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Briefs

Kensett Volunteer Fire Department soup fundraiser March 20

The Kensett Volunteer Fire Department annual soup fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kenstt Community Center in Kensett.

The meal will include chicken noodle soup and chili.

All proceeds will go towards hoses and equipment for the new truck.

Elk Creek soup supper March 27

The Elk Creek Lutheran Church WELCA annual soup supper will be held on Sunday, March 27, from 5-6:30 p.m. The church is located at 4108 Killdeer Avenue, west of Kensett.

The meal will include chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato soups, as well as French bread, crackers and pie.

The cost of the meal is $8 for adults, $5 for children 5-10 and free for children younger than five.

Take out orders will be available. Those that would like to attend may call 641-845-2386.

The soup supper will also include a bake sale featuring homemade cookies. Quilts will also be available for purchase.

Clean up days begin April 27

The City of Northwood will hold its annual spring clean up days from April 27-30.

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

Cleanup days are intended for discardable items that would not be

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N-K celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday

Students and staff at Northwood-Kensett Elementary recently spent a week taking part in special events and activities to celebrating reading and one of their favorite author's to read, Dr. Seuss. The week-long celebration included five days of themed attire, including dressing up as their future job, wearing a favorite hat, wearing mixed up clothing, dressing up as their favorite book character and ending the week in pajamas. There were several days with games and activities in the elementary library students visited each others' classrooms to read together and more. The week also cooked off a month-long reading bingo challenge and book march madness to see which book is the most popular amongst the students. See pictures of door decorations on page 8 and more pictures of the Dr. Seuss celebrations on page 10.

County budget calls for 12.27% tax increase

At their regular meeting on Monday, March 28, the Worth County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to discuss their proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2022, and ends on June 30, 2023.

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

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

The urban tax rate in the proposed budget is $6.10000 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. The rate for the current fiscal year was $5.65713. That is an increase of $0.44287.

The rural tax rate in the proposed budget is $9.04500 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. The rate for the current fiscal year was $8.43213. That is an increase of $0.61287.

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

Taxes to be levied on rural areas only, in the proposed budget, would total $1,591,913. The cur-

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Districts struggle with staff left out of Governor's bonus plan

Last week, Worth County's school officials discussed how to address an inequity in a state teacher retention incentive program that will be given to some, but not all teachers, and does not compensate other district staff.

The incentives, a part of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' Retention Bonus Plan, come in the form of $1,000 payments that will be given to government workers for their dedication during the challenges of the pandemic.

For schools, the incentive is being made available to full time teachers, as long as they didn't teach courses 100% online.

Discussion at the Central Springs and Northwood-Kensett school board meetings, both held separately on March 10, acknowledged that rewarding those teachers was a good thing. However, the limitations left out numerous other district employees who also dedicated themselves to the districts throughout the pandemic.

That includes teachers in categories or dual roles who work full time but not always in a class room environment. Examples include the teacher leaders, whose roles are outside of the classroom, working to support the other teachers. That also includes teachers who don't work full time, or whose jobs include other roles during a school day, such as teachers that are also athletic directors, or in jobs that keep them out of the classroom a portion of a

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Who pays the lowest tax levies in Worth County?

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

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

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

General county levies total $5.58449 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, set by the Worth County supervisors.

The county levy also includes a levy for the Worth County assessor's office, determined by the assessor's board, which was set at $0.50754.

A levy of $0.31486 was in place for Ag Extension services in the current fiscal year.

The levy, in the current fiscal year, for all county property was set at $6.40689 per $1,000 of taxable property valuation.

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

That accounted for a total county levy, for those

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NVFC lends a hand in tornado recovery

Before the members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company spent hours of their day fighting a local fire, and seeing an outpouring of support from their neighboring firefighters, they had traveled to lend a hand in the aftermath of a larger disaster scene.

On Saturday, March 5, multiple tornadoes were reported in an area that included Madison County, southwest of Des Moines. The storms are reported to have claimed seven people, leveled homes and left untold levels of destruction behind. Members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company were on hand to see the devastation as they volunteered their time and tools the next day.

Like many throughout the state, members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company wanted to help out in any way they could.

NVFC chief Blake Severson said, "I reached out to the counties affected by the tornados letting them know that we had resources that we would be able to send to their aid if they needed assistance."

Severson received a response on Sunday, from Madison City.

Five members of the NVFC, including Severson, Kory Jaspers, Tristian Mewes, Brandon Oldfather and Jake Springer, traveled to lend a hand that day.

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Several members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company traveled to Madison County on March 6 to help aid in the aftermath of an outbreak of devastating tornadoes. Pictured are (from left) Brandon Oldfather, Kory Jaspers, Jake Springer, Blake Severson and Tristian Mewes.



The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. March 8	43	20	
Wed. March 9	25	13	
Thurs. March 10	25	10	
Fri. March 11	19	14	
Sat. March 12	31	25	
Sun. March 13	52	31	
Mon. March 14	48	24	

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Butler retires

For nearly 22 years, the first welcoming face many traveling to the Worth County Sheriff's have seen is that of Margie Butler. That changed as of February 28, when Butler ended her last day on the job with a reception to celebrate her retirement as office manager at the Worth County Sheriff's Office. Butler is pictured above with Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank, one of the many co-workers and community members that wished her well in retirement.

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rent fiscal year's budget called for $1,450,487 in rural only levies. That is an increase of $141,426 or 9.75%.

Taxes levied on property countywide in the proposed budget would total $4,098,425. The budget for the current fiscal year included countywide taxes of $3,666,552. That is an increase of $431,873 or 11.78%.

The total of taxes to be levied on property in the county in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be $5,690,338. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year called for total property taxes to be $5,068,274. That is an increase of $622,064 or 12.27%.

In the proposed budget, revenues for the coming fiscal year would total $16,415,335. The re-estimated budget figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues of $15,591,734. That is an increase of $823,601, or 5.28%.

Expenditures and other uses of funds in the proposed budget total $17,164,192. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year's budget show total expenditures of $22,519,340. That is a decrease of $5,355,148, or 23.78%.

The changes in expenditures from year to year can largely be seen in three expense categories.

The first of those is in roads and transportation. The County plans to spend $635,639 more on those expenses in the coming year, for a proposed total of $4,815,743.

Two other categories will see significant decreases.

That includes the category of capital projects. This year's re-estimated figures call for a total of $5,280,000. That includes funds spent on the interchange development area, which was paid for in the current fiscal year. Without that expense, the capital project expenses in the proposed budget will total $2,330,000. That's a decrease of $2,950,000, or 55.87%.

The County's debt service expense will also decrease in the proposed budget, as the County finishes payments on one of its TIF (tax increment financing) bonds. In the current fiscal year, re-estimated figures showed debt payments totaling $4,193,864. The proposed budget shows debt service totaling $945,373. That is a decrease of $3,248,491, or 77.46%.

The proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2022, includes spending of $748,857 in excess of total revenues. The proposed budget includes a beginning fund balance of $4,206,658. The County's ending fund balance, at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2023, would then be $3,457,801. That would be a fund balance decrease of 17.8%.

The Worth County Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing to discuss their proposed budget at their regular meeting on Monday, March 28, at 9 a.m. at the Worth County Courthouse. Find the agenda, including Zoom meeting instructions, on the county's website, at www.worthcounty.org.

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school day.

The school boards also shared frustration that the incentives were not made available other school staff that worked in the challenging times, like counselors, administrators, bus drivers, teachers' aides, para-educators, nutrition staff, custodians and other non-teaching roles.

Each school district planned a different approach to address what they saw as the shortcomings of the incentive program.

At Northwood-Kensett, the district planned to proceed with the incentive payments, which would be paid in March.

The school board discussed potential options to compensate the other district staff that didn't qualify for the Governor's compensation plan.

Depending on the role of the employee, options discussed included paid time off or using district funds to provide bonuses equivalent in some form to what the state will provide to the full time classroom teachers. It was estimated that providing the same amount to all staff, $1,000, would cost the district roughly $50,000 to pay the 90 staff members that didn't qualify. One potential way to fund the bonuses was to forego adding make up days at the end of the school year, saving the district the costs involved.

The specifications of the program were updated on March 8, giving the district's administrators little time to prepare options for the board to consider. The consensus of the board was to look at those options and potentially approve some form at their April board meeting.

The Central Springs board also considered the issue and what they could do to compensate their staff in an equitable way.

The CS board was presented an option. The district would provide $1,000 to all teachers and administrative staff that don't qualify. Non-certified staff would receive $500, pro-rated on the number of hours they work during the school day.

At Central Springs, the school board had another wrinkle to consider. The district operates a daycare center. Those employees will receive $1,000 bonuses as that portion of the Governor's Retention Bonus plan isn't handled by the Department of Education, as the teacher bonus funds are.

