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# The Northwood Anchor

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## Briefs

### N-K hosts Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Saturday

The Northwood-Kensett National Honor Society and Student Council will host an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt this Saturday, April 2, with a number of activities included.

The Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the N-K high school.

In addition to the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, games like bingo, coloring, a bean bag toss and more will be held.

All ages are welcome to take part, with a free will donation to enter.

All funds raised at the event will benefit the Avina-Sanchez family, who recently lost their home in a fire.

### Manly Legion Family hosts meals, egg hunt in April

The American Legion, Auxiliary and Songs of the Legion have several events planned for the month of April.

That starts this Saturday, April 2, with a spaghetti supper at the Edward Tosel American Legion Post 110 in Manly.

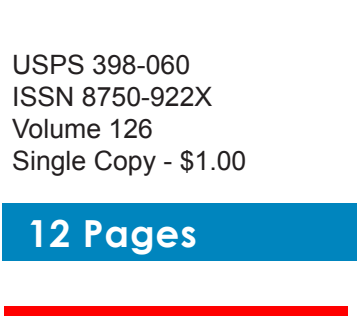
The meal will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. It will be available with a free will donation. A variety of sauces, including a vegetarian option, will be available.

Members of the Legion family will also deliver to those that are homebound that would like to take part. Those interested may schedule delivery by calling 618-340-6886.

The next week, on Saturday, April 9, the Legion and Sons of the Legion chapters will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Manly Library, starting at 11 a.m.

The Legion Family will host a Rocky Mountain

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Thursday, April 1, 2022

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

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**Sitting with the senators**

**During their recent spring break, Worth County 4-H'ers, joined by family and Extension staff, once again made the journey to Washington, D.C., and nearby areas, to take in a variety of sights and destinations. That included the U.S. Capitol. While they weren't able to tour inside the building, Iowa's senators, Joni Ernst and Charles Grassley, spoke with them on the Capitol steps. See more pictures from the D. C. trip later in this week's Anchor. (Official U.S. Senate photo by Renee Bouchard)**

## Property taxes to increase 7.11% in N-K budget

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Monday, April 11, to discuss the district's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2022, and ends on June 30, 2023.

Taxes levied on property in the district will increase from the re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year.

Half of the equation used to determine property taxes is the property tax levy, which will decrease, according to the proposed district budget.

The proposed property tax rate for the coming fiscal year is $12.08674 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. That is a decrease of $0.29033 from the current year's tax levy of $12.37707.

The other half of the equation that determines the amount of property taxes the district will receive in the coming fiscal year is taxable valuations, which will increase.

The end result of the decreased levy and the increased valuations means an increase in taxes levied on property, from $3,359,541 for the current fiscal year, based on re-estimated figures. The budget for the coming fiscal year shows taxes levied on property totaling $3,598,494. That is an increase of $238,953, or 7.11 percent.

Total revenues and other sources of income for the district for the coming year will increase compared to total

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## N-K succeeds at state speech

The Northwood-Kensett Speech team traveled to Clear Lake High School on Saturday, March 12, for the State Individual Speech Contest.

Teagan Johnson, a junior, performed "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein in the category of Poetry and earned ratings of "II, I and I" for an overall "I" rating.

Senior Emma Davidson performed "A Woman Wrapped in Silence" by

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Emma Davidson, Andrew Breitspreher and Teagan Johnson

## Two more COVID-19 deaths reported in Worth

While the official information on COVID-19's impact on the community shows consistently lower trends, the number of lives lost to the virus once again increased in Worth County.

According to Iowa Department of Public Health Data, two more have been added to the COVID-19 death toll in Worth County, for a new total of 16.

Worth County's additional deaths made up 2 of the

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## Supervisors hear request to add properties to TIF options

As the supervisors continue to prepare potential funding for several projects, they were recently approached by Manly-area landowners to be included.

At recent meetings the supervisors have discussed updating the county's URP (urban renewal plan). The documents serves as the basis for a funding option known as TIF (tax increment financing). TIF allows the County to borrow against future taxes in specifically designated areas.

At recent meetings the County has discussed using unspent TIF on past wind turbine projects and future property tax income that will be generated by the wind turbines that were completed last year in the northeast corner of the County.

Projects discussed for those TIF dollars have included road and bridge projects, financial backing for a company to secure a loan to build a natural gas

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**Signs of things to come**

**As work continues inside the Viking Activity Center, the latest addition to the building's exterior was added last week, with the signs pictured above. While the Center's sign was complete, like the rest of the facility, the school's sign still needs a couple finishing touches to be down to the letter.**

Worth County 4-H in Washington, D.C. — See Inside

# Severe Weather Awareness Week highlights ways to be ready



Last week was the first week of spring, which meant that it was once again time to prepare for the severe weather of the seasons ahead with Severe Weather Awareness Week, which was held last week.

The annual Severe Weather Awareness Week reminds Iowans of how to be aware and be prepared for when severe weather strikes.

Local observances of the event included the testing of tornado sirens in Worth County communities.

Worth County's Emergency Management department also shared information and resources on social media throughout the week.

Each day of the week focused on a different aspect of severe weather impacts and preparations.

Monday was dedicated to severe thunderstorms. Tuesday focused on warning reception. Wednesday, with the tornado drill, focused on tornadoes. Thursday was for preparedness. Friday's severe weather focus was flooding.

On Monday, the local EMA shared information on the different risk categories and types of storms, and places to go to seek shelter.

Tuesday's warning reception focus offered a chance to highlight the difference between a watch (conditions are favorable for severe weather) and a warning (severe weather is happening or about to happen). Messages also advised people to have multiple ways to receive warnings, including radio stations, TVs, weather apps and resources like Worth County's emergency information service.

On Wednesday, Worth County EMA reminded that tornadoes can occur any time of the day, including overnight. A NOAA Weather Radio was recommended to wake people when a tornado warning is issued. Tips for where to seek shelter while traveling were also shared.

On Thursday, for preparedness, Worth County EMA shared a message from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management. That included making a family emergency plan, building an emergency supply kit and being weather aware.

While Friday's focus was flooding, a wind advisory added additional driving recommendations. That included driving slower, keeping both hands on the wheel, avoiding large trucks and trailers and being aware of downed trees and power lines.

Worth County residents can sign up to receive weather alerts by message, email and in other ways online at www.worthcountyiowa.gov, by clicking on the "Get Worth Alerts" link. The Worth County Iowa Emergency Management Facebook page also shares information on how to be prepared and also when watches, warnings and other safety information is made available.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management also offers a variety of information on being aware of emergencies, making plans for responding and building emergency kits for various situations. The information can be found online at ready.iowa.gov.

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revenues for the current fiscal year.

Total revenues and other funding sources for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1 were budgeted at $9,656,365. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues and other income of $9,527,969. That is a difference of $128,396, or 1.35 percent.

Total expenditures and other sources of spending will show a decrease between the current and coming fiscal years.

The budget for the coming fiscal year includes total expenditures of $10,020,019. The re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total expenditures of $10,332,029. That is a decrease of $312,010, or 3.02 percent.

The district's fund balance will decrease between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. The beginning fund balance for the coming fiscal year that begins on July 1, according to the proposed budget, will be $7,431,447 and the ending fund balance will be $7,067,793 on June 30, 2023. That is a decrease of $363,654, or 4.89 percent.

Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 2022, show that the district's fund balance will have decreased from $8,235,507 to the beginning fund balance mentioned above. That is a decrease of $804,060, or 9.76 percent over the course of the current fiscal year.

The public hearing for the coming fiscal year's budget will be held at next regular meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education on Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.

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six additional deaths reported by state agencies for Worth and the seven surrounding counties in the week between March 16 and March 23. That brought the total for the region to 532.

In the past week there were once again two new cases added to the numbers reported by the Iowa Department of Public Health. That brought the new total in Worth to 1,754.

The number of cases in the region increased 62 between March 16 and March 23, for a new total of 45,449.

That includes 2,947 in Winnebago, 2,835 in Hancock, 11,065 in Cerro Gordo, 3,539 in Floyd and 2,464 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 9,038 in Freeborn and 11,807 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

The low number of new cases meant that all the area counties were at the "low" community COVID levels.

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. Low hospitalization and admission rates kept Worth and area counties also contributed to the "low" community levels.

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

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, 3,824 residents of Worth County had been fully vaccinated, for 51.8% of the total population. That is up 3 Worth County residents since March 16.

CDC numbers show that 4,067 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 55.1% of the population. That is up 1 since March 16.

In the county, 1,335 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 86.4% of that population. That has remained unchanged for four weeks. Of that age group, 1,397, or 90.4% have had at least one dose. That has remain unchanged for three weeks.

Of those 18 and over, 3,580 have been fully vaccinated, for 61.2% of that population. Of those, 3,801 have received one dose, for 65%.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,753, or 58.8% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,991 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, 2,139, or 55.9% have received a booster dose. Of the county's population, 29.0% are fully vaccinated and boosted.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates that include 52% in Winnebago, 49.5% in Hancock, 62.8% in Cerro Gordo, 52.8% in Floyd, 48.6% in Mitchell, 57.3% in Freeborn and 62% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 57.8% 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.

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pipeline for a development at the Manly Terminal area and to pay for courthouse renovations or replacement.

Before the County can begin borrowing through TIF, however, it has to update the URP to include any properties where it would borrow against future taxes, as well as the properties and particulars of any places that the funds will be spent.

At their meeting on March 21, a group of landowners with property in and near the north side of Manly approached the supervisors to request their property be added.

Former supervisor and area landowner Merlin Bartz spoke on their behalf.

Bartz said that the property owners were asking so that the supervisors could set a property value baseline, should their land be developed and generate TIF opportunities.

Amongst the property owners making the request was Viafield. Steve Bodensteiner, with Viafield, said that the coop's grain bunker had not yet come onto the tax rolls and that could bring in some TIF revenue. Bodensteiner also said that there are potential developments that Viafield is considering and they would like the option to request potential TIF-based incentives on their property.

Supervisor AJ Stone noted that adding the properties to the URP would only allow the County to borrow against future taxes should any developments occur there, or against the bunker, if it qualifies. He said that if they were to allow for any TIF incentives, or to build roads or in some other way provide support, they would have to amend the URP again to include information on those uses of TIF funds.

