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## Fire claims rural home

**On March 11, a fire claimed a home in rural Kensett, located at 1175 430th Street. The Kensett and Northwood fire departments were dispatched to the home shortly before 6 p.m. on March 11. They arrived to find the home fully engulfed. The home belonged to Fred and Sue Varner and their children, none of whom were home at the time. Unfortunately, the family's home, pets and belongings were lost in the fire. An online fundraising campaign to help the family recoup can be found online at gofund.me/395c7c0a. The picture above was shared by Paul Ausenhus, who said that he saw the home partially on fire and it was totally engulfed in the time it took to turn around for a picture.**

# Activity Center membership details approved by board

The Northwood-Kensett school board recently discussed and approved the costs, hours and other details of how the Vikings Activity Center will be offered to the public when it opens this summer.

As construction has been underway, N-K and City of Northwood representatives have been working to iron out the details of how the community fitness center being built at the school, the Vikings Activity Center, will be operated.

The facility will include two gyms, a walking path and weight and fitness equipment, all available to the public, with a membership.

With construction set to wind down in May and the center currently set to open in June, the details of how it will operate to the public has been one of the last considerations.

At their board meeting on March 10, the school board approved a management plan for the activity center.

Part of that is staffing. An operations manager will be responsible for scheduling, overseeing other employees, approving requests for the use of the facility and coordinating memberships.

The plan is to adjust the schedule and duties of current school district employee Jordan Reindl to serve in that role.

Other employees will include those that operate the front desk. They will welcome and assist members and monitor and clean equipment and other areas

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# Supervisors continue discussion of potential TIF spending

At recent meetings, the Worth County Supervisors have continued discussion of the projects that may be financed using future wind turbine and other property tax revenue.

As the newest wind turbines have come online in the northeast corner of the county and with some undesignated tax revenue from other turbines, the supervisors have discussed several infrastructure and economic development projects that could be financed with those funds.

Before the County can spend those funds, they must first amend the county's URP (urban renewal plan), which is the official document that designates where TIF (tax increment financing) revenue can be spent. TIF refers to the process of borrowing against future tax revenue.

At the March 7 meeting,

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## Suspect arrested in Grafton restaurant burglary

A suspect has been arrested in connection with a burglary at Gobbler's Roost in Grafton last year.

According to court documents two men, Brandon Wayne Hufstedler and Jesse Daniel Perrott, entered the bar and damaged gaming machines, a jukebox, a security camera, a computer, food in a cooler and a window as they entered, as well as stealing money from machines and in other places in the business.

One of the men, Perrott, 27, of Algona, was being held in the Worth County Jail last week on charges of burglary, criminal mischief and fraud.

## Democratic convention set for March 26

The Worth County Democratic Convention will be held this 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.

## Father pleads guilty in snowmobile theft, son's charges dismissed

The disposition of the charges against a Kensett father and son alleged to be involved in the theft of a snowmobile and trailer have been decided.

Deryck William Leitner Sr., 48, of Kensett and Dery William Leitner, Jr. were arrested after a snowmobile and trailer were reported stolen in December. The vehicle and trailer were found at their home with the vehicle identification numbers ground down and a grinder nearby.

Leitner Sr. has pleaded guilty to changing the VIN as a habitual offender. Sentencing has been scheduled for April 25.

Charges of second and third degree theft against Leitner Jr. have been dismissed.



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

| Date | Hi | Lo | Prec. |
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| Tues. March 15 | 55 | 28 | |
| Wed. March 16 | 69 | 31 | |
| Thurs. March 17 | 47 | 35 | |
| Fri. March 18 | 45 | 32 | |
| Sat. March 19 | 56 | 26 | |
| Sun. March 20 | 53 | 27 | |
| Mon. March 21 | 62 | 54 | |

# Elk Creek soup supper set for Sunday, March 27

The Elk Creek Lutheran church WELCA annual soup supper will be held this Sunday, March 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Elk Creek is located at 4108 Killdeer Ave., Kensett.

Homemade chili, chicken noodle, and cream of potato soups will be served. The chili and potato soups are gluten free. French bread, crackers, and pie will also be served.

Adults are $8, children 5-10 are $5, and children under 5 are free. Take-out orders will also be available. Call 641-845-2386.

Elk Creek has been holding the soup supper for around 30 years.

A bake sale will again be held, featuring homemade cookies. There will be quilts available for purchase.

The women of Elk Creek have a long tradition of serving. They held an annual Fall Breakfast in the 70s and 80s. Then in the 90s the women served a salad luncheon for a couple years. After that the WELCA started having the soup supper.

Through the years they have served different soups, but have been serving the chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato for a number of years.

The men of the church have also been involved with the serving of the soup and also working on the dish detail.

The proceeds from the supper will be used for projects the WELCA organization is involved with.



## A warm weather return

**During the recent spring-like weather, a few creatures made an unseasonable return. That included this wasp, which was spotted in the warm sunlight moving along a local roadway.**

National Ag Week — See Pages 6-7




## NVFC funds for better equipped transportation

**The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company recently received a $4,000 donation from Viafield along with their partner co-op Land O'Lakes to convert the existing rescue truck into a more capable vehicle for handling calls to grass fires and vehicle accidents. Pictured are (from left) Chris Menke and Brandon Severson from Viafield and NVFC chief Blake Severson.**

# All but one area county at 'low' levels of COVID, the other 'high'

Last week's changes in COVID cases brought community levels in area counties to the low level, with one exception.

Based on the updated formula to determine the community COVID-19 threat, Worth is now at the "low" level, as are the neighboring Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago and Mower counties. The standout is Freeborn County with a "high" community level.

The 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 for the second week in a row. 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 Cerro Gordo County, where Worth residents with COVID complications would most likely go, remained at levels that would put Worth County in the low community level, according to the CDC.

At the low community level, the CDC recommends that everyone stay up to date with vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.

For several weeks, the official numbers have remined at the lowest numbers since early in the pandemic.

Between March 9 and March 16, there were again 2 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Worth County, for a new total since the pandemic began of 1,752.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 45,387 COVID-19 cases reported by state agencies. That is up 148 in the past week, from the total as of March 9. That includes 2,945 in Winnebago, 2,832 in Hancock, 11,051 in Cerro Gordo, 3,527 in Floyd and 2,463 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 9,034 in Freeborn and 11,783 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

For the eight county region that includes Worth County, there have been 526 deaths. That was up 7 since March 9.

As state and federal agencies have noted, the officially reported numbers likely make up a small representation of COVID levels, as many have turned to home tests. Case and test results will come from public health offices, clinics, hospitals and other places that report numbers to the government health agencies.

According to the CDC, 3,821 residents of Worth County had been fully vaccinated, for 51.8% of the total population. That is up 3,821 Worth County residents since March 9.

CDC numbers show that 4,066 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 55.1% of the population. That is up 5 since March 9.

In the county, 1,355 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 86.4% of that population. That has remained unchanged for three weeks. Of that age group, 1,397, or 90.4% have had at least one dose. That has remain unchanged for two weeks.

Of those 18 and over, 3,577 have been fully vaccinated, for 61.1% of that population. Of those, 3,800 have received one dose, for 64.9%.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,750, or 58.8% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,990 or 62.5% have received at least one dose.

Of those 5 years and older in Worth County, 54.9% have been fully vaccinated and 58.4% have received at least one dose.

Of those fully vaccinated in Worth County, 2,129, or 55.7% have received a booster dose. Of the county's population, 28.8% are fully vaccinated and boosted.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates that include 51.9% in Winnebago, 49.5% in Hancock, 62.8% in Cerro Gordo, 52.7% in Floyd, 48.6% in Mitchell, 57.2% in Freeborn and 61.9% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 57.7% 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.

## Center
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as needed.

Also discussed were hours of operation for the center, all tentative and subject to change based on the needs and usage of the members.

During the school year, the center will be open Monday through Thursday, from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and on Sunday, from noon to 9 p.m.

During the summer, the center will close at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 4 p.m. on Friday. Weekend hours will remain the same in the summer.

The center will be open for all users during those hours. The only exception is for those that are younger than ninth grade, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Memberships will vary, with options for single or family prices, as well as reduced prices for seniors.

Family memberships will cost $400 per year. Single memberships will be $250. High school student memberships will be $80 and college students can be members for $120. Senior prices, for those 60 and over, include $200 per couple or $125 for single memberships. Day passes will be available for $10.

The school board approved the management plan as the tentative initial details. The plan may change before the center opens and may be adjusted after the center opens as the needs and the usage of the community are reviewed.

## TIF
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county engineer Rich Brumm presented a number of road and bridge projects that could be completed with wind turbine TIF.

At previous meetings, Brumm had discussed challenges that the County is facing in finding funding to complete those projects, without the use of TIF revenue.

Brumm presented information listing 13 bridge projects ranging in estimated cost from $15,000 to $275,000 at a total cost of $2,045,000.

Road projects included 390th Street from Highway 65 to Grafton, at an estimated cost of $2,044,878; and Thrush Avenue, north of Highway 105 to the border, at an estimated cost of $936,000. Road projects recommended for TIF funding totaled $2,980,878.

The total cost in TIF funds to pay for the recommended road and bridge projects would be $5,025,878.

At the March 14 meeting, the supervisors continued discussion with John Danos, an attorney guiding the County in developing the URP document that is used to inform the public and make official the areas where future taxes can be borrowed, as well as the areas that the taxes will be spent, and the projects that will be paid for with those funds.

Danos said that the County needs to provide general details of the projects, such as the locations, as well as best estimates, with some cushion for contingencies, for the cost of the projects.

The supervisors discussed potential TIF projects at the meeting,

That includes the road and bridge projects discussed at the March 7 meeting, at the estimated total cost of roughly $5 million.

The supervisors also discussed their potential guarantee of a pipeline development that would provide natural gas to the Manly Terminal area.

The Supervisors have discussed the possibility of serving to guarantee a loan for Readifuels-Iowa, a company that plans to build a pipeline to bring natural gas to the Terminal area for a plant that turns animal fat into fuel.

At the March 14 meeting, the supervisors discussed having $10 million available in TIF funds as a guarantor for the company's loan.

The supervisors have also discussed using TIF to pay for courthouse renovations or the construction of a new courthouse.

The supervisors are still in the planning stages and did not have set plans or estimated costs to share at the meeting.

The supervisors planned to work on that information, as well as more specific location and other details before continuing the URP process.