The cost to compensate the additional employees at CS would be $37,678.

The Central Springs board indicated their support for that method of compensating district staff not recognized by the Governor's plan.

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in cities, of $6.6048. Those in rural areas would be assessed a levy rate of $9.18189 by the County, Assessor and Extension.

Another levy that affects all property county wide is the area college levy for NIACC. That levy was set at 1.05736 in the current fiscal year.

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

The highest school levy rate in Worth County in the current fiscal year was for those living in the Northwood-Kensett district, where the school district levy is $12.37114.

The lowest school levy rate in Worth County is in the Central Springs district. That district's levy rate was $9.95965.

The Lake Mills district levy was $11.97012. The levy for the area of the county in the Forest City district was $11.10689. For the St. Ansgar district, the levy was $12.34659.

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

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

Manly's levy rate is the highest amongst Worth cities in the current fiscal year, at $14.12053, followed by Kensett at $12.12733, Fertile at $11.98518, Hanlontown at $11.85123, Northwood at $11.65411, Grafton at $10.15405 and lastly, Joice.

The lowest total tax levies, including county, school district and community college levies, on property in Worth County is in the portion of Fertile Township that lies in the Central Springs school district. Property owners in that area pay total local levies of $20.41374 per $1,000 of valuation.

The highest total tax levies in rural areas is in Lincoln Township in the Northwood-Kensett school district boundaries, where local levies total $23.28539.

The highest total tax rate in the county is paid by those living in Kensett, including school district, city, county and community college levies. Those in Kensett pay total tax levies of $31.96272.

Amongst residents of Worth County cities, the lowest levy rate is paid by those living in Joice, who pay levies totaling $27.5437.

Other total levies for cities in Worth County include $30.55632 in Fertile, $29.96489 in Grafton, $29.27513 in Hanlontown, $31.54443 in Manly and $31.48050 in Northwood.

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

Before officially approving budgets for the coming fiscal year, local governments will publish information in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal, and hold public hearings at their regular meetings, before approving those budgets.

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They brought with them some saws and other tools to help clear out debris.

As they traveled into help, Severson described the aftermath.

"The homes that we observed, which were destroyed, were blown into wooded areas. There was debris 30 feet up in the trees, floor joists 300 feet from where a home once was, it was a very surreal scene." He added that they saw vehicles flipped over to land at neighbor's homes and garage doors torn free and sent far from the homes they had been attached to.

The NVFC arrived and spent over five hours assisting with some of the more complex recovery efforts, those that put untrained and unequipped volunteers at risk. That included cutting trees and removing larger pieces of debris from trees, amongst other tasks.

But despite all the devastation and destruction they witnessed, Severson said that he saw the amazing sight of "400 volunteers that were seen lining the roads helping in any way they could with tools, food, digging through belongings, doing anything they could."

Severson said that it was reassuring to see so many people traveling to the area, coming from Iowa, as well as from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois to help the area recover from the storm damage.

"It just shows what people are willing to do to help. It was a sad sight to see all the damage but the light at the end of the tunnel was seeing all those people that cared enough to be there."

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picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

More information on the annual spring clean up week will be available in coming issues of the Northwood Anchor.

Democratic convention set for March 26

The Worth County Democratic Convention will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the Worth County Democratic Headquarters located at 812 Central Ave., Northwood. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and the convention will start at 10 a.m.

This is the gathering of all delegates and alternates elected at the county caucus.

The Worth County Democratic Party will be accepting resolutions put forth, and electing chair, vice chair, secretary and precinct chairs at this meeting. They will accept sign ups for the committee positions. They will also elect delegates to attend the district convention set for April 23 (location to be determined) who will be elected from the delegates and alternates that attend the meeting.

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Some spring break reading

Students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary recently received some special spring break reading material with their monthly free book. Each month this school year, elementary students have received a free book, made possible by a donation from a local family, group or business. The latest gift of books was made possible by a donation from Jim and Kathy Hanson. Pictured above, sharing their excitement and appreciation, are students in Collette Ubben's third grade classroom.

Area counties drop to lower COVID levels as few new cases reported

With the number of new reported cases continuing to slow each week, Worth and its surrounded counties have dropped to the lower levels of community threats from COVID-19, according to the CDC.

Based on the recently updated formula to determine the community COVID-19 threat, Worth remains at the medium level

The new CDC formula uses the new cases in a week, out of a population of 100,000. With a population of 7,381, and two new cases the figure that is the primary CDC consideration for Worth County was at 27.1 cases out of a population of 100,000. With less than 200 new cases out of a population of 100,000, that once again put Worth in at lower consideration.

Hospitalization utilization levels in neighboring counties, where Worth residents with COVID complications would go, remained at levels that would put Worth County in the medium community level, according to the CDC.

At the medium community level, the CDC recommends that those at high risk talk to a health care provider about the need for masks and other precautions and that everyone stay up to date with vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.

In the week before spring break, the number of new COVID cases remained amongst the lowest since the first cases began to appear in Worth County in the spring of 2020.

Between March 2 and March 9, there were 2 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Worth County, for a new total since the pandemic began of 1,750.

Across the eight county region that includes Worth and bordering counties, according to the CDC, community levels include low for Freeborn, Mitchell and Floyd counties. Like Worth, Mower, Winnebago, Hancock and Cerro Gordo counties were at the medium level.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 45,239 COVID-19 cases reported by state agencies. That is up 126 in the past week, from the total as of March 2. That includes 2,942 in Winnebago, 2,830 in Hancock, 11,034 in Cerro Gordo, 3,518 in Floyd and 2,460 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 8,946 in Freeborn and 11,759 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

For the eight county region that includes Worth County, there have been 519 deaths. That was up 6 since March 2.

According to the CDC, 3,814 residents of Worth County had been fully vaccinated, for 51.7% of the total population. That is up 11 Worth County residents since March 2.

CDC numbers show that 4,061 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 55% of the population. That is up 4.

In the county, 1,335 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 86.4% of that population. Of that age group, 1,397, or 90.4% have had at least one dose.

Of those 18 and over, 3,570 have been fully vaccinated, for 61% of that population. Of those, 3,795 have received one dose, for 64.9%.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,743, or 58.6% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,985 or 62.4% have received at least one dose.

Of those 5 years and older in Worth County, 54.8% have been fully vaccinated and 58.3% have received at least one dose.

Of those fully vaccinated in Worth County, 2,119, or 55.6% have received a booster dose. Of the county's population, 28.7% are fully vaccinated and boosted.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates that include 51.9% in Winnebago, 49.3% in Hancock, 62.7% in Cerro Gordo, 52.6% in Floyd, 48.5% in Mitchell, 57.1% in Freeborn and 61.7% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 57.6% 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.

Fluctuating grain prices cause co-ops to limit buying

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A highly volatile commodities market caused by Russia's war against Ukraine has prompted some farmer cooperatives to suspend their cash bids to buy grain from producers.

Landus Cooperative, the state's largest agriculture co-op, announced Friday it would cease its cash grain bids at 1 p.m. that day because of "increased market risk & volatility caused by the Russia-Ukraine conflict," according to a note on its website that has since been removed.

Landus resumed its normal grain bidding on Monday, said Mary Harrington, a spokesperson for the company. She did not know whether Landus would pause the bids again in the near future.

"It's not just Landus doing this," said Chad Hart, an economics professor at Iowa State University who specializes in crop markets. "In extreme situations like this, if they're really worried about the risk, they'll just pull the bid off for a day or two and then jump back in later when they feel the markets are more settled."

It's unclear when the markets will settle as the overseas war continues, with the potential to affect exports and the upcoming planting season. Russia and Ukraine are major wheat producers, accounting for about a quarter of global exports. Wheat prices have had the most-pronounced increases among grain commodities and reached an all-time high on Friday.

Ukraine is also a major corn producer, and the price of corn eclipsed $7 per bushel last week and was higher than it's been since 2012. The same is true for soybeans, which neared $17 per bushel at one point last week but receded.

Even though grain prices are trending upward, there is uncertainty about how high they might go or when they might fall.

"Commodities as a whole saw their biggest weekly gains since 1960," Landus said in an explainer of the market volatility it posted to its website on Monday.

The surging prices have attracted attention from a wider swath of investors, including amateurs that are commonly referred to as "retail investors," Landus said. Exchange-traded funds for grains — which allow commodity contracts to be bought and sold similarly to stocks — have been among the most-talked-about investments by the online community Reddit and the investment-minded social media platform StockTwits, Landus said.

"As a result of this massive interest in commodities from outside sources, we are seeing an incredible divergence from futures in the cash market, with many elevators taking their bids well out into the deferred months if they are even looking to buy at all," Landus said.