Supervisors Mark Smeby acknowledged the distinction, but noted that having the properties in the URP at this stage would mean that the County could utilize TIF funds generated there, saving that step at least.

The supervisors took the requests of the property owners and said they would consult with the City of Manly, due to some of the property being in or near city limits, as well as the attorney guiding them in the process, to see if there were any issues with adding the land.

The supervisors also discussed the County's TIF prospects with financial advisors at this past Monday's meetings.

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Oyster meal on Saturday, April 23.

The meal will begin at 4:30 p.m. Delivery will also be available for the meal, by calling 618-340-6886.

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John W. Lynch in the category of Poetry and earned straight Division I ratings for an overall "I" rating.

Senior Andrew Breitsprecher performed in the category of Improvisation and earned straight Division I ratings for an overall "I" rating.

Breitsprecher was also selected as an Outstanding Performer and performed at the All-State Speech Festival on Monday, March 28, at UNI.

Ellie Ehrhardt had also earned a trip to the State competition with Division "I" ratings at the District event, but was unable to attend the State competition.

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

# Worth County 4-H Lamb, Goat and Swine Field Day on April 9

The Worth County Extension Service will be hosting a 4-H Lamb, Goat and Swine Workshop at the Chad and Jamie Nelson farm seven miles west of Northwood at 877 Highway 105 on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. to noon. 4-H'ers must attend the full two hour program to become YQCA certified.

All area 4-H and FFA lamb, goat and swine project members and their parents are invited to attend.

This workshop will cover information about feeding, showing, fitting and grooming and recommendations about how to keep their sheep, goat and swine healthy.

For more information call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-324-1531 or email him at djohn@iastate.edu.

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# Higher fertilizer prices may make manure a more valuable option

## *Why manure application should be on the spring to do list*

Last fall, fertilizer prices were trending higher, and with supply change issues and soaring fuel prices, that trend has continued into the spring.

Even with potentially higher crop prices, this offers challenges to finding ways to increase or maintain farm profitability. However, one available option is to explore the use of manure. Many livestock owners have long known the value manure has to offer. With skyrocketing commercial fertilizer prices, this offers the opportunity to make even better use of the manure resources.

In this article, ag engineering specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach explain the opportunities and challenges to using manure as fertilizer in the spring.

Farmers who historically have relied on synthetic fertilizer, and even those who have used manure, but have limited experience with spring application, should consider using some manure this spring. While there is never a guarantee of what fertilizer prices will do in the future, current prices are unprecedented. Until 2021, most years showed a lower average price in the fall than in the spring. Even if your manure resources are limited and applying some manure this spring means you won't be able to cover as much ground next fall, it still represents an opportunity to save some money now since fertilizer prices haven't stabilized.

Why apply manure in the spring?

Aligning nutrient availability with crop nutrient demands is good for the farm's bottom line and downstream water quality. Research has shown that applying nitrogen closer to when the crop needs it can reduce the risk of nitrogen loss to the environment. Fall nitrogen applications can pose a risk for nitrogen loss to the environment, especially when manure is applied earlier in the fall. With a longer period between manure application and crop nitrogen use, there is a higher likelihood that some nitrogen conversion and leaching will occur.

Especially with high nitrogen fertilizer prices, it can pay to apply manure in the spring. Across multiple research studies in Iowa and Minnesota, significant corn yield benefits (average of 33 bushels per acre) have been seen by delaying manure application from late fall when soils are 50 degrees Fahrenheit and cooling until spring. With 2022 futures corn prices, yield improvement can easily total over $200 an acre in value.

Cost savings can also add up fast with today's fertilizer prices. The nitrogen value in manure can often account for half of the manure's total fertilizer value. In typical swine finishing manure with 50 pounds N per 1,000 gallons and applied at a rate of 4,500 gallons per acre, the nitrogen value alone can sum up to over $200 per acre. How much of that $200 is available to the crop and how much leaches out depends on manure application practices and weather.

Factors at play include:

The length of time between crop nitrogen use and manure application.

The soil temperature that the manure is exposed to during this time.

The amount of moisture that moves through the soil.

Applying in the spring will ensure you're getting most of that $200 value without needing to spend money on other nitrogen fertilizer sources.

Spring can be a busy time, the window for fieldwork can be short, and spring rainfall can keep soils wet, leading to compaction concerns. However, there can be some clear economic and environmental advantages to applying manure in the spring. With much of the state rated as either abnormally dry or in moderate drought conditions as of March 10, conditions might be more favorable for spring manure application this year.

Similarly, this may be a good time to reexamine the nitrogen application rates you select. Manure management plans typically utilize the yield goal method to set nitrogen application rate maximums, intended for environmental protection, not to maximize profit. Rate selection tools, like Maximum Return to Nitrogen, can be used to determine rates that will help you maximize your manure fertility value and typically will help you stretch the manure across more acres.

Best practices for spring application:

Prioritize fields with well-drained soils, adequate drainage, good soil structure.

Consider reducing manure load sizes to limit axle loads to less than 10 tons, which will help reduce the risk of deep compaction.

Check for proper tire inflation. Consider reducing tire pressure to less than 20-35 psi and using flotation tires to reduce the risk of surface compaction.

Limit field traffic by designating sacrifice paths.

Agitate manure well for a more uniform nutrient application and sample manure for nutrient content to know what you are applying.

Check and calibrate application equipment for application rate uniformity and good injection or soil incorporation.

Watch the weather forecast closely and avoid manure application before rainfall events.

Working with New Grain Farmers to Utilize Manure

Farms that have not historically used manure in the past may be more interested in purchasing manure due to either inability to obtain other fertilizers or because of the high prices. If you are working with someone new to using manure, you can do a few things to help facilitate the exchange.

Set a price that works for both sides. Manure has value, and the value moves with the price of other fertilizer sources. Can selling some manure now potentially help you obtain acres for manure application in the future? If you are selling manure, look for fields that can utilize the N, P and K to maximize value and price.

Know your regulations. Suppose the manure is coming from a confinement animal feeding operation. In that case, it needs to be applied by a certified applicator. Unless it is sold under Chapter 200A, through an independent manure broker, the field needs to be in a manure management plan (and have appropriate soil tests and erosion assessment).

Share the experiences you had in what helps you get the most value and best benefits of your manure. Discuss improvements to soil health, all the nitrogen won't be available right away, and then state how



the injection units will leave the field or best practices you've found to make planting a success.

Higher fertilizer prices make getting the most from your manure essential. Spring application has consistently shown similar or improved yields. Moreover, with the high fertilizer prices, getting manure nutrients to the right field at the right time makes manure more valuable than ever.

# ISU Extension last chance Private Pesticide Training on April 13 and 14 in Northwood

Iowa State University Worth County Extension will be offering two Private Pesticide last chance Recertification sessions on Wednesday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursday, April 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office Community Room at the Fairgrounds in Northwood.

The program will be a last chance to provide farm pesticide applicators an opportunity to renew their private pesticide applicators license for this year.

Participants must pre-register 24 hours in advance and to get enrolled call Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, or Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson, at 641-324-1531.




**Removing what remained**

**Earlier this month, a fire broke out in a building at the corner of Sixth Street and Central Avenue. The blaze lasted much of the afternoon of March 7. Six fire departments and several other agencies responded to battle the fire and help those whose home was lost. By the end of that day, nothing but burnt rubble remained. That has been removed over the recent weeks and Peterson Excavating continued that last week, as seen above.**

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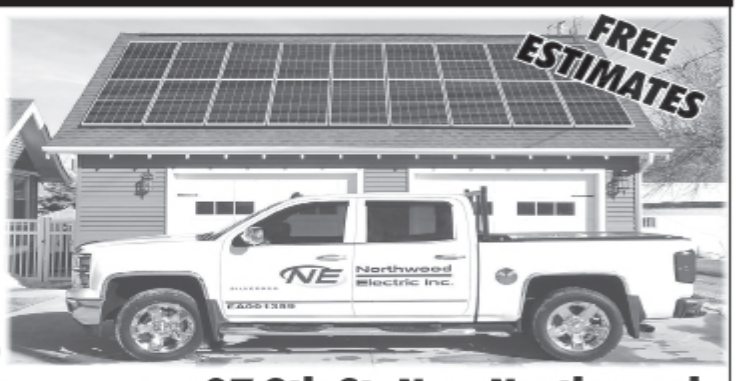
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# Poultry exhibitions suspended in Iowa

On March 23 the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced an order suspending all live bird exhibitions at fairs and other gatherings due to highly pathogenic avian influenza. The order is effective immediately for a minimum of 30 days, and until 30 days have passed without a positive case of a new infection in the state of Iowa.

In addition, the Iowa Poultry Association recommended that bird exhibitions be cancelled in the state.

"Youth gain many positive skills by exhibiting in 4-H animal project areas, and our priority is always to create safe, quality fair experiences for them," said Mike Anderson, state agriculture and natural resources program manager with Iowa 4-H Youth Development, part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"As was the case in 2015 when all poultry exhibitions were cancelled for county and state fairs, 4-H sprang into action to create hands-on, educational learning opportunities such as poster presentations and cooking competitions around the poultry project area. We will be ready to do the same this year if faced with that situation," Anderson said.

"Regarding the Iowa State Fair 4-H Market Broiler show, those entries are due May 1 via fair entry. We will continue to proceed with opening up entry and will monitor the situation if entry refunds need to be issued as we move ahead in the coming months," Anderson added.

Anderson said 3,500 youth are enrolled in the 4-H poultry project area, which helps youth learn about poultry from the egg to the table. Youth learn the basic principles of animal science by owning, caring for and keeping records on one or more head of poultry. They explore sound breeding, feeding and management practices and also investigate current issues in the industry and careers in the poultry business. Poultry resources for youth are available from the 4-H Youth Development Website.



# Questions and answers about Avian Influenza

Avian influenza continues to be confirmed across Iowa and the nation. Here are some common questions and answers from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach that can help inform consumers, bird owners and poultry producers.

What is avian influenza?

