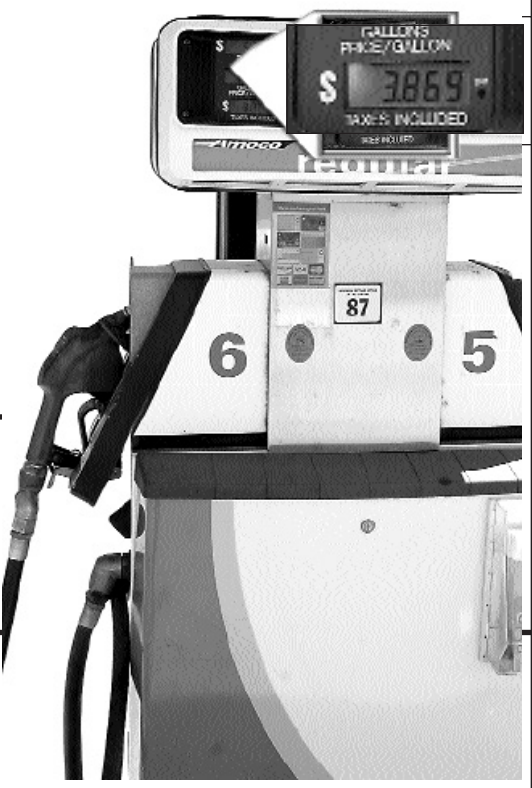
"The invasion in Ukraine – we don't know what the economy is going to look like," Jacoby, D-Coralville, said. "And we're putting a lot of investment in a 3.5% growth per year… I'm not sure that's going to happen with everything going on right now."

Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver told reporters he was "very confident" about the state's finances, pointing toward a record-high surplus and a full Taxpayer Relief Fund.

"This tax plan will work for Iowa long-term," Whitver, R-Ankeny, said.

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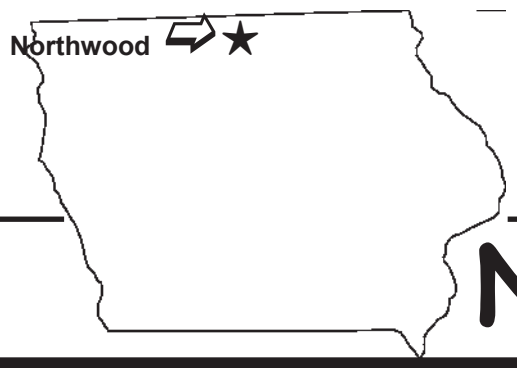
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Valentines Day at N-K

It was a busy day at Northwood-Kensett Elementary, with crafts and other activities. That included the paper hears and glasses that put love in the students' eyes.

Week 7: girls sports, tax cuts, breast cancer awareness



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Week Seven

The week after our first funnel week is always busy with floor debate. We debated several bills every day this week and passed a record 32 bills on Wednesday afternoon. At least a record in my 6 years as a legislator. With a busy week of debate, we were still fortunate to have several organizations visit the Capitol. I was able to visit with North Iowa cattlemen, Mark Dodd and some of his staff from One Vision, and had a photo opportunity with CY from Iowa State.

Protecting Girl's Sports

We debated HF 2416, legislation aimed at protecting girl's sports in the state of Iowa. Who is eligible to play on a women's team? Schools have been asking for guidance on the issue of transgender girls playing girls' sports. In this bill, every athlete has an equal opportunity to play sports, it does not tell any child that they can't participate. This bill does not discriminate or bully any students. It is not hateful. It simply states students may participate in the sport under the gender on their birth certificate. Women fought hard to secure their own level playing field because males quite simply have a biological advantage. Without this bill, girls could lose the equal playing field that many of us fought for in the early 1970's.

More Tax Cuts

The House and the Senate came to an agreement and passed the largest tax savings in Iowa history without cutting funding for Iowan's priorities. This tax package reduces the individual income tax rate to a flat tax of 3.9%, providing a reduction in tax to all taxpayers. We provide savings to retirees by eliminating tax on all retirement income. Additionally, this tax reform reduces Iowa's corporate tax rate, which is one of the highest in the nation, if the state exceeds a revenue trigger of $700 million. This also includes reform to Iowa's refundable corporate tax credits, by cutting the refundability by 25% over 5 years. HF 2317 passed the Iowa House 61- 34 with bipartisan support.

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

I was honored to be asked by Representative Gaines to be part of the group including Representatives Westrich, Thede, and Anderson reading in House Resolution 105 on Wednesday morning. HR 105 brings awareness to Metastatic Breast Cancer and number of women and families affected by this disease. This resolution designates October 13, as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day and it was adopted unanimously.

I honored to serve as your representative and as always, feel free to contact me with your concerns or questions on issues.

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The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown
State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

For the past year or so I've been involved in Senate Study Bill 3130 - Repowering Legislation. The bill codifies recommendations of the Replacement Tax Task Force and is designed to provide consistent treatment for property taxpayers owning wind energy conversion property. The bill will not impact those districts that have reset their schedule due to repowering (Winnebago and Hancock).

The task force is created under the Iowa Code and it requires the Department of Management and the Department of Revenue to initiate and coordinate the task force. Along with the departments the task force includes electric companies, natural gas companies, municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, counties, cities, school boards, and industrial commercial and residential consumers and other stakeholders. The purpose of the task force is to study the effect of the replacement tax on local taxing districts, consumers, and taxpayers. It is to look at issues and make recommendations. The task force has met three times and discussed issues related to wind energy conversion property.

This bill addresses three main areas of concern regarding the assessment and taxation of wind energy conversion property.

Provides direction on how wind energy conversion property should be assessed for property tax purposes if a local ordinance related to creating a special valuation for wind energy conversion property is repealed and the required 19 assessment years have passed or in the case where an ordinance is not adopted.

If the wind energy conversion property is selling power to an end user - it would be subject to the Utility Replacement Tax (if selling to the grid), local assessment (not selling to the grid – for own use) or central assessment by the Department of Revenue (co-ops not currently under the replacement tax – this is a very limited number of situations).

Addresses how wind energy conversion property should be valued if it is repowered. This is defined as refurbishing replacement of parts. The provision clarifies the act of repowering does not reset the special assessment schedule (to start over).

Addresses the valuation of collector and interconnect substations. The provision adds a collector substations definition and adds them to the definition of wind energy conversion property to be covered under the special schedule. The bill does not include interconnect substations to the definition of wind energy conversion property and is therefore not subject to the special valuation.

The bill applies retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

My position on this bill is one of great concern for Iowans and specifically for our school funding. If we don't make modifications millions of dollars of valuations can come off the tax rolls and will directly affect our schools' Physical Plant Equipment Levy (PPEL). Without proper and fair wind energy taxation value, we will see an increase in other areas of property taxes to meet the needs for our schools.

I have heard from a number of county supervisors who have concerns about this bill and aspects of the proposed legislation. We are currently sorting through the concerns and at the end of the day our goal is to bring consistency and to protect the local property tax bases.

I was happy to learn this week that Governor Reynolds will deliver the Republican response to the State of the Union on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. This honor is given to a strong Republican leader whose actions and policies embody true conservative leadership. Governor Reynolds's strong leadership throughout the pandemic has provided a stark contrast to the failed policies of the Biden administration. Her common-sense policies and conservative ideals have helped keep Iowa open, successful, and thriving. I am so proud that our governor has been chosen for this honor and gets to share Iowa's success stories all of America Tuesday evening. It's not often we have this opportunity in front of the nation to show why Iowa is the best place to live, work, raise a family and to retire.

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Wednesday, Coffee & Crafts, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

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

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Confirmation at Elk Creek; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:45 a.m., Bethany Worship, 10:30 a.m.; MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, Potluck at Bethel UMC, 5:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Services, 6:15 p.m.; Friday, World Day of Prayer at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly, 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, Communion, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.