That is true of Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company in Arcadia, which bought an abnormally high amount of corn last week — about 400,000 bushels — from area farmers who pounced on the high prices, said Darrell Henkenius, the chief executive of the western Iowa co-op.

"This month we're not taking (more) corn, just digging ourselves out," Henkenius said. "Nobody expected $7 corn this year. The only reason we have $7 corn is because we have a war going on."

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Livestock Master Matrix adopted in 86 counties

Most of Iowa's 99 counties notified DNR in January that they plan to evaluate construction permit applications and proposed animal confinement locations by using the master matrix.

With few exceptions, most counties will use the matrix during the next 12 months. The following counties will not use the matrix in 2021: Benton, Davis, Des Moines, Guthrie, Grundy, Keokuk, Lee, Mahaska, Osceola, Plymouth, Wapello, Warren and Washington.

Additional requirements are required for animal confinement producers who need a construction permit before they can build in counties using the matrix. Producers qualify by choosing a site and using practices that reduce impacts on air, water and the community.



When a county adopts the master matrix, the board of supervisors can provide more input to producers on site selection, and proposed structures and facility management. Participating counties score each master matrix submitted in their county and can recommend DNR approve or deny the construction permit. They can also join in DNR visits to a proposed confinement site.

While all counties may submit comments to DNR during the permitting process, counties that adopt the master matrix can also appeal a preliminary permit to the state Environmental Protection Commission.

The deadline for enrolling in the program is January 31 of each year.

Find more information, including a map of participating counties, on DNR's AFO webpages under Master Matrix.

The master matrix applies only to producers who must get a construction permit to build, expand or modify a totally roofed facility. Generally, these are confinement (totally roofed) feeding operations with at least 2,500 finishing hogs, 1,000 beef cattle or 715 mature dairy cows.



Showing they care

The young people in the confirmation class at First Lutheran Church spent some time last week helping with a project to provide support for refugees of the war in Ukraine. The confirmation class decorated boxes and labeled them with information on items that are needed for personal care kits that will be sent to refugees through the Lutheran World Relief organization. Items needed include light weight dark colored bath towels, bars of soap, adult size toothbrushes, sturdy combs and metal nail clippers. Those that would like to donate items, may do so in the decorated boxes at the top of the front entry stairs in the church by April 3.

Manly congregations continue Lenten tradition

In the late 70s, the four congregations in Manly began worshipping together during Lent. Services rotate between the congregations as Christians throughout the world journey to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. This year the tradition will continue, and all are welcome to worship together. Worship is at 4 p.m. with a light meal with freewill offering or refreshments served after the worship.

This year's schedule is:

• March 20 at Bethel United Methodist

• March 27 at New Bethel Baptist at Bethlehem Lutheran

• April 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic

The host congregation plans the service and if there is inclement weather will decide if it will be cancelled. The service will not be made up.

Bethlehem Lutheran hosted the Community Lenten Series on March 13 at 4 p.m. There was a light meal following the service.

Bethlehem Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the church started in Manly in 1922. The congregation will be hosting a Centennial Celebration on July 31, 2022. During Lent, the cross which was constructed by Art Sabin using railroad timber, is at the front of the Sanctuary. The Sabins were instrumental with Rock Island Railroad, and they served as custodians for many years at Bethlehem.

Bethlehem Lutheran is part of the Hope United Lutheran Parish in Worth County. The current building was built in 1954, and the foundation was built by members utilizing their own equipment.



Northwood Anchor

Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

Wednesday, Coffee & Crafts, 9:30 a.m., Lenten Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 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 Presthold, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Lenten Service - Elk Creek; Thursday, WELCA - EC, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, WELCA EC, Quilting; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:45 a.m., Elk Creek Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

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Don't worry about your own happiness



One of the supreme ironies of human nature is the fact that being overly concerned about our own happiness usually diminishes it, while working diligently to improve the welfare of others usually adds to our own happiness. And, while it is true that we should be the primary caretakers of our own welfare, and should tend to our own health, education and well-being with care, it is still the case that being overly concerned with our own happiness almost always interferes with it. Happiness is usually a byproduct of other activities. Perform your work well and you'll probably feel good about it. Cultivating your relationships with family and friends pays big dividends in terms of our happiness. Limit your desires for material things. Greed and envy are preventable obstacles to happiness; money and material things are a very fleeting source of satisfaction. So, do what you can to help others, and do it with a pure heart, seeking only the good of the other and not your own. – Christopher Simon

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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.
Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

I met Jim Fox in the late 80s when we both lived in Mason City. He loved good food as I did but one interesting thing about Jim was that he hated cheese...all kinds of cheese. He would order a pizza without any cheese; just imagine that! A job change took him to Oviedo, Florida and he became involved in the Chamber of Commerce there. Home Cookin' is a community fund-raiser cookbook the Chamber put together in 1994 and Jim saw that I received a copy. Here are recipes from some of Oviedo's finest cooks.

Toucan Willie's Twice Baked Potatoes

3/4 cup chopped yellow onion
1/4 cup chopped green onion
1/4 cup real bacon bits
1/4 cup real butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 large baking potatoes
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Shredded Cheddar to taste
1/2 cup Velveeta® cheese, diced
1 1/4 cup real sour cream

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Thoroughly wash/scrub the potatoes, dry with paper towels and bake until done, about 40 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. When cool enough to handle, cut in half lengthwise and scoop out the "meat" of the potato leaving about 1/2-inch shell inside the skin. Put the potato into a mixing bowl and add the rest of the ingredients except the Cheddar. Mix gently but well; don't whip! Fill the shells with the mixture only slightly above the edge of the skin shell. You might have a few extra shells; enjoy them with salt and pepper! Sprinkle Cheddar on top of each shell to your liking. Return to the oven and bake until the cheese bubbles, 8-10 minutes.

Barbecued Pork Chops

1 1/2 cups water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire
3/4 cup good catsup
2 teaspoons salt
3/4 cup cider vinegar
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon hot sauce (or more)
8 thick (1") pork chops

Combine all ingredients except the chops in a heavy medium saucepan, stirring well. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove sauce from heat and set aside. Trim any excess fat from the chops. Either grill them over medium heat OR cook under the broiler, 15 minutes on each side or until done to your liking. Baste frequently with the sauce and serve with the remaining sauce. NOTE: this homemade barbeque sauce is great with anything grilled.

Toucan Willie's Spiced Crumb Pudding

1 cup soft bread crumbs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 teaspoons real butter, softened
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup brown sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
2 tablespoons molasses
1/2 cup raisins, chopped
1/2 cup all-purpose flour, sifted

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix together bread crumbs and buttermilk. Stir the butter, sugar and molasses together in a small bowl and add to the buttermilk mixture. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the buttermilk mixture. Combine well. Blend in the chopped raisins. Pour this into a greased 10x6x2-inch baking pan (or as close as you can get). Bake for 20-25 minutes and serve warm with vanilla ice cream. Serves 6-8.

I have no idea who Toucan Willie is or was but the name was on several recipes throughout the book. Also included was a chart telling the amount of food needed to serve various numbers of people, 25, 50 or 100. So, if you are planning a wedding, reunion or other large party, it says you'll need 12 pounds of cheese if everyone gets a 2 oz. serving. And... that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



N-K performs at District Speech



The Northwood-Kensett Speech Team traveled to Forest City High School on Saturday, February 26, for District Individual Speech Contest.

Four performers represented N-K. Andrew Breitsprecher, a senior, performed in the category of Improv and earned a Division I rating. Senior Emma Davidson performed in two categories, Prose and Poetry. In the category of Prose, Davidson performed "To Build a Fire" by Jack London and earned a Division II rating. In the category of Poetry, Davidson performed "A Woman Wrapped in Silence" by John Lynch and earned a Division I rating. Ellie Ehrhardt, a junior, performed in the category of Prose, reading "Death by Scrabble" by Charlie Fish and earned a Division I rating. Junior Teagan Johnson performed "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein in the category of Poetry and earned a Division I rating.

All four performers earning Division I ratings advanced to the State Individual Speech Contest on Saturday, March 12, in Clear Lake.

The N-K speech team is coached by Beth Butler.

Deadly bird flu infects northwest Iowa turkey flock

By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

A commercial flock of 50,000 turkeys in Buena Vista County was culled after tests confirmed on Sunday that some of the birds were infected by a highly contagious and often deadly avian influenza, according to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

It was the second time in less than a week that the virus was detected in a flock of domestic birds in Iowa. The other was a backyard flock of 42 chickens and ducks in Pottawattamie County.

The state is monitoring five other commercial poultry facilities that are within about six miles of the Buena Vista site, along with 37 backyard flocks.