After making the proposed changes to the urban renewal plan available to the public and holding public hearings, the supervisors can approve the updated URP.

With that in place, the supervisors can begin the process of using TIF to pursue the projects.

# March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Iowa. As part of this annual health observance, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is encouraging Iowans starting at the age of 45 to get screened for colorectal cancer (CRC).

Often preventable with routine screenings, one in 24 Iowans will be diagnosed with CRC during their lifetime. In most cases, CRC develops from precancerous polyps, or abnormal growths, in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can find these polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer. The tests can also find CRC early, when treatment works best. Regular screening starting at age 45 is the key to preventing CRC (cancer of the colon or rectum).

CRC is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States for all genders. An estimated 106,000 Americans will be diagnosed with CRC and more than 44,000 will be diagnosed with rectal cancer in 2022, according to the American Cancer Society.

In 2022, an estimated 1,600 Iowans will be diagnosed with CRC and 540 will die from the highly treatable cancer, according to Iowa Cancer Registry.

Early cases can begin as noncancerous polyps and precancerous polyps and CRC do not always show symptoms.

Through IDPH's Iowa Get Screened program, free CRC screening is available to eligible Iowans at the Black Hawk County Health Department and the Polk County Health Department. Additionally, through a cooperative agreement with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), IDPH provides funding and resources to 10 Federally Qualified Health Centers in Iowa to help increase CRC screenings among the people they serve.

"There are a number of different screening tests available and some can be done in the privacy of your own home," said Jeanna Jones, BS, RTT, Screening Promotion Coordinator with the IDPH Iowa Get Screened Program.

In addition to age and family history, other risk factors for colorectal cancer include lack of regular physical activity; a diet low in fruits and vegetables; a low-fiber, high-fat diet; being overweight; regular or heavy alcohol consumption; and tobacco use.

For more information about colorectal cancer and the Iowa Get Screened Program, visit www.idph.iowa.gov/igs.

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## The mystery of the MRE

**Students in Family and Consumer Science classes at Northwood-Kensett were recently visited by SSG Luke Scheer, from the Northern Iowa National Guard. Scheer brought MREs (meals ready to eat) to the classroom. He shared information about the nutrition and science involved in the portable meals used on duty. The students also got a chance to sample some of preparation and taste the meals.**

# Spring cleaning



**Doug Moehle**
Northwood Mayor

## Let Us Talk

Spring is just around the corner and I see quite a few people outside cleaning up. I want to remind all Northwood residents that Spring Cleanup days are set for April 27 through April 30. I also want to let you know that hazardous waste collection will be held this fall.

There seems to be a lot of confusion about the recent enforcement of our parking regulations. I want to confirm the fact that NO new parking regulations have been created. There are five pages of parking regulations in Northwood so I can't print them all. I will highlight the most offended:

69.01 Park adjacent to Curb. No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the right hand wheels of the vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as hereinafter provided in the case of angle parking and vehicles parked on the left-hand side of one-way streets.

69.03 Angle Parking. Angle or diagonal parking is permitted only in the following locations:

1. 7th Street North on the east side from Central Avenue to 1st Avenue North;

2. 9th Street North on the west side from the alley to Central Avenue;

3. 8th Street South on the east side from Central Avenue to 1st Avenue South;

4. 9th Street South on the east side from Central Avenue to south line of City-owned property.

69.06 Parking Prohibited.

4. Sidewalks. On or across a sidewalk.

Another heads up is that property owners will be given until July 15, 2022, to complete any needed sidewalk maintenance.

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Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, IA

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# Capitani awarded degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic

Chandler Capitani of Northwood graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main campus in Davenport, Iowa, on February 25, 2022.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.

# River City Chorus to perform two shows at NIACC

The River City Chorus is set to perform two shows at the NIACC Auditorium on Saturday, April 9.

At least six dozen singers will take the stage on April 9. The "Back in Harmony" concerts will feature chorus chapters from both Mason City and Waterloo. Rehearsals have been on-going for months.

The guest quartet will be Midtown. Based out of Manhattan NY, Midtown is a dynamic, international award winning vocal quartet that provides an entertainment experience capable of catering to multiple venues, audiences and ages.

Mason City performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on April 9 in the auditorium at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City.

Tickets are $12 for adults in advance and $20 at the door; $5 for students in advance. Tickets are available online at www.rivercitychorus.org/events/spring-show, by email at babershoppers@mediacombb.net or by mail at River City Chorus, PO Box 915, Mason City, IA 50401.

Also, at 7 p.m. on April 23, the choruses will perform at Central Intermediate School in Waterloo. Tickets are $15 for adults; $5 for students. Harmonium is the guest quartet.

# Bolan

The Bolan Trinity United Methodist Women met on Wednesday evening at the home of Pam Wirtjes. One of the items shared was that as of March 3, 2022, our organization has a new name. We are now "United Women in Faith." This is a part of the rebranding and changes coming to our organization from the National office after four years of study, interviews, recommendations, etc. We will maintain the legal name United Methodist Women while operating as United Women in Faith. We remain the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church and remain the organization training women for leadership, growing spiritually, transforming through education, and providing opportunities for service and advocacy.



**N-K Math Club celebrates academic successes**

**Members of the Northwood-Kensett Math Club recently hosted the annual academic pep assembly, sharing the successes and activities of students that take part in academic extracurricular activities. The pep assembly was also held to celebrate Pi Day (March 14 or 3/14), with a number of pie-based activities. N-K Math Club members pictured above include (in front, from left) Trent and Drake Tiedemann, (middle row) Kale and Ariah Bode, Weston and Wyatt Willand, Chloe Costello, Jadyn Beland, Ashlynn Skellenger, (back row) Kenny Conlin, Christopher Madsen, Jon Meksi, Teagan Johnson, Emma Davidson, Andrew Breitsprecher, Hayden Moore, Thomas Block, Madalynn Hanson and Math Club advisor Mrs. Willert.**

# How will Iowa's new tax law affect retired farmers?

## Law introduces two exemption options for retired farmers

**By Katie Akin**
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Retired farmers will have several new tax exemptions to choose from under Iowa's new tax law, which Gov. Kim Reynolds signed last week.

Retirement income taxes will be one of the first things eliminated under the new law. Beginning in 2023, Iowans will no longer pay state tax on income from 401(k) plans, pensions or other retirement accounts. Reynolds said the change "rewards retirees, who have worked… all their lives."

But Rep. Lee Hein, a farmer and the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that provision left out farmers who rent or sell their land to fund their retirement.

"We out here on the farm, our investment is to buy ground and farm it for a lifetime," Hein, R-Monticello, said. "And then whenever we get to that retirement age, either rent it out or sell it to live off of it and retire. You can look at it as this is our 401(k)."

That's why Iowa's new tax law has two options for retired farmers, Hein said, essentially granting them the same retirement income tax cut. Farmers may choose to exempt the income they receive from renting out their farmland, or they may receive a tax exemption from selling their farm property.

How does the farm lease income tax exemption work?

Many farmers rent out their property or enter crop share agreements upon retirement. That means they either rent out the land per acre, or they form an agreement with tenants to divide the proceeds from crops.

The retired farmer's income from cash rent or crop sharing will be tax-free beginning in tax year 2023. This applies even to retired farmers who move out of state but rent land in Iowa, as they will still be required to file state taxes here.

One major caveat: Hein said the exemption applies only to individual farmers. Farmers that operate as C corporations, partnerships, LLCs or other ownership structures may not claim the new exemption on farm lease incomes.

"Basically, you have to be an individual farming as an individual to qualify at this time," he said.

Hein anticipates the Legislature may change the requirements in future sessions.

Due to that restriction, fewer farmers will qualify for the exemption. A nonpartisan analysis of the bill predicts about 1,300 filers would qualify for the tax exemption each year. That means about $2.1 million less in taxes going to the state in 2024.

Who is eligible for the farm lease exemption?

To claim the farm lease exemption, individuals must be all of the following:

Retired farmers over 55

Held the property for 10 years or more

"Materially participated" in farming business for 10 years or more

No longer materially participates in farming

Taxpayers may not claim the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit and the farm lease exemption in the same year. Individuals must also choose between the farm lease exemption and the capital gains extension.

How does the capital gains exemption work for retired farmers?

If a farmer chooses to sell off their property and livestock, rather than rent it out, the individual would be eligible for a capital gains tax exemption. The exemption applies to the sale of property, cattle, horses and breeding livestock.

Individuals may not claim both the capital gains exemption and the farm lease exemption.

A nonpartisan analysis of the bill predicted the farm lease exemption would be more popular than the capital gains exemption. Hein explained that, for many family farms, it's more cost-effective for a retired farmer to rent the land to the next generation, then leave it to them in a will.

"If my ultimate goal… is to keep it in the family and keep the next generation in the farming operation, I more than likely would rent it to my son or to whoever and take the cash rent as income," Hein said.

The Legislative Services Agency estimated the farm capital gains tax exemption will cost the state an estimated $7.2 million in fiscal year 2024.

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**REMINDER**

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***Sunset Rest Cemetery Board***

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# IDPH awarded funding to foster nutrition equity across the state

Recently, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that it has received grant funding of $144,275 from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) as part of its newly established State Partnerships Improving Nutrition Equity (SPINE) program. SPINE is a federal program that addresses food and nutrition security through sustainable and equitable actions that tackle economic and social conditions limiting food and nutrition security across the lifespan.

The IDPH Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity SNAP-Ed team will work with stakeholders to address food insecurity with policy, system, and environmental (PSE) change projects as part of the Iowa Food System Coalition that aligns with the goals of the Iowa food plan.

"We're proud to be a member of the SPINE program and the funding from NACDD allows us to continue our efforts to address root causes of food insecurity with policy, system, and environmental changes" said Jill Lange, M.P.H., R.D.N., L.D., bureau chief of the IDPH's Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity. "PSE changes are critical in addressing needs for food and nutrition security across Iowa as they use a multidimensional approach to solve multidimensional issues."

In addition to Iowa, eight other states were selected to receive support: Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Oregon. NACDD is working with the nine SPINE states to build and implement sustainable partnerships, programs, and services into existing efforts, especially in communities with populations at high risk (Black people, Latinx, American Indians/Native Americans, young children, aging adults, and people with disabilities). States will receive augmented support, including tailored and extensive training and technical assistance to increase food and nutrition security, reach populations at high risk, and address health equity.