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Wednesday, LRH Ash Service, 10 a.m., 7th & 8th Confirmation, 4:30 p.m.; Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m., SH Youth, Choir, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Gr., 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service with 1st Communion for 5th & 6th Grade, 9 a.m., Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Julia Circle in Fireside Room, 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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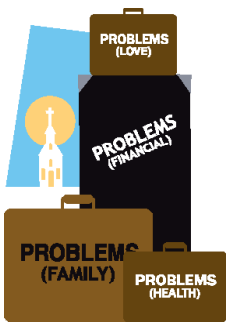
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Your Problems are Portable



People often assume that they can run away from their problems. It can be tempting to think that if you could only trade in your pushy boss and annoying coworkers for a better job elsewhere, all would be well. But, there are pushy bosses and annoying coworkers in most organizations. Perhaps we need to learn how to be more assertive with our boss and coworkers. Many people flee from relationships, assuming the problem is the other person when in fact the problem is at least partly their own doing. I recently heard someone say that everything in their life would be better once they left town. I immediately heard the voice of a wise counselor who told me years ago that my problems were portable. I have quit more than a few decent jobs because I was convinced that the problem was inherent in the situation rather than in me. I've also given up on good relationships because I didn't have the patience, courage or flexibility to work on my own issues. Many of life's serious problems boil down to personal issues that we must work through ourselves, and even when the problem really is something or somebody else, how we deal with it matters more than almost anything else in determining the outcome. – Christopher Simon

"Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load."
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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

When I lived in Upstate New York, I attended the State Fair in Syracuse every summer. It's a big, beautiful fair and food is always a major feature from judging to cooking demos to the multitude of food vendors and trucks. Each year the Fair also compiled a cookbook of prize winning recipes. "Prize Winning Recipes" from the New York State Fair, the 1988 edition, has been on my library shelves since that time. It's good to light the oven in the winter, so the following are taken from the chapter on Breads.

Cheesy Casserole Bread

Bread:
2 1/2 cups bread flour, sifted
1/2 cup whole milk
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 stick real butter
2 packages dry yeast
1 large egg, slightly beaten
1/4 cup grated Parmesan
1 1/2 teaspoon sesame seed
Filling:
1/4 teaspoon EACH: onion powder, dried oregano, dried basil and garlic powder
1/2 stick real butter, softened
4 oz. shredded sharp Cheddar

Combine all the filling ingredients in a small bowl, stirring well to combine the spices into the butter. Set aside. In a large bowl combine 1 1/2 cups of the flour, sugar, salt, dry yeast and Parmesan. Whisk together well. In a heavy saucepan, heat the milk, water and butter until warm (120-130 degrees F.) Add this, along with the beaten egg, to the flour mixture and blend with an electric mixer at low speed until moistened. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Gradually stir in the remaining 1 cup of flour to make a stiff batter. Grease a 12-cup Bundt or angel food pan and sprinkle the bottom with the sesame seed. Put half of the batter into the pan and spread the filling on top of the batter. Top with the remaining batter. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about an hour. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Place a rack in the middle of the oven and bake the bread for 35 minutes. (If the top starts to get too brown, cover with a piece of foil). When baked, turn out immediately onto a wire rack. Serve warm with good butter!

English Muffin Bread

5 1/2 – 6 cups bread flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 packages dry yeast
2 cups whole milk
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons salt
Cornmeal

Combine 3 cups of the flour, the yeast, sugar, salt and baking soda. Whisk well. In a small heavy saucepan, heat the milk and water until very warm (120 degrees F.) Gradually add this to the dry ingredients and beat well. Stir in enough more flour to make a stiff batter. Spoon the batter into two 8X5-inch loaf pans that have been greased and sprinkled with cornmeal. Lightly sprinkle the tops of the loaves with more cornmeal. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 45 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. On a center rack, bake the bread for 25 minutes. Remove from the pans immediately and cool on a wire rack. This is delicious sliced and toasted, as you would an English muffin.

Quick Whole Wheat Bread

2 large eggs
1 1/2 cups bread flour
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1/4 cup melted shortening
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup molasses
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts (walnuts, pecans, almonds)

Beat the eggs and sugar together until well blended. Add the melted shortening and mix. Add the molasses and mix again, combining well. Add the buttermilk and mix again. In a separate bowl combine the dry ingredients. Add this gradually to the wet mixture, beating well. Fold in the raisins and nuts. Pour the batter into greased loaf pans (how many will depend upon their size) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Bake the bread for 50-60 or until it tests done with a toothpick.

These recipes are old-school type breads with mixing and rising steps in some of them. No bread machines in these competitions! Freshly baked bread has an aroma that few can resist; it makes a kitchen seem so comfortable on a winter's day. Be sure to have real butter (no margarine, please!) to slather on top. Life is good! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Aspirational attire

During the recent National FCCLA Week, the celebration included a day where members dressed for a job they hope to have some day. Pictured are aspiring horse trainer, nurses and veterinarian (from left) MacKensy Tomlinson, Macy Thorson, Jadyn Beland and Haddie Hanson.



ARNE AND TOM LOW

The future of Agri-Sales & Building Supply

Last week's Northwood Anchor featured a story on Ann and Arne Low and how they founded Agri-Sales & Building Supply.

The story did not include the future of the business. Ann and Arne's son, Tom, currently works as the manager of the business. He has worked at the business for 20 years and will run the business in the future.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson
Senior Center

They say a "senior moment" is when a word temporarily escapes you or a name doesn't pop up when you meet someone. I have those and so do many of my "seasoned" friends. But, I also like to think of a Senior Moment as a time when I feel content with all the years I have lived, the people I have met and the things yet to come. There IS a great value to having lived to reach "senior citizenship" and I want to enjoy every minute awarded me. Part of the fun is knowing the Northwood Senior Center is planning many things to keep my mind and body active. Here are the events in store for attendees in March.

Fun Bingo is one of the best happenings and will take place the first and third Mondays of each month. For March that is the 7th and the 21st. Lorri and Carol will call; you'll win the prizes! 12:30 p.m.

Also on Monday, March 7, the Northwood Bookworms will meet at the Public Library to talk about their most recent read. Sue Cherney will lead the meeting and the next book will be announced. This club is becoming larger as people who enjoy reading decide it's fun to read and discuss the book with friends. 2 p.m. If you haven't yet joined, jump in!

On Wednesday, March 9, Lorri and Marcia will demonstrate and teach a St. Patrick's Day craft. It's a surprise what it will be but I'm sure it will bring you lots of good luck! There will be a $2 charge for materials; time is 12:30 p.m.

Our State Representative Jane Bloomingdale will meet with seniors on Friday, March 11. She'll tell us how current or recent legislation affects senior population. Jane is so easy to talk to and so knowledgeable; you won't want to miss this. Time is 12 p.m. Bring questions if you have them.

Amy, the dietitian from Iowa State Extension, will hold her Fresh Conversations meeting on Tuesday, March 15 at 11:15 a.m. This is both tasty and informative as she talks about nutrition for seniors and brings a sample of something to enjoy.

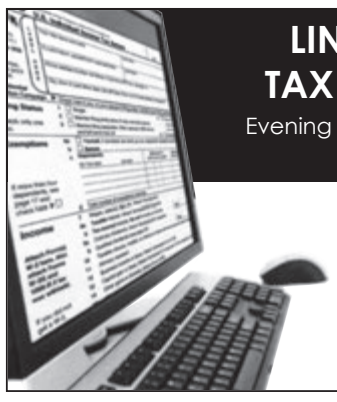
Be ready to sing along.. or just enjoy the music...as Lois Meyer shares her talent with the Senior Center. On Thursday, March 17, she'll have music with lunch and on Thursday, March 31 she will play and sing hymns. Lois is such a blessing to the Center; don't miss her programs. Times are 11:45 a.m. each of those days.

Do you know what you know or what you don't know? What??? Test your knowledge of trivia with Lorri on Wednesday, March 23. Time is 12 p.m. and there will be prizes awarded!

On Monday, March 28, Lorri will teach everyone how to make a beautiful Easter globe. No water is involved and you choose from beautiful things to fill your "snow" globe. A $5 fee will be charged for materials for each globe you want to make. These are nice gifts for grandkids or anyone who loves pretties.

Please remember that there are no organized activities on Tuesdays. That's because the Center is available for any groups of Seniors who wish to play cards, games or just visit over coffee. Many times people don't have the space in their house or apartment to entertain a card club. Use the Senior Center (no charge) on Tuesdays and bring your own refreshments and snacks. Bring the games of your choice and have a relaxing afternoon with friends.