"This is certainly a time of heightened alert," Mike Naig, the state's secretary of agriculture, said Monday. "It is critically important that livestock producers and their veterinarians closely monitor the health of their animals."

The Buena Vista flock was killed, and the carcasses will be composted or buried near the facility to help prevent the spread of the highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Naig said early detections and swift responses to such infections are key to avoiding a scenario similar to the last outbreak in 2015 that led to the culling of more than 30 million birds in Iowa. That year, several operations were affected in Buena Vista County, including one with about 5.5 million egg-laying hens.

The newly affected flock was composed of 15-week-old turkeys that might have been nearing their butchering weight. It's likely they were somehow infected by wild birds that are migrating through the state, State Veterinarian Jeff Kaisand said. Infected birds expel the virus in their feces and in nasal and oral secretions.

"You should assume it's in all wild birds," Kaisand said of the virus.

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a disaster proclamation for the county Monday to provide more state resources for monitoring and disinfection.

The virus has been confirmed at 23 commercial or backyard operations in a dozen states since Feb. 8, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Among the affected flocks were 1.2 million commercial poultry in Delaware, 664,000 egg-laying chickens in Maryland and 360,000 meat chickens in Missouri.

The virus is unlikely to infect humans.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Does Medicare cover power lift chairs?

Dear Savvy Senior,

Because of back pain and knee arthritis I'm interested in getting a power lift recliner for my living room that's easy for me to get into and out of. Does Medicare cover them?

Can't Get Up

Dear Can't,

Yes, Medicare does indeed provide some coverage for lift chairs, provided your doctor prescribes it for a medical reason, but they won't cover the entire cost of the chair. Medicare will only pay for the motorized lifting mechanism, which is considered durable medical equipment (DME), and is covered under Part B. The other parts of the chair – the frame, cushioning, and upholstery – are not covered. Here are a few more details you should know.

What Is a Lift Chair?

First, for those who aren't familiar with them, lift chairs, which look like traditional recliners, have motorized lift mechanisms built in that aid with standing up and sitting down for people with limited mobility. With the push of a button, a lift chair hoists a person from sitting to a position where they can comfortably stand up. It also works in reverse to help a person gently take a sitting position.

Medicare Coverage Requirements

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, to find out if you qualify for coverage, you'll need to get a prescription and a "Certificate of Medical Necessity" from your doctor that indicates your need for a lift chair. The conditions you'll need to meet include:

• That you have severe arthritis of the hip or knee, or a severe neuromuscular disease.

• That you can't stand up on your own from a regular chair.

• Once standing, you can walk independently or with the aid of a walker or cane.

• That you do not reside within a skilled nursing facility, hospice or nursing home facility.

You'll also need to purchase your lift chair from an equipment supplier that's enrolled in Medicare. To find and compare Medicare approved suppliers in your area go to Medicare.gov/medical-equipment-suppliers, type in your Zip code and "Seat Lift Mechanisms" in the equipment box.

If you do qualify, Medicare will pay 80 percent of the approved cost of the chair's motorized lifting mechanism, after you've met your Part B annual deductible. You, or your Medigap supplemental policy (if you have one), will pay the remaining 20 percent of the lift mechanism. You will also pay 100 percent of the remaining cost of the chair.

You should also be aware that if you do buy your lift chair from a Medicare supplier, you will likely pay for the total cost of the chair upfront and can then seek reimbursement from Medicare. Lift chairs can run anywhere from $400 to $2,000 or more depending on the fabric, options and upgrades. The reimbursement is usually between $250 and $300 depending on the state you live in.

Advantage Coverage

If you happen to get your Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, they too provide lift chair coverage, but they may impose different rules and will likely require you to see an in-network supplier. You'll need to contact your plan directly for details.

Other Helpful Options

If you find that Medicare won't cover your lift chair or if you're looking for something less expensive, there are assistive products you can add to your current furniture like the Stander EZ Stand-N-Go (Stander.com, $140), which has adjustable support handles that can be used on any sofa or recliner to help with sitting down and standing up.

Another way to make your furniture more accessible is by increasing its height with "furniture risers." These typically range from 2 to 5 inches in height and are inserted under the legs of your furniture. Costs range from a few dollars up to $50 or more and can be purchased at retail stores like Walmart and Target, or online at Amazon.com.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I bought an all-purpose tool at St. Menard's Hardware. I won't need any other tools as it works on everything.

Wow! What's it called?

A hammer.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I craved milk and stopped at a supermarket. I covered a lot of ground getting to where the milk lived. I found milk—1%, 2%, skim, whole milk, organic, strawberry, chocolate, lactose-free, soy, almond, rice, hemp, oat, coconut, cashew, kefir, goat, buttermilk, evaporated and condensed. I couldn't find any buffalo milk. Sold out, I suppose.

I was a victim of a DWI—Dressed Without Instruction. My wife had duties elsewhere. My spoon was poised above the shoreline of soup in a bowl. George Washington loved peanut soup—made from peanuts, carrots, onions and chicken broth. I had vegetable beef soup with a couple of potato chips because I'd run out of crackers. The chips had edges keen enough to slice carrots. Thomas Edison offered job applicants a bowl of soup and watched them eat. If they added salt and/or pepper before tasting it, they didn't get the job. Edison didn't want employees who relied on assumptions.

My neighbor Crandall sat behind me in school. He claims he'd have gotten better grades if I'd have just applied myself. One year, I formed The Button Cotton Defense League. Button cotton is belly button lint. Belly buttons were given to man so he'd have a place to put salt when eating radishes while reclining on a sofa and watching TV. That's why a navel needs to be kept lint-free.

Wanted: Alaskan agronomist

I'm on the board of the American Bald Eagle Foundation in Haines, Alaska, a lovely place—all mountains and fjords. The Foundation has a raptor center and a 14-acre farm. The law of the farm is there is always poop. We needed a veterinarian and there wasn't one in Haines. Our vet became Dr. Michelle Oakley of the TV show "Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet." We try to do good things but were hit hard by Covid and diminished tourism. The lack of cruise ships hurt financially. Nothing happens fast in Haines, other than mudslides. One filled the farm with asphalt and unidentified things. We need an agronomist.

I hailed a cab at the Juneau ferry terminal. It took five minutes past forever to get one even though I'd called early. I'd have had better luck getting a cab in Bethel, though it lacks a ferry. No roads lead to Bethel, which is 400 miles west of Anchorage and 40 miles inland from the Bering Sea. It has a population of 6,775 and is the economic hub for 56 villages. The city has 10 miles of paved roads, 20 miles of dirt roads and 70 taxi cabs. Cars can be prohibitively expensive to own. Bethel has the highest ratio of taxis per capita in the U.S.

An onion ring for dessert

In their "The Book of Joy," the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu outlined the eight pillars of joy, divided by mind (perspective, humility, humor, acceptance) and heart (forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, generosity). I stopped at a fast-food restaurant because it was the only place open late. The menu board showed a cheeseburger big enough to hurt a back while lifting one. I asked the clerk at the window if I could walk-through the drive-through. I was curious. She asked why I'd want to do that and said I couldn't until she asked her manager. There was no need. I sometimes stay in hotels near fast food joints and I've always wanted to hitchhike through a drive-through. I'd chip in on the gas. My order came and I had food in a bag. There was an onion ring in my french fries. I offered acceptance and gratitude for the surprise—and felt joy.

Nature notes

I rarely see gray (Hungarian) partridges at home but there was a chukar in my yard, an escapee from a game farm, following a pair around. The chukar isn't native to North America and the other partridges were the closest things to a chukar it could find. I named it Chubby Chukar. I had to.

I filled the seed dispensary units with sunflower seeds. These small vending machines dispense bird food when in the company of birds. Native Americans domesticated the sunflower. About 75% of the North American sunflower seed is produced in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Voles prefer eating plant materials and don't do well indoors. They rarely enter houses.

Meeting adjourned

Be kind first, ask questions later.

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Fit to print...

A productive vacation

With spring break underway at area schools, many have taken this week to go on vacation. Few will come back with as significant a souvenir of their trip as Mary Shelley did on a vacation in 1816. The story, found on history.com, follows:

Thunder, lightning and flickering candles. It sounds like the stuff of a horror story—and for Mary Shelley, it was. She wrote her masterpiece Frankenstein when she was just 19 years old, and the dark, stormy summer nights that helped bring her monstrous creation to life were nearly as dramatic as the novel itself.

Strangely enough, the saga of Frankenstein started not with a vision but with a volcano. In 1815, a gigantic volcanic eruption at Mount Tambora in Indonesia choked the air with ash and dust. The eruption killed roughly 100,000 people in its immediate aftermath, but the overall toll ended up being much higher—it is now considered to be the deadliest volcano eruption in history.

