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Briefs

Easter egg hunt set for April 16

The Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce is once again planning to offer children in the area and those visiting for the holiday the chance to hunt for eggs at the Worth County Fairgrounds.

On Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m., the Chamber, assisted by the Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club, will open the Easter egg hunt for children in three age groups, ranging from 0 to 12 years old.

Those planning to join the hunt are encouraged to be there early, as the search goes quickly.

Legion Rocky Mountain Oyster meal April 23

The American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion of Manly will offer a unique dining opportunity on Saturday, April 23.

The Legion Family will host a Rocky Mountain Oyster meal on April 23, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Delivery will also be available for the meal, by calling 618-340-6886.

N-K blood drive set for Friday, May 6

Northwood-Kensett will host a blood drive on Friday, May 6.

The blood drive will be held at the N-K high school gymnasium, on May 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. March 29	37	32	
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Sun. April 3	41	24	.04
Mon. April 4	46	32	



N-K National Honor Society inducts 12 in 2022

Last week, 12 students at Northwood-Kensett High School were inducted and granted membership in the National Honor Society in a ceremony held on March 28. A faculty council selects members for meeting high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Students inducted at the ceremony were Kennedy Christianson, Kenny Conlin, Chloe Costello, Ellie Erhardt, Madlynn Hanson, Ella Leonard, Christopher Madsen, Lindsey Moore, Megan Ocel, Mallory Rheingans, Taylor Rodemeyer and Nolan Senne. The inductees are pictured above with existing National Honor Society members, including Briar Anderson, Addyson Bachtle, Marli Backhaus, Jadyn Beland, Grady Buenzow, Thomas Block, Andrew Breitsprecher, Emma

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Supervisors approve elected salaries as recommended

The Worth County supervisors recently approved the salaries of elected officials for the coming fiscal year, which starts on July 1, 2022. They approved the increases at the full recommended levels, after having made reductions when considering salaries last year.

Increases in salaries of county elected officials in Iowa are determined based on the recommendations of a compensation board made up of members that are appointed by those serving the elected offices.

The supervisors have the option of approving salary increases up to, but not above the recommended amounts. They are also not allowed to reduce individual salaries. Instead they have to reduce all salary increases at the same rate.

They did that last year, as the County faced financial concerns. In April 2021 the supervisors approved 2% raises for the auditor, recorder and treasurer; a 0.57% increase for the county attorney; and an increase

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City asks residents to watch what they flush in toilets



The City of Northwood is asking residents to be more careful with the items they dump in drains or flush in toilets.

The City's public works crew is having issues with items and material entering the city's sewer and wastewater treatment plant.

Besides difficulties for the City, a message shared on the City's website, online at www.northwood-ia.org, advises of the damage that could be caused by sewer backups.

According to the message on the City's website, pipes can become blocked by grease and items that shouldn't be flushed.

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Candidates file for primary election

On Tuesday, June 7, Iowans will decide who will represent political parties following the primary election. The deadlines to file as candidates on the primary ballots recently expired.

The primary election decides who will appear on ballots in November representing each political party.

Five county offices will be up for election in November. Four of the sitting office holders filed for the primary election, with no opposition from their or the opposite party.

Treasurer Jake Hanson will appear for the Republican nomination.

Recorder Teresa Olson will appear on

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Council discusses speed signs, bakery building status

Those traveling into the city of Northwood will be met with signs that show their speed and the speed limit, and may provide the city with information on those that break those limits.

At regular meetings in the month of March, the Northwood city council learned about and discussed the potential addition of new speed limit signs at the north and south entrances to the city on Highway 65 and the east and west entrances on Highway 105.

At the March 14 meeting, city superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk presented a proposal for four new speed limit signs. The signs would display the speed limit entering the city and would display the speed of vehicles as they approach. The signs could also display messages like "slow down" or "too fast."

Another option would record when people approach or pass the signs while traveling over the speed limit.

Sheriff Dan Fank, when asked about the signs, said that the speeding data would help his department respond at times of day or at specific areas that speeding is an issue. He also added that, while local residents will eventually start to overlook the signs as they get used to them, those traveling into Northwood will likely pay attention and slow down more often. He added that similar signs in Joice have made an impact.

Mayor Doug Moehle agreed, saying that the City can also use the data to see if the signs are

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Woodruff joins LRH as new admin

By JoAnn Lower

Janet Woodruff recently moved from Des Moines to Northwood, where on March 21st she began her new position as administrator at the Lutheran Retirement Home.