Also, don't forget the delicious lunches that can be purchased Monday – Friday at the Center. Just call by 8 a.m. the day before to let them know you will be attending. The menu is always in the Anchor and the meals are a great bargain for about $5 including beverage and dessert...no top or tax. That's less than McDonalds!



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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Can COVID-19 cause shingles?

Dear Savvy Senior,

How effective is the shingles vaccine and what is the CDC recommendation for getting it? My older brother and sister, both in their fifties, got COVID a few months back followed by shingles. Do you know if there is a connection between these viruses, and would the shingles vaccine have protected them?

Scared of Shingles

Dear Scared,

Great question! Many healthcare professionals across the country have been urging their older patients to get the shingles vaccine (in addition to the COVID-19 vaccinations) during the pandemic because getting COVID-19 can increase your chances of developing shingles. And the more severe case of COVID you get, the greater your risk for shingles.

The reason for this is because when you contract COVID-19 your immune system becomes compromised fighting off the virus, which gives shingles – a virus that already exist in your body if you've had chickenpox – a chance to reactivate.

Here's what you should know about shingles, the shingles vaccine, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

What are Shingles?

Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is a burning, blistering skin rash that affects around 1 million Americans each year. The same virus that causes chickenpox causes shingles. What happens is the chickenpox virus that most people get as kids never leaves the body. It hides in the nerve cells near the spinal cord and, for some people, emerges later in the form of shingles.

In the U.S., about one out of every three people will develop shingles during their lifetime. While anyone who's had chickenpox can get shingles, it most commonly occurs in people over age 50, along with people who have weakened immune systems. But you can't catch shingles from someone else.

Early signs of the disease include pain, itching or tingling before a blistering rash appears several days later, and can last up to four weeks. The rash typically occurs on one side of the body, often as a band of blisters that extends from the middle of your back around to the breastbone. It can also appear above an eye or on the side of the face or neck.

In addition to the rash, about 20 to 25 percent of those who get shingles go on to develop severe nerve pain (postherpetic neuralgia, or PHN) that can last for months or even years. And in rare cases, shingles can also cause strokes, encephalitis, spinal cord damage and vision loss.

Shingles Vaccine

The vaccine for shingles called Shingrix (see Shingrix.com) provides much better protection than the old shingles vaccine, Zostavax.

Manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, Shingrix is 97 percent effective in preventing shingles in people 50 to 69 years old, and 91 percent effective in those 70 and older.

Shingrix also does a terrific job of preventing nerve pain that continues after a shingles rash has cleared – about 90 percent effective.

Because of this protection, the CDC recommends that everyone age 50 and older, receive the Shingrix vaccine, which is given in two doses, separated by two to six months.

Even if you've already had shingles, you still need these vaccinations because reoccurring cases are possible. The CDC also recommends that anyone previously vaccinated with Zostavax be revaccinated with Shingrix.

You should also know that Shingrix can cause some adverse side effects for some people, including muscle pain, fatigue, headache, fever and upset stomach.

Shingrix – which averages around $205 for both doses – is covered by most private health insurance plans including Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, but there may be a cost to you depending on your plan. Contact your insurer to find out.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My father is looking down on us today.

I didn't know your father had died.

He didn't. He's just very condescending.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. Cerberus, a three-headed dog in Greek mythology, guarded the entrance to Hades. Winter weather threw three heads at us—wind, cold and snow. A day of snow and tell. A perfect storm is never a perfect storm. The good thing was, when it snows in February, it's no one's fault. I knuckled the eye butter and sands of the night from my peepers and scraped my memory. A fellow in the hotel parking lot scraped a windshield with his fingernails. He had no gloves, I supposed. I needed to get going, but I feared he'd go after the task six ways to Sunday and resort to gnawing the ice with his teeth. I offered him the use of my long-handled scraper. I became his best friend.

My drive home was like being in the Olympics. There was no chance of me getting a medal.

The Eat Around It Cafe

"Whatever" would make a great name for a restaurant if it's not already the name of a restaurant. What couple hasn't had a conversation including the following collection of words? Where do you want to eat? I don't care. Pick a place. Whatever.

There are worse things

I needed to get my driver's license renewed. I showered but didn't get all spiffed up. I figured no one will ever look at my license and say, "What were you wearing?" I heard a man at an airport, asked by a customs agent if he had anything to declare, say, "I hate my passport photo." I like my driver's license photo. Why not? Despite the dire warnings over those intending to be helpful, my wait time wasn't bad. I had to wait nearly a minute before a pleasant and efficient fellow started the process and I walked out with a temporary license. We don't enjoy waiting to do things we aren't excited about doing, especially when we don't have those great magazines to read while we're waiting. "Great" is a code word meaning "ancient." We're all busy, but waiting isn't one of the seven deadly sins. Waiting is like the nasty-tasting medicines coming from brown bottles. Many a youngster was told that if it's hard to swallow, it must be good for you.

I've learned

Nobody rides an elevator to listen to the music.

If fans are any guides, the best place to referee a basketball game is while seated in the stands.

If you move to or visit a place because of its slower pace, don't become frustrated by its slower pace.

Nature notes

I heard little about March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb or vice versa. Maybe it came in like a cardinal? There were four cardinals in a hawthorn tree in my yard. I'm still celebrating. I've seen more than that in a tree before, but never at my place.

I saw robins. The vast majority of robins move south in the winter. However, some stick around—and move around. Fruit is the robin's winter food source. As the ground thaws in the spring, they switch to earthworms and insects. Robins may arrive when the average daily temperature isotherms reach 37° because food becomes available, not because they need warm temperatures. They might not be a true harbinger of spring, because some winter here.

I spotted a muskrat doing a walkabout. Perhaps it had run out of food and was forced to venture from its home. Muskrats aren't rats and are much smaller than beavers.

A sign of spring is the sight of a killdeer. Killdeer are shorebirds that don't need a beach and call out their names. Another sign is the return of red-winged blackbirds. The males sing "Look-at-meee" from a prominent perch. Their songs remind me of Simon & Garfunkel's "Homeward Bound," "Home where my thought's escaping. Home where my music's playing. Home where my love lies waiting, silently for me." The females aren't waiting for them. They generally return later than the males.

Meeting adjourned

Mr. Rogers said, "When Henry James's nephew was about to go off to school for the first time, he came to his uncle and asked, 'Do you have any advice for me?' Henry James answered, 'I have three pieces of advice. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. The third is to be kind.'"

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National Women's Month 2022: 'Women providing healing, promoting hope'

From the the National Women's History Alliance:

The 2022 Women's History theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Women as healers harken back to ancient times. Healing is the personal experience of transcending suffering and transforming it to wholeness. The gift of hope spreads light to the lives of others and reflects a belief in the unlimited possibilities of this and future generations. Together, healing and hope are essential fuels for our dreams and our recovery.

This year, in particular, we are reminded of the importance of healers and caregivers who are helping to promote and sustain hope for the future. The NWHA encourages communities throughout the country to honor local women who bring and have historically brought these priceless gifts to their families, workplaces, and neighborhoods, sometimes at great sacrifice. These are the women who, as counselors and clerics, artists and teachers, doctors, nurses, mothers, and grandmothers listen, ease suffering, restore dignity, and make decisions for our general as well as our personal welfare.

Women have long advocated for compassionate treatments and new directions in public health and in women's mental and physical health. Women have also historically led the way in mending divisions, healing wounds, and finding peaceful solutions. This timeless work, in so many ways and in addition to so many other tasks, has helped countless individuals in our communities recover and follow their dreams.

The 2022 theme proudly honors those who, in both public and private life, provide healing and promote hope for the betterment of all.

Why March is National Women's History Month

Local Celebrations

As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

The week March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance. The local Women's History Week activities met with enthusiastic response, and dozens of schools planned special programs for Women's History Week. Over one-hundred community women participated by doing special presentations in classrooms throughout the country and an annual "Real Woman" Essay Contest drew hundreds of entries. The finale for the week was a celebratory parade and program held in the center of downtown Santa Rosa, California.