The next summer, the warm growing season never came. Instead of sunshine, most of Europe was covered in fog and even frost. Crop failures stretched across Europe, Asia and even North America for three years afterward. Famines, epidemics and political revolts followed. Historians estimate that at least a million people starved in the aftermath of Tambora's eruption, while tens of millions died from a global cholera pandemic that it unleashed.

During those three years of darkness and famine, some of Europe's greatest artists created their darkest and most enduring works. Mary Shelley was among them—but when she arrived at Lake Geneva in May 1816, she was looking for a vacation, not literary inspiration. Unfortunately the weather was so ghastly in Switzerland that she was trapped inside nearly the entire time.

Mary traveled with her lover, poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, their four-month-old baby and her stepsister, Claire Clairmont. At the time, Claire was pregnant with a child by Lord Byron, the groundbreaking poet whose personal affairs had made him one of England's most divisive celebrities. Most recently he had divorced his wife and, rumor had it, continued an affair with his half-sister. Plagued by gossip and debt, he decided to leave Europe.

After Byron's departure, the obsessed Claire convinced Mary and Percy to travel to Geneva with her. A few days later, Byron—clearly unaware that Claire would be there—arrived in town. Mary, who had eloped with her married husband when she was just 17 and was subsequently disowned by her intellectual family, sympathized with the scandalous poet.

Percy and Byron, who had been fans of one another's work, soon formed an intense friendship. They abandoned their other travel plans and rented nearby properties along Lake Geneva. During the frigid evenings they gathered with the rest of the group at theVilla Diodati, the stately mansion Byron had rented for his stay along with John Polidori, his doctor. They read poetry, argued, and talked late into the night.

The terrible weather kept them inside more often than not. Thunder and lightning echoed through the villa and their conversations turned to one of the big debates of the day: whether human corpses could be galvanized, or re-animated, after death. Mary, who described herself as "a devout but nearly silent listener," sat near the men and absorbed every word of their speculation about the limits of modern medicine.

As the days plodded on, conflicts between the vacationers began to simmer. Byron was annoyed by Claire's attempts to enchant him. Mary had to fight off sexual advances from Polidori, who had become obsessed with her. Percy was depressed. By the time three days of rain trapped them inside the villa, tensions had reached a boiling point.

They coped by reading horror stories and morbid poems. One night, as they sat the candlelit darkness, Byron gave them all a challenge: write a ghost story that was better than the ones they had just read. Inspired by a tale of Byron's, Polidori immediately complied. His novella "The Vampyre," published in 1819, is the first work of fiction to include a blood-sucking hero—which many think was modeled on Byron himself.

Mary wanted to write a story, too, but she couldn't land on a subject. "I was asked each morning, and each morning I was forced to reply with a mortifying negative," she later wrote. But one sleepless night, as thunder and lightning echoed off the lake, she had a vision. "I saw the hideous phantasm of a man stretched out," she wrote, "and then, on the working of some powerful engine, show signs of life."

The next morning, she could say yes when she was asked if she had a ghost story in mind. Her book, Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus, incorporated the eerie setting of the Villa Diodati and the morbid conversations of the poets. The story she later called her "hideous progeny" asks what happens when men pretend they are gods—inspired, perhaps, by the hubris of the company she kept in Switzerland.

Though she did not know it, Mary's book, which was published in 1818, would go on to revolutionize literature and popular culture. But the lives of the vacationers did not end happily. Polidori committed suicide in 1821. Percy Shelley drowned during a freak storm in 1822, when he was just 29 years old. Byron took the daughter he had with Claire, Allegra, away from her mother and sent her to a convent to be educated; she died there in 1822 at age 5. Byron died in 1824 after contracting a fever.

Of the group, only Mary and Claire lived past age 50. But the book that creepy summer inspired—and its terrifying story of life after death—lives on today.

Northwood Anchor **Early Files**

100 years ago

March 15, 1922

A reorganization of departments of the Schanke Company at Mason City place two Northwood men in more responsible positions. The territory for sales is divided into two divisions, one called the Eastern division, which will be under the supervision of Mr. H.A. Dwelle, and the other the Western division, under the supervision of Mr. H.H. Remore.

As a representative of Northwood High School in the subdistrict declamatory contest held at Clear Lake Friday night, Priscilla Jeson returned with flying colors having won first place in the humorous class.

Married at Albert Lea today were Miss Alta Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert L. Saltou, son of the Henry Saltous, all of the Northwood area. The young people returned to Northwood this afternoon after the ceremony and will go at once to their new home on the Will McQuatters farm, east of town, which has been newly furnished and made ready.

In the Jefferson Highway magazine, which for some reason has just come to hand, contains a nice write-up of Northwood illustrated by three pictures showing scenes in the city park, which is used as a free camp site for tourists.

Thursday and Friday evenings at the Slosson Theatre the glee clubs of the Northwood schools will stage one of the most pretentious musical productions ever attempted by local students. The entertainment is in the form of a Japanese operetta entitled "O'Hara San," in which several principals and a chorus of 60 will appear under the direction of Miss Dorothy Meder. Miss Lenore Lund is accompanist. The following have the principal parts: O'Hara San, Katherine Krogness, and others are Fred Hunchis, Oscar Johnson, Blanche Thompson, William Finch, Priscilla Jenson and Alton Madson.

75 years ago

March 13, 1947

Discussion of possibilities of construction of an airport for Northwood took up most of the time at the annual meeting of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce, held in the basement of the Masonic temple. The business session was followed a 6:30 p.m. dinner, which was attended by 85 members and invited guests.

Laurell Davis, a student of the Northwood high school who resides northeast of town, is the owner of the chicken with the most "charm, personality and sex appeal" in the Albert Lea-Northwood area, according to the opinion of judges at the "Slick Chick" contest held in Albert Lea.

M.J. Madson, Emmons stock buyer and trucker, bought 109 hogs from Frank Gillard of Glenville and for the porkers he paid $9,239. It was the largest check Madson had ever written for one lot of hogs, says the Emmons Leader.

Final results in the recent "Find the Friends of Scouting" campaign in Northwood were announced this week by Rev. O.H. Hove, chairman of the local campaign. A total of $632 was collected here, with a few scattering returns yet to be made. This is the largest amount ever raised locally for the Boy Scout cause.

The Rev. O.H. Hove, pastor of the Northwood Lutheran and Shell Rock Lutheran congregations, now merged into the First Lutheran Church of Northwood, announced at last Sunday's morning service that he had accepted a call to the pastorate of Zion Lutheran church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

After winning from the St. Joseph Catholic academy of Mason City in the opening round of play at the district high school boys basketball tournament at Mason City by a 44 to 41 score, the Northwood High School Vikings bowed to the strong Lake Mills high Bulldogs. The score was 37 to 31.

50 years ago

March 16, 1972

The new president of Waldorf College, Rev. Paul D. Mork of Forest City, opened the legislative session with prayer on February 29, the only time the legislature has ever been in session on that date. Shown shortly after the innovation are Representative Kenneth Logemann, Northwood, Rev. Mork, Lieutenant Governor Roger Jepsen and State Senator H.L. Ollenburg, Garner.

Northwood-Kensett basketballers Jim Hanson and Fred Rupert finished among the North Iowa Conference's top 10 scorers for the 1971-72 season, according to statistics. Hanson was seventh and Rupert eighth in total points scored and average points per game with respective tabs of 198 and 14.1 and 195 and 13.9. Hanson also finished high among conference reboundders, tieing Bruce Venteicher of Buffalo Center for fourth with a game average of 9.5 and a total of 133 rebounds.

The horse was decked out in a crocheted shawl for a 1898 photo. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nelson Degn, Nels and Clara are in the buggy. The house stood on the present Holtan tobacco farm.

Marine Pvt. Arndt E. Larson, son of Mr. Orville W. Larson, rural Northwood, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He is a former student of Glenville High School.

Mrs. Arleigh (Carol) Holstad was honored at the monthly all-hospital party at Naeve Hospital, Albert Lea. Mrs. Holstad is retiring after 14.5 years as a surgical nurse at the hospital. Mrs. Holstad received her training at Kahler Memorial Hospital, Rochester, and worked as a private nurse before going to Naeve. She plans to enjoy sewing and visiting her family along with some traveling in her retirement.

25 years ago

March 12, 1997

Northwood-Kensett High School students Sean Nagle, Caleb Ingersoll and Jack Johnson polished up their routine during rehearsals for N-K High's annual "Pops" concert. The curtain at the West Elementary auditorium will open on "Pops XXIX" on March 14-15, when students in N-K's four upper grades will display their musical and comedic talents under the direction of Nicole Spragle, David Kovarna and Donna Angell.