Avian influenza is an infectious virus that affects wild birds and domestic poultry caused by a type A influenza virus in a family of viruses called Orthomyxovirus. There are two groups of viruses based on its ability to cause disease in domestic poultry: low pathogenic avian influenza, which usually causes only mild illness and can be present in chickens, turkeys and other gallinaceous birds without showing any signs; and high pathogenic avian influenza, which spreads rapidly causing severe disease and high death rate in chickens and turkeys. Wild birds carry both types of AI and can act as a source of infection to domestic poultry. This risk is particularly high during the migration season in fall and spring. The AI we are concerned about is HPAI.

What are some signs people should watch out for that would indicate avian influenza?

Since avian influenza is a respiratory virus, it can cause symptoms like coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge and swollen sinuses; but a red flag would be a sudden increase in death rate and especially if you don't have a good reason for why the bird(s) died. Other signs to look for include diarrhea, neurologic issues like depressed and lethargic birds, huddling birds, drop in feed and water consumption, and drop in egg production.

Are poultry products safe to eat?

HPAI detections in birds do not present an immediate public health concern and poultry products are safe to eat. There is a lot of information about "bird flu" and that people can get sick from eating poultry products but that is not true! HPAI does not disseminate in poultry products and affected birds do not make it to the food supply chain. Cooking eggs and poultry products will kill any potentially harmful things such as salmonella.

How is avian influenza spread?

AI is primarily spread by direct contact between healthy birds and infected birds, and through indirect contact with contaminated equipment and materials, such as boots, clothing, cars and anything that has contact with infected birds. The virus is shed through infected birds' feces and secretions from the nose, mouth and eyes. The easiest way to describe it is thinking that this is like the flu in people or COVID-19.

If folks suspect they may have avian influenza on their farm or in their backyard flock, what should they do?

If you suspect HPAI you must contact the state veterinarian or USDA before taking any further actions. There is a HPAI Tool kit provided by the Iowa Poultry Association in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Ag that has all these numbers.

During Office Hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): IDALS Reporting Line: 515-281-5305, USDA Reporting Line: 515-284-4140

After Hours: Jeff Kaisand: 515-240-6632; Kevin Petersburg: 515-669-6043.

The other important part is to isolate and quarantine your flock to limit the spread of potential disease.

How can we prevent the spread of foreign diseases, such as avian influenza?

Poultry and small flock owners should strengthen their biosecurity practices to keep the outside out, and keep the inside in. And in the event you find dead birds on your farm or your backyard flock, or if you see signs that look like HPAI, don't wait to call! Early detection is key in controlling an outbreak and preventing it from spreading to other poultry.

Good biosecurity is something we should practice all the time. What does good biosecurity look like?

Good biosecurity needs people to run it and a plan, and it has to make sense to you. It could be anything from limiting foot traffic on you farm, having a change of boots and clothing to chore birds, not borrowing tools and equipment from your neighbors, preventing any contact, direct or indirect with wild birds, and making sure to take a shower and wash hands after being exposed to other birds that are not yours, especially if you go out hunting.

A good trick to remember is T-I-P-S, which stands for Traffic control, Isolation, Pest control, and Sanitation.

Where can I go for more information about HPAI?

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Rev. Rob Lanphere

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**Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood**

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Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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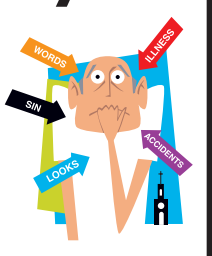
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# Vulnerability




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– Christopher Simon

***"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."***
***– Psalm 32:5***

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# Cook Bookin'

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



**by Sandy Olson**

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

I'm sure I'm not the only one who remembers when lovely tea rooms were all the rage and every town worth its salt had one or two. We had a wonderful tea room here in Northwood that I enjoyed many times. "America's Best Tea Room Recipes" (2004, CQ Products, Waverly, Iowa) is a book filled with the company's best recipes as taken from other books they have published. The sub-title is "Our Favorite Recipes Hand-Picked for You" so no guesswork here; they are all tried and true. The following are adapted from this delightful cookbook.

**Raisin Tea Bread**
**Christine's B&B and Tea Room, Great Barrington, MA**

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup whole milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup good olive oil
Pinch of kosher salt
1/2 cup dark raisins
1 cup white sugar
Grated zest of 1 lemon
2 large eggs, slightly beaten

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium mixing bowl, with a whisk, combine the dry ingredients, mixing well. Add the eggs, milk and oil. Toss the raisins with a teaspoon of extra flour in a plastic bag to coat them and add to the bowl along with the lemon zest. Stir until well combined. Grease 2 regular-sized loaf pans and divide the batter between them. Make for 15 minutes or until they test done with a toothpick. Wonderful spread with cream cheese!

**Canadian Bacon Quiche**
**A Spot for Tea, Oklahoma City, OK**

4 large eggs, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon garlic salt
2 cups half & half
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 large ripe Roma tomato
1 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 cup smoked Gouda cheese
1 cup diced Canadian bacon
1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Dice the tomato, removing the seeds. Shred the Gouda. In a large mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients except the crust and mix gently but well. Pour into the crust and bake for 45-60 minutes or until browned and the center is set but not dry.

**Caramel Bread Pudding**
**The Wenham Tea House and Shops, Wenham, MA**

1 cup brown sugar
3 cups whole milk
3 slices sturdy bread
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
3 large eggs, beaten
Pinch of kosher salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Cut the bread (you can easily use day-old bread of the dense type such as French or Italian) into 1-inch cubes. Butter the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the bottom of the dish. Layer the bread cubes over the sugar. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the eggs, milk, vanilla and salt. Mix well. Pour over the bread cubes; DO NOT STIR. Fill a large roaster with hot water and set the baking dish in the middle of the roaster. You want the water to come halfway up the pan but not to splash into the pudding. Place the roaster into the oven and bake the pudding 40 minutes. It should be golden brown and somewhat crusty on top. Serve warm with a dab of real whipped cream.

I don't understand why so many of the lovely tea rooms closed but it's hard to find one now for a quiet lunch or tea time. The atmosphere was so much different than a restaurant, most were beautifully decorated and the service was genteel. I miss them! And….that's all she wrote.

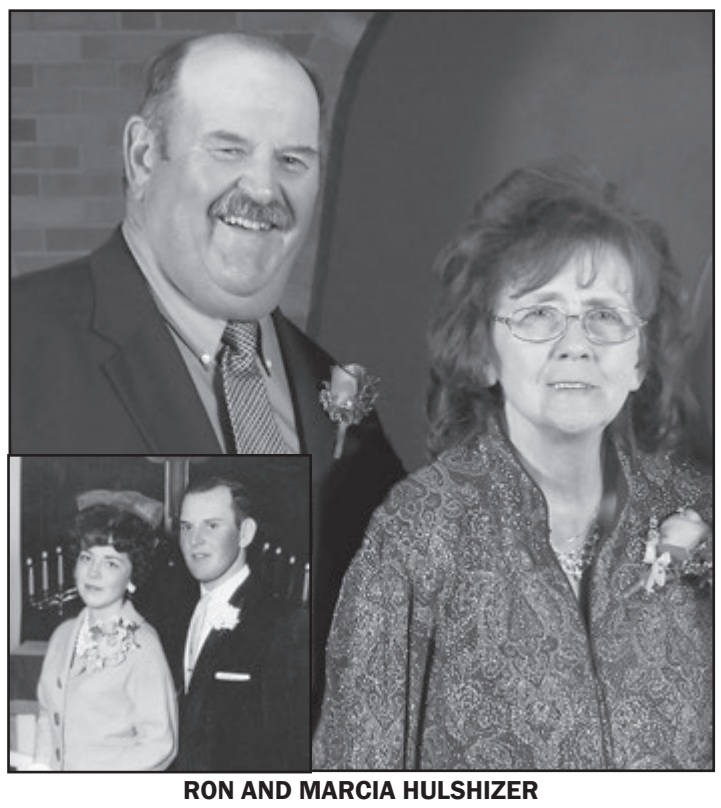
# Northwood Anchor Society

## Hulshizers to celebrate Diamond Anniversary on April 6

Ron and Marcia Hulshizer of Otranto were married on April 6, 1962, at the First Lutheran Church in Northwood. They have lived and farmed in the Meltonville/Otranto area ever since.

The couple's children are the late Teri Bishop of St. Ansgar, Randy and Sharon Hulshizer of Grafton, Julie and Mike Smith of St.Ansgar, Steve and Angie Hulshizer of Carpenter, Mike and Barb Hulshizer of Carpenter and Ryan and Katie Hulshizer of Northwood, and 30 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

If anyone is so inclined, please remember Ron and Marcia with greetings and well wishes. They reside at 1097 485th St., St. Ansgar IA, 50472.



RON AND MARCIA HULSHIZER

## A Senior Moment

**By Sandy Olson**
**Senior Center**

One of the great things about being older...and retired...is that every day is a weekend! Seriously, I sometimes have to stop and think what day of the week it is because time to relax, cook and eat, gather with friends, get out and about at any time of the day or evening is what not having to report to a job is all about. It's a great gig and I recommend that ALL people, no matter the age, start thinking about what they want to do when they are able to hand off their work responsibilities to younger men and women. It may seem like decades in the future but you really don't want to miss a minute of "old age" due to decisions made when you were young! One of the things available right here in our own back yard is the Northwood Senior Center. The activities for April are all set; come and join the fun if you are anywhere south of age 60!

Fun Bingo is again being called by Lorri and Carol on Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 18. Prizes! Fun! Easy to learn! 12:30 p.m. each of those days.

The Northwood Bookworms book club will also meet on April 4, at the Public Library. Time is 2 p.m. and the book discussion will be facilitated by Sue Cherney. All who enjoy good books and good book talk are welcome. The book for May is Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks. Morgan, the Library Director, gets books for the club through inter-library loan so members do not have to purchase a book themselves. Just have a library card.

For crafters and those wanting to learn, there will be two craft classes in April. Marcia and Lorri will teach an Easter Bunny project on Wednesday, April 6 AND a May Basket craft on Wednesday, April 27. Each craft will have a $2 charge for materials and will begin at 12:30 p.m. Handmade gifts are the most special kind; come to make some for yourself or someone you love.