Mobilizing a Movement

In 1979, Molly Murphy MacGregor, a member of our group, was invited to participate in The Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College, which was chaired by noted historian, Gerda Lerner and attended by the national leaders of organizations for women and girls. When the participants learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities, and school districts. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a "National Women's History Week."

Presidential and Congressional Support

The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In the same year, Representative Barbara Mikulski, who at the time was in the House of Representatives, and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for National Women's History Week 1981. This co-sponsorship demonstrated the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

A National Lobbying Effort

As word spread rapidly across the nation, state departments of education encouraged celebrations of National Women's History Week as an effective means to achieving equity goals within classrooms. Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Oregon, Alaska, and other states developed and distributed curriculum materials for all of their public schools. Organizations sponsored essay contests and other special programs in their local areas. Within a few years, thousands of schools and communities were celebrating National Women's History Week, supported and encouraged by resolutions from governors, city councils, school boards, and the U.S. Congress.

Each year, the dates of National Women's History Week, (the week of March 8th) changed and every year a new lobbying effort was needed. Yearly, a national effort that included thousands of individuals and hundreds of educational and women's organizations was spearheaded by the National Women's History Alliance.

National Women's History Month

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rational to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

By Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director and Co-founder of the National Women's History Alliance

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 1, 1922

The Auxiliary tea will be held at the club rooms with Mesdames Orlandus Vold, R.G. Mellem, J.O.E. Johnson and T.S. Hanson as hostesses. Come early and bring your fancy work.

Ed E. Swensrud, northeast of town, returned the latter part of last week from a pleasure trip, which took him to Florida and other southern states across to Cuba and back into the States. Washington, D.C., and other eastern points of interest were visited. J.S. Page of Glenville, who accompanied Mr. Swensrud, stopped in Indiana for a visit with relatives.

With the expectation of Prof. and Mrs. G.C. Hamersly and family, all of the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William Buchanan spent Sunday at their home in Northwood in honor of Mrs. Buchanan's birthday anniversary.

About 70 neighbors and old friends called at the Fred Luth home east of Northwood last Friday evening and gave Mrs. Luth a surprise. The evening was spent in a social way and at about 12 o'clock a bounteous lunch was served.

Under the direction of Miss Dorothy Meder, instructor of music in the Northwood schools, the Japanese operetta, "O'Hara San," will be given at the Slosson Theatre Thursday and Friday evenings on March 16 and 17.

Dr. C.W. Sanders, while on his way to the R.M. Sherrard home, southeast of Northwood on Friday morning at 4 o'clock, found himself stalled in the poor road south of the seven mile corner with his automobile out of commission as a result of a broken crank case. Dr. Sanders says he finds many stretches of almost impassible roads during his country drives and thinks more highway funds could be spent to advantage on the side roads.

75 years ago

February 27, 1947

In an overtime game following a tie score of 43-43 at the end of the regular period of play, the Forest City High School Indians broke the long string of 19 Northwood high school victories on the baseball tour in Memorial Auditorium at Forest City. The final score was 53-47.

Among 65 Iowa churches that received certificates of merit for distinguished rural church work is Emmanuel Lutheran of Grafton, whose pastor is the Rev. S.M. Becker. The awards were given at the annual meeting of the Iowa Christian Rural Fellowship held at Ames in cooperation with the Iowa State College extension service.

The Mueller Hatchery, now in its 11th year of business in Northwood, invites the public to inspect the new modern automatic Jamesway incubators that they have just installed. The four units are all white baked on enamel with chrome hardware.

From the South Polar regions, where he is with the Byrd antarctic exploration party, Calvin Burns has written two letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns of Gordonsillve. One dated December 12, 1946, and the other January 24 of this year revealed his whereabouts. It is 'summertime' now in that region with the temperate "only 30 degrees below zero" one of the letters said.

Continuing the modernization program started two years ago, the Northwood Theatre completed installation of a high-intension booth equipment, as well as a new screen.

Local hog buyers are not in the market for hogs at the present time, it was stated at both elevators. "Under present conditions we do not know what they are worth" seemed to be the opinion held. With $30 per 100-weight paid on the Chicago hog market, an all-time high record was set in that city. Iowa and Minnesota packing plants were reported to have offered $29 per cwt. on that day.

50 years ago

March 2, 1972

Students in the jazz band will join some 130 other Northwood-Kensett vocal musicians for "Pops IV" to be presented, at the West Elementary Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the jazz band, the concert choir, girls chorus, boys chorus, swing choir and the other small groups and skits will be presented. Lowell Gangstad is vocal director and George Feuerhelm is instrumental director. The N-K art department will exhibit a pop art display and special effects with Mrs. Lois Welsh, art director, supervising. A charge of $1 for adults and 50 cents for children will be made for the concert and exhibit.

Arleigh J. Hostad has been nominated by the Northwood-Kensett Education Association as a candidate to receive the Friends of Education Award sponsored by the National Education aAted at the annual NEA Education convention in Atlantic City, N.J. The award is given on the basis of leadership and support of education, educators and students.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Madsen, Plentywood, Montana, announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace Mary, to Airman David M. Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hansen, Route 1, Glenville. Miss Madsen is a graduate from Plentywood High School. Her fiancé graduated from Glenville High School in 1970, enlisted in the Air Force in April 1971, and is stationed at Fortuna, North Dakota. A March wedding is being planned.

The Northwood-Kensett Junior High School flute sextette earned a blue ribbon at the annual grade school music festival held in Mason City. Members of the group are Jane Madson, Kathy Bloomingdale, Karen Davidson, Sue Madsen and Grace Medlang.

The Northwood Library is all but complete, with the contractors expecting to complete construction this week.

25 years ago

February 26, 1997

Worth County supervisor Bev Pangburn and Win-Worth Betco executive director Dave Brunsvold visited with Rep. Jim Nussle following the congressman's "town hall" meeting at the courthouse.

Northwood-Kensett senior Laurie Steinmetz was all smiles as she accepted her Merit finalist certificate from teacher Deb Calvert. N-K High principal John Dayton emceed the ceremony during halftime of the Vikings-Forest City ballgame.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company recently elected officers for the coming year. The officers include fire chief Rick Hanson, second assistant chief Daryl Love, secretary Randy Severson and treasurer John Carlson. First assistant Chief Russ Julseth was not present for the photo.

Kensett Volunteer Fire Department members served as the honor guard during the funeral of longtime Kensett fireman Charles Mitchell. One of the department's vehicles leads the funeral procession as it approaches the Kensett cemetery. Mitchell died suddenly as he left a gathering in the Kensett Community Center.

Timen Dale Moretz, son of Dean and Tanna Moretz, rural Hanlontown, was born on Friday, February 21, at the North Iowa Mercy Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was welcomed by brothers Nathan. 6 1/2, and Mitchell, 4 years old. Grandparents are Art and Sharon Moretz and Dale and Ann Johnson, all of rural Northwood.

Inter Se Study Club member Julie Hansen, Diane Hanson and Linda Myhre recently presented Linda Macrae, Northwood Kensett school librarian, with a $400 check to purchase books and supplies for the elementary school library. The club raised the money by selling Christmas and all occasion wrapping paper last fall.

10 years ago

February 29, 2012

Last week representatives of Worth County Farm Bureau visited Worth County schools, including N-K High School, and served lunch to students as a part of Food Check-Out Week, which highlights the impact Iowa farmers have on the national and global food markets.

Allan Johnson is pictured with his Supreme Champion. The judges and Teresa Claeys from South Dakota State University pose with them at the Sioux Empire Farm Show.

Members of the Worth County Farm Bureau traveled to the state capitol on February 21, for Iowa Farm Bureau's annual day on the hill. The local members met with Senator Merlin Bartz to discuss issues in the state legislature as well as important issues facing Iowa farmers.

On February 9, the Math Club hosted a "Chess Lunch & Learn" in the high school conference room. Paul Hertzel, NIACC Mathematics Professor and Chess Club Advisor, was prepared to show the students some strategies. A total of 14 students took part and the underclassmen in attendance suggested that the Chess Lunch & Learn be held again next year.

Natalie Braun of Grafton, Iowa, earned University of Wisconsin-Platteville dean's honor scholastic list honors for the fall 2011 semester with a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Many area residents eagerly watched the Academy Awards. That included the local members of the Kuennen family, who watched as their relative, Dan Junge, win the Oscar for Documentary Short, for "Saving Face."