JANET WOODRUFF

With a background in health care, Woodruff has been an educator for over 30 years. She has served as adjunct faculty for DMAC and Grandview University as well as working for eight years at a women's prison in education.

For several years she was employed as assisted living administrator at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Indianola. "I have had my administrative license for four years, and now I've had the opportunity to come to Northwood," she smiled.

Janet has a granddaughter in Des Moines. Her son and his family live in Minneapolis, her daughter and her four sons in New Mexico.

She enjoys flower gardening, swimming, biking, walking with her trusty dog Sammie Jo and riding horses. "I've ridden horses since I was little. I like to be outside."

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The new members of the NHS at N-K are pictured above.

Davidson, Alexis Hakes, Carly Hengesteg, Rachel Hill, Isabella Hoch, Teagan Johnson, Josiah Kliment, Dalton Logeman, Emma Logeman, Hayden Moore, Mason Thofson, Drake Tiedemann, Hayley Wallin and Wyatt Willand.

The induction ceremony featured Deb Faugstad, N-K language arts teacher, as the guest speaker. Faugstad, who will retire at the end of the school year, spoke on the idea of success and never giving up, referencing people like Stephen King and Albert Einstein, who found success in perseverance.

NHS officers, including president Hayden Moore, vice-president Thomas Block and secretary Emma Logeman, led the induction ceremony. Language arts teacher and NHS advisor Alison Clark opened and closed the induction program.

The Northwood-Kensett High School Chapter has been active since November 1960.

The group's purpose is to "create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools."

National Honor Society is an organization created to recognize high school students that are exceptional. The students selected



DEB FAUGSTAD
N-K language arts teacher

demonstrate a distinction in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Today, National Honor Society chapters can be found all over the United States, with an estimated participation level of above one million students.

Northwood man pleads not guilty in OWI (operating while under the influence) collision

A Northwood man will stand trial after pleading not guilty following a head-on collision involving an OWI and reckless driving.

According to a press release earlier this year, the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office responded to an accident involving two vehicles at approximately 10:16 p.m. on January 3.

According to the release, Tyler Litwiler, 29, of Northwood, was driving north on Highway 65 when he crossed the centerline and struck a vehicle driven by Michael Snook, 58, of Mason City.

Both drivers had to be extracted from their vehicles and were taken to MercyOne North Iowa by ambulance with serious injuries.

A passenger received moderate injuries and went to the hospital in a personal vehicle.

Court documents showed that deputies on the scene reported the scent of alcohol on Litwiler, who admitted to drinking two beers. His injuries at the scene prevented a field sobriety test.

A blood alcohol test was obtained later, showing a blood alcohol level of 0.109.

Litwiler has pleaded not guilty to serious injury by vehicle, by OWI and reckless driving.

Litwiler's trial is scheduled to begin on June 14.

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If that happens, sewer pipes can back up into people's homes or neighboring homes, causing damage, health hazards and environmental issues.

If items that don't belong in the system make it through the pipes and end up at the City's wastewater treatment plant, issues can range from stops in the system as technicians remove clogs, or, potentially damaged pumps or other equipment as pumps try to run with clogs in the way.

That can lead to costly repairs.

With the potential damage to people's homes or the City's systems in mind, Northwood residents are asked to avoid putting the following down drains:

• Grease, used cooking oils and leftover sauces or gravies. People should let those things cool and solidify before disposing of them in the trash.

• Household/gardening chemicals

• Paint

• Engine oil

• Leftover cleaners/solvents.

People are also asked not to flush the following down toilets:

• Flushable wipes

• Diapers

• Used bandages

• Rags

• Dental floss

• Toys

• Paper towels

• Toothbrushes

• Baby/cleaning wipes

• Leftover food/sauces

• Cotton balls/cotton swabs

• Personal hygiene products and

• Articles of clothing/bedding.

People are asked to help avoid damage to homes and prevent city repairs.

Those that would like more information, or who have questions, may contact Northwood City Hall at 641-324-1075.

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ballots for the Republican nomination.

Attorney Jeffrey Greve will appear for the Republican nomination.

Supervisor Aaron Stone will appear for the Democratic nomination for Supervisor District 1.

The Supervisor for their party nomination for District 3 will also be on the general election ballot. Enos Loberg currently holds that office. He did not represent a party in the election to fill a vacancy held last year. However, the deadline to file to appear on the general election ballot without a party affiliation also passed in March, meaning no one will appear on general election ballots for the office.