Inspired by a "Reading Safari" theme, youngsters topped their respective classrooms in Northwood-Kensett Elementary Schools recent "Read a Million Minutes" program. That included Jennifer Holstad, Emily Nagle, Travis Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Jessica Lowe, Joni Enderson, Jennifer Johnson, Jenna Hanson, Laura Kuennen, Jessica Iverson, Michelle Hrubetz, Zachary Patterson, Jacob Krull, Worth County Naturalist Dan Block and Leah Reyerson. Block furnished the school library several African big game trophy mounts and skins to promote the program.

Northwood-Kensett fourth grader Jenna Hanson, playing the role of Miss Hardnose, delivers a lecture to Ashlee Gaskill as Nicholas Kalvig and Garret Reeder gasp in surprise during rehearsals for "Inventive Mind, the Story of Benjamin Franklin." N-K's third and fourth grade students, will present the musical on March 18, in the West Elementary auditorium. Based on the TV show "Patriot Lives," the musical uses seven original songs to celebrate Franklin's life, philosophy, accomplishments and friends.

Christina Butler and Anthony Trosper were married on November 2, 1996, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Christina is the daughter of Debra Butler of Northwood and Dale Butler of Hampton, Iowa. Anthony is the son of Preston and Carrie Trosper of Minneapolis.

10 years ago

March 14, 2012

A number of lutefisk lovers and those that enjoy a variety of Norwegian foods gathered at the Northwood United Methodist Church on March 3 to enjoy the annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper. The annual event raises funds for the Northwood Special Events committee. Lois Hogen greeted people in traditional Norwegian attire and Lowell Gangstad entertained those waiting for their turn at the lutefisk table.

The students from Mrs. Myhre's first grade class brought some furry friends, in the form of stuffed animals, as their reading companions for February's theme reading day of "Bark for the Best Book."

A group of Northwood-Kensett sixth grade students took part in the regional Math Bee held on March 2 in Clear Lake. The Bee consisted of several rounds for individuals and teams. Topics included pattern, functions, fractions, decimals, measurement, geometry, rations, proportions, percentages, probability, statistics, number sense, graphing and estimation. The Math Bee team members are Warren Cooper, Aaron Stoneking, Morgan Johnson, and Sarah Pederson.

On March 11, members of the Deer Creek Ribbon Takers and Wohelos 4-H clubs joined forces to collect food for the Worth County Manna Food Shelves.

The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center had it's very own Miss Sadie Hawkins (JoAnn Lower) share some leap year folklore and traditions on February 29, with the guests who came for the free-will donation soup supper.

Dr. Mike Dierenfeld introduced Lisa Irons, Beef Ambassador, and announced Taylor Christensen as the 2012 Beef Ambassador.

Dennis Johnson, Iowa State University Worth County Extension Education Director, announced that Timen Moretz and Lisa Irons will attend the ISU Animal Science Round-Up.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

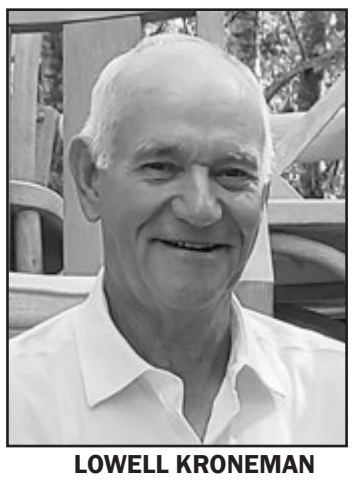
Lowell Kroneman

Lowell (Butch) Lloyd Kroneman, born on December 10, 1948, in Osage, Iowa, passed away on February 15, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota. God has called him home!

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Grace Evangelical Church, 440 N. Illinois Ave., Mason City, Iowa. Service at 10:30 a.m. with a farm-style fellowship to follow. Visitation is on Friday, March 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Church. Burial will be in the Grafton Cemetery at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 26. Arrangements are by Major Erickson Funeral Home, Mason City, Iowa.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa.

Butch is the son of the late Lloyd and Wilma (Rosel) of Grafton. He graduated from St. Ansgar High School in 1967; graduated from NIACC; and immediately joined the National Guard. He received an honorable discharge in 1975. Since a small child, farming was his passion and he did it well! He stayed on the family farm until he retired. Butch married Judy (Bandel) Janka, Northwood, Iowa, on August 7, 1982, and she and her two sons joined him on the farm. Later the births of Jenae and Kelli completed the family of six.



LOWELL KRONEMAN

Farm life first, but his hobby was tractor pulling and he did this for more than 50 years; always getting a little bigger and better. The decision to sell his pulling tractor, Dragon Iron, was a difficult one.

Butch and Judy moved to Osage, Iowa, in 2017, sold the acreage and Butch retired from farming in 2019. He did continue to farm as an employee of Cole Brothers, Grafton. In the off-season, he worked with Fox Auction Co. as needed.

Many tractor rides around Iowa were enjoyed by both Butch and Judy. Eventually Judy convinced him to purchase a Can-Am Spyder in the later years, an enjoyable change for both. Special memories include the trips to Alaska and New York with friends; and occasional trips to Florida and Arizona. They also looked forward to the annual vacations with their special friends in their breakfast club. Butch was compassionate and friendly to everyone he met.

Butch was a member of the American Legion Post #616 of Grafton for 30 years. He also served on many boards, some of them being Osage Coop Oil, Grafton Elevator, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Worth Co. Fair Board. Butch was a member of the Golden Banner 4-H Club and Thunder Chickens snowmobile club.

The family he leaves behind includes his wife, Judy, Osage, Iowa, and his four children, Jason Janka (Amanda Loss), Jeremy Janka (Tina Thorson), Jenae and Kelli (husband Ben Trussell.) Glen Bandel, his father-in-law, will also feel his absence.

Grandpa Butch will be sadly missed by grandchildren Jordyn Janka, Jason Price-Green (wife Amanda); Shedida Parker Janka, Jazmine Janka, Justin Janka, Kylee McGurk, Jordyn Espinosa (husband Cody), Addyson Billings, and seven great-grandchildren.

Butch was blessed with two sisters, Judy Hansen (Chuck) and Barb Postl (the late Mark Postl), and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Those preceding him in death are his parents, Lloyd and Wilma Kronemann; his mother-in-law, Virginia Bandel; brother-in-law, Mark Postl; grandchild, Jade Janka; and two step-grandchildren, Hailey and Sammy Riker and other extended family members.

Northwood Anchor **Legal**

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE EILEEN L. RUBLE TRUST AGREEMENT
DATED DECEMBER 26, 2019
PROBATE NO. ESPR009310
NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH IOWA CODE SECTION 633A.3110

To All Persons regarding Eileen L. Ruble, Deceased, who died on or about February 24, 2022.

You are hereby notified that Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company is the Trustee of the Eileen L. Ruble Trust Agreement dated the 26th of December, 2019, and any Amendments thereto.

Any action to contest the validity of the Trust must be brought in the District Court of Worth County, Iowa, within the latter to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this Notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the Trust must mail proof of the claim to the Trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this Notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this Notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2022.

CLEAR LAKE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF THE EILEEN L. RUBLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

Collin M. Davison
ICIS Pin No. AT0010905
Attorneys for Trustee
Laird Law Firm, P.L.C.
11 Fourth Street N.E.
P.O. Box 1567
Mason City, Iowa 50402-1567

Date of second publication 23rd day of March, 2022.

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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE JERRED D. RUBLE TRUST AGREEMENT
DATED DECEMBER 13, 2018
PROBATE NO. ESPR09309
NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH IOWA CODE SECTION 633A.3110

To All Persons regarding Jerred D. Ruble, Deceased, who died on or about February 18, 2022.

You are hereby notified that Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company is the Trustee of the Jerred D. Ruble Trust Agreement dated the 13th of December, 2018, and any Amendments thereto.

Any action to contest the validity of the Trust must be brought in the District Court of Worth County, Iowa, within the latter to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this Notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

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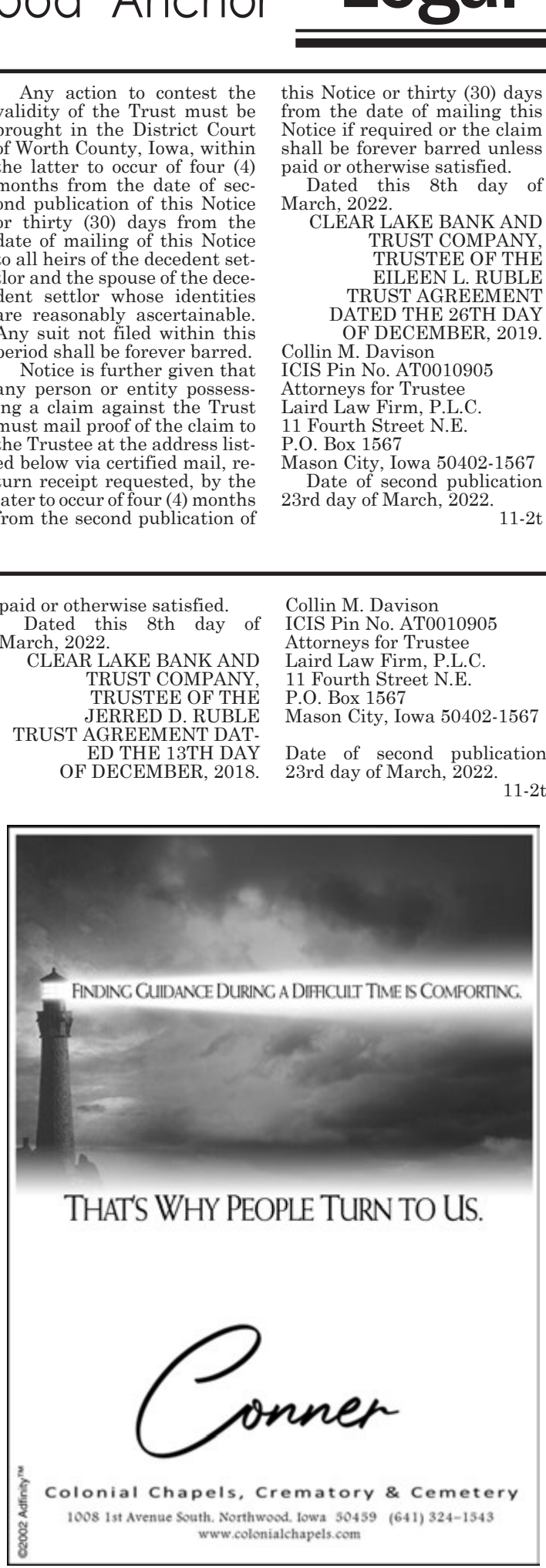
Dated this 8th day of March, 2022.

CLEAR LAKE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF THE JERRED D. RUBLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

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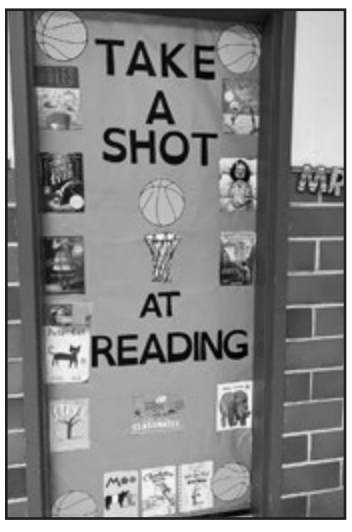
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET E. BARTNESS
Deceased
Case No. ESPR009308
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested In the Estate of Margaret E. Bartness, Deceased, who died on February 12, 2022.

You are hereby notified 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 undersigned with proof of delivery, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022.

Kelly S. Moore
1809 Meadow Lark Dr.
Polk City, IA 50226
Distributor for Estate

Date of second publication the 16th day of March, 2022.

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Supervisors

March 7, 2022
Tenth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, Enos Loberg and A.J. Stone, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from February 28, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of $17,865.00, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 11/ Main A, Prof Services ... $6,377.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 13 Open Main, Prof Services $3,024.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 24 Main Tile System, Prof Services $1,435.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 34 Main E, Prof Services ... $3,052.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 37, Prof Services..... $1,702.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 49, Prof Services..... $2,275.00
Grand Total..... $17,865.00

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $49,132.52, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Access Systems Leasing Service-Dap 102.44
Agvantage Fs Inc Fuel-Eng 26,116.56
Amazon Capital Services Supplies 1,792.72
Aramark, Service-Eng 166.94
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr 90.62
Black Hills Energy Inc Service-Eng 3,048.65
Brian M Kuchay, Md Ems Contract 100.00
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio Service-Ema 1,374.00
Conner Colonial Chapel Service-Mex 550.00
Frank Stearns Service-Mex 225.00
Greve Law Office Rent & Payroll-Aty 6,259.58
Hogan Bremer Moore Col Chapels Service-Mex 325.00
Iscta, Edu-Trs..... 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc Service-Shf..... 76.51
Knudtson Automotive Service Service-Shf..... 56.38
Law Enforcement Systems Inc Supplies-Shf 260.00
Lawson Products Inc Supplies-Con 549.55
Motorola Solutions Inc Supplies-Ema 365.00
Northwood Anchor Inc Renewal-Rec 40.00
Northwood Sanitation Llc Service-Gsr 191.50
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc Parts-Eng..... 445.70
Pitney Bowes Global Service-Dap 402.99
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc Service-Shf..... 54.08
Powerplan, Service-Eng.. 1,170.91
Reinhart Food Service Llc Supplies-Shf 555.47
Reserve Account Postage-Rec 111.20
Safety Solutions Service-Eng 500.00
Staples Credit Plan Supplies 180.00
Trading Post Supplies-Eng 219.54
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Iowa, Flex Fees-Ndp 653.40
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn Service-Gsr 3,098.78
Grand Total 49,132.52

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve monthly report submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the Purchase Agreement – Temporary Easement for ADA between Worth County and the Iowa Department of Transportation. Total compensation will be $100.00. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the payment in lieu of taxes waiver request for North Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve a bid for the replacement of boiler accessories in the amount of $4,519.00 by Larsen Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adjourn at 9:10 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAUREEN CATHRYN WUBBEN,
Deceased
Probate No. ESPR009305
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Laureen Cathryn Wubben, Deceased, who died on or about the 14th day of February, 2022.

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of February, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Laureen Cathryn Wubben, deceased, bearing date of the April 22, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael D. Wubben was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022.

Michael D. Wubben
4530 Apricot Lane
Lake Mills, IA 50450
Executor of the Estate

Jeremy J. Gray
Newman Thompson
& Gray, PC
36131 Highway 69
Forest City, IA 50436
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 16th day of March, 2022.

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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONNIE J BREVIG,
Deceased
Probate No. ESPR009306
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bonnie J. Brevig, Deceased, who died on or about the February 10, 2022.

You are hereby notified that on February 28, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Bonnie J. Brevig, deceased, bearing date of the March 24, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jody Brandt and Lisa A. Brevig have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this February 28, 2022.

Jody Brandt
4448 Westwood Dr.
West Des Moines, IA 50265
Executor of the Estate

Lisa A. Brevig
601 Ash Street
P.O. Box 87
Kensett, IA 50448
Executor of the Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: 000001969
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 16th day of March, 2022.

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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRED D. RUBLE, DECEASED
PROBATE NO. ESPR009309
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jerred D. Ruble, Deceased, who died on or about February 18, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of February, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Jerred D. Ruble, deceased, bearing date of the 13th day of December, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2022.

Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company
Collin M. Davison
ICIS Pin No. AT0010905
Laird Law Firm, P.L.C.
11 Fourth Street NE
P.O. Box 1567
Mason City, Iowa 50402-1567
Attorney for the Estate

Date of second publication 23rd day of March, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
WORTH COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

The WORTH COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

Meeting Date/Time: 3/28/2022 08:50 AM | **Contact:** Jacki A. Backhaus | **Phone:** (641) 324-2316

Meeting Location: 1000 Central Ave, Northwood

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,068,274	0	5,068,274
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	32,503	0	32,503
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	367,574	0	367,574
Net Current Property Tax	4	4,668,197	0	4,668,197
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	250	0	250
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	8,769	0	8,769
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,612,886	0	4,612,886
Intergovernmental	8	4,270,117	716,836	4,986,953
Licenses & Permits	9	33,230	0	33,230
Charges for Service	10	285,955	0	285,955
Use of Money & Property	11	174,841	0	174,841
Miscellaneous	12	203,359	0	203,359
Subtotal Revenue	13	14,257,604	716,836	14,974,440
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	1,334,130	2,500,000	3,834,130
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,591,734	3,216,836	18,808,570
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,659,138	0	2,659,138
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,117,913	0	1,117,913
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	400,027	0	400,027
County Environment & Education	21	1,037,380	0	1,037,380
Roads & Transportation	22	4,180,104	0	4,180,104
Government Services to Residents	23	488,503	0	488,503
Administration	24	1,828,281	723,500	2,551,781
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	4,193,864	0	4,193,864
Capital Projects	27	5,280,000	0	5,280,000
Subtotal Expenditures	28	21,185,210	723,500	21,908,710
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Tranfers Out	29	1,334,130	2,500,000	3,834,130
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	22,519,340	3,223,500	25,742,840
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-6,927,606	-6,664	-6,934,270
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2021	33	11,134,264	0	11,134,264
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	4,035,939	0	4,035,939
Fund Balance - Committed	37	170,063	0	170,063
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	656	-6,664	-6,008
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2022	40	4,206,658	-6,664	4,199,994

Explanation of Changes: Revenue Amendments: $716,836.50 ARPA Funds, $2,500,000 Transfers for Hwy 105 Road Project
Expense Amendments: $700,000 for Water/Sewer Projects, $23,500 increases in General Fund Expenses, $2,500,000 Transfers for Hwy 105 Road Project

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
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: 3/28/2022 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: 1000 Central Ave, Northwood

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

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

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

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

		Budget 2022/2023	Re-Est 2021/2022	Actual 2020/2021	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,690,338	5,068,274	5,108,651	5.54
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	38,468	32,503	38,468	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	339,930	367,574	339,930	
Net Current Property Taxes	4	5,311,940	4,668,197	4,730,253	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	39,522	250	41,406	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	40,882	8,769	40,882	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,253,417	4,612,886	4,523,878	-3.04
Intergovernmental	8	4,680,871	4,270,117	5,219,591	
Licenses & Permits	9	218,968	33,230	218,968	
Charges for Service	10	321,201	285,955	321,201	
Use of Money & Property	11	118,238	174,841	118,238	
Miscellaneous	12	40,000	203,359	620,203	
Subtotal Revenues	13	15,025,039	14,257,604	15,834,620	
Other Financing Sources:					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	1,373,294	1,334,130	1,590,337	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	17,002	0	17,002	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	16,415,335	15,591,734	17,441,959	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,754,506	2,659,138	2,433,562	6.39
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,332,087	1,117,913	958,541	17.89
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	400,027	220,860	
County Environment and Education	21	1,123,626	1,037,380	1,047,289	3.58
Roads & Transportation	22	4,815,743	4,180,104	4,041,037	9.17
Government Services to Residents	23	518,071	488,503	456,335	6.55
Administration	24	1,971,492	1,828,281	1,858,112	3.01
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0	
Debt Service	26	945,373	4,193,864	2,279,604	-35.60
Capital Projects	27	2,330,000	5,280,000	2,285,937	0.96
Subtotal Expenditures	28	15,790,898	21,185,210	15,581,277	
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,373,294	1,334,130	1,590,337	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	17,164,192	22,519,340	17,171,614	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-748,857	-6,927,606	270,345	
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	4,206,658	11,134,264	10,863,919	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,102,264	4,035,939	10,225,236	
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	170,063	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	176,253	0	198,541	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	179,284	656	710,487	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	3,457,801	4,206,658	11,134,264	

Proposed property taxation by type:	Proposed tax rates per $1,000 taxable valuation:
Countywide Levies*: 4,098,425	
Rural Only Levies*: 1,591,913	Urban Areas: 6.10000
Special District Levies*: 0	Rural Areas: 9.04500
TIF Tax Revenues: 2,681,551	Any special district tax rates not included.
Utility Replacement Excise Tax: 200,752	

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO LEVY GENERAL BASIC PROPERTY TAX RATES WHICH EXCEED STATUTORY MAXIMUMS The accompanying budget summary requires a general basic property tax rate that exceeds the maximum rate as established by the general assembly. Comparison of the proposed general basic rate with the statutory maximum 3.50000 general basic tax rate and the dollar amount of the difference between the proposed rate and the maximum rate:

Proposed General Basic Tax Rate per $1,000 of Taxable Value:	4.25000
Maximum General Basic Tax Rate per $1,000 of Taxable Value:	3.50000
General Basic Tax Dollars to be Generated in Excess of Maximum:	521,037

Major reasons for the difference between the proposed general basic tax rate and the maximum basic tax rate:
Continued need for additional money to permit continuation of services which benefit county taxpayers.

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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EILEEN L. RUBLE, DECEASED
PROBATE NO. ESPR009310
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Eileen L. Ruble, Deceased, who died on or about February 24, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of February 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Eileen L. Ruble, deceased, bearing date of the 26th day of December, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.

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EPA and partners establish a plan to eliminate preventable lung cancer deaths from radon

Fourteen organizations representing the Federal government, states, Tribes, industry and non-profit sectors have announced a new plan to protect public health and reduce the risks of radon, "The National Radon Action Plan (NRAP) 2021–2025." The NRAP is a public-private partnership spearheaded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the American Lung Association with a shared goal of preventing 3,500 deaths annually from radon-induced lung cancer.

"Exposure to radon is a persistent threat to public health, causing thousands of lung cancer deaths each year," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "The National Radon Action Plan announced today will help us better protect the health and wellbeing of communities across the nation by providing the tools and training to prevent radon-induced lung cancer."

"In our country, nearly 1 in 15 homes has elevated levels of radon, and we must work collectively to address this health hazard," said U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Deputy Secretary Adrianne Todman. "The National Radon Action Plan's public-private collaboration will accelerate radon reduction and prevention and drive equitable action to protect underserved communities. HUD will continue to work with our local, state, and federal partners to reduce the harmful effects of radon exposure."

"Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer in the U.S., so we must do everything we can to reduce preventable risk factors like radon," said Harold Wimmer, National President and CEO of the American Lung Association. "Because radon is so widespread, it will take an aggressive and coordinated approach to address the health risks from this radioactive gas in all buildings, including homes, apartments, schools and workplaces. The new National Radon Action Plan presents a great path forward for the nation to prevent lung cancer from radon and save lives."

NRAP 2021–25 sets a goal for the nation to find, fix and prevent high indoor radon levels in 8 million buildings by 2025 and prevent at least 3,500 lung cancer deaths per year. The plan revolves around actions that will save lives by fixing existing buildings, constructing new buildings with radon-resistant features, and expand the certified, professional radon workforce. It also spotlights addressing radon as a health equity challenge and prioritizes new strategies to reduce radon risk in underserved communities, particularly low-income populations and communities of color.

The NRAP 2021–25 is the third installment of a strategy to increase action on radon. It began with the Federal Radon Action Plan 2010–15, which led to protections from radon in approximately 100,000 multi-family homes annually, among other federal actions. The Federal Radon Action Plan was expanded in 2015 to include eight non-governmental organizations through the NRAP 2015–20, which resulted in actions that are saving nearly 2,000 lives annually. Read more about the impacts of the NRAP 2015-20 at Reflection on the National Radon Action Plan's (NRAP) Progress, 2015-2020.

Radon is a radioactive gas that can seep up from the soil into homes, schools and other buildings. Since radon is invisible and odorless, dangerous levels can exist indoors without occupants knowing. Testing is the only way to determine the indoor radon level in a building. Exposure to radon causes an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths annually in the United States. Fortunately, straightforward and effective approaches are available for reducing indoor radon and when used properly, they can prevent radon-induced lung cancer and save lives.

Find more information on radon and the National Radon Action Plan.

Anchor Sports



The N-K boys' basketball team held its annual awards banquet last week. Receiving awards were Jason Hanson (MVP), Kooper Julseth (Defensive MVP) and Colby Eskildsen (Newcomer Award). Photo provided by Amber Julseth.

Hanson, Eskildsen and Julseth take home boys basketball honors

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team held its annual post season awards banquet last week. Receiving awards were Jason Hanson, Colby Eskildsen and Kooper Julseth.

Head coach Marty Cotter also handed out letters to this year's players who qualified. Those included Hanson, Dante Sims, Nolan Senne, Eskildsen, Julseth, Carter Anderson and Evan Lorenzen.

This season's MVP went to Hanson, who was a stable presence in the middle this season. Hanson, in TIC East play, averaged 12.7 points, 1.3 blocks, 1.5 steals, 1.2 assists and a team high 7.8 rebounds.

Eskildsen, just a freshman, was awarded the Newcomer Award. He led the team in TIC East play with 13.4 points per game. He also had 1.4 steals, 3.3 assists and 4.9 rebounds per game.

Rounding out this year's award winners is this season's Defensive Player, Julseth. Just a freshman as well, Julseth made a name for himself on the court this season for his relentless hustle on both ends of the floor.

He averaged 11.5 points, 1.2 blocks, 1.8 assists, 4.1 rebounds and a team high 2.5 steals in conference action this year.

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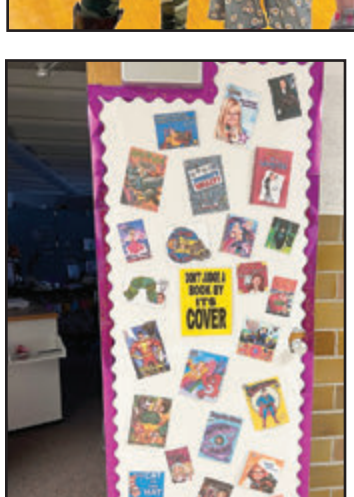

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