Dave Capitani, who was inducted into the Knoxville High School Athletic Hall of Frame for his prowess on the baseball diamond, won his 150th game as head football coach this past season.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Elaine Butler

Elaine W. Butler, 87, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at First Lutheran Church, 309 Ninth Street North, Northwood, IA 50459 with Rev. Becky Sogge officiating. She was laid to rest in South Shell Rock Cemetery, Northwood, beside her late husband, Luane.

Visitation and public viewing was from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, IA 50459. Visitation continued one hour prior to the service at the church.



ELAINE BUTLER

Elaine Wanda Johnson was born on February 6, 1935, in Albert Lea, the daughter of Willie E. and Edythe (Iverson) Johnson. Growing up in Northwood, she attended Northwood High School, graduating in 1953. On June 11, 1956, she married the love of her life, Luane Arlington Butler, and the couple was blessed with two daughters, Lori and Susan. Elaine continued her education at Hamilton Business College and worked at First Lutheran Church in the office. Later, she worked at the Lutheran Retirement Home for numerous years in housekeeping, where her hands were never idle.

Elaine was a dedicated, loving farm wife who never sat down. She was constantly working on something, whether it was milking cows, making snacks and meals for the workers, doing chores or traveling around North Iowa for her daughter's activities. She loved to work and found joy in caring for others. She was known to always have cookies and bars at the ready and it was understood that if you left Elaine's house hungry, it was your own fault. Most of all Elaine's calm, kind, even temper made her a loving, compassionate mother and wife. Her family was always the center of her world and she cherished time spent together.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Lori Turner of McKinney, Texas, and Susan (Brian) Nelson of Northwood; grandchildren, Megan and Wyatt Turner, Ashley (Richie) Murrel and Brock Nelson; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Alana, and Erik; sister, Mavis (Darrell) Swartwood of Shakopee, Minn.; and sister-in-law, MaryAnn (Gary) Christianson of Northwood; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Those preceding her in death are her beloved husband, Luane; a granddaughter, Faith Elaine Turner; parents, Willie E. and Edythe K. Johnson; Luane's parents, Gilman and Jennie; and brothers-in-law, Carrol Butler and Glenn (Karen) Butler.

Nancy Whitesell

Nancy R. Whitesell, 78, passed away at the Northwood Lutheran Retirement home on Monday, February 14, 2022.

She was born in Sioux City, Iowa on May 7, 1943. Paul and Clara Whitesell adopted Nancy when she was 16 months old. Nancy's family lived in a variety of places, including Cherokee, Fort Dodge and Ames where she eventually graduated from High School. After her father passed away, Nancy and her mother, Clara, moved to Northwood, where they could be closer to Clara's sister, Karen (Vernon) Kruse. Nancy was a member of the Methodist church and was employed in the kitchens of the Midway Café, the Corner Post and Annie's, where she enjoyed her favorite meal of hamburgers and french fries.

Nancy enjoyed playing "Name that Tune," watching the Hallmark channel and listening to country music. Her favorite hobby was cutting out interesting articles from the paper and magazines and organizing them into scrapbooks. She also often rode her bicycle everywhere around town, especially on her way to get her favorite bottles of Pepsi from the grocery store.



NANCY WHITESELL

After her mother passed away, Nancy moved to the Northwood Hotel. She became great friends with Arlys Reeder and enjoyed helping her in a variety of activities such as answering the hotel phone and helping with the organization of birthday parties for the hotel residents. Since Nancy did not drive, Arlys helped her get to those places beyond walking distance. While walking to do her errands about town, Nancy would sit on one of the many benches on main street Northwood and "people watch," another of Nancy's favorite activities. Then in October of 2014, she became a resident of The Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. The nurses and staff there enjoyed her spicy personality. Nancy got along especially well with her regular daily nurse, April, who she fondly nicknamed 'Vicki.'

Nancy is survived by her cousins, Laura (Mike) Richter, New Hartford, Iowa, Karen (Paul) Hendrikson, Escondido, California, Richard Pedersen, Rose Creek, Minnesota, Don (Faye) Pedersen, Lois (Paul) Saum, Connie (special friend Roger Lee) Nelson, Northwood, Iowa, and Clarice Dempewolf, Albert Lea, Minnesota, along with all their families.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Clara Whitesell; brother, Gary Whitesell; and many aunts and uncles.

There will be a memorial service held in the summer where we can share our favorite Nancy stories and memories.

Memorials, in Nancy's name, are preferred to the Northwood Retirement Home and cards may be sent to Conner Colonial Chapel, P.O. Box 223, Northwood, IA 50459.

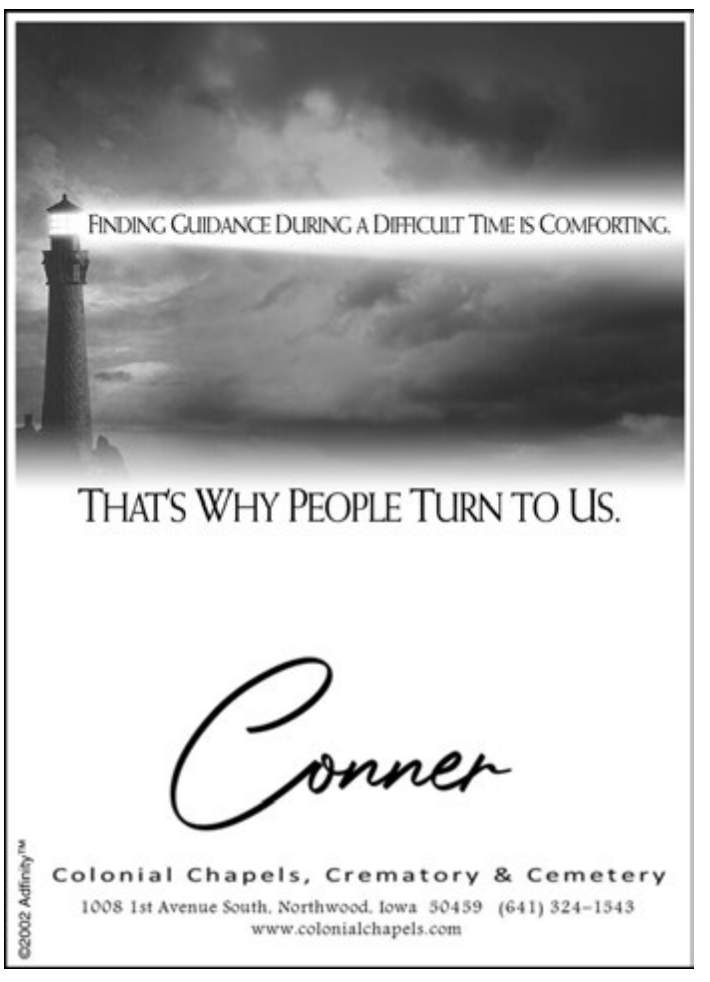
Ernest Hanson

Ernest Hanson, 95, of Northwood passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022.

Arrangements are pending with Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood.

See page 10 for a full obit of Eileen Perkins Ruble obituary





Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Eileen Perkins Ruble

Eileen Lynn Perkins Ruble, 77, of Hanlontown passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. She had suffered from Alzheimer's for several years.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022, at Grace Lutheran Church, 302 Fourth St. E., Hanlontown, Iowa, with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt officiating. Visitation began at 9:30 a.m. the day of the funeral at the church. Burial took place at Brush Point Cemetery, located between Hanlontown and Fertile, Iowa. The service streamed online at facebook.com/HoganBremerMooreColonialChapel.



EILEEN PERKINS RUBLE

Eileen Lynn Ruble was born on March 18, 1944, at the Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the daughter of Clinton "Happy" and Wilma (Thompson) Perkins of rural Northwood. She began her education at Otranto, Iowa, and graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School. She furthered her education at Hamilton Business College in Mason City, Iowa, graduating with a secretarial degree. She worked at the Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company, Winnebago Industries and Iowa Dept. of Human Services as an executive secretary.