Filing for Iowa Governor were incumbent Kim Reynolds, unopposed to be the Republican nominee, and Deidre DeJear to be the Democratic nominee.

Filing for the office of Iowa Senate District 30, unopposed were incumbent Republican Waylon Brown and Democrat Whitney Mixdorf.

Appearing on ballots to be the Republican nominee for Iowa Representative representing District 60 will be incumbent Jane Bloomingdale, Northwood, and Deb Hild, Clear Lake. No one filed to be the Democratic nominee.

Filing for national office representing Worth County include, for the Senate, incumbent Charles Grassley and Jim Carlin for the Republican nomination and Abby Finkenauer, Michael Franken and Glenn Hurst for the Democratic nomination.

Incumbent Republican Ashley Hinson will appear unopposed to represent her party for U.S. Representative District 2. Lis Mathis will appear unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

Those that would like to vote absentee in the primary can currently file a request at their county auditor's office. The first day of absentee voting is Wednesday, May 18.

May 23 is the deadline to pre-register to vote in the election. That is also the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed.

Absentee voting in person is open until June 6. Absentee ballots by mail must arrive at auditors' offices by June 7.

The primary election will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7.

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actually having an impact on traffic speeds.

The cost of the signs would total $14,512, with the features mentioned above.

The existing sign located on Highway 65 at the south entrance to the city may be relocated to Fourth Street South, another entrance to the city with speeding issues, according to Van Ryswyk.

The council approved the purchase of four new signs at the March 14 meeting.

Following the meeting, Van Ryswyk began the preliminary work for the signs, which included making sure they would be approved by the Department of Transportation, which controls Highway 65.

At the March 28 meeting, Van Ryswyk informed the council that the DOT plans to provide signs to communities that have state highways running through them. He said that the signs may be provided this summer, or may not be available until the next summer.

The signs provided by the State would not have the option of collecting data on those exceeding speed limits, but there may be an option for the City to add that technology themselves.

Members of the Council agreed that they would still like to see signs purchased for Highway 105 and wait for the DOT to provide the Highway 65 signs.

They noted that having the 105 signs in place would allow them to test whether the expense signs that could collect speeding data would be worth it.

In other business at the March 28 meeting, the council received an update on the building known as the old bakery building.

The building, located on the south side of Central Avenue, the second structure west of Eighth Street South, has been one of concern for the council and for many in the community for some time.

For years, the structure has been in an increasing state of decay and collapse, with the roof and second floors falling in before a makeshift roof being added.

Most recently, wood panels were added to the rear of the building to enclose the collapsing backside.

Currently, signs on the doors note that the City of Northwood has found the building to be a danger and no one should enter.

The City has proceeded with its nuisance laws, which require property owners to address safety issues or face fines.

However, the nuisance procedure applies to building owners, and not the structure itself. So, as the building has changed hands, the process has started anew several times over the past year.

Currently, the City is working to taking the current owner to the Court system for not taking action to address nuisance ordinance violations.

However, the end result would be fines, and no other action by the City, at least at this time.

At the March 28 meeting, Moehle informed the council of the City's status in regards to the building.

Council member Dan Reeder wanted to confirm that pursuing the nuisance law would not involve the City owning or being responsible for the building.

City administrator Amber Julseth said that the City is not looking for the Court to require or even allow them to make repairs.

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of 2.85% to the sheriff. Those were down from compensation board recommendations of 3.5% for the auditor, recorder and treasurer; 1% for the attorney; and 5% for the sheriff.

The reduction in recommended salaries saved the County $5,554.

This year, the supervisors opted to approve salary increases as recommended by the compensation board.

When asked about the decision during a public hearing on the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, the supervisors said that after extensive consideration they opted to leave the recommendation as is after reducing salaries the previous year.

The approved increases included 3% increases for the county attorney and supervisors, bringing their salaries to $89,334 and $31,675 respectively; 6% increases for the auditor, recorder and treasurer, bringing their salaries to $63,517; and an 8% increase for the sheriff, for a salary of $83,500.

That would bring the total for elected official salaries in the coming year to $458,910, an increase of $22,341 over the current fiscal year.

The increase will also influence the pay for other county employees. The deputy positions in the county offices can make up to 85% of the salary of the elected official they work for.

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Mailing issue leaves many uninformed, unprepared or unaware for zoning hearing

Last week the Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to continue the process of preparing to recommend countywide zoning to the Worth County Board of Supervisors.

The process is an extension of work to develop wind turbine regulations in Worth County.

Roughly one year ago, the Board of Supervisors passed a moratorium on new wind development in the County, following issues with the wind farm built in the northeast corner of the county.

Following the moratorium, the planning and zoning commission began the process of researching and developing a wind development ordinance, ultimately making it independent of zoning.

Earlier this year, as the supervisors undertook the ordinance again, they received the legal advice that a stand-alone wind turbine ordinance may be viewed as discriminatory against the industry. However, setbacks and safety measures in the ordinance would fit in with the types of rules that are found in zoning ordinances.

In Worth County, only three townships are zoned. That includes those that contain Interstate 35. The construction of the roadway included a call for zoning to be developed in those townships at the time.

Since then, there have been pushes for zoning to expand countywide, including in a comprehensive development plan in 2006. However, past supervisors, and current supervisor Mark Smeby have opted against the zoning expansion, citing public opposition.

But, with the recent recommendation that a wind ordinance would only work in zoning, and the desire by supervisors AJ Styles and Enos Loberg to have countywide rules for wind development, the planning and zoning commission has been tasked with the first step of developing an official recommendation as to whether or not zoning should expand.

The zoning commission has held a public information hearing while also working on what zoning designations would be put in place for those currently unzoned areas. Their approach has been to put the majority of parcels in the agricultural category, with the exception of properties that clearly or are known to have uses outside of that category.

That process continued on March 29 with a public hearing on the proposed expansion, as well as the list of County parcels that would deviate from the ag designation.

However, at the start of the hearing it was made clear that delayed letters to landowners meant that many did not receive notice in a manner that would have let them participate in the hearing.

The zoning commission had placed public notices in the newspapers as required by law, providing some notice of the hearing. Information was also shared on the County's website, but that only helped those that knew of the hearing in advance.

The commission had also intended to get letters to all unzoned landowners, with information on the process and a list of parcels that would be zoned other than ag.

Zoning commission chair Jeff Gorball said that the letters had been taken to a company that handles bulk mailing on March 8, and were supposed to arrive by March 16, giving time for people to respond in writing before, or be there at the hearing.

The letters, however did not arrive until the day before or the day of the hearing. That meant many either didn't learn of the meeting in time to attend, or they didn't have time to inform themselves for the meeting.

Several people at the meeting asked that the hearing be postponed to allow them time to review the information sent to them.

Gorball said that the commission would have to consider the issues with the letters at a meeting set for today, April 6.

Despite the issue, the hearing proceeded with those that were on hand.

When asked about why zoning is being considered, Gorball said that the ordinance allows guidance in how the County would like to develop, mentioning wind turbines as an example of the safety and impact on neighbors that they want zoning to provide.

Commission member David Quisley added that the goal is to make sure that someone's land use doesn't negatively impact their neighbor.

Former supervisor and state legislator Merlin Bartz spoke against the zoning expansion. He said that he has heard horror stories of zoning in other counties while serving in the legislature. He also suggested that countywide zoning was only being considered to stop turbines from being built.

There were concerns raised about the list of properties that would not be zoned as ag. That included some that shouldn't be on the list, and some that should. The commission noted that was one of the intents of the hearing, and that people were invited to share those corrections so that they present accurate information to the supervisors if the recommendation proceeds.

Unless another hearing is called, the next step in the process is for the commission to decide on whether or not to recommend to the supervisors that zoning expand countywide. That recommendation will include suggestions for zoning designations in the nine unzoned townships.



All State speaker

Last week, the students on Northwood-Kensett's speech team wrapped up their individual speech season, with one celebrating with an All-State effort and the others showing their support. Four members of the speech team earned their way to the State Individual Speech Contest. Three competed and earned Division I ratings. One, Andrew Breitsprecher, was also selected as an Outstanding Performer. That earned him the opportunity perform at the All-State Speech Festival on March 28 at UNI. At the festival, all those that earned All-State honors shared the performances for which they were recognized. Breitsprecher is pictured here surrounded the rest of the speech team, including (from left) Emma Davidson, Tegan Johnson and Ellie Ehrhardt.

Northwood man pleads guilty to gas station burglary

A Northwood man has pleaded guilty to breaking into and stealing items from a former gas station.