On Thursday, April 7, David Moore from Colonial Chapel Funeral Home with present a discussion on end of life planning for seniors. It's not the first thing we think about when we are in the prime of life but it's very necessary information to have. Come to learn how to make your wishes known to your family. Time is 12 p.m.

Fresh Conversations with Amy from ISU will happen at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19. This is always fun and informative with ideas for good food and good nutrition for seniors. Sometimes there are samples!

On Friday, April 22 is Earth Day. In keeping with the theme, Marcia and Lorri will be bringing little pots, soil and flower seeds for members to plant. Take home a little bit of earth and nurture it into a beautiful flower! No charge for this activity.

On Monday, April 25, Patricia Franzen will be guest speaker. She will be telling her moving life story and you don't want to miss this special opportunity. The activity is facilitated by Chuck Stock and will begin at 12 p.m. Plan to spend 90 minutes with Ms. Franzen and learn about her experiences.

Our most special musician, Lois Meyer, will be playing during lunch on Thursday, April 14 AND Thursday, April 28. Lois always sets the mood while lunch is being served so she starts at 11:45 a.m. Her programs are some of the most popular activities at the Senior Center. Come for lunch with music to aid digestion!

Speaking of lunch, all men and women over age 60 or who are disabled are invited to enjoy a tasty and nutritious noon meal at the Senior Center. Suggested cost is $5 which includes beverage and dessert. The only requirement other than age is to make a reservation at 324-1244 either the day before or earlier than 8 a.m. on the day you plan to attend. This gem of an opportunity is sometimes overlooked in Northwood but is available Monday-Friday each week unless school is closed due to bad weather.

As always, Tuesdays are game and card days at the Senior Center. Bring your group of friends, your snacks and beverages and have hours of fun. You don't have to clean or set up chairs at home; we have everything ready. Just bring your own cards or games and enjoy the space free of charge, either before or after lunch...or both!

## Northwood Public Library

**By Morgan Johnson**
**Library Director**

The first week of April is National Library week! We will have a week of activities starting off on Monday, April 4, with the Senior Center's bookworms book club at 2 p.m., then on Tuesday at 7 p.m. the library's book club will meet to discuss "Greenlights" by Matthew McConaughey, on Thursday the 7th at 6 p.m. we will offer a painting class with Carolyn Reeder, and then on Friday we will have our 10 a.m. story time for the kids!

If you would like to attend the "Painting with Carolyn" event, you MUST RSVP! Call, e-mail or reach us on Facebook to save your spot. No previous painting experience is necessary! We will have a $3 charge to cover supply costs. Stop by the library to see the sample paintings that you could be making!

Our Friday morning story times resumed March 25 and will continue through April. Join us Friday mornings at 10 a.m. for crafts, activities, and stories!

Also mark your calendars for the evening of April 19 for a visit from local author Gail Kittleson and then mark down April 21 for our next evening story time! We are also planning to host a more challenging painting night with Carolyn later on in April or early May. Please check back later on our website or Facebook page for more details.

The library is continuing to plan ahead for the summer! Again we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the area businesses who have donated to us. Thanks to A&I Auto, Agri-Sales, Bloomingdale Tax, Butler Construction, InjectTech, Jean Stowell, Kelly Hardware, Kenison Construction, Knudtson Automotive, MCT Construction, NSB, Olson/Worth Mutual Insurance, Shade Tree Liquors, and TruStile for their generous donations! During most of June and July we will be offering a weekly story time, a weekly activity day for the older kids, and a number of other programs. We will have a kick-off day in early June sponsored by Olson/Worth Mutual Insurance. On July 1 we will have the Bubble Professor from Absolute Science thanks to a donation by NSB. Then on July 7 we will have the RAD Zoo thanks to a donation from Kenison Construction. The ISU Insect Zoo sponsored by TruStile will be at the library on July 19. And finally we will end our summer fun with a pool party sponsored by MCT Construction! We are still accepting donations and ideas for programming, so please feel free to reach out to us at 324-1340 or email me at morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us.

New adult fiction titles coming to the library in April… "Shadows Reel" by C.J. Box, "Violeta" by Isabel Allende, "High Stakes" by Danielle Steel, "The Golden Couple" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen, "Killer View" by Roy Johansen, "The Love of My Life" by Rosie Walsh, "The Lightning Rod" by Brad Meltzer, and "The Match" by Harlan Coben.

New large print titles coming soon… "With love from London" by Sarah Jio, "Crazy like a fox" by Melinda Metz, "Too soon to die" by William Johnstone, "Steal" by James Patterson and Howard Roughan, and "A game of fear" by Charles Todd.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have via e-mail morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us or phone 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!


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# Worth 4-H returns to D.C. for tour of history, monuments and museums

During the recent spring break, a group of Worth County 4-H'ers, Extension staff and families once again made a uniquely education journey to the nation's capital for several days of tours and visits to national monuments and historic sites.

The group boarded a bus on Saturday morning, March 12, traveling throughout the day and overnight, arriving at Gettysburg on Sunday to visit several of the historical locations, including the Gettysburg Address Cemetery Site; the Cyclorama art that depicts the battles there; and the Gettysburg museum. The group then took a guided tour of the snow-covered battlefield. They saw both the battlefield and the remnants of the battle in the surrounding community, with bullet holes and cannon damage remaining.

The travel continued to their hotel in D.C. for the evening meal, where they watched a video for a preview of what the days to come would hold.

Monday, March 14, started with visits to the Smithsonian Castle for some and a visit to the Washington Monument for others.

There were limited number of tickets available, so just a few that wanted to take the elevator and climb to the top of the monument could do so. But they were rewarded with amazing views of many of the amazing buildings and memorials nearby.

The next destination was the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

That was followed by the sobering experience of the Holocaust Museum, with a look at the lives lost and the atrocities committed.

While the group's itinerary included a tour of the National Cathedral, a convoy of protesting truckers had blocked traffic and the local sightseers arrived in time for an evening song service, but not a tour.

They ended the day with a night view of the World War II, Vietnam, Lincoln, Korean War and Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials.

On Tuesday, the group traveled for a look at the U.S. Capitol. Ongoing security concerns meant that tours inside the Capitol, Supreme Court and other buildings were not possible.

However, Iowa senators Charles Grassley and Joni Ernst came to meet the group on the Capitol steps, where they spent some time speaking with their Worth County constituents and answered some questions before posing for a group photo.

The afternoon's travels took the group to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum.

The day ended at the Arena Stage, where some saw a performance of the stage version of "Catch Me If You Can."

On Wednesday, the group traveled to the Smithsonian's Natural and American History museums.

After lunch, they traveled to take a look at the life of America's first president, with a tour of Mount Vernon, George Washington's Plantation. That included a chance to walk the nearby gardens, take in the view of the Potomac River and tour the buildings of Mount Vernon.

The group had a chance to view the White House before their last activity of the day.

They ended the day with a tour that guided them through the last day in the life of President Abraham Lincoln, starting at the White House and ending at Ford's Theatre.

Thursday took the group back to Ford's Theatre, to look at the museum in the basement, the state of the theatre today and a look the staging for the play that will be presented there next.

Next up was the Iwo Jima Memorial.

With some extra time, the group visited the Air Force Memorial, located near the Pentagon and their afternoon stop.

The first destination of the afternoon was Arlington National Cemetery. Perhaps fittingly, it was here that it began to rain.

Despite the downpour, the visit included a viewing of the Changing of the Guard. Worth County once again participated, with four 4-H'ers chosen to lay a wreath on behalf of Worth County. That included Macy Thoreson, Kamryn Backhaus, Logan Kauffman and Kale Bode.

Thursday also ended with a night view, this time of the Roosevelt, Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials.

After breakfast on Friday, it was time to board the bus for the journey home. But before traveling home, the group was able to make up their tour of the National Cathedral missed earlier in the week.

They arrived on Saturday morning to rest and reflect on a whirlwind week taking in the interesting, educational and historic sights seen in a trip made possible by the Worth County 4-H program.



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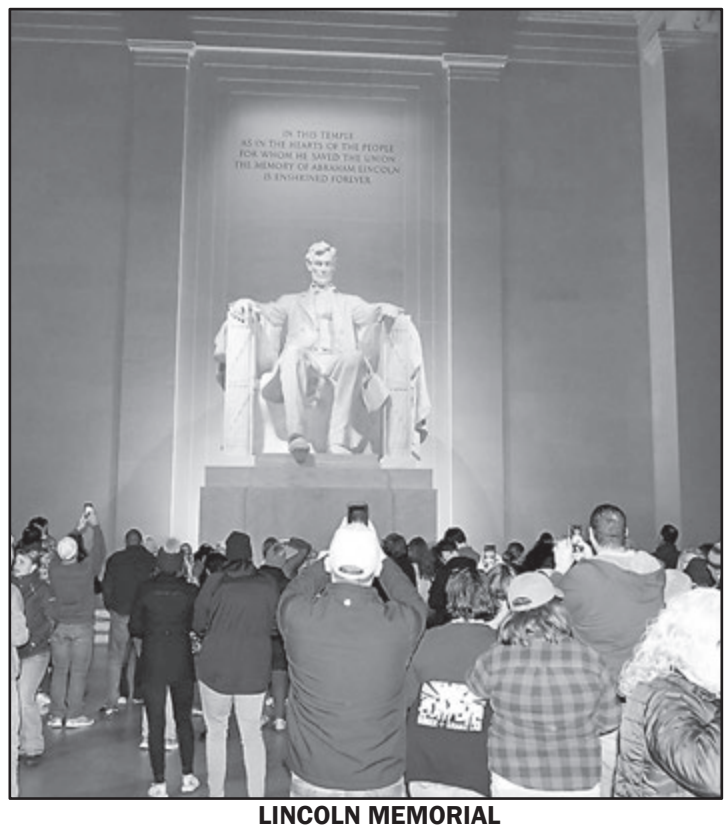

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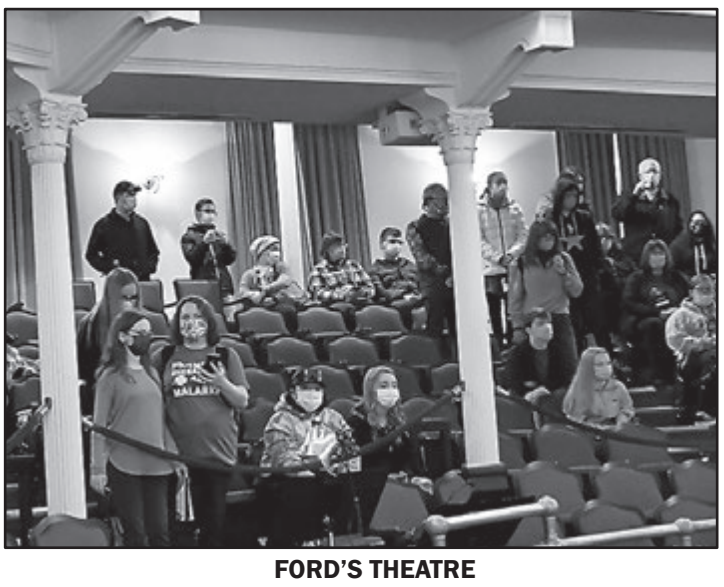
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# Opinion

## Savvy Senior

### How to Get Help as an Elder Orphan

Dear Savvy Senior,

I need to find someone honest and reliable to look after my estate, health and long-term care when I'm no longer able to do it myself. I'm a 67-year-old recent widow with no children and one sibling I rarely talk to. Any suggestions?