On August 14, 1965, Eileen married Paul Brunsvold of Hanlontown, Iowa, at the Deer Creek Lutheran Church of rural Carpenter, Iowa. They enjoyed delivering Winnebago motor homes to customers across the country, biked across Iowa in RAGBRAI, and taught stained glass classes. She also enjoyed cross-country skiing. They were members of Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown, where they donated a Rodgers organ that Eileen enjoyed playing for Sunday services.

Eileen and Paul later divorced and on May 11, 2002, she married Jerred Ruble at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church at Heritage Park in Forest City, Iowa. Jerred owned a prestigious collection of steam engines, threshing machines and gas tractors, and Eileen became as enthusiastic as Jerred was about "Old Iron." Eileen was particularly proud of the "Old Iron" she acquired – a 1914 30-60 Hart-Parr, a 1/3 scale Gaar Scott steam engine and water wagon, a dish pan Fairbanks Morse 1.5 HP gas engine and a Massey Harris 44 Special tractor like her Dad had and she drove growing up on the farm. They travelled across the U.S. and Canada attending steam shows and displaying "Old Iron" from their collection where they made many friends.

Eileen didn't have any children, but "adopted" several children from amongst their steam engine friends – Colin Hall, Kenneth Sellers, Scott Evans and Nicholas "Nick" Swanz.

Eileen is survived by her four sisters, Carol Tinkey and Doreen (Duane) Dorenkamp of Mason City, Iowa, Nancy Vaught, West Des Moines, Iowa. and Barb (Dale) Eppens of Mason City; many nieces and nephews; stepsons, Tim Ruble, Dallas, Texas. and Nathan Ruble, Bismarck, N.D.; and brothers-in-law Steve (Cindy) Ruble and Dan (Bonnie) Ruble.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Jerred on February 18, 2022; parents; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Tinkey and Richard Vaught, and Randy and Craig Ruble.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Beaver Creek Lutheran Church at Heritage Park in Forest City, Iowa, Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown, Iowa, or Deer Creek Lutheran Church rural Carpenter, Iowa. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Carol Tinkey, 27 N. Willowgreen Ct., Mason City, IA 50401.

Green Shamrocks 4-H Club meets on Feb. 20

Green Shamrocks February 20 meeting was called to order by Jadyn Beland and seconded by Ellie Ehrhardt.

Roll call was lead by Jadyn Beland, and the theme was our favorite president. Pledges were led by Kelsi Liddle.

Old business includes fair project ideas and community involvement ideas.

New business includes club dues, pop tabs for Jacy at Worth County Extension Office February 14 - June 28, Family Fun Night, Share the Fun and Fair Beautification.

Meeting adjourned by Camryn Rheingans and seconded by Ellie Ehrhardt.

Reporter, Kelsi Liddle

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY G. MOORE, Deceased
Case No. ESPR009288
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeffrey G. Moore, Deceased, who died on or about the September 17, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on February 16, 2022, the undersigned was appointed as administrator of the estate.

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

Dated this February 17, 2022.

First Citizens Bank
2601 4th Street SW
Mason City, IA 50401
Administrator
of the Estate

John P. Lander
ICIS#: AT0004583
Brown, Kinsey, Funkhouser & Lander, P.L.C.
214 North Adams
P.O. Box 679
Mason City, IA 50402-0679
Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication the 2nd day of March, 2022.
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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 2/14/22 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Douglas, Parker, Heiken, & Woltzen.

Absent: Pilkington.

Visitors: R. Bauer-City Maintenance, L. McNally-Deputy City Clerk

Mayor called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Maintenance discussed where the raccoon could have possibly came in from and general maintenance.

Clerk discussed door grant for City Hall, old computer, and general correspondence.

Old Business: None

New Business: Setting February 28, 2022 for public hearing approving 2022/2023 maximum property tax dollars, motion by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Discussed City clean-up day, May 7th weather permitting, otherwise the 14th.

ICAP recommendations discussed.

Clerk holiday pay, PTO, and acquiring an employee handbook discussed.

Minimum usage discussed: non-residential, non-commercial water fees, ordinance change needed.

Resolution #638, transfer of funds. Motion by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: January 2022 Revenues by Fund: General 4647.16, Utilities 5489.74, Special 5290.47. Total Revenues: $15,427.37. Stands approved as read.

Motion to pay bills by Heiken, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 3826.00, WCTA 271.44, B. Luckason 247.84 (net), R. Bauer 1197.74 (net), L. McNally 1749.37 (net), W. Hillson 614.62 (net), C. Hagen 715.99 (net), Federal & SS 1282.23 (payroll), IPERS 921.55 (payroll), C. Pulju 50.40 (mileage-general), D&L 71.22 (oil-road use), Sales Tax 442.00 (water-405.00, sewer-33.01, garbage-3.99), Sales Tax 179.41 (general-KCAP will reimburse), Pioneer Critical Power 143.37 (supplies-general), Staples 667.35 (supplies-general), AgSource 25.50 (service-water-testing), Kensett Water 104.00 (sewer fees), L. McNally 66.08 (mileage-general), C. Hagen 14.56 (mileage-general), Waste Management 1442.24 (garbage & recycling-general), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #36/60– 321.98 (casino $ – general), Nelson Septic Service 85.00 (service – general), R80 65.76 (KFD-general), Menards 197.38 (supplies-CC-general), Northwood Anchor 98.61 (publications-general), Kelly Hardware 25.07 (supplies-general), Hawkins 293.38 (chemicals-water), Landfill 346.95 (dues-general), Counsel 610.78 (toners-general), Worth County Auditor 722.00 (fees), Uline 466.15 (supplies-general), R80 48.05 (city-road use), VISA 75.61 (tec service-general), Water deposit refunds: Sandy Bice 50.00, Morgan Johnson 100.00, Emily Dierks 100.00, Bridget Lorenz 100.00, Barbara Watchorn 100.00, Krystal Thompson 100.00, Al Tracy 100.00. Herb Thompson 75.00, Baker & Taylor 231.09 (books), Midwest Tape 22.49, Arlys Bergdale 84.00, Our Iowa Magazine 34.98, EBSCO 398.39 (books).

Disbursements by Fund: General 8,867.24, Special 1,792.34, Utilities 1,996.66, Payroll 6,914.04 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $19,570.28.

Motion to adjourn by Parker, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Carrie Hagen, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Supervisors

February 22, 2022
Eighth Day

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

Smeby 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 Stone, second by Loberg, carried to approve the February 22, 2022 board agenda.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to approve the February 14, 2022 board minutes.

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve Nathaniel Julseth and Merlin Bartz as Board Appointed Appraisers and Reclassification Commissioners for DD #11, 13, 24, 34, 37, 49 and 52.

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve claims in the amount of $167,396.33, as per the following schedule:

Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 263.13
Alliant Energy
Service-Sdp 779.92
Aramark
Service-Gsr 277.10
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng 16,311.67
Brian Lund, Mileage-Gsr 11.35
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Shf 4.08
Centurylink, Service-Gsr 127.04
Certified Laboratories
Fuel-Eng 1,269.70
Cindy Thompson
Reimb-Asr 79.70
City Of Fertile
Service-Eng 81.10
Elderbridge Agency On Aging
Fy22 Appro-Org 2,814.00
Fertile Public Library/City Of
Fertile, Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf 283.49
Grafton Public Library/City Of
Grafton
Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng 1,954.64
Healthy Harvest Of No Ia
Fy22 Appro-Org 1,307.50
Hotsy Equipment
Supplies-Eng 304.17
I35/105 Welcome Center Inc.
Fy22 Appro-Org 7,500.00
Iowa Employment Conference
Edu-Asr 375.00
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd 50.00
John Deere Financial
Supplies 218.58
Joice Public Library/City Of Joice
Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Kensett Public Library/City Of
Kensett, Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Kinney Memorial Library/City Of
Hanlontown
Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Knudtson Automotive Service
Service-Shf 264.82
Manly Public Library/City Of
Manly, Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 171.06
Mark Smeby, Mileage-Sup 259.72
Motorola Solutions Inc
Supplies-Ema 9,320.00
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr 525.85
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Ema 597.71
Northwood Public Library/City Of
Northwood
Fy22 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng 778.73
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd 154.50
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 427.16
Richard Brumm
Reimb-Eng 430.09
Rsvp, Fy22 Appro-Org 2,250.00
Stromleys Repair Llc
Service-Eng 34.00
Tellma Engineering
Supplies-Gsr 55.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Supplies-Shf 1,113.85
U S Postal Service
Postage-Aud 196.00
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis 384.77
Visa, Service-Con 4,798.14
Windstream, Service-Eng 14.47
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf 8,287.39
Worth County Extension
Fy22 Appro-Org 20,000.00
Worth County Fair
Fy22 Appro-Org 16,000.00
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Eng 52.72
Youth Shelter Care Of N Ia Inc
Service-Juj 768.18
Grand Total 167,396.33

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to approve the Class C Liquor License for the Northwood Country Club.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to appoint Chad Nelson to the NIACOG Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to engage Serve Pro to complete mold mitigation in the HVAC in courthouse.