Samuel James Crotty, 19, of Northwood, reportedly broke into the gas station in the 700 block of Eighth Street North two times in August 2021. A door was left broken, an ATM damaged, laptops and gas pump controls were damaged and items like lighters, earbuds, sunglasses and vaping devices were reported missing.

Crotty reached a plea ,deal for a charge of third degree burglary. He will be sentenced on May 9.

Hild announces bid for District 60 House seat

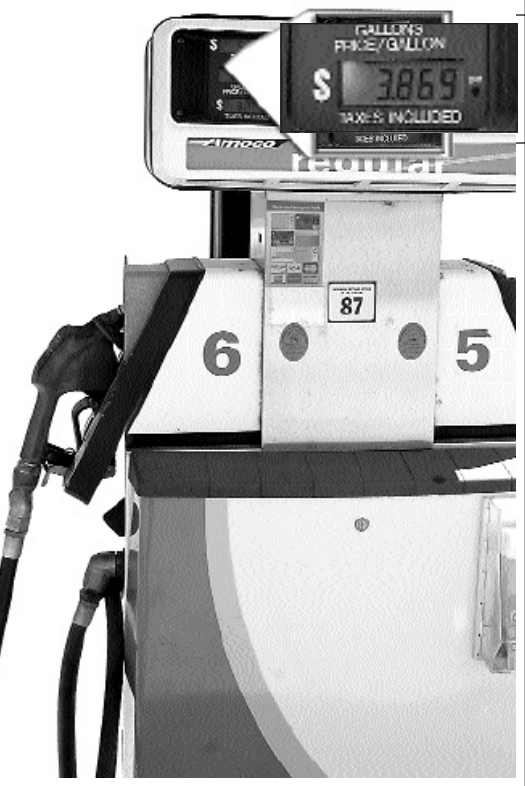
The campaign to elect Deb Hild for House was launched March 18 after submitting the necessary signatures for candidacy to run for the Republican nomination in Iowa House District 60.

Hild, from Clear Lake is jumping into the race for the Iowa House in the new District 60, which includes Worth and Mitchell counties, six precincts in Cerro Gordo and two precincts in Floyd counties.

Hild is retired from a 37-year teaching career.

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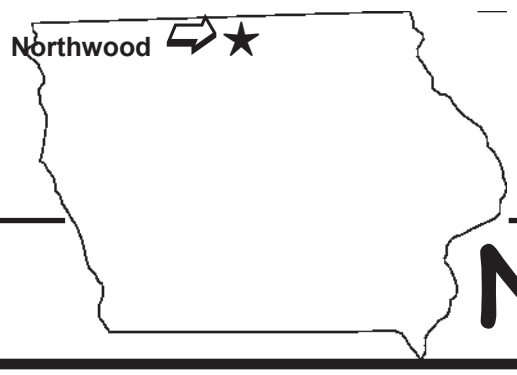
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4-H Beef Clinic set for Saturday, April 23

The Worth County Extension Service is inviting and encouraging all North Iowa area 4-H and FFA beef project members to attend an educational beef clinic. The workshop will take place on Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds Show Arena at 1206 Third Avenue North in Northwood.

Beef project members will be learning about selection of their beef project with live prospect calves on hand to evaluate. Participants will also be educated about successful feeding and housing for their beef project as well as proper handling and training of 4-H and FFA calves when they are breaking them to lead.

Pre-registration is required and those wanting more information or who want to get signed up are asked to call Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, or Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 in Northwood.

State 4-H Conference and 4-H Animal Roundup scheduled for June 28-30

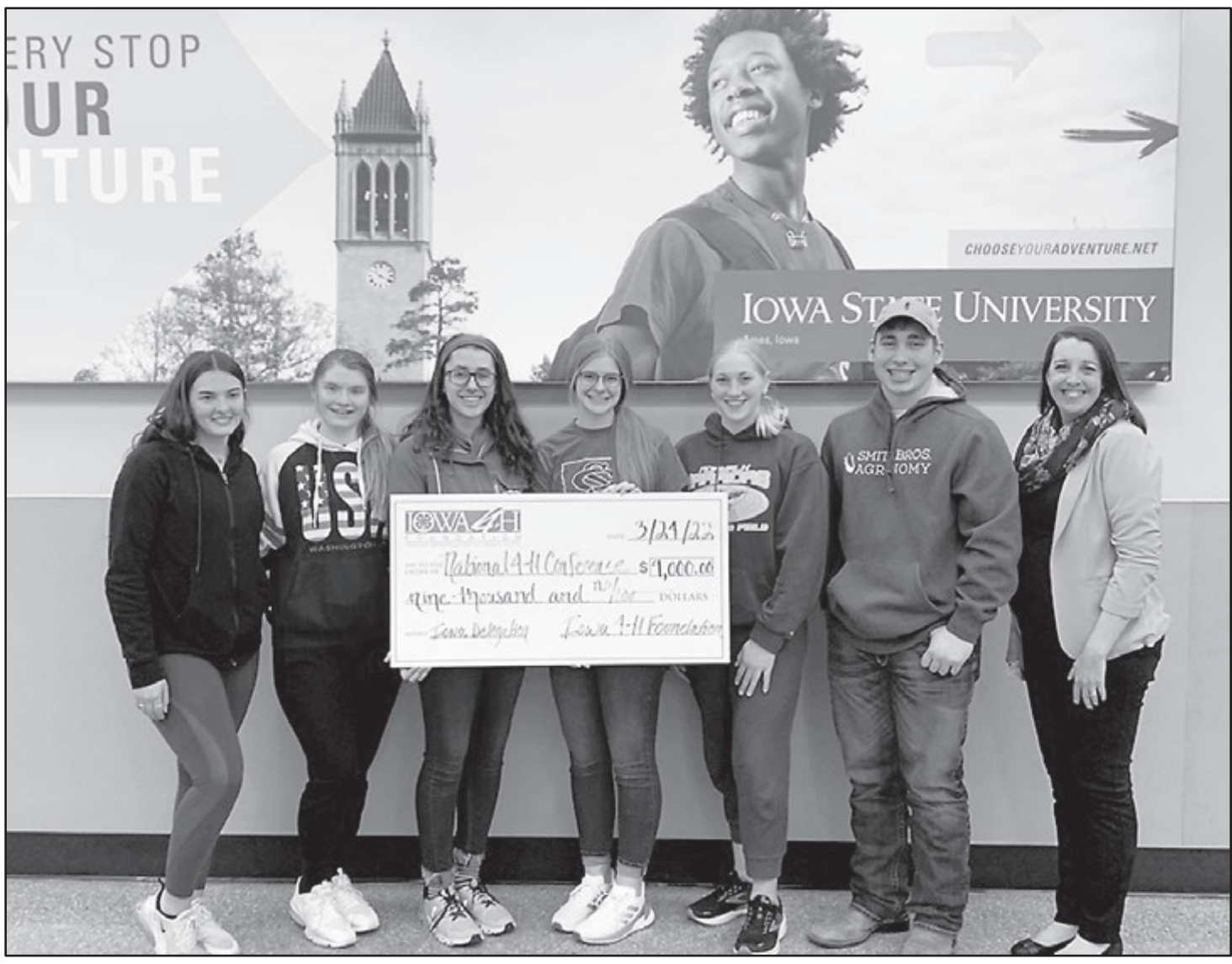
Any 4-H members wanting to participate in this year's State 4-H Conference and 4-H Animal Science Roundup are asked to get their registrations submitted.

The State 4-H Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 to June 30, on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames. The Animal Science Roundup will also take place on June 28 to June 30 for horses, sheep, swine, beef, dog, poultry, dairy and meat science.

Those wanting to participate are asked to call Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 to get signed up.



Iowa 4-H youth delegates viewed the Brown Jackson nomination hearing from seats provided by Senator Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.



Iowa's delegates to the 2022 National 4-H Conference include (from left) Sasha McCoy, Madison Craig, Emma Alstott, Cecelia Hill (Worth County), Hannah Groos and Logan Pickhinke, along with Emily Saveraid, Iowa 4-H Foundation executive director.

Iowa 4-H'ers witness nomination hearing during National 4-H Conference

As delegates to the annual National 4-H Conference, six Iowa 4-H members appreciated the opportunity to attend the confirmation hearing for Supreme Court justice nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Cecelia Hill, of Worth County, along with Hannah Groos, Warren County, Logan Pickhinke, Sac County, Madison Craig, Johnson County, Sasha McCoy, Warren County and Emma Alstott, Webster County, represented Iowa 4-H at the national conference, March 19-24, in the Washington, D.C., area.

The Iowa 4-H youth had personal meetings with Senators Joni Ernst and Charles Grassley, as well as meetings with the staff of Representatives Ashley Hinson, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Cindy Axne and Randy Feenstra.

Youth were allowed to sit in seats provided by Senator Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to view the Supreme Court nomination hearing, see the varied action of the process and ask questions to Grassley's staff.

National 4-H Conference participants were chosen through a selective application and interview process a year ago, where they were evaluated on their experience and skills in leadership, communications and civic engagement.

"National 4-H Conference will be an experience these accomplished young people will cherish for years to come," said Bonnie Dalager, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H educational resource development specialist. "I hope they'll continue to advocate for the topics that they feel strongly about to benefit their communities and our world."

National 4-H Conference is a working conference. Delegates participate in extensive roundtable sessions and workshops over the course of two days in preparation for presentations to leading national organizations and departments. Out of a selection of multiple topics, Iowa delegates contributed to the discussion with important issues such as nutrition, agriculture and the future of the workforce.

"This trip has given me many opportunities to grow not only as a leader but also a person. I am very grateful for being selected for this trip," said Sasha McCoy, delegate from Warren County. "Being able to talk to other 4-H'ers and congressmen and women has opened me to many new perspectives."

Youth delegates agreed that this was a monumental experience, and the hearing was an opportunity that doesn't happen every year.

"The National 4-H Conference was such an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience. I am so grateful to have gotten the opportunity to present my ideas to and speak with leaders of our country," said Emma Alstott, delegate from Webster County. "I loved being able to work with delegates from all around the country to come up with solutions to current problems. I was able to enhance both my leadership and communication skills that I know I will use in my future career."

Other aspects of the trip included the chance to see the city with a monument tour and the opportunity to meet with members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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

Calendar of Events for April 2022

April 7–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room Fairgrounds, 2 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Lacey Waller, Extension Office Manager, Kimberly Bode, Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator and Donovan Olson, Regional Extension Director
April 8–Worth County Beautification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 9–Worth County 4-H Sheep, Goat and Swine Livestock Workshop at Chad and Jamie Nelson farm 877 Highway 105, Northwood, 10 A.M. to Noon with Dennis Johnson
April 9–Worth County 4-H Hockey Game Night Out at North Iowa Hockey Arena, Mason City with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson
April 10–Worth County 4-H Share N'the Fun at Northwood-Kensett Elementary Gym, 3 P.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson
April 12–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller
April 12–Fertile Garden Club Meeting at Fertile Community Center, 6:30 P.M. with Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson, Bremer County Extension Director, Ron Lenth and Twyla Kragel, Fertile Garden Club President
April 13–Private Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 9:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller and Dennis Johnson
April 14–Private Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 1:30 P.M. with Lacey Waller
April 14–Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Chad Nelson, Worth County Fairboard President
April 16–Worth County Fair 4-H Lamb Weigh-in at Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 9 to 11 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 17–Golden Banner 4-H Club Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly, 1:30 P.M. with Michelle Hill and Tammy Charlson, Golden Banner 4-H Club Leaders
April 17–Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Meeting at Lake Mills Community Center, 6 P.M. with Mary Buren, Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Leader
April 23–Worth County 4-H Beef Clinic YQCA Livestock Training at Worth County Fairgrounds Show Arena and Community Room, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 26–Worth County 4-H Photography Workshop at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 4 P.M. with Kimberly Bode
April 28–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller
April 28–Worth County Fair 4-H Leader Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room, 6 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Kimberly Bode and Lacey Waller
April 30–Worth County 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Workshop at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds, 10 A.M. to Noon with Dennis Johnson
Mid-May–Worth County Fairgrounds 4-H Garden Planting Day at Worth County 4-H Garden at Fairgrounds, Northwood with Dennis Johnson and Worth County Extension Master Gardner's

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Prevent Avian Influenza by Promoting Good Biosecurity

Learn how to prevent the spread of avian influenza in Iowa

In a recent episode of the Small Farm Sustainability Podcast, Yuko Sato, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach poultry veterinarian and associate professor in Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine, discusses avian influenza and how good biosecurity practices can help prevent outbreaks in poultry.

Avian influenza, explains Sato, is a viral disease of poultry and other birds caused by type A influenza virus. There are two primary types of the virus, distinguished by their capacity to cause disease. The first, Low-Pathogenic Avian Influenza, results in mild respiratory symptoms. The second, and more concerning, is Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, which spreads rapidly through chicken and turkey populations and has a high fatality rate.