Solo Ager

Dear Solo,

This is big concern for millions of older Americans who don't have a spouse, children or other family they can depend on to watch out for their well-being. While there's no one solution to this issue, here are some tips and resources that can help you plan ahead.

Essential Documents

If you haven't already done so, your first step, before choosing a reliable decision maker, is to prepare a basic estate plan of at least four essential legal documents. This will protect yourself and make sure you're wishes are carried out if you become seriously ill or when you die.

These essential documents include: a "durable power of attorney" that allows you to designate someone to handle your financial matters if you become incapacitated; an "advanced health care directive" that includes a "living will" that tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated, and a "health care power of attorney," which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you're unable to; and a "will" that spells out how you'd like your property and assets distributed after you die. It also requires you to designate an "executor" to ensure your wishes are carried out.

To prepare these documents your best option is to hire an attorney, which can cost anywhere between $500 and $2,000. Or, if you are interested in a do-it-yourself plan, Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2022 ($199, Nolo.com) and LegalZoom.com ($179) are some top options.

Choosing Decision Makers & Helpers

Most people think first of naming a family member as their power of attorney for finances and health care, or executor of their will. If, however, you don't have someone to fill those roles, you may want to ask a trusted friend or associate but be sure to choose someone that's organized and younger than you who will likely be around after you're gone.

Also be aware that if your choice of power of attorney or executor lives in another state, you'll need to check your state's law to see if it imposes any special requirements.

If, however, you don't have a friend or relative you feel comfortable with, you'll need to hire someone who has experience with such matters.

To find a qualified power of attorney or executor for your will, contact your bank, a local trust company or an estate planning attorney. If you need help locating a pro, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org) is a great resource that provides online directory to help you find someone in your area.

Another resource that can help you manage and oversee your health and long-term care needs as they arise, and even act as your health care power of attorney, is an aging life care manager. These are trained professionals in the area of geriatric care who often have backgrounds in nursing or social work. To search for an expert near you, visit AgingLifeCare.org.

Or, if you need help with bill paying and other financial/insurance/tax chores there are professional daily money managers (see AADMM.com) that can help.

Aging life care managers typically charge between $75 and $200 per hour, while hourly rates for daily money managers range between $75 and $150.

It's also important to note that if you don't complete the aforementioned legal documents and you become incapacitated, a court judge may appoint a guardian to make decisions on your behalf. That means the care you receive may be totally different from what you would have chosen for yourself.

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# Ponderings from the Batt Cave

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

**Echoes From the Loafers' Club Meeting**

I never buy deodorant.

Why not?

People, sometimes strangers, give it to me.

**Driving by Bruce's drive**

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. A Ford F-150 pickup passed me. It attempted to pass everyone in a slalom course to get to where he was going before they did. It was likely his signature move. The model name of the truck was Tremor. I shuddered as it went by. The Tremor carried no bumper stickers, but many of the vehicles it flew by did. Some were funny, some were idiotic, some were gentle, some were obscene, some were worthy of a nod or a smile and others were horrifying, but none changed my mind about anything. I wish I could wave my magic yardstick (the wand is in the shop) and turn all bumper stickers into something funny or supportive.

"Guess what you forgot to do?" my wife asked. I'm terrible at those guessing games and I'd forgotten to do many things ("forgotten" is my excuse for not doing the things I didn't want to do), but I'd wanted to take books to a library book sale. I long ago ran out of room for all the books I possess. I'd decided to donate my Hassler books to the sale. Jon Hassler was a writer known for novels about small-town life in Minnesota. He held the positions of Regents Professor Emeritus and Writer-in-Residence at St. John's University in Collegeville after spending his formative years in Staples and Plainview. His first novel, "Staggerford," told stories of small-town people facing big changes or decisions and affectionately mocked the foibles of a small-town. His books might not be for everyone, but they are meant for me. I'll keep the two Hassler had signed for me. Next, I'll try to find the gumption to give away the pile of beloved John Steinbeck books.

**I've learned**

Every time is never every time.

Life moves from saving steps to counting steps.

Emulate the woodpecker. If life becomes a petrified forest, keep pecking away.

Little in life turns out the way we thought it would even if we thought it wouldn't.

Kids want to be adults and adults want to be kids.

In the news

Limbo champion walks into a bar and is disqualified.

Local baker climbs the batter of success.

Four-leaf Clover Farm declares bankruptcy after a rash of bad luck.

County Highway Department declares "Toaster Crossing" signs to be a complete waste of money.

The Hide & Seek League says good players are hard to find.

**From the mailbag**

A kind reader from Darien, Illinois, after reading of my boyhood use of recycled catalogs and peach papers in our outhouse, sent me a roll of bamboo toilet paper. The packaging proudly proclaimed it hangs over and under.

Marian Bahl of Faribault wrote, "What did one snowman say to the other? 'I smell carrots.'"

**Nature notes**

Why do worms come to the surface when it rains? In my childhood, I thought they did so to keep from drowning when water filled their burrows, but they can survive for a long time submerged in water. Scientists have theories about why worms engage in this behavior. One is that coming above ground when it rains allows worm tourism. Traveling across dry ground can be difficult. Worms might move toward the surface to escape a mole and move the same way when it rains, mistaking the vibrations caused by the rain for predators.

I saw a small flock of ring-billed gulls in a parking lot. They're called seagulls, but that name is colloquial and not scientific. They could be more rightly called parking-lot gulls, landfill gulls or french-fry gulls. This gathering of gulls enjoyed fries. A flock of birds is one enormous eye. And it looks in all directions. A murder of crows flew over a farm field. Their name is one of the most recognized collective nouns for birds. I enjoy seeing horned larks on roadsides, which gives me an opportunity to declare, "An exultation of larks!" Other interesting group names are a murmuration of starlings, an unkindness of ravens, a parliament of owls (rarely seen in groups other than at nests) and a pitying of doves. I'm not sure of the legitimacy of the dove one, but it's a book title. A murder of crows is the name of books, movies, TV show episodes, plays, albums and bands. An unkindness of ravens is the title of a novel.

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**Meeting adjourned**

"We're all just walking each other home." -Ram Dass. Be kind.

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# Fit to print...

## The origins of April Fool's Day, or is it?

*This Friday is April Fool's Day. While many know that the holiday comes with pranks and jokes, most don't know the history of the holliday and it's related traditions.*

*It seems that even historians may not know the exact origins.*

*Following is some of the potential origins of April Fool's Day, shared by History.com. Of course, there's always the chance that the information shared is an April Fool's day prank itself. You can never be sure.*

*-Kris*

April Fools' Day—celebrated on April 1 each year—has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.

Origins of April Fools' Day

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Hilaria in Ancient Rome

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria (Latin for joyful), which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. It involved people dressing up in disguises and mocking fellow citizens and even magistrates and was said to be inspired by the Egyptian legend of Isis, Osiris and Seth.

Vernal Equinox and April Fools'

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

History of April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

April Fools' Day Pranks

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. In 1985, Sports Illustrated writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1992, National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon saying he was running for president again... only it was an actor, not Nixon, and the segment was all an April Fools' Day prank that caught the country by surprise.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich. Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

For the average trickster, there is always the classic April Fools' Day prank of covering the toilet with plastic wrap or switching out sugar and salt.

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# Early Files

## 100 years ago

**March 29, 1922**

The Olsen Studio on west Main Street has undergone a number of changes of the interior during the past few weeks and it now affords more commodious and convenient quarters. In connection with the studio, which is conducted by Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Olsen will operate a small variety store to be known as the Park View Variety Store.

The New Century and Delphian clubs will present Mrs. James Blyth in her citizenship lecture some time during the month of April. Mrs. Blythe is a member of the Iowa Federation Speakers' Bureau. She is recognized as one of the best informed women of the state.

The carnival is coming to town and will be all ready to show Friday evening at the high school gymnasium. The show will be under the auspices of the American Legion Ladies' auxiliary. There will be a tent show, living pictures, midway with suitable attractions, roulette wheel, fortune teller, bowling alleys, menagerie, midgets, clowns, candy, novelty and flower booths, Dew Drop Inn, coffee room and Sossy' band.

Thursday morning daily newspapers announced the appointment of Iver Iverson to be postmaster of Northwood. President Harding sent his nomination to the senate on Wednesday of last week and as soon as that body has confirmed the appointment Mr. Iverson will be authorized to take possession of the office upon the receipt of his commission.

The American Legion play "Hearts of Gold" drew large audiences to the Theatre both Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. As a result of the excellent patronage we understand the Legion will net a considerable sum of money, which will be added to the general fund of the organization.

## 75 years ago

**March 27, 1947**

A petition asking for a special election to vote on the matter of levying a tax for an airport to be constructed in Northwood was presented to the town council in session last week. The council referred the matter to the Northwood Planning Committee and now the Planning Committee has passed the ball back to the mayor and council.

Ten hogs were killed and another one so badly injured it was butchered here when a 10-wheel semi-trailer transport truck turned on its side a few rods south of the Leonard Splide home just south of Northwood on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Chas. Stewart, driver of the truck owned by Geo. Bedford of Alpha, Minn., was transporting 61 hogs to the Decker plant in Mason City when the accident occurred.

Services were held in the Bristol Lutheran church on Sunday for the first time since the remodeling began in the church proper. Ingvald Levorson has been in charge of the work, which included refinishing of the floors, cutting down of the pulpit and the altar, the building of a choir loft and redecorating.

S.D. Carr of Mason City has purchased the Quality Cafe business in Northwood from Miss Ella Lobben and will take possession on April 1, he said on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carr was occupy an apartment over the cafe. Mrs. Carr is the former Lucile Lund, a native of Northwood and a resident here until she reached adult years.

In constantly increasing ill health since his medical discharge from the U.S. Navy in November 1943. Wallace Edwards, 37, died on Thursday, March 20, at the Des Moines Veterans Hospital. He had been returned there on February 12 for further medical treatment after home environment and care had failed to bring about a hoped for improvement.

## 50 years ago

**March 30, 1972**

Three Northwood-Kensett senior students were voted the best of the sports in which they participated by teammates and members of the N-K Quarterback Club at the annual winter sports banquet at N-K high school Saturday night. They are Grayling Stayner, wrestler of the year; Julie Jaspers, cheerleader of the year and Fred Rupert, basketball player of the year.

Marty Ringham and Buck Pangburn display the trophies they won at the Northwood Barrow Show on March 14. Ringham won grand champion in the live contest and first in the carcass contest with a 180.9 ham and loin index. Pangburn, representing Milo Pangburn and Son, took second place in the carcass contest with a ham and loin index of 159. Pangburn showed the first place pig in the medium weight division of the live contest.

The Luther College Concert Band is currently on its annual spring tour, which will take the 72-member group to Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and several cities in Canada. Following Commencement in late May, the group leaves for a three-week tour of Norway and several other European countries. Performers include John Bailey, Mason City; David Smith, Northwood; Mary Wangberg, Clear Lake; and Steve Escher, Mason City. The annual Homecoming Concert will be presented in the Luther Field House.

Dudley Peterson, Kensett, and Bill Alexander, Northwood, were made honorary charter members at the annual FFA banquet on March 21. Peterson is a Kensett area farmer and Alexander is owner-manager of Alexander Feed and Supply, Kensett.

Julie Jaspers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jaspers, rural Northwood, was selected queen of the annual FFA Hayseeders Ball held Friday night at the High School.

## 25 years ago

**March 26, 1997**

Residents of - and motorist driving through - Grove, Hartland and Brookfield townships have been surprised and delighted in recent weeks by numerous sightings of bald eagles. Adult pairs of the large, dark brown raptors with their white heads and tails have been spotted at Stimes Woods county park 2-1/2 miles southwest of Northwood and at State Line Cemetery 2-1/2 miles north of town.

Northwood "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 quartermaster Howie Ringham presented a $100 check to Northwood-Kensett High School instrumental music Director Donna Angell last Friday as N-K High principal John Dayton and Post 6779 commander Gene Weitzel looked on. The $100 gift, to be used for new band uniforms, was one of three the Northwood VFW Post awarded to various local organizations last week from the proceeds of its weekly bingo game.

Seven Northwood-Kensett third graders played so well in their first outing as an organized unit that they captured the boys championship at the N-K Booster Club's third grade basketball tournament here recently. The champs included Chris Moe, Mike Bloomingdale, Matt Midtgaard, Ryan Weisert, Allan Freeman, Travis Johnson and Preston Davidson, coaches Jim Bloomingdale and John Midtgaard and ball boy Trent Midtgaard. The N-K third graders beat teams from Forest City, Rockwell, and Mason City to win the title.

Stephanie Rosenberg and Jeffrey Beland were married on August 10, 1996, at Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter, with the Rev. Kathy Larson officiating. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Rita Rosenberg of Grafton and the groom is the son of Mike and Terri Beland of Stacyville.

## 10 years ago

**March 28, 2012**

At a meeting held last week the Northwood City Council approved the hiring of Amber Julseth as the new city clerk. Earlier this year current city clerk Donna Tyrrell announced her plans to retire at the end of the fiscal year, on June 30. Julseth was hired as a full time deputy city clerk to begin April 15, allowing her time to train with Tyrrell before her retirement.

The above historical photo was taken from close to where the Northwood volunteer fire station stands now. It shows the west side of Eighth Street North pointing towards the southeast. Across Central Avenue is the Kean Building that currently houses the Northwood Anchor.

Signs of spring are popping up everywhere on the David and Cheryl Gentz farm east of Northwood, and springtime for 12-year-old daughter Bethany means newborn lambs. A Worth County 4-H'er, Bethany began by borrowing lambs from Brian and Becky Haberman to show at the fair. The next year she showed a Cheviot from Mark and Becky Stegen. This is her fourth year in 4-H and the first time she'll be showing her own lambs, black-faced "Charlie, Sam, Ashley and Goober." Bethany's parents are proud of their daughter and supportive of her project.

Carolyn Stoneking of Northwood has achieved academic ranking in the top two percent of students in the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University, where she is a student.

Joey Read passes the baton to senior Nik Werner in the final leg of the 4x200 meter relay last Monday afternoon in Cedar Falls.

The Vikings' Brett Olson takes his second attempt at the long jump last Monday afternoon at the UNI Dickinson Relays.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

## Dianne Ellis

Dianne Kathleen Ellis died on March 12, 2022, surrounded by her family in the beautiful home she provided for her loved ones.

Dianne was happiest being with her family, meditating on scripture, paging through cookbooks, harvesting her garden and caring for family, friends, those in need and anyone who just needed a little cheering up. Her striking beauty seldom went unnoticed. She was a woman of persevering strength and adventure, even while battling lung cancer towards the end of her life. She was an exceptional mother and a devoted wife.



DIANNE ELLIS

Dianne was born in Mason City, Iowa, on November 30, 1945, to her loving parents, Eldren and Rachel Brunsvold. She grew up on a farm in Kensett, Iowa, where her nurturing spirit got its start by reviving baby pigs in the family oven. In her farmhouse, her family's Norwegian heritage ran as deep as a crock full of lutefisk. The farm was a center point for her extended family, where mischief and numerous adventures were had. She and her siblings - Dick, Mark, Christine and Dave - were baptized and confirmed a few miles down the road at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, where her deep faith was formed.

After high school, Dianne set off on a series of adventures, including taking the train across the country by herself to study nursing at Pacific Lutheran University, which was close to her beloved aunt Thora – a kindred spirit. She then gradually migrated east to Philadelphia, joined the U.S. Navy and took care of amputee victims from the Vietnam war. She ultimately obtained her masters in pediatric nursing from the University of Wisconsin. Her kindness, beautiful smile and empathy made her an exceptional nurse. Her sense of adventure brought her to Alaska in 1974, again by herself, and she became an itinerant public health nurse in Ketchikan, flying to bush villages where she was frequently the sole medical provider. She later became an elementary school nurse at several schools in Anchorage.

While in Ketchikan, she met Stephen Ellis, her husband of 47 years. She married him within three months of their first meeting, sensing his upstanding character immediately. He was beside her throughout her life, supporting, advocating and caring for her, navigating hope and sorrow with her and sharing in her deep faith in Christ. During her last day, she called him her "protector." Their strong marriage was the foundation for starting a family together in Anchorage, leading to the birth of their three children.

Dianne's family was her crowning possession. She was very proud of them. Stephen's grandmother told a story about a relatively poor woman who, when asked by a rich man as to where her jewels were, pointed to her children and proudly said: "These are my jewels!" That was Dianne. She was the epitome of kindness and humility. She showered her husband, children, their spouses and eight grandchildren with chocolate chip cookies – hers were exceptional – as well as homemade bread, raspberry jam, lefse, piping hot soup, fresh garden salads and her mother-in-law's famous spaghetti sauce. Her unconditional love to her family was reciprocal, demonstrated by her son, Joe, providing his own liver during a transplant that prolonged her life in 2016. Dianne wouldn't hesitate to fly across the country to take care of her loved ones. She constantly gave and expected nothing in return. In fact, if you gave her a complement on her jacket, she'd likely give it to you. Further, she loved to take anyone she could find to Stewart's Photo - she was a co-owner - to show off Mrs. Stewart's rock collection, or give them a tour of her apple orchard, vegetable garden or flower beds, and send them home with loads of produce. She is deeply missed.

Dianne is survived by her husband, Stephen; brother, Richard Brunsvold and wife, Gerd of Torpo, Norway; sister, Christine Hoigaard of Austin, Texas; brother, Mark Brunsvold and wife Vicki of Minneapolis, Minn.; brother, David Brunsvold and wife Pieper of Ashland, Wis.; three children and their spouses, Matthew and Janine Elgamal of Reston, Va., Erin and Preston Martin of Mukilteo, Wash., and Joseph and Michelle Ellis of Telkwa, British Columbia, Canada; and eight grandchildren, Mariam Ellis, David Ellis, Anna Ellis, Hannah Martin, Luka Ellis, Benjamin Ellis, Scott Martin and Daniel Martin - identical twins, the crowning touch.

A funeral Mass celebrating Dianne's life was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2901 Huffman Road in Anchorage, at 2 p.m. on March 18, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Providence Hospice in Anchorage at www.providence.org/locations/ak/hospice-anchorage.*


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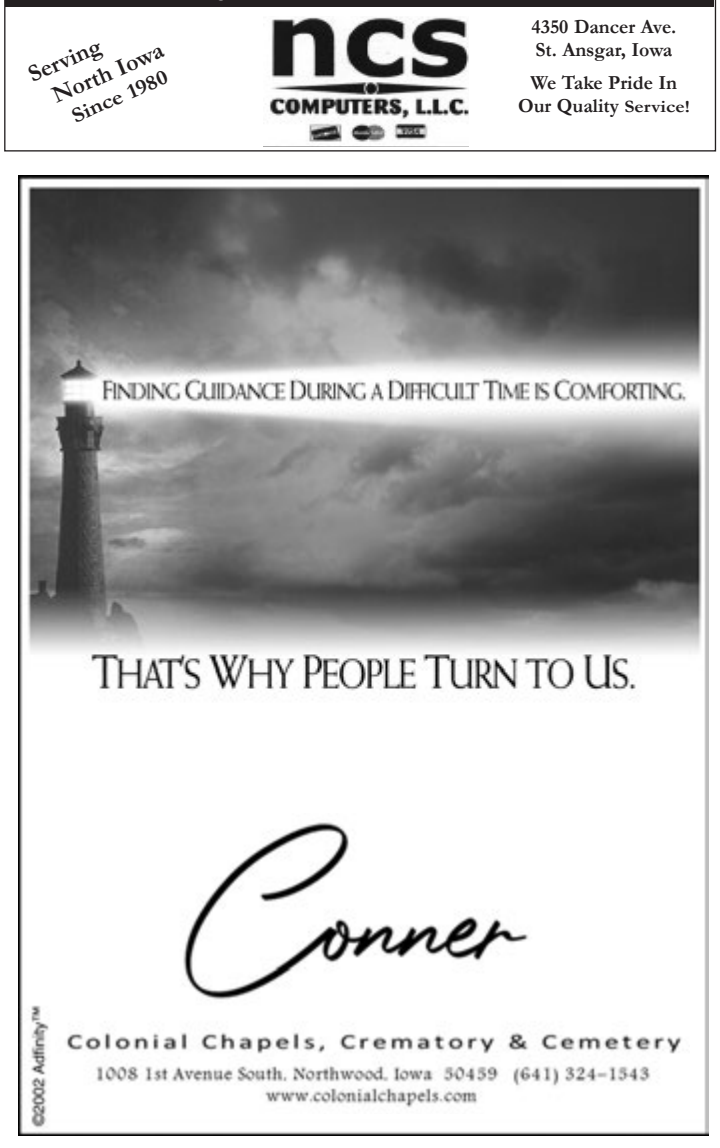
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# NRCS announces three new Iowa Regional Conservation Partnership Program projects, application sign-up is April 8

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing three new project areas in which Iowa farmers can apply for conservation assistance through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Through RCPP, NRCS co-invests with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to resource concerns.

NRCS accepts program applications on a continuous basis but sets dates to batch and rank applications as funding allows. Interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by April 8, 2022, to be considered for fiscal year 2022 RCPP funding.

Three New RCPP Projects

Led by the City of Cedar Rapids, the Cedar River Source Water Partnership is a collaboration among communities and agricultural partners to improve water quality, mitigate the risk of flooding, and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Farmers in the Cedar River Watershed are eligible to apply.

In the Floyd River Water Quality Partnership, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) will address water quality by helping farmers plant cover crops and implement nutrient management practices. Coordinated on-farm partnerships with input suppliers, farmers, and the livestock industry will deliver grazing and edge-of-field practice demonstrations. Farmers in the Floyd River Watershed are eligible to apply.

The SE Iowa Watershed Partnership, composed of 20 partner organizations, will accelerate adoption of nutrient management and mitigation practices and systems in 15 southeast Iowa counties.

Sign-up for Existing RCPP Projects

In September, NRCS announced three new 2021 RCPP projects and one renewed project with available funding. Farmers in these RCPP project areas still have time to apply for conservation funding:

Through the North Raccoon Partnership for Soil and Water Outcomes Project, the Iowa Soybean Association, in collaboration with ag retailers, Federal and State agencies, and the City of Des Moines, is taking a watershed approach to improving soil health and water quality in a high-profile watershed located from northwest to central Iowa. Targeted practices include no-till, cover crops, denitrifying bioreactors, saturated buffers, and wetland restoration.

Through the Turkey River Watershed Project, IDALS is delivering a comprehensive outreach, planning, and implementation approach to spur the long-term adoption of management and structural practices to reduce water quality degradation in the Turkey River Watershed. Project partners estimate that producer efforts will reduce almost 400,000 pounds of nitrogen and over 11,000 pounds of nitrogen out of local waterways.

The Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage project brings together a diverse partnership, including PepsiCo, Heartland Co-op, the Nature Conservancy and Nutrien Ag Solutions, to demonstrate a systems approach to improved farm profitability and sustainability on some of the most intensely farmed land in Iowa. The project aims to help producers plant nearly 150,000 acres of cover crops and install 50 denitrifying bioreactors and saturated wetlands, among other water quality, flood control and source water protection practices.

The Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Project is a renewal project co-led by IDALS and the Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance (IAWA). It assembles 47 partners to build an innovative public-private collaboration to reduce nutrient loss and improve water quality, soil health, and habitat for at-risk species. The project targets several high-priority watersheds throughout Iowa.

NRCS is also announcing an April 8, 2022, application batching date for four existing 2014 Farm Bill RCPP projects funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Projects include:

- Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership
- Fox River Water Quality Project
- Innovative Conservation Agriculture
- Driftless Area Habitat for the Wild & Rare Phase 2

For project fact sheets and maps to determinate eligibility, visit: www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/ia/programs/farmbill/rcpp/.

For details such as priority conservation practices and financial assistance, farmers should contact their local NRCS office. Additional information about conservation planning and programs to treat natural resource issues is available on the Iowa NRCS website at www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov.

# NCIGS holds monthly program on April 9

If anyone is working with a supplemental program to "Ancestry.com" call "FAMILY TREE MAKER," they may want to attend this program. The latest release is FTM 2019 (released September 29, 2019). It is compatible with Windows 7 or later, it is also compatible with Windows 10+ Mac OS Catalina 10.015.

This is an instrumental class participation program. We can learn from each other and ask all the questions a person would like. Bring a computer and follow along.

We will demonstrate some of the following techniques:

- How to create a family tree and link it to Ancestry and Family Search.
- How to sync a tree across multiple units.
- Add photos.
- Merging duplicate names.
- Color coding family lines.
- How to create multiple family trees.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society monthly program will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Genealogy Library - Masonic Temple, 75 South Georgia Ave., Mason City. Refreshments are provided with a free will donation.

Mark calendars for the May 14 meeting. A field trip to the Marble Rock Historical Society and a tour of six historical buildings.

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## Bolan

Linda Nydegger drove over to Buffalo Center, Iowa, on Saturday evening to attend the North Iowa High School production "The Wizard of Oz." Joslyn Koppen, the daughter of Derek and Jane Koppen, was a part of the play with other middle schoolers as "Ozians, Jitterbugs, Munchkins, Flying Monkeys, Poppies and Winkies." Also attending was Dale and Sandy Koppen of Arnolds Park and Jenna Koppen of Des Moines.

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# Legal

## Notice

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DISTRICT COURT
FOR WORTH COUNTY IN
THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
LARRY K. PATTERSON,
Deceased
Probate No. ESPR009311
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT
OF EXECUTOR, AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Larry K. Patterson, Deceased, who died on or about the April 30, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on March 21, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Larry K. Patterson, deceased, bearing date of the December 4, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Barbara K. Patterson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this March 9, 2022.

Barbara K. Patterson
4654 Vine Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of the Estate

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

Date of second publication the 6th day of April, 2022.

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## City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 3/14/22 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Pilkington, Douglas, Parker, Heiken, & Woltzen.

Absent: None.

Visitors: R. Bauer-City Maintenance, L. McNally-Deputy City Clerk, Will Hillson, Diana Parker, Arlys Bergdale, Mike & Barb Berge, Ann Smith, Reta Ulve & Lucy Heiken.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Maintenance discussed overhead lights are almost finished, water main break is fixed but the piles of dirt need to be leveled off, a possible grant for scissor lift and wiring the rest of the parking lot at Community Center and general correspondence.

Clerk discussed Tom coming to install new doors on Wednesday.

Old Business: City clean-up day scheduled for May 7th and alternate day of May 14th.

New Business: Sexton discussed.

Mayor salary increase-Ordinance 2022-1, motion by Heiken, 2nd by Douglas, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously. Motion by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen to waive 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2022-1, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Setting March 21, 2022 for 22-23 budget.

Resolution #640 -transfer of funds, motion by Pilkington, 2nd by Woltzen.

Treasurer's Report: February 2022 Revenues by Fund: General 9061.08, Utilities 5486.67, Special 2318.82. Total Revenues: $16,866.57. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 3572.82, WCTA 278.01, B. Luckason 329.47 (net), R. Bauer 1152.60 (net), L. McNally 1735.41 (net), W. Hillson 504.01 (net), C. Hagen 1306.98 (net), Federal & SS 1364.59 (payroll), IPERS 1015.79 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #37/60 324.05 (casino $-general), Post Office 120.00 (stamps-sewer), KCAP WCDA Grant (Festival) 3000.00 (general), Water deposit refund: M. Schulte 100.00, AgSource 26.75 (service-water-testing), Kensett Water 104.00 (sewer fees), Central Lock Security 73.15 (deadbolt-general), L. McNally 14.56 (mileage-general), D & L Equipment 384.99 (lawnmower-general), Waste Management 1432.44 (garbage & recycling-general), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Nelson Septic Service 85.00 (service – general), R80 85.64 (city truck-road use), Northwood Anchor 175.21 (publications-general), Kelly Hardware 6.99 (supplies-general), Hawkins 277.34 (chemicals-water), Office of Auditor Of State 800.00 (dues-general), Peterson Excavating 1900.00 (water), Herb Thompson 30.00, Baker & Taylor 85.85 (books), Barbara Held 11.59.

Disbursements by Fund: General 8,711.12, Special 1,642.29, Utilities 1,034.98, Payroll 7,593.55 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $18,981.94.

Motion to adjourn by Pilkington, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Carrie Hagen, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

## Supervisors

**March 21, 2022**
**Twelth 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 Stone/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from March 14, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $26,745.90, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng ..... 92.38
Alliant Energy
Service-Shf ..... 203.24
Aramark, Service-Gsr ..... 277.08
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf ..... 53.79
Centurylink, Service-Gsr ... 129.04
Certified Laboratories
Fuel-Eng ..... 852.15
Corey Pulju, Meeting-Asr ..... 7.61
Crittenton Center
Service-Juj ..... 1,306.20
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng .... 281.52
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Sdp ..... 20.96
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf ..... 95.62
Iaccvso, Edu-Vaf ..... 60.00
Idals-State Apiary Program
Service-Dda ..... 54.60
Ip Pathways, Service-Dap .....
..... 3,796.71
Jacob Hanson, Reimb-Trs .. 288.45
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd ..... 50.00
John Deere Financial
Supplies ..... 628.43
Judy Stevens, Mileage-Asr 103.07
Keltek Inc, Service-Dap ..... 880.31
Kyle Tabbert, Meeting-Asr .. 18.14
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Gsr ..... 1,032.69
Mail Services Llc
Service-Trs ..... 322.37
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap ..... 191.06
Mark Thoma, Meeting-Asr .. 26.44
Martin's Flag Company, Llc
Supplies-Gsr ..... 646.68
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr .... 79.90
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Eng ..... 150.00
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf ..... 491.71
Reliance Telephone Inc
Supplies-Shf ..... 600.00
Shi International Corp
Service-Dap ..... 6,993.00
Shred Right, Service-Phd .... 91.09
Teresa Olson, Reimb-Rec ... 594.85
Trading Post, Supplies-Eng. 53.45
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis ..... 198.42
Visa, Service-Con ..... 2,639.19
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp ..... 2,650.00
Windstream, Service-Eng .... 14.47
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Ema ..... 77.44
Youth Shelter Care Of N Ia Inc
Service-Juj ..... 693.84
Grand Total ..... 26,745.90

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve clerk of court monthly report. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve ISAC Group Benefits Program Renewal for FY23. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adjourn at 9:04 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

## City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in special session 3/21/22 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Parker & Douglas. Absent: Pilkington & Heiken. Mayor opened Public Hearing for 2022-2023 Budget Resolution #641, there being no public input, Mayor closed public hearing. Motion to approve said Resolution by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Carrie Hagen, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**Proposed NORTHWOOD-KENSETT School Budget Summary**
**Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023**

Location of Public Hearing: Northwood-Kensett Administration Office 1496 480th St Northwood, IA 50459 | Date of Hearing: 04/11/2022 | Time of Hearing: 07:30 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 22/23 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

| | | Budget 2023 | Re-est. 2022 | Actual 2021 | Avg % 21-23 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 | 3,598,494 | 3,359,541 | 3,467,909 | % 1.9 |
| Utility Replacement Excise Tax | 2 | 80,330 | 83,705 | 32,795 | % 56.5 |
| Income Surtaxes | 3 | 138,198 | 144,523 | 138,441 | % -0.1 |
| Tuition\Transportation Received | 4 | 316,754 | 309,537 | 302,777 | |
| Earnings on Investments | 5 | 19,278 | 18,992 | 18,712 | |
| Nutrition Program Sales | 6 | 34,566 | 34,056 | 33,552 | |
| Student Activities and Sales | 7 | 113,525 | 111,894 | 110,287 | |
| Other Revenues from Local Sources | 8 | 749,320 | 738,260 | 937,359 | |
| Revenue from Intermediary Sources | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| State Foundation Aid | 10 | 3,333,336 | 3,191,967 | 3,176,505 | |
| Instructional Support State Aid | 11 | 10,841 | 0 | 0 | |
| Other State Sources | 12 | 594,139 | 585,595 | 577,177 | |
| Commercial & Industrial State Replacement | 13 | 0 | 88,887 | 45,787 | |
| Title 1 Grants | 14 | 76,465 | 76,465 | 76,465 | |
| IDEA and Other Federal Sources | 15 | 549,121 | 743,169 | 766,175 | |
| Total Revenues | 16 | 9,614,367 | 9,486,591 | 9,683,941 | |
| General Long-Term Debt Proceeds | 17 | 0 | 0 | 3,624,000 | |
| Transfers In | 18 | 40,857 | 40,254 | 3,695,687 | |
| Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions | 19 | 1,141 | 1,124 | 1,107 | |
| Special Items/Upward Adjustments | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Revenues & Other Sources | 21 | 9,656,365 | 9,527,969 | 17,004,735 | |
| Beginning Fund Balance | 22 | 7,431,447 | 8,235,507 | 4,424,872 | |
| **Total Resources** | 23 | 17,087,812 | 17,763,476 | 21,429,607 | |
| ***Instruction** | 24 | 4,767,017 | 4,922,287 | 4,582,690 | % 2.0 |
| Student Support Services | 25 | 240,630 | 259,023 | 214,475 | |
| Instructional Staff Support Services | 26 | 414,964 | 457,849 | 381,255 | |
| General Administration | 27 | 318,333 | 360,576 | 281,663 | |
| School Administration | 28 | 442,174 | 481,727 | 395,429 | |
| Business & Central Administration | 29 | 154,925 | 200,602 | 188,762 | |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance | 30 | 593,379 | 640,256 | 586,482 | |
| Student Transportation | 31 | 441,762 | 430,525 | 378,124 | |
| ***Total Support Services (lines 25-31)** | 31A | 2,606,167 | 2,830,558 | 2,426,190 | % 3.6 |
| ***Noninstructional Programs** | 32 | 330,780 | 325,891 | 302,911 | % 4.5 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 33 | 1,599,463 | 1,563,729 | 1,540,620 | |
| Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges) | 34 | 417,757 | 411,583 | 405,501 | |
| AEA Support - Direct to AEA | 35 | 264,756 | 244,406 | 240,501 | |
| ***Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)** | 35A | 2,281,976 | 2,219,718 | 2,186,622 | % 2.2 |
| Total Expenditures | 36 | 9,985,940 | 10,298,454 | 9,498,413 | |
| Transfers Out | 37 | 34,079 | 33,575 | 3,695,687 | |
| Other Uses | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses | 39 | 10,020,019 | 10,332,029 | 13,194,100 | |
| Ending Fund Balance | 40 | 7,067,793 | 7,431,447 | 8,235,507 | |
| **Total Requirements** | 41 | 17,087,812 | 17,763,476 | 21,429,607 | |
| **Proposed Property Tax Rate (per $1,000 taxable valuation)** | | 12.08674 | | | |

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# Annual spring wildlife survey underway

Staff with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are currently conducting their annual nighttime spring spotlight surveys across the state, collecting information on Iowa's deer and furbearer populations.

The annual survey is conducted from mid-March to mid-April in each county, beginning an hour after sunset, preferably on nights with low wind, good visibility and high humidity. The routes cover different habitats from river bottoms, to farm fields, prairies, woodlots, pastures and timber stands.

The 50-mile routes – two per county - are driven below 20 miles per hour with staff shining spotlights out of both sides of the vehicle, recording the number of deer and furbearers seen along with the habitat type, at different points along the way. Staff are careful to avoid shining homes and livestock while on the survey and contact the county sheriff ahead of time in case they receive any calls.

"This survey produces really valuable information on our deer and furbearer populations, both locally and at the state level, allowing us to see population trends over time," said Jace Elliott, deer research specialist with the Iowa DNR. The survey began in the late 1970s as a way to collect information on the raccoon population, but was expanded to include deer and other furbearers.

"It's an important index that is combined with other data and surveys we use that gives us the most complete picture for these species and guides our management decisions to benefit the resource," Elliott said.

The survey report will be posted later this summer to the Iowa DNR's website at https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Population-Harvest-Trends.




## N-K wrestling banquet held

**The Northwood-Kensett wrestling program held its annual awards banquet after the season was completed. Award winners included Josiah Kliment (Pinners Award), Drake Tiedemann (MVP) and Mason Thofson (Most Improved). Not pictured is Tyler Mills, who received the Coaches Award.**

# Caring for the colon during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is increasing among those 55 years and younger, and the third most common diagnosed cancer in both men and women, according to the American Cancer Society. Because colorectal cancer in its early stages usually has no symptoms, early detection through screening is the best prevention tool.

During screening, providers look for polyps, small clumps of mushroom-like growth, with potential to develop into cancerous cells, even if symptoms are not present.

"During a colonoscopy, if we find a polyp, we can and we do treat it at that time by removing it. You can think of a colonoscopy as a one and done," Dr. Satish Sondhi, with MercyOne Gastroenterology. "Colonoscopies are both diagnostic and therapeutic."

Polyps invade the colon and eventually, if left untreated, can spread to other parts of the body through blood vessels. Colorectal cancer develops with few, if any, symptoms. Talk with your primary care provider if you notice any concerning changes, including:

- Constipation and/or diarrhea
- Change in bowel consistency
- Persistent abdominal discomfort
- Rectal bleeding/blood in stool
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Quick and unexplained weight loss

The American Cancer Society recommends anyone 45 years and over to maintain a regular colon screening – about every 10 years. Other factors may affect when to start colon screening, like family history. Talk with your primary care provider about when to being screening or find an expert at MercyOne.org.




## Tiedemann signs with Luther College

**N-K's Drake Tiedemann signs to continue his wrestling career at the collegiate level. Drake signed with Luther College and will be joining N-K alum Caden Schrage and Central Springs wrestlers Clayton and Bryce McDonough on the Norse roster next season. Pictured are brother Trent, mother Tiffany, Drake, father Chad and grandparents Julie and Merle Tiedemann.**

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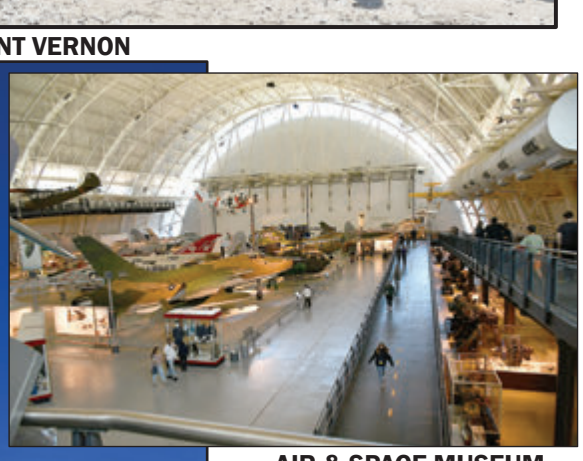
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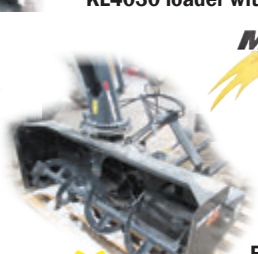
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