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve the LMR Datalogger Membership 28E Agreement by and between Worth County and Chickasaw County.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:21 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, February 28, 2022 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
County Name: WORTH COUNTY County Number: 98

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/14/2022 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA
Contact Person: Jacki A. Backhaus Contact Phone Number: (641) 324-2316

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available): www.worthcounty.org
County Telephone Number: (641) 324-2316

		Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2021/2022	Budget Year Effective Property Tax FY 2022/2023	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax FY 2022/2023	Proposed Percentage Change
Taxable Valuations-General Services	1	672,892,875	694,715,592	694,715,592	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Basic	2	2,355,125		2,952,541	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Supplemental	3	1,244,852		1,285,224	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Services Total	4	3,599,977	3,599,977	4,237,765	17.72
Estimated Tax Rate-General Services	5	5.35000	5.18194	6.10000	
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	6	545,469,719	561,399,924	561,399,924	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Basic	7	1,513,678		1,653,325	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Supplemental	8			0	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Services Total	9	1,513,678	1,513,678	1,653,325	9.23
Estimated Tax Rate-Rural Services	10	2.77500	2.69626	2.94500	

Explanation of increases in the budget:
The general basic increase is due to increased valuation and is also needed to maintain existing programs and services, insurance and additional personnel costs. The rural fund increase is due to increased valuations and is also needed to maintain existing rural programs and services. This is the maximum the Board may propose to levy to support the FY23 budget. The final budget may reflect levy rates less than this proposal.
If applicable, the above notice is also available online at:
The above tax rates do not include county voted levies, mental health and disabilities services levy, debt service levy and the rates of other local jurisdictions.
Regarding proposed maximum dollars, the Board of Supervisors cannot adopt a higher tax asking for these levies following the public hearing.
Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming year.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
City of: NORTHWOOD
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Hall 627 Central Avenue Northwood, IA 50459 Meeting Date: 3/14/2022 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of , any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.
City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property: 10.97453
The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is: 3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number: (641) 324-1075
City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME: Amber Julseth - City Administrator/Clerk

		Budget FY 2023	Re-estimated FY 2022	Actual FY 2021
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	680,371	676,672	695,439
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	680,371	676,672	695,439
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	300,000	300,000	255,407
Other City Taxes	6	252,448	233,055	239,915
Licenses & Permits	7	26,500	24,500	24,536
Use of Money and Property	8	14,450	20,600	43,113
Intergovernmental	9	486,520	310,528	321,221
Charges for Fees & Service	10	1,281,740	1,440,559	1,245,492
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	947,620	984,328	413,330
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	690,000	688,000	714,296
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	4,679,649	4,678,242	3,952,749
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	383,299	406,404	363,543
Public Works	17	741,340	597,299	568,320
Health and Social Services	18	16,155	16,155	11,652
Culture and Recreation	19	404,856	399,144	330,871
Community and Economic Development	20	685,000	778,050	242,429
General Government	21	339,759	207,683	237,317
Debt Service	22	228,000	227,000	225,640
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,798,409	2,631,735	1,979,772
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,201,040	1,379,059	1,065,821
Total ALL Expenditures	26	3,999,449	4,010,794	3,045,593
Transfers Out	27	690,000	688,000	714,296
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,689,449	4,698,794	3,759,889
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-9,800	-20,552	192,860
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	2,517,621	2,538,173	2,345,313
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	2,507,821	2,517,621	2,538,173

Bolan

The sprucing up of the Bolan Trinity UM Church basement is coming right along. What a difference some fixing up and painting can do! Now we wait for the next step.

Northwood Anchor Legal

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY E. WILLIAMSON, Deceased
Case No. ESPR009304
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jerry E. Williamson, Deceased, who died on or about the January 20, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on February 16, 2022, the undersigned was appointed as administrator of the estate.

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

Dated this January 27, 2022.

Terry J. Williamson
129 E. Elmore
P.O. Box 65
Manly, IA 50456
Administrator
of the Estate

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

Date of second publication the 2nd day of March, 2022.
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PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

VETERINARIAN
WORTH COUNTY VETERINARY SERVICE
Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.
Clinic: 324-1084
Home: 324-1147

PHYSICIANS
MERCYONE
803 9th Avenue North
Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

NORTHWOOD INSURANCE AGENCY
John Midtgaard, Agent
900 Central Ave., Northwood, IA
Office 641-324-1023 Home 324-1391

Alcoholics Anonymous Alanon
Regular meeting each Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday
First Lutheran Church
For more information call 324-3070

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

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New CDC guidance relaxes indoor masking

By Jennifer Shutt
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday unveiled updated guidance for wearing masks indoors in public places, a move that means 70% of Americans likely will be able to ditch their masks.

The new guidance will divvy counties into low, medium or high transmission categories based on new hospitalizations for COVID-19, the number of hospital beds filled with patients with coronavirus and new cases.

"This updated approach focuses on directing our prevention efforts towards protecting people at high risk for severe ailments and preventing hospitals and health care systems from being overwhelmed," CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said.

Fourteen Iowa counties are currently on the CDC's "high transmission" list: Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Fayette, Greene, Guthrie, Taylor and Wayne.

Most of central Iowa, including Polk County, is listed as "low transmission."

The new metrics are a significant departure from the previous CDC masking guidance, which recommended anyone in an area of high or sustained transmission, about 95% of the country, wear masks inside in public places.

Based on the new metrics, about 30% of Americans are in low transmission counties, where no indoor public masking is recommended.

Another 42% of the population is in medium spread counties, where people with underlying health conditions may want to wear masks and talk with their doctors about prevention measures. The remaining 28% of Americans live in high transmission counties and should continue wearing well-fitted masks covering their nose and mouth in public indoor spaces.

The guidance extends to schools, where the CDC is now only recommending universal masking for students and teachers in the high transmission regions. In Iowa, a state lawing banning school mask mandates has been partially blocked by the courts, citing federal law that protects students with disabilities.

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a statement the new guidance means officials "can continue to keep schools safely open while allowing for educators and parents to get back to focusing on what is most important: our students' futures."

"Moving forward, districts should continue to work with local health experts, parents, and educators to identify what works best for their communities and consider the appropriate mitigation strategies needed to keep students and staff safe," he said.

Walensky did, however, stress that anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 or who has been exposed to the virus should wear a mask to avoid infecting others with the virus, which has killed more than 940,000 Americans.

She added that nothing in the CDC's new recommendations prevents anyone who wants to wear a mask from wearing one.

She also sought to remind Americans that they may need to be flexible about putting masks back on if a new variant or surge occurs.

"None of us know what the future may hold for us and for this virus. And we need to be prepared and we need to be ready for whatever comes next," she said.

The new guidance doesn't extend to public transportation systems, where travelers must continue wearing masks. The CDC, Walensky said, will be looking at that guidance ahead of the March 18 expiration date for buses, trains and planes.

Kids Power Pedal Tractor Pulls

Winn-Worth Betco spotlight

By Kaylee Schuermann
Winn-Worth Betco marketing assistant

Kids Power Pedal Tractor Pulls, owned by Hanlontown mayor Rick Scholbrock, has been serving smiles to children's faces all over Iowa and Minneapolis since 2005.

Tractor pedal pulling is a competition between children 4-11 years old where the children sit on miniature tractors with weighted skids and pedal as far as they can.