Visit www.chronicdisease.org/spine-program for more information about the SPINE program. To learn more about the Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity, visit www.idph.iowa.gov/nutrition-physical-activity.

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Retirement income taxes will be one of the first things eliminated under the new law. Beginning in 2023, Iowans will no longer pay state tax on income from 401(k) plans, pensions or other retirement accounts. Reynolds said the change "rewards retirees, who have worked… all their lives."

But Rep. Lee Hein, a farmer and the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said that provision left out farmers who rent or sell their land to fund their retirement.

"We out here on the farm, our investment is to buy ground and farm it for a lifetime," Hein, R-Monticello, said. "And then whenever we get to that retirement age, either rent it out or sell it to live off of it and retire. You can look at it as this is our 401(k)."

That's why Iowa's new tax law has two options for retired farmers, Hein said, essentially granting them the same retirement income tax cut. Farmers may choose to exempt the income they receive from renting out their farmland, or they may receive a tax exemption from selling their farm property.

How does the farm lease income tax exemption work?

Many farmers rent out their property or enter crop share agreements upon retirement. That means they either rent out the land per acre, or they form an agreement with tenants to divide the proceeds from crops.

The retired farmer's income from cash rent or crop sharing will be tax-free beginning in tax year 2023. This applies even to retired farmers who move out of state but rent land in Iowa, as they will still be required to file state taxes here.

One major caveat: Hein said the exemption applies only to individual farmers. Farmers that operate as C corporations, partnerships, LLCs or other ownership structures may not claim the new exemption on farm lease incomes.

"Basically, you have to be an individual farming as an individual to qualify at this time," he said.

Hein anticipates the Legislature may change the requirements in future sessions.

Due to that restriction, fewer farmers will qualify for the exemption. A nonpartisan analysis of the bill predicts about 1,300 filers would qualify for the tax exemption each year. That means about $2.1 million less in taxes going to the state in 2024.

Who is eligible for the farm lease exemption?

To claim the farm lease exemption, individuals must be all of the following:

Retired farmers over 55

Held the property for 10 years or more

"Materially participated" in farming business for 10 years or more

No longer materially participates in farming

Taxpayers may not claim the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit and the farm lease exemption in the same year. Individuals must also choose between the farm lease exemption and the capital gains extension.

How does the capital gains exemption work for retired farmers?

If a farmer chooses to sell off their property and livestock, rather than rent it out, the individual would be eligible for a capital gains tax exemption. The exemption applies to the sale of property, cattle, horses and breeding livestock.

Individuals may not claim both the capital gains exemption and the farm lease exemption.

A nonpartisan analysis of the bill predicted the farm lease exemption would be more popular than the capital gains exemption. Hein explained that, for many family farms, it's more cost-effective for a retired farmer to rent the land to the next generation, then leave it to them in a will.

"If my ultimate goal… is to keep it in the family and keep the next generation in the farming operation, I more than likely would rent it to my son or to whoever and take the cash rent as income," Hein said.

The Legislative Services Agency estimated the farm capital gains tax exemption will cost the state an estimated $7.2 million in fiscal year 2024.

# Cybersecurity concerns for farmers and agribusiness

Farmers and those employed in the agricultural industry should be mindful of the risks involved with internet security and what they can do to keep themselves and their companies safe.

With so much activity being done online, farmers share the same risks as those employed in other industries – sometimes even more so.

According to Doug Jacobson and Ally Frickel, electrical and computer engineering specialists at Iowa State University, the farming sector is sometimes targeted by cybercriminals because of farming's critical function – supplying the food and fiber that humans and animals depend upon.

Farmers and the food industry cannot afford to be without their computer system for long, a fact some cybercriminals have used to their advantage.

In an effort to educate farmers and companies, Jacobson and Frickel recently wrote an article for the "Acreage Living Newsletter" – a publication of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach – that covers some of the basic cybersecurity things farmers should be doing.

"These attackers kind of tend to roll from sector to sector and it seems like farming and ag is kind of the new sector," said Jacobson, who is a university professor of electrical and computer engineering. "They are going after organizations they think have the capability to pay and the business model they feel requires them to pay."

Individuals can be just as susceptible as large companies, and even though cybersecurity is regularly in the news, it can still become easy to fall prey.

"I think now more than ever it's a great time to educate people and remind them of the risks that are out there," said Frickel, a program specialist in electrical and computer engineering. "I think the attackers are getting more creative and in some cases going after those in a more critical, life-or-death enterprise."

The article covers several mitigation tactics related to email use, malware, authentication passwords, and the importance of creating backups of important files.

Not only do backups help in the event of a cyberattack, but they also help in the event of a natural disaster, or a lost or stolen computer device.

Frickel said she plans to provide additional articles in the future, to help address the unique experiences farmers are having with cybersecurity.

The full article, Farmers and Cybersecurity, is available online. The authors' key takeaways are listed below:

- No legitimate organization will ever ask for bank information, social security number or password.
- Use multifactor authentication.
- Consider using cloud-based backup to protect from cyberattacks and natural disasters.
- If individuals need the help of a tech person, there are many qualified people who can help.

Additional topics in the most recent "Acreage Living Newsletter" include the Master Gardener Winter Series, the Driftless Region Beef Conference and the Small Farm Sustainability Podcast.

More information about how cybersecurity relates to farmers, Doug Jacobson can be reached at dougj@iastate.edu; and Ally Frickel is available at africkel@iastate.edu.


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# Ag Day essayist: 'Growing a Climate for Tomorrow'

*Agriculture Council of America Announces 2022 National Ag Day Essay Contest Theme*

In preparation for National Ag Day 2022 on March 22, the Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is hosted an essay contest. The theme for this year was American Agriculture: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow.

This essay contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay. Both are national competitions. Both winners will receive $1,000.

The contest was open to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen and attending school in the U.S. Contestants must meet all requirements to compete.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

• Understand how food and fiber products are produced

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

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

• Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry

The winning video essay can be viewed online at https://www.agday.org/2022-contest-winners.

Below is this year's winning written essay:

**American Agriculture: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow**

*By Haden Coleman, from Trinity, Texas*

As farmers and ranchers, our job is to work to secure food and resources for the world. It is up to us to help those that are hungry and in need be able to obtain and afford these items. As time ticks on, we are facing different challenges. However, with the advances in technology, production is more efficient, more profitable, and safer than ever before. The future of agriculture is bright.

As producers and processors, farmers are some of the most productive people in the world. They work day and night to care for their herd or crops. Today, technology has helped with so many aspects of caring for their produce that it has truly changed the way we work. With these advances we can now monitor moisture levels, get up-to-date aerial images, and machines that complete the job faster and more efficiently. This allows the producer to work more efficiently, with higher productivity. Thus lowering costs. In lowering cost and increasing production, we can provide quality products at a stable price.

Today's challenges are bigger now than ever before. We face climate change, legislation changes, and inflation that tries to block what we all strive to do. That is to provide quality products and services at fair prices so that everyone can benefit. Especially those that are hungry. So many people each year go hungry or die due to a lack of proper nutrition from food. Farmers and Ranchers are on the front lines of the food chain to provide for others as well as their families. We strive to be more efficient and environmentally friendly and I believe the advancements in technology will help us greatly. For example, monitoring moisture levels, we know when our crops need water. This in turn will decrease water usage and decrease run-off and in turn decrease the impact on the environment.

As we step into the next age of production, the use of technology is causing a chain reaction in the efficiency of farming and ranching. As time goes on, I believe that these impacts will help with the availability of products as well as the stability of costs. I, as a future producer, know that these advancements and changes will positively impact not only individuals but hopefully the entire world. I am hoping to be one of those individuals who can make a difference in the industry and make a difference in the health and well being of the people around me.




























# Agriculture Council of America announces 2022 National Ag Day date & theme

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) hosted National Agriculture Day on March 22, 2022. This marked the 49th anniversary of National Ag Day, which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2022 is "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

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

The National Ag Day program believes that every American should:

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

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

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

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

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

Why Celebrate Ag Day?

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

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

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

• Employment opportunities exist across the board in agriculture. Career choices include:

• farm production

• agribusiness management and marketing

• agricultural research and engineering

• food science

• processing and retailing

• banking

• education

• landscape architecture

• urban planning

• energy

• and other fields.

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

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

Agricultural literacy includes an understanding of agriculture's history and current economic, social and environmental significance to all Americans. This understanding includes some knowledge of food, fiber and renewable resource production, processing and domestic and international marketing.


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# The Constituent Connection



## Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

This week we experienced another legislative deadline - our second funnel week. While last week was dedicated to floor debate, this week we were back to full committee meetings – working through bills which have passed the House and been sent to the Senate for consideration and passage. This sets the stage for next week to be full of floor debate.

In regard to workforce in Iowa, this month we have approved a bill which removes the requirement of primary source verification for certain licensing boards, meaning an applicant can upload a copy of their transcript or diploma rather than requesting an official transcript or diploma be mailed from an institution. This change brings efficiency to state government and reduces barriers to licensure. By implementing this recommendation by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), we can improve timely reviews and eliminate a barrier to licensure for some applicants.

The Senate recently approved two bills related to the dairy production and marketing in Iowa. The first bill, SF 2309 legalized the sale of fresh milk for very small producers, 10 animals or less, to sell directly to the consumer. This bill ensures clear labeling so consumers know they are buying an unpasteurized product. It maintains strong consumer protections and is similar to laws in adjacent states governing the sale of fresh milk. These very small producers can now access a new business opportunity to sell a niche product directly to consumers. Fresh milk, and cheeses made from it, are growing in popularity and SF 2309 provides an opportunity for small producers to capitalize on that popularity safely.

The Senate also ran SF 2290 to foster and develop innovation in the traditional dairy industry. Last year the Legislature passed, and the governor signed, a bill commonly referred as the Butcher Bill to address the overwhelming demand for meat processing in Iowa exacerbated by the pandemic. SF 2290 applies a number of those policy initiatives to the dairy industry as well. It creates a Dairy Processing and Milk Production Innovation and Revitalization program in the Iowa Economic Development Authority in coordination with the Iowa Department of Agriculture. An artisanal dairy study is also created to explore establishing an artisanal dairy processing program at a community college or university. The goal of this bill is to help create new career opportunities in the dairy industry and expand economic development in rural Iowa.

Tax relief has always been a priority for Senate Republicans. The new tax policy represents months of hard work to make Iowa a better place to live, work, and make home. It is a policy that encourages work and rewards success, makes Iowa more competitive with other states and helps our state grow.