Scholbrock believes these competitions provide children with a unique way to have fun while still teaching them competitive values.

Scholbrock and his family became involved when a power pedal pull event was held at the Hanlontown centennial celebration in 1999. His daughter, then four years old, wanted to participate and placed first in her age group, qualifying for state.

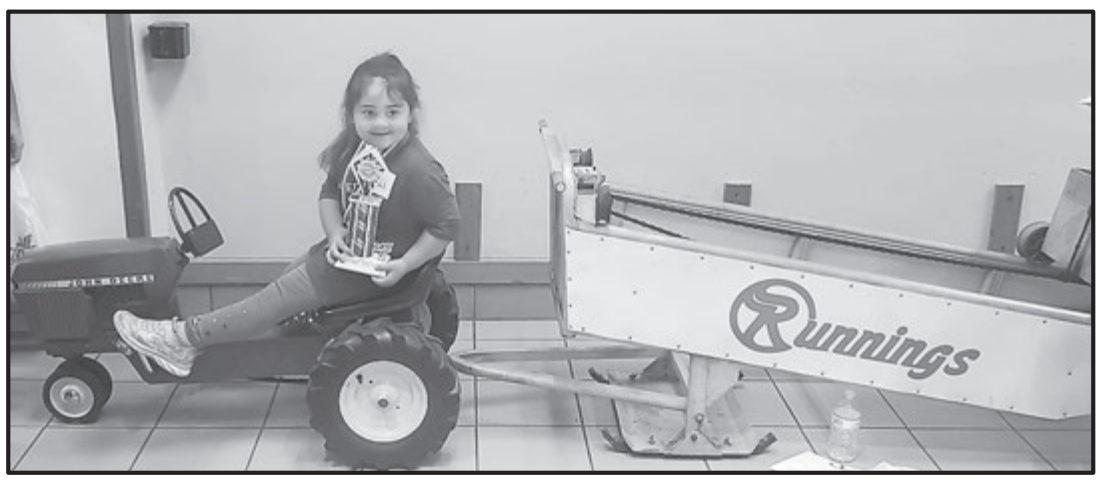
She placed in the top five on that level, where she then qualified and participated on the national and international levels. Throughout her time growing up, she had 450 wins, including six international, and broke several records.

Scholbrock became familiar and known throughout the power pedal pull community in the area and was asked to take over the business after an unexpected death in previous ownership.

At first, Scholbrock was reluctant, wanting to discontinue involvement in the competitions when his daughter became too old to compete. After some time, he ran a few power pedal pull events and was convinced by his wife to take over the business in 2005.

Scholbrock's business has grown through the years. In his first year of business, he ran 20 events, and last year, he hosted roughly 100. Twenty-two of last year's events had over 100 competitors.





Scholbrock noted he hasn't paid for a business advertisement in 16 years, claiming word-of-mouth works well for his business and that his phone is still constantly ringing.

Event-goers can find Rick and his daughter hosting these competitions in 45 county fairs and other local events, including the Top of Iowa Car Show in Joice, the Scarville Fourth of July Celebration and Cannonball Day and National Night Out in Mason City.

Iowa's state pull competition will be held on Sept. 10 at the North Iowa Events Center Fairgrounds in Mason City. Scholbrock hopes this location choice will pull in 350-400 competitors and showcase Mason City simultaneously.

Owning Kids Power Pedal Tractor Pull is rewarding for Scholbrock. He enjoys meeting the families of children he met in competitions 20 years ago and catching up with them.

During events, Scholbrock encourages children with disabilities to participate. After they compete, Scholbrock brings those children into the trailer to give them a trophy for their pull. He just wants to bring a smile to their faces.

"I put them on a tractor just like every other kid," said Scholbrock. "They come out with that trophy and people clap. I ain't doing it for glory. I want that kid to have a trophy."

Scholbrock recalled talking to the parent of a child with a disability who had done a tractor pull three years prior who thanked him for what he did for his son.

"He said, 'My son still sleeps with that trophy. I appreciate it,'" said Scholbrock. "That is success."

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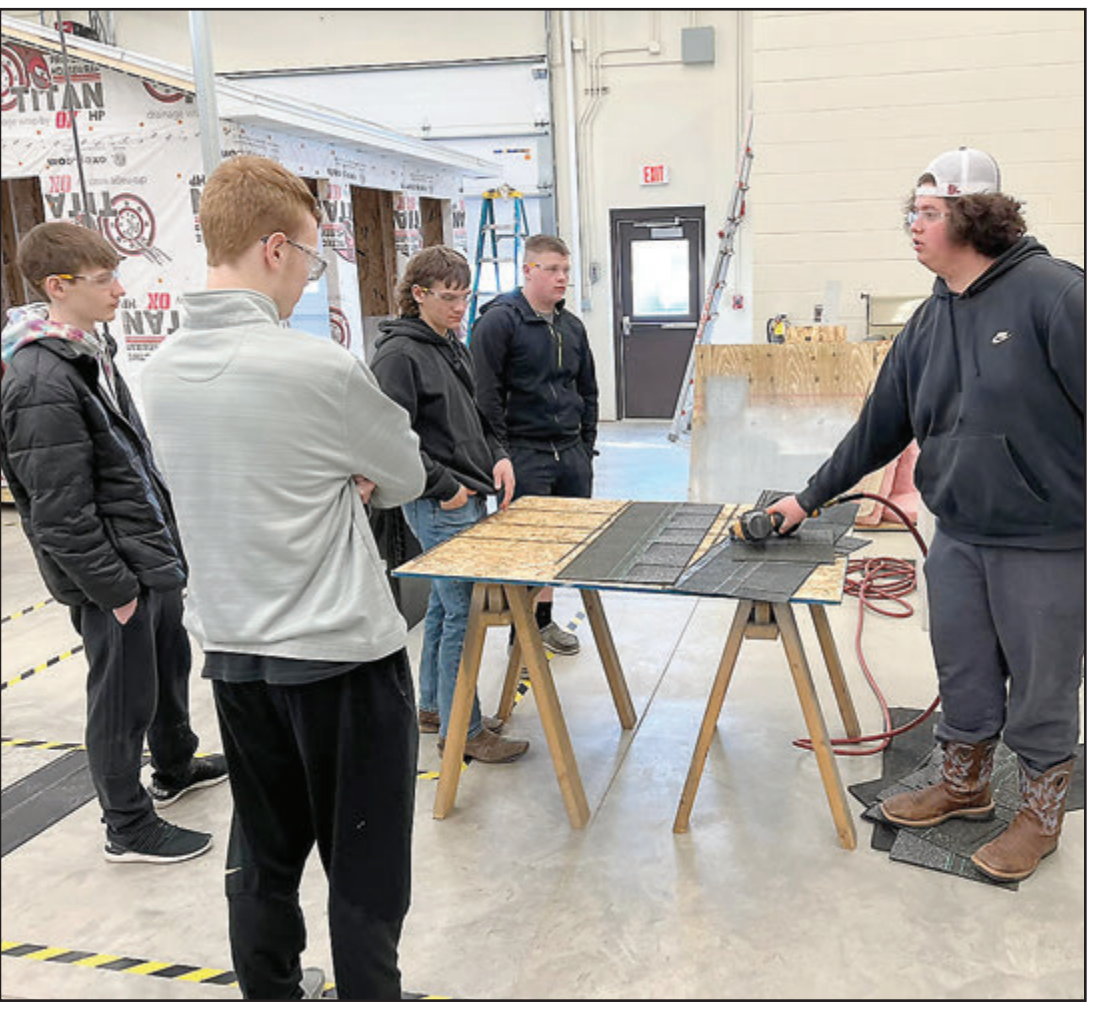
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FFA competes in Leadership event

Northwood-Kensett FFA members competed in a Leadership Development Event In St. Ansgar on February 24. Pictured is the Conduct of Meetings team, including (in front, from left) Morgan Wallin, Madalynn Hanson, Macy Thorson, (back row) Christopher Madsen, Brayden Hoeppner, Jackson Foss, Justin Mills and Kooper Julseth. The team received a silver for there presentation. Thorson competed in the FFA Creed contest and received a silver for her presentation.

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