A recent Iowa Poll by the Des Moines Register indicates Iowans support of the tax relief bill signed by Governor Reynolds a few weeks ago. Most Iowans support the 3.9 flat tax meant to provide a simpler and fairer system for Iowa taxpayers. Since passing the bill, we have heard a lot of feedback about it. We have heard from retired Iowans who are thrilled about the income tax exemption on retirement income. We have heard from small business owners happy to have a lower rate so they can put more money into their business or hire more workers.

Last year the Iowa Legislature passed a number of bills to address the need for access to affordable child care. One of those bills established a task force to study the issue. The task force recommended making changes to the number of children an adult can watch in a child care facility.

We recently passed Senate File 2268 to address the accessibility and availability of child care and implement some changes recommended by the task force. It eases the regulations on child care centers and allows them more flexibility on how many children they can accept per adult. Also, young adults – sixteen years old and up – can now provide full-time care in child care centers in an effort to ease the staffing burden in child care centers.

As we see a shortage in educators in Iowa, especially substitute educators, the newest legislation addresses this concern by providing that a certified paraeducator with a substitute authorization may substitute in any PK-12 classroom (except driver's education) for the 2021-2022 school year. The school must make a good-faith effort to employ a substitute teacher who is not a para before using the para as a sub and must pay the para the same rate as a non-para for the work or the para's regular rate, whichever is higher.

As many students across Iowa enjoyed spring break I took the opportunity to have my daughter, Elyse, join me at the Capitol for a few days. We enjoyed our father-daughter time together and hopefully she was able to see what I do while away from home and working in the Iowa Senate.

# Week 10: Mental health care, protecting landowners



## Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 51

Week 10

It was the end of the second funnel week on Thursday and the legislature was busy getting legislation approved. The second funnel is a deadline to keep both the House and the Senate focused on the bills they can pass this year. For bills to stay eligible for debate this year, they must be approved by a committee in the House and the Senate. The funnel week deadline does not include budget or tax bills.

Increasing Access to Mental Health Care

This week, we passed three pieces of legislation to increase Iowans' access to mental health care. In past years, we've taken meaningful steps forward to increase Iowans' access to care. We created a children's mental health framework, passed telehealth payment parity, established a steady funding stream for the state's mental health regions. HF 2529 appropriates funding for 12 new psychiatry residencies at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. HF 2549 establishes a mental health practitioner loan repayment for Iowans that practice in Iowa for at least 5 years. HF 2545 requires Medicaid to establish a rate for psychiatric intensive care in Iowa to ensure our providers are being compensated properly. Iowa ranks 44th in the nation for psychiatrists per capita. Increasing access to mental health care is a huge priority for Iowans and these bills will help more Iowans get the care they deserve.

Leveling the playing field for landowners

This week, the State Government committee passed legislation to provide protections for landowners negotiating with CO2 pipeline projects. Pipelines cannot seek or use eminent domain before March 1, 2023. At that time, the legislature will be back in session and prepared to take necessary action. The goal of this legislation is not to interfere or stop pipeline projects in Iowa, but to level the playing field when negotiating. Private property rights work both ways--for landowners who want to work with pipelines and for those that do not; this compromise respects the rights of both.

Reelection

It is official. I filed my reelection papers with the Secretary of State's office at the state capitol this week. I appreciate the opportunity to represent the people of District 51 and I look forward to meeting and working with constituents in my new District 60. District 60 includes Worth, Mitchell, and the west portions of Floyd and Cerro Gordo counties.

As always, feel free to contact me with your concerns or questions on issues.

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## Wanting what you can't quite have



Human nature is such that most of us aren't seduced by what is completely beyond our reach, but by the thing that is just out of reach. Employees who pilfer from their companies are often just trying to live a slightly more lavish lifestyle than they can afford. We see the same thing in matters of romance. Most of us know that the beauty queen or the captain of the football team is "out of our league" and we don't even try for them, but we are drawn to the attractive boy or girl who sits next to us in class and who kindly helps us with our homework, even if we know she's not interested in us. Wanting what we can't quite have isn't necessarily a bad thing. It's good to aim high in life, but desiring things we can't have is also a source of considerable pain and frustration. Keeping up with the Jones's and pining after someone who isn't interested in you is unsatisfying in the short run and in the long run it can lead to a sense of deep disappointment and even resentment. We start to have a sense that life is unfair and we envy those who appear to have the things we want, and moreover appear to have achieved those things so effortlessly. Appearances can be deceiving, however, and you might be surprised to find that Mr. Jones down the street isn't so happy with his big house or his beautiful wife. Strive to be content with what you have, and thank God every day for the blessings he has bestowed on you. – Christopher Simon

***But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. – 1 Timothy 6:6-8***

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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**

Door County Wisconsin is a favorite tourist destination. Lots of wineries, fish boils, cherries, apples and more, depending upon the time of year. If you take a short boat ride from the tip of the peninsula you'll come to Washington Island, another interesting place. "Bethel Friends Favorite Recipes" (G&R Publishing, Waverly, Iowa) is a thick, spiral-bound fund-raiser cookbook from Bethel Church. It has lots of "church lady" recipes between the pages. The picture on the cover, hand drawn, has 1997 written underneath but there is no real publication date on the book. It's hard to choose which recipes to try when there are so many tried and true dishes but today we'll bake cookies.

**Raisin Squares**
**(Mrs. Del Crichton)**

1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup real butter, softened
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 large egg
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup raisins
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Cook the raisins in 1 cups of water until soft. Drain them but reserve the water. Cream together the butter and sugar, beating well. Add the egg and mix. Add the raisin water along with the salt, baking soda, cinnamon and vanilla. Combine thoroughly. Mix in the flour and nuts. Make sure the dough is well mixed with no white spots of flour showing. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Pour the dough into a sprayed 9x13-inch baking pan and smooth into an even layer. Bake for 20 minutes or until they test done with a toothpick. Frost with powdered sugar icing and cut into squares.

**Orange Coconut Cookies**
**(Carol O'Neil)**

1 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 large eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon orange extract
1/2 cup margarine
3 oz. sweetened, flaked coconut

SANDY'S NOTE: You will rarely see me use margarine in a recipe rather than real butter but, in baking sometimes butter melts differently and the cookie dough will spread out rather than keeping its shape. So I just bite my tongue and use the fake stuff!

Cream the margarine and sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs and orange extract and beat until smooth. Sift together the dry ingredients except the coconut. Add to the wet mixture, stirring until well combined. Refrigerate dough for 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Roll the cold dough into small balls about the size of a walnut. Roll in the coconut. Place on a greased cookie sheet about 2-inches apart. Bake for 12-15 minutes.

**Toffee Crunch Cookies**
**(Joy Gunniaugsson)**

1/2 cup real butter, softened
2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 large egg
6 Heath® candy bars, chopped
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla. Combine well. Add the dry ingredients and mix in so flour is moistened and not visible. Stir in the chopped candy bars and the nuts. Mix well. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Drop the dough 2-inches apart on a parchment covered cookie sheet. Bake 12 minutes, cool and frost.

Frosting:
1 cup brown sugar
5 tablespoons butter, softened
3 tablespoons milk
3/4 cup real chocolate chips

Bring the first three ingredients to a boil in a small, heavy saucepan. Add the chocolate chips and beat well until they are melted. Let the frosting cool a few minutes then spread on each cooled cookie.

I love all kinds of cookies. Soft ones, crisp ones, monster-sized and petite bites. I'm not much of a baker but even I can master a few cookie recipes. And… that's all she wrote.

# Northwood Anchor Society



# Bloomingdale discusses legislative issues with Northwood seniors

Recently, those taking part in the congregate meals at the Northwood Senior Center welcomed a visitor as local legislator Jane Bloomingdale joined them for a meal and a discussion of legislative action and issues.

Bloomingdale, who represents Worth County in the Iowa House of Representatives, joined them for a meal on Friday, March 11.

After the meal was over, Bloomingdale welcomed questions, as well as sharing some information on her activities at the Iowa Capitol.

Bloomingdale was first asked if there was anything that would impact seniors that had gone on at the legislature.

Bloomingdale talked about some of the benefits they will see in the new tax reform, such as ending state taxes on retirement income and options for retired farmers to reduce taxes.

Asked about education and programs being considered to provide scholarships to private schools, Bloomingdale said she didn't expect that to be approved, but that she was opposed, saying that public dollars are for Iowa's public school students.

Acknowledging the several retired teachers on hand, Bloomingdale mentioned that she had heard from working teachers that they had felt attacked by some of the bills that had been introduced in the session. She said that she understood that feeling, but noted that any legislator can introduce any bill they want, but it usually doesn't make it far if it's not good for Iowa.

Bloomingdale addressed claims that changes to election laws were acting as voter suppression. She said that Iowa was still one of the states with the longest times to request absentee ballots and to be able to cast them, even if that time had been reduced. As to the polling hours, she said that they had been cut back from 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. to support the poll workers who aren't allowed to leave on election days.

Bloomingdale also talked about the redistricting process and said that she was glad to still represent all of Worth and Mitchell counties, along with the slices of Floyd and Cerro Gordo counties in the district she now represents.

Asked about the rising fuel prices, Bloomingdale said that the Iowa legislature is working on ways to allow for more ethanol use to offset higher gas prices.

In discussing her activity on the local government committee, Bloomingdale said that some things being considered are potential vehicle and license fee increases, which haven't increased in some time. She said the fees would stay with the counties that handle the service and could help with property tax relief.

Asked about partisanship in politics, Bloomingdale said that is largely not the case at the state level, with the majority of those serving able to work together without parties getting in the way.

Bloomingdale also mentioned the vaccine issue. She said that it should be a choice. She also said that she chose to get vaccinated and didn't understand why anyone wouldn't want to have that protection for themselves or their families. But, she said that no one should be forced to take the vaccine and that there are people that have their reasons.

Bloomingdale was also asked if she would ever consider a run at national office. She said that she was happy where she was, getting the chance to hold discussions like the one that day.

# NIACC presents 'Buckets N Boards Comedy Percussion Show' on March 26

MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center proudly presents Buckets N Boards Comedy Percussion Show at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 3:30 p.m. this Saturday, March 26. This presentation is part of the 2021-2022 Performing Arts and Leadership Series.

"Buckets N Boards Comedy Percussion Show is a spectacularly imaginative work brought to life by two prolific performers! Matt Levingston and Gareth Sever, two masterful musicians and comedians, bring a joyous charm to this full stage production. The show was born from their shared passion for music and rhythm, but it truly comes to life through the nonstop hilarious interactions between these two characters and their audience. The intricate beats and stunning synchronicity are awesome to behold. The sheer variety of instruments and found objects they are able to manipulate is inspiring."

Gareth Sever graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre from Ithaca College. Gareth has 25 years of professional performance experience in theatre and music. He has taught tap dance for almost 20 years and worked as a vocal coach and instrumental instructor.

Matt Levingston graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from William Jewell College and has been performing professionally for almost 20 years as a comedian and musician. He started playing pots and pans at the age of 3 and has been creating rhythm on everything he finds ever since.

Buckets N Boards has performed 10 critically acclaimed summer seasons in Branson, MO, performed with the Kansas City Symphony, and are currently one of the most requested headline acts on Disney Cruise Lines. From their imaginative songs, beautiful harmonies, dazzling tap dancing, crisp beatboxing, body percussion and bucket drumming, to a fresh and unique brand of clean comedy, Buckets N Boards has crafted an original theatrical experience the entire family will enjoy!

All guests (over the age of three), staff, and volunteers are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Other mitigation efforts may also be in effect. Visit www.niacc.edu/pals or call the Box Office to stay apprised of the most recent policies.

More about the show is available online at www.bucketsnboards.com or at www.niacc.edu/palvideos.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

# Savvy Senior

## What to do with cremated ashes

Dear Savvy Senior,

A while back I saw an article on different ways to scatter a person's ashes after they're cremated, but I've misplaced it. Can you help me with this? I'm preplanning my funeral and would like to include instructions on what to do with my remains that my family will appreciate.

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

There's no shortage of options when it comes to handling or disposing of your cremated remains after you're gone. Your family can keep, bury or scatter them in a variety of imaginative ways that reflect your life and personality. Here are some different options to consider.

Scatter them: The most popular option is to have your ashes scattered at a location you loved to be i.e., a favorite fishing spot, camping area, golf course, beach, park or at home. If you choose this route, keep in mind that some places, such as national parks, require a permit. And many public areas, like parks or sports stadiums may prohibit scattering.

Store them at home: Many families choose to keep their loved ones close, by storing them at home. If you and your family choses this option, you can purchase a decorative urn through your funeral provider or online at Amazon.com. Or you may want to use an old cookie jar or favorite container that reminds your family of you.

Bury/inter them: The burial option is good if you wish to have a special place for your family to visit. This is also the only option for cremated ashes sanctioned by the Catholic Church, which specifies that ashes of the dead should be kept in sacred places like a cemetery or a columbarium and not kept at home or scattered.

Plant them: If you're the environmental type, you can have your ashes planted with a tree. There are companies that offer living urns – like TheLivingUrn.com or UrnaBios.com – that mix your ashes with other nutrients that can be used to grow a plant or tree in your yard or a place of your choosing.

Scatter them at sea: If you love the water, there are many businesses that offer ash scattering services at sea, especially close to coastal areas, or your family could rent a boat and do it themselves. There are also companies like EternalReefs.com that offer reef memorials so your ashes can rest on the ocean floor.

Scatter them by air: This option will scatter your ashes into the sky so the particles can be taken by the wind. To do this, they could hire a private plane, helicopter or hot air balloon service, or use a balloon scattering service like Mesoloft.com. Or they could even send your ashes into outer space with Celestis.com.

Turn them into a record: If you love music, a UK company called Vinlyly (Andvinyly.com) will turn your ashes into a vinyl record. You supply the music (or voice recording) and cover image, and the company creates a memorial that your family can listen to for years to come.

Turn them into jewelry or glass: If you love jewelry or glass trinkets, there are companies – like CloseByMeJewelry.com, SpiritPieces.com and ArtFromAshes.com – that will turn your ashes into wearable jewelry or glass art memorials.

Go out with a bang: If you're a hunter or a gun lover, a company called Holy Smoke (MyHolySmoke.com) will create loaded ammunition out of cremated remains. Your family could store the ammo in the engraved wooden box it comes in, or they can send you off in a gun salute.

Turn them into art: If you love art, arrange for an artists or family member to paint your portrait, or a picture, with some of your ashes mixed into the paint. Or, if your family is into tattoos, many tattoo artists will mix some ashes with ink to create a memorial tattoo.

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

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# Ponderings from the Batt Cave

*By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.*

**Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting**

This radio is priceless. It's the one Abe Lincoln listened to when he was a boy living in a cabin.

The radio hadn't even been invented then.

That's what makes it so valuable.

**Driving by Bruce's drive**

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. Wisps of winter remained on a foggy, late winter day. They were strips of white stuff gone into hiding—the bones of winter were on their way out. Fog eats snow. Gas stations that have gone out of business should take down their old signs showing low gas prices. They're wearing out my brakes.

I waited for an oil change to be completed and visited with a woman who told me she had 11 children. "No twins," she added. I'd been named poet laureate of the NE 1/4 of Section 11 in the township. Quite an honor with a gaudy title. I'll have to write a poem. I wore that crown when I replied smartly to the mother of 11, "There you go."

**The old was new again**

We were at Cabela's. My wife decided I needed a pair of pants so I wouldn't resemble the man I am. She picked out several likely suspects and I shuffled to the fitting room. The old guy in there startled me until I realized he was my reflection in a mirror. I tried on the first pair. I figured it was good practice for an all-day clinic visit coming up. It's one of those visits where I get undressed, put on a gown, be examined extensively, get dressed—repeat as necessary. The first pair was too long. I took them off, put on the pants I'd worn into the store and walked out. My wife said, "Oh, I like those. They fit nicely." I divulged the secret identity of those trousers and had to buy two new pairs.

**Those thrilling days of yesteryear**

I was cranky. Teenage angst, I suppose. Mother gave me a piece of pie with homemade whipped cream. My surliness evaporated. Mother asked if I wanted to go to town. She'd baked a pie and I felt an obligation to accompany her to experience all the delights of a town of 300. Scratch that. Some of the delights. "Ask your father if he wants to go." I did. He agreed to venture forth into that metropolitan area. We all got cleaned up. My father put on his best overalls and his go-to-town cap. Dad drove because he was the chief driver. When we got to town, we discovered none of us had any need to be there. We created things to do—a quick stop at the grocery store and a light visit to the cafe. None of us had wanted to go to town. We went because we thought someone else wanted to. Everyone was just being nice. And there was nothing wrong with that.

**The eyes of Texas were upon me**

I polished my boots and belt buckle before heading to the land of big football and big BBQ. Texas has 10,539 miles of railroad track–more than any other state. I rode on a few of them and thought of bad jokes.

Why don't I ever see an elephant in a tree? It's because elephants are good at hiding.

Knock-knock. Who's there? Dishes. Dishes who? Dishes Sean Connery.

Gas prices have become high enough our rural mail carrier is working from home. She reads my bills and newspapers to me over the phone.

The toilet paper shortage was never our number one problem.

What smells the most in a garbage can? The nose.

**Nature notes**

It was a lovely dawn. The yard was awash with migrants. I searched for primavera (spring). I found grackles. Lord Byron wrote, "There is a pleasure in the pathless woods, there is a rapture on the lonely shore." And joy through the glass. I stared out windows with hawklike attention. That suits me. I see the comings and goings. I heard them, too. Handsome red-winged blackbird males sang, "Look at me." I looked. Juncos made ray gun sounds. Both species gave voice to spring. It's their thing.

I've seen the 12 species of owls found in Minnesota: barn owl, barred owl, boreal owl, burrowing owl, eastern screech owl, great gray owl, great horned owl, long-eared owl, northern hawk owl, northern saw-whet owl, short-eared owl and snowy owl.

Please listen to my podcast about nature at https://soundcloud.com/kmsu/sets/birding-with-batt

**Meeting adjourned**

Be kind. As Rob Schneider is fond of saying in movies, "You can do it."

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# Fit to print...

## A priceless vacation

**By Kris Kenison**




Spring break has come and gone and for many that meant it is back to the "real world," after a few days of living away from reality.

I am one of those travelers who took a break and traveled outside of the real world, if Arizona counts that is.

On this journey I found myself thinking of my Grandpa Art, not only because he started the family that I spent time with on the adventures, but because of one particular phrase or sentiment he would often share, whenever someone would pay for a meal, that they can write it off.

That turned my thinking to times I have heard journalists, writers and other artists "joke" about vacations as reimbursable expenses or tax write-offs.

I thought to myself, who would do such a thing?

Who would keep a record of the money spent to visit the OdySea Aquarium in Scotsdale, Arizona? Who would expense a visit to a nice aquarium with a variety of river, lake and sea creatures. Of course, as with much of the trip, the joy was in the excitement shown by my nephews, nieces and young cousin that was with us.

And, as for the aquarium, who would be concerned with recipts and not one of the highlights- a stop in one of the officially best restrooms in America. The reason, because the view above the sinks is not the typical mirror, but a view inside a large tank that shows a view of large fish, including the occasional shark, watching as you wash.

Who would record the cost of a motorized monkey-vehicle at the Phoenix Too for anything other than cherished memories?

While the monkey/scooter was expensable, it was enjoyable, as was a look at Arizona wildlife, the excitement at the family of giraffes and the sights of other favorite animals. Then again, there's nothing like a motorized monkey cart on a hot Arizona zoo visit, especially as you try to weave through crowds to keep up with family riding a cobra, a horse and a frog.



Who would recall the visit to the spring training game for the reimbursable cost of a bunch of pretzels? Especially when the IRS doesn't care that the far more memorable and valuable experience was cheering and celebrating with your family when your cousin starts his pre-season at bats with a home run.

Who would look at a receipt for any number of meals and think, I need to mention this in print so that I can redeem this receipt? Who would do that and not think, this is the meal spent watching and joining the kids in running and laughing alongside the Tempe Town Lake? Or the meal in a Chicago-themed restaurant in Old Town Scotsdale with a waiter that had some amusing assumptions about Iowans before meeting a few in person? Or one of several meals around a countertop or table in or outside a cozy rental home perfect for family gatherings?

Who would do that? Sure, it's a way to save yourself money or taxes by simply commenting or sharing in some way the experiences you had, but it seems silly to recall valuable quality time spent with family in terms of the expenses that you can now write-off or redeem. Right?

Besides, the best times weren't the ones that can be written off or given some kind of monetary value. That's the time spent at the rental home, around the pool, around the dining room table or on the patio outside, enjoying meals and times together with family from the Midwest and from the West Coast.

It was the time walking through parks, splashing and swimming and the time walking through toy aisles with young ones. It was the companions, not the costs, that once again showed the value of the family vacation.

# Northwood Anchor Early Files

## 100 years ago

**March 22, 1922**

The extreme softness of the dirt filling in the sewer ditches that were excavated last fall has caused several automobile drivers to undergo a period of trouble. Even the horses were having trouble. One of George Scofield's horses slipped into a ditch while dragging the streets one day last week and it was with difficulty that he was gotten out.

Rev. Alexander Robertson, scoutmaster, received a letter last week from Carl Montanus, of Des Moines, director of Near East Relief, thanking him "for $80.65 which was realized from the sale of corn gathered by your Boy Scouts." The contribution from the Northwood Scouts led the state in size of contribution.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sime are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, which came to them at the home of Mrs. Sime's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Plowman, Northwood, on Thursday, March 16.

Master Buddy Johnson celebrated a birthday last Sunday and in honor of the occasion his mother entertained a number of young friends at the J.O.E. Johnson home in the afternoon, a splendid time being had by the youngsters.

The evangelistic meeting in the Dwelle Hall, conducted by evangelists N.P. Nielsen, D.K. Olsen and V.R. Hillman, are still being conducted with good interest. Some special subjects have been announced for this week.

Tomorrow night the young people who will take part in the 1922 American Legion play will demonstrate what they can do in the way of entertaining the large audience that indications seem to point to. Heiny's orchestra will supply the overture selections while Mrs. Chas Madson will play the incidental music. T.S. Hanson and a men's chorus will appear in specialties and little Miss Arlene Dwelle and Master George Pitman will sing.

## 75 years ago

**March 20, 1947**

Northwood will have a good sized delegation at the state basketball tournament the last three days of this week, according to reports received by The Anchor. Supt. and Mrs. E.A. Prehm motored to Iowa City on Tuesday and they will remain for the full session. Mr. Prehm is a director and treasurer of the Iowa State High School Athletic Association.

Carl Jaspers, farmer north of Kensett, planned his pig crop just right to hit practically the peak market. Last Friday he sold 154 head of hogs weighing an average of 299.5 pounds for a total of $12,402.49. A few days before he sold some sows for over $100 each.

Wm. Roselius, director of athletics at Wartburg College, Waverly, spoke on "The Community Spirit" in addressing members of the N.H.S. Letter Club, cheer leaders and others who were guests of the Northwood Lions Club at dinner on Monday evening. C.F. Ashman, president of the Lions Club, welcomed the honored guests, which included the championship football and basketball team members. Coach Henry Kool introduced Mr. Roselius.

Reimbursement of the Northwood Fire Co. for damages in the sum of $165.52 resulting when the fire truck struck a depression in a county road in Deer Creek Township on July 20, 1946, is authorized by an act passed by the present state legislature in Des Moines. The bill provides that the act become effective with publication in The Northwood Anchor and the Manly Signal.

Recommendations relative to the establishment of an airport for Northwood will be asked of the Northwood Planning committee on suggestion of the town council made at a special meeting held on Tuesday evening in the office of Mayor O.J. Wardwell.

## 50 years ago

**March 23, 1972**

A queen of the Future Farmers of America Hayseeders Ball will be selected at an annual event on Friday evening at the Northwood-Kensett High School. Candidates for the coveted title are Mary Perkins, Karen Chodur, Penny Robb, Debbie Walser, LuAnn Erickson and Julie Jaspers. The Northwood chapter also held its recognition banquet on Tuesday evening at the Unite Methodist Church. Howard Rupert is advisor.

Mrs. Hal Johnson puts the finished touches on a mother-daughter outfit sewn for herself and daughter Janan. Mrs. Johnson and Janan modeled the garments, two of many, made by Entre Nous members and shown at a meeting last Monday evening.

Kim Ellingson won a "I" rating in dramatic acting and expository address at the state speech contest on Saturday. Mike Dolloff, David Larson and Debbie Citurs all earned "II" ratings.

Mrs. Lloyd Madson was elected president of Chapter ES of the P.E.O. sisterhood on March 14. She succeeds Mrs. Hugh Wright, retiring president, and was also named to attend the state convention of the women's organization to be held on the Simpson College campus June 1 and 2.

Jerry Sallee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sallee, Albert Lea, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lande, rural Northwood, has been named to the current edition of "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." He is a sophomore sociology student at Rochester State Junior College.

Doyle Crom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight H. Crom, has been promoted to Specialist 4 with the 15th Adjutant General Company, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Crom is a trombonist with the division band and is a 1971 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School. In addition to performing with the band he is also band clerk.

## 25 years ago

**March 19, 1997**

Much like our recent weather, this February born lamb got big enough to make a nuisance of itself in March. But Garrett Waller and Allix Tenold got the rambunctious critter under control long enough for Allix's little sister Briar to give it a tentative pat on the head during the sisters' weekend visit to the Brian and Sue Waller farm in Kensett Township. The girls are daughters of Lynn and Mindy Tenold of Northwood.

Brownie Scouts Katie Braun and Brittany McLaughlin find that it's awfully hard not to sample the goods when you're surrounded by boxes upon boxes of Girl Scout cookies. They and the rest of the Northwood troop gathered at Wesley Hall last Wednesday afternoon to collect the cookie orders for final distribution to their many faithful customers.

N-K sixth grader Beth Hanson won first place in District "I Love American Because…" competition sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Carol Kelly, Northwood "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 Auxiliary officer, presented Hanson with her first place certificate recently. Hanson's essay topped more than 1,000 other Third District entries and will be judged against those of nine other District winners for State honors.

Kent Nitcher and Jim Steinman show off the Iowa State Bench Press championship trophies they won recently at the state powerlifting meet in Des Moines.

Worth County Naturalist Dan Block and his two helpers watch as Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever president Troy Christianson heads into the audience to reward a successful "Silent Auction" bid at the organization's annual banquet fundraiser Saturday night at the Kensett Community Center. The prints behind Block made up a small part of the donated goods sold during the event to raise money for wildlife habitat in Worth and surrounding counties.

## 10 years ago

**March 21, 2012**

Kari Halverson, mother of Kadyn, sat with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad as he signed Kadyn's Law into law at a ceremony held at Northwood-Kensett Elementary Friday morning. Kari received the first signing pen from the Governor, with the second pen going to Kim Koenigs.

N-K students took part in the Future Problem Solving qualifying bowl on January 27, held in Forest City. The problem the students were tasked with discussing, and brainstorming solutions for, concerned human rights in Siberia in the year 2061. The junior team from N-K received the second place trophy at the bowl.

On March 2 and 3 N-K students joined others from area schools as they took part in the regional History Day competition, held in Clear Lake. The theme of this year's History Day is "Revolution, Reaction and Reform." Pictured were the elementary participants in the 2012 History Day program.

These "serious gentlemen" were the top finishers of the Valentine's Day chess tournament. That included Darin Duryee, first place, Gage Tenold, second place, Dawson VanRyswyk, second place, and Zach Oleson, first place.

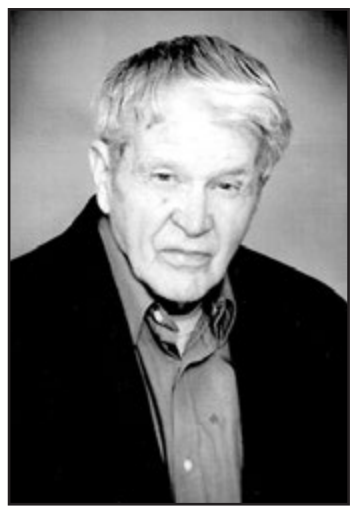
N-K high school celebrated Pi Day on March 14, the first three digits of the mathematical number pi. The celebration included pi reciting and trivia contests, a pie auction to raise money for N-K Math Club scholarships and a pep rally recognizing the participants in N-K's academic clubs and activities. Members of the N-K Math Club organizing the event were Britney Low, Caleb Ryerson, Erika Willand, Ben Wagner and Dalton Kortsch. Low and Willand made a Pi Day video.

# Northwood Anchor Obituaries

## Paul "Unk" Ludvig Eldon Hanson

Paul "Unk" Ludvig Eldon Hanson, 95, of Northwood, met his heavenly father on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Paul was born on March 10, 1927, the son of Peder and Hattie (Preston) Hanson. He grew up on the family farm just west of Deer Creek. He attended school at the District 59 School in Freeborn County, and then Northwood High School, graduating in 1944. He always said these years included the 12 best days of his life. During his youth, he was a proud and active member of the Myrtle 4-H club, and enjoyed playing in the Northwood High School Band under the direction of L.T. Dillon.



PAUL "UNK" LUDVIG ELDON HANSON

Upon graduation from high school, Paul worked on the family farm. He would say, "All I wanted was a new barn, but all the money went to St. Olaf (for his sisters' college)." If you asked him, he would tell you that he worked with his brother. If you asked what his brother did, he would respond, "Not a damn thing." He also played on the Deer Creek Valley softball team as a first-baseman and was a great batter. Announcer Charlie Jones would say, "And here comes Slugger Hanson."

Paul was a life-long member of Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church, where he looked forward to singing in the choir. He was the cornerstone of the tenor section and would frequently say at rehearsals, "Okay, that's enough of that one. We don't want to wear it out." He also loved participating in Luther League.

He moved into town in 1984, and retired from farming in 1989. During his retirement, he was an avid reader and enjoyed the company of his housecat, who had a very unique name and special place in his heart.

Paul was active in his community, serving for many years on the London-Deer Creek Cemetery Association. He was also a member of the Northwood Lions Club selling many rootbeer floats during his time. He delivered Meals on Wheels, and couldn't believe the time he and Doc Anderson got lost in Northwood while delivering meals.

He enjoyed many hunting and fishing trips with dear friends and vacations with family members. Paul traveled extensively, including trips to England, Norway, and Sweden, and throughout North America with highlights including Alaska, Hudson Bay, Yellowstone and Whistler.

He was known to everyone as Uncle Paul, and loved having "lunch" with anyone who stopped by. For years, his Saturday tradition was to bring donuts to his sister's house where many gathered for fellowship. He loved trips to the highway with family and friends to eat Junior Whoppers from Burger King. "That place is a gold mine," he would say.

Paul's most favorite pastime was spending time with family, including his brother, sisters, nieces, nephews and all the great and great-great-nieces and nephews. His family gathered at his house frequently, and December 23 was the highlight of the season as his house would fill with 60+ relatives to celebrate Christmas and eat oyster stew. He loved Christmas so much, he once left his Christmas tree up for four years.

Paul's final years were spent living at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. His family is forever grateful for the incredible care he received during his time there. Paul's endearing character was with him until the end, and the nurses and staff held a special place in his heart as they shared in his humor and stories.

Paul is survived by a sister, Rosine Johnson of Seattle, Wash.; nephews, Reverend W. Paul Weeg (Margaret) of Northwood, Dr. David (Karen) Hanson of Mason City, John Weeg of Shoreview, Minn., Mark (Stacy) Davidson of Northwood, Steve (Brenda) Davidson of Northwood, and Dr. Michael (Michelle) Johnson of Sheboygan, Wisc.; nieces, Mary (Fred) Kueffer of Shoreview, Minn., Kathy (Jim) Hanson of Northwood, Karen Davidson of Northwood, Diane (Kevin) Conlin of Northwood and Becky (Tim) Johnson of Seattle, Wash.; along with numerous great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Warren Weeg; brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Betty Hanson; sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Marvid Davidson; brother-in-law, David Johnson; and a great-nephew, Will Johnson.

Visitation was held on Monday, March 21 at Schroader & Sites in Northwood. A funeral was held on Tuesday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. at Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church. Memorials can be directed to Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church or the Lutheran Retirement Home.

## Michael Christianson

Michael Boyd Christianson, our very favorite cowboy, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

To be honest, Mike would hate having an obituary. He'd hate the whole thing, he'd hate the fuss. So while it's important you know he was born on May 21, 1962, in Estherville, Iowa, it's more important to know what life meant to him.

To Mike, the best place in the world was a wide open pasture -- one he could fill with corn, beans, horses, cows and hay. At any time, he was trying to convince you to buy a boat so he could "improve his fishing." The only way you could get him to go inside and stay inside was to put on "Gunsmoke" or "Lonesome Dove." Well, you could probably convince him to meet you for a drink too, so long as there was a jukebox playing George Strait in the corner. As far as he was concerned, steak and potatoes was the only dish needed to sustain a happy, healthy life.

Though no man is perfect, and Mike certainly did not claim to be, he was perfect in the eyes of many. He made friends everywhere he went because he could always make connections with a seemingly random stranger. He'd open the door for you. After supper he'd tell you he was going to the bathroom, but really he was sneaking away to pay the bill. If sh** went wrong, he was the guy to call. Somehow he could lift anything, be anything... be everything.



MICHAEL CHRISTIANSON

And while his younger years were full of hell-raising (like the time he kissed a meteorologist on the mouth after he correctly predicted a much-needed rain), he started to slow down in recent years. He and his wife Lisa married on July 30, 2016, on their acreage. He loved movie nights with her, and their vacations west. He adored his kids, talking to them nearly every day. And then when he was blessed with grandbabies he said, "This is the happiest moment of my life." He and Lisa couldn't get enough time with their grandchildren.

"We are incredibly devastated his ornery soul was called to leave this earth. It will take us time to figure out how to live without him. But until we do, we'll keep playing Hank, Waylon and Willie for our favorite cowboy."

Mike is survived by his wife, Lisa Christianson; his daughters, Ivy and Paul Soener and Emma and Tim Runde; his grandchildren, Arthur Boyd Howard and Soener and Genevieve Louise Runde; his siblings, sister Lori Christianson and brother Dave (Kelly Fetters) Christianson; his nephews, niece and their children, Drew (Auron, Isley), Kristin and Daley, Tuff and Brennan (Leddy), Colt and Shayla (Hattie); his in-laws, Jim and Rose Schissel and Mike and Becky Schissel; his stepdaughters and their children, Amanda and Jordan (Hudson) and Andrea and Logan (Riley, Wren); and many, many, many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Shirley Christianson.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, March 18, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Joice, Iowa, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Randy Baldwin officiating. Visitation began at 10 a.m. The family humbly requested attendees to wear their best Wranglers, bib overalls, cowboy hats and cowboy boots. In lieu of gifts, please donate to the Lake Mills Food Shelf (101 S Mill St,Lake Mills, IA 50450) or your local FFA chapter.

Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel in Lake Mills, Iowa, assisted the family.

"This is where the cowboy rides away."

You can contact the family with online condolences at www.schottfuneralhomes.com.

## Supervisors

**March 14, 2022**
**Eleventh 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 March 7, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of $200.00, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Rognes Bros Excavating Inc., DD 17/Lat 2, Repairs.....$200.00

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $143,633.11, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Eng ..... 19,186.02
Agri Sales & Bldg Supply Inc
Supplies-Eng ..... 205.00
Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr ..... 126.50
Aramark, Service-Eng ..... 89.84
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf..... 1,609.26
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng ..... 1,934.30
City Of Fertile
Service-Eng ..... 89.37
City Of Joice
Service-Eng ..... 88.10
City Of Kensett
Service-Eng ..... 51.60
City Of Manly
Service-Eng ..... 57.00
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr ..... 718.93
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr ..... 65.00
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf ..... 1,033.23
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng ..... 91.71
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf ..... 130.39
Gardiner + Company
Service-Ndp ..... 24,000.00
Grafton Welding
Service-Eng ..... 240.00
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng ..... 354.82
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt ..... 4,221.08
Hm Cragg
Supplies-Ema ..... 36,470.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng ..... 174.77
Ia Dept Of Transportation
Edu-Eng..... 480.00
Iowa Department Of Justice
Service-Shf..... 82.10
Itsavvy Llc
Supplies-Dap ..... 6,523.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf..... 104.55
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Eng ..... 531.37
Kiesler Police Supply
Supplies-Shf ..... 1,309.88
Lexisnexis, Service-Aty..... 177.00
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup & Aud..... 532.18
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr..... 504.15
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Parts-Eng..... 292.08
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr .. 107.04
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup & Aud..... 1,000.76
Northwood Chiropractic, Pc
Service-Con..... 50.00
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Eng ..... 373.62
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng..... 3,761.27
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Ema ..... 31.20
Ram Systems
Service-Phd..... 720.00
Singelstad's Hardware
Supplies-Eng ..... 27.98
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San..... 248.00
Trading Post, Supplies-Con143.86
Verizon Wireless
Service-Ema ..... 40.01
Viafield, Supplies-Con ..... 7.44
Wex Bank, Service-Tra ... 1,916.08
Whks & Co, Service-Eng29,224.10
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Sdp..... 85.72
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf..... 4,068.66
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Con ..... 54.14
Grand Total..... 143,633.11

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to appoint Bruce Burdick as a commissioner/appraiser for DD 46/Lat 9, DD 72 and DD 32. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing-Proposed Property Tax Levy at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby read the prosed Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. There was no public comment.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adopt a resolution to approve the Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. Roll call: Stone-aye; Loberg-aye; Smeby-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022.03.14
Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 22/23 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on 3/14/2022,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 22/23 shall not exceed the following:

• General County Services: $4,237,765; an increase of 17.72% from the prior year
• Rural County Services: $1,653,325; an increase of 9.23% from the prior year

Passed and adopted this 14th day of March, 2022.

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

Mark Smeby, Chairman of Board of Supervisors
Enos Loberg, Vice-Chairman of Board of Supervisors
Aaron Stone, Member of Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Chairman Smeby recessed the regular session.

Chairman Smeby reconvened the regular session at 9:30 A.M.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 10:11 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

## Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given by the Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at the Kensett Community Center at 300 Willow Street, Kensett to hear comments on the proposed zone assignments. The assignments will be posted on-line and at the courthouse, and letters sent to landowners in advance of the public meeting.

Published by the order of the Worth County Planning & Zoning Commission.

## 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 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.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2022.

Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company
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Attorney for the Estate

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.

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## City of Northwood

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 3/14/22 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Tenold. Absent: Reeder

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022; Treasurer Report; Liquor License Renewal – Signatures Supper Club; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
Dept of Inspect & Appeals, Pool Food License..... $151.50
NSB, Monthly ACH fee ..... $20.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue, Sales Tax ..... $367.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue, Excise Tax ..... $1,173.00
IA Dept. of Public Health, Pool Registration..... $70.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance..... $11,399.84
Principal, Insurance..... $446.07
Payroll, Wages..... $19,236.38
Worth Co. Recorder, Record Release ..... $7.00
Alliant Energy, Services..... $17,359.66
Payroll, Wages..... $20,834.52
Amber Julseth, Mileage & Expenses..... $88.70
Badger Meter, Inc., Annual License..... $1,200.00
Carquest, Supplies ..... $433.80
D & L Equipment, Parts-pw ..... $1,100.00
Dale Arhart, Tree Removal ..... $800.00
Hawkins, Supplies ..... $3,657.00
Hogen Lawn Care, Services..... $475.00
Huber Supply Co., Cylinder Rentals-pw ..... $32.17
IDALS, Certification-pw$ ..... 15.00
John Deere Financial, Freight, Parts ..... $536.17
John Greve, Legal Services ..... $500.00
Kelly Hardware, Supplies-pw ..... $431.26
Keystone, Testing-pw..... $1,288.50
Knutson Oil Co., Fuel..... $2,644.60
Lake Shore Industries, Cem. Markers..... $635.13
Logan Butler, Cell Phone Expense ..... $540.00
Northwood Anchor, Publications..... $294.68
Northwood Electric, Repairs-pw..... $1,163.14
Northwood Sanitation, Garbage Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center, Monthly Donation ..... $800.00
Northwood Waterworks Water Dep. Transfer ..... $50.00
Office Depot, Supplies-cc,pw ..... $183.12
Proline Dist, Supplies-pw ..... $213.12
Shana Brunsvold, Expense-rec ..... $32.08
Shellrock River Watershed Mgt., Donation ..... $500.00
The Rustic Thread, BB shirts-rec ..... $522.00
USA Blue Book, Supplies-pw ..... $331.63
Wade Flattum, Cert. testing-pw..... $30.00
WCTA, Phone/Internet ..... $634.07
Wo. Co. Sheriff, 28E Police ..... $30,262.83
Library:
Alliant Energy, Utilities..... $502.65
Visa, Supplies & Materials ..... $254.28
Baker & Taylor, Materials ..... $647.32
Center Point, Materials ..... $100.63
Hogen Lawn Care, Services..... $160.00
Kelly Hardware, Supplies ..... $13.98
Marco, Supplies ..... $141.64

Summary of February 2022 receipts by fund type: General - $48,703.83; Special Revenue-$24,955.36; Debt Service - $1,580.24; Capital Projects-$3,094.78; Enterprise-$92,414.26; Trust & Agency - $0.

Summary of February 2022 disbursements by fund type: General - $59,999.87; Special Revenue-$29,704.26; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$59,081.26; Trust & Agency - $0.

Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Tenold. Absent: Reeder.

Following the FY23 Budget Public Hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2203-05 Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Tenold. Absent: Reeder.

Motion to approve the purchase of four solar radar speed signs. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth,
City Administrator/Clerk

## Northwood-Kensett School minutes

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Larry Hovey; John Anderson, Susan Kliment and Bradley Christianson

Absent: Cindy Pangburn

(4-0) Approved the Agenda; February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 28, 2022 Joint Workshop; Financial Reports for February; March bills for payment

**Reports:**

Elementary Principal: 1) Conferences are on the 8th and 10th of March 2) IA Assessments are scheduled for the week of March 28th 3) Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting on April 7th.

Secondary Principal: 1) Graduation rate figures for Class of 2021 are 100% 2) We are ranked #26 in FAFSA completion 3) NHS looking to redirect funds to local family who lost property in the fire

Superintendent: 1) Makeup Days/Last Day or School 2) Attended Iowa State Recruiting Day which was beneficial

Amber Dietz from Central River AEA gave a short presentation and handed out educational material to Board.

Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1496 480th St., Northwood IA

**Old Business:**

Viking Activity Center: NK Board walked through the Activity Center to view completed work prior to the start of the meeting.

Administrative Offices and Transportation Building update: Spray foam completed, two filtration tanks installed, water softener installed and administration offices are completed. Work on the handicap-accessible bathroom continues to be worked on.

**New Business:**

(4-0) approved the purchase of the K-12 Music, Fine Arts and 6-12 CTE Curriculum in the amount of $27,682.59

(4-0) authorized publishing of the budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the Northwood Anchor and setting a Public Hearing & Certification for April 11, 2022 at 7:31pm in the Northwood-Kensett District Office, 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA

(4-0) approved resolution for the Local Government Risk Pool which was discussed at our last meeting

(4-0) approved resolution for the Budget Guarantee for Fiscal Year 2023. That the Board of Directors for the Northwood-Kensett CSD will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the regular program adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa

(4-0) approve the Cooperative Agreement for the Pre-service Clinical Placement with UNI for the 2022-23 school year.

(4-0) approved the purchase of dishwasher Model # AM-16VL-Bas-2 from Hubert for $19,204.00

Held discussion regarding the use of the school's logo incorporated with a fire emblem for the Northwood Fire Company logo. School District's identity guide does not allow outside agencies to use school logo.

(4-0) approved the hours of operation and membership fees as presented by the joint committee for the Athletic Center.

(4-0) approved the change of Insurance Broker to Acumen and participation in a partial self-insurance program.

(4-0) approved the participation in the AEA purchasing agreement

(4-0) approved Teacher Retention Payment to teachers as listed in the packet.

(4-0) approved our regular board meetings at Northwood-Kensett CSD Administrative Building, 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA in April and continuing there-after.

**Personnel**

(4-0) accept the resignation of Trevor Hunt as Assistant Girls Basketball coach pending suitable replacement

(4-0) accept the resignation of Nichol Hebel as JH Girls Volleyball coach pending suitable replacement

(4-0) accept the resignation of Kelli Helgeson as elementary special education teacher the end of the 2022-2023 school year

(4-0) approve Trevor Hunt as JH Boys Basketball coach for the 2022-2023 season

(4-0) approve the hire of Leo Frost as the JH Boys Basketball coach and Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach for the 2022-2023 season

(4-0) adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm

**Northwood-Kensett Community School District**

A & I AUTO, REPAIRS.....100.60
Abbas, Jackson, reimb supplies.....68.00
AGVANTAGE FS, INC, propane.....417.95
AIRGAS USA, LLC, SUPPLIES.....41.52
All Star Pest Control, pest control.....75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRICITY.....18,442.71
Amazon Capital Services, SUPPLIES.....1,378.31
CAM Community School District, open enrollment.....1,304.55
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES.....7.90
Central Rivers Area Education Agency, supplies.....284.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD, water/sewer.....1,532.60
Crozier, Michael, REIMBURSEMENT.....165.68
DICK'S PLACE, TOWING.....275.00
DRIVEWISE, educational services.....1,125.00
EDUCATORS BENEFIT CONSULTANTS, LLC, Flex Plan.....125.00
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Henkel, Natalie, professional dev.....688.39
IMAGE SOLUTIONS, supplies.....182.35
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, services.....45.00
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS, services.....1,396.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service.....200.00
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Kroneman, Mari Ann, reimbursement.....214.79
LAKE MILLS CSD, open enrollment.....11,057.40
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MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL, educare program.....121.14
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NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC, ELECTRICAL SERVICES.....1,934.39
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Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC, natural gas.....18,342.48
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TILL360, LLC, professional dev.....5,554.00
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Fund Number, 10.....97,546.96
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Barnes, Jared, reimb supplies.....665.28
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Rieman Music, Inc, supplies.....25.00
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Willert, Lori, reimbursement.....154.45
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Fund Number, 21.....6,622.22
Dean Snyder Construction Co, general contractor services.....497,982.13
IMEG, commissioning.....2,966.55
Trane US Inc, repairs.....3,201.11
Fund Number, 33.....504,149.79
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**Northwood-Kensett girls basketball awards banquet**

**The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team held its annual awards banquet after the season ended. Those receiving awards included Carly Hengesteg (MVP), Emma Davidson (Leadership Award), Morgan Wallin (Newcomer Award), Madalynn Hanson (Defensive MVP), Addy Bachtle (Leadership Award) and Chloe Costello (MVP).**

# Lady Vikings hold annual awards banquet

**By Mike Simmons**
**Sports Editor**

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team held its annual awards banquet after the season concluded. Those earning recognition were Emma Davidson, Addy Bachtle, Morgan Wallin, Madalynn Hanson, Carly Hengesteg and Chloe Costello.

Davidson and Bachtle received the Leadership Award. Both seniors, Davidson averaged 4-7 points and 2.2 rebounds and was the team's most reliable 3-point threat throughout her career, and Bachtle, who was usually the second player off the bench, led with her personality but also averaged 1.2 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

Winning the Newcomer Award was Wallin, who as a sophomore, was basically the team's sixth man, being the first to come off the bench. On most nights this happened only minutes into the game. She averaged 4.6 points, 1.6 steals and 3.7 rebounds.

On the defensive side, Hanson took home the Defensive Player of the Year Award. The talented sophomore led the team with 3.2 steals and 5.5 rebounds. Her 66 assists this season ranks sixth all-time and her 74 steals puts her at No. 4 on the all-time list.

This year coach Love awarded two players the team's MVP, senior Hengesteg and sophomore Costello. Hengesteg averaged 8.4 points, 1.4 steals and 3.4 rebounds while Costello averaged a team high 10.0 points, 2.6 steals, 2.0 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game.




**Chess rewards**

**The Northwood-Kensett Math Club hosted the winter chess tournament with Tiffany Tiedemann's help. Pictured are the winners at the recent Pi Day pep rally. Pictured with the Tequila's gift certificates they won, sponsored by Bolan Storage, are (from left) high school and middle school first place finishers Drake and Alex Tiedemann, TIffany Tiedemann, and middle school and high school second place finishers Caden Helgeson and Walt Kelly.**

# Computer Science coming to a school near you



MICHELLE MEIER

**By Michelle Meier**
**Instructional Technology Consultant at Central Rivers Area Educational Agency**

In 2020, the Iowa Legislature passed Iowa House File 2629. One of the stipulations of this bill was the requirement that schools implement a computer science program. The deadlines for these legislative requirements regarding computer science are fast approaching. This summer, districts must be ready with a K-12 computer science plan and a high school computer science course. And by next summer, districts must be ready for instruction at the elementary and middle school levels. If your student is not already learning computer science, they soon will be.

Many wonder why there is such an urgency to teach computer science. The reason is simple, jobs. According to Code.org, in 2018 there were 5,048 open computer science jobs with an average salary of $83,000 but only 679 computer science graduates.

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This means that students learn how different parts of devices and computers work together, how networks and the internet work, and of course, how to write programs. They also learn how to manage and analyze data, and the impacts that computers and technology have had on our society.

Central Rivers Area Education Agency is working hard to prepare local schools for meeting computer science requirements with both coaching and resources. For more information, visit www.central riversaea.org/curriculum/computer-science/.

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# Pie in the faces for Pi Day

The Northwood-Kensett Math Club once again celebrated Pi Day (March 14 for its numerical connection to the first three digits of pi, 3.14) recently. With the date falling during spring break, the club members held their academic recognition pep rally on March 10. Besides giving a chance to highlight those taking part in academic extracurricular activities, the pep rally included a few pie-based activities. That included a pie eating contest, with a fresh pie prize, won by Drake Tiedemman (at right). A pie auction was also held, raising $610.50 for scholarships for calculators for graduating Math Club members. The event ended with a few lucky students having their names drawn to get a chance to place a pie in the unlucky faces of teachers. Raffle tickets at $1 a piece were sold to students for a chance to pie a teacher. Nick Hanson won the chance to pie Mrs. Butler (below, left). De'Angelo Ferguson pied Mr. Cotter (below, center). And, being as Math Club advisor Mrs. WIllert will retire at the end of the school year, she graciously agreed to be pied by Math Club member Andrew Breitsprecher (below, right).













# Easy as pi

The week leading up to the Pi Day celebration included a competition to see who could recite the most numbers of pi. Pictured above are this year's winners, and the number of numerals they recalled, including (from left) Alec Ducommun, 37, Weston Willand, 33, Christopher Madsen, 26, and Josiah Kliment, 67. The school record was set in 2021, when Sydney Welch recited 188 digits, or 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510582097494459230781640628620899862803482534211706798214808651328230664709384460955058223172535940812848111745028410270193852110555964462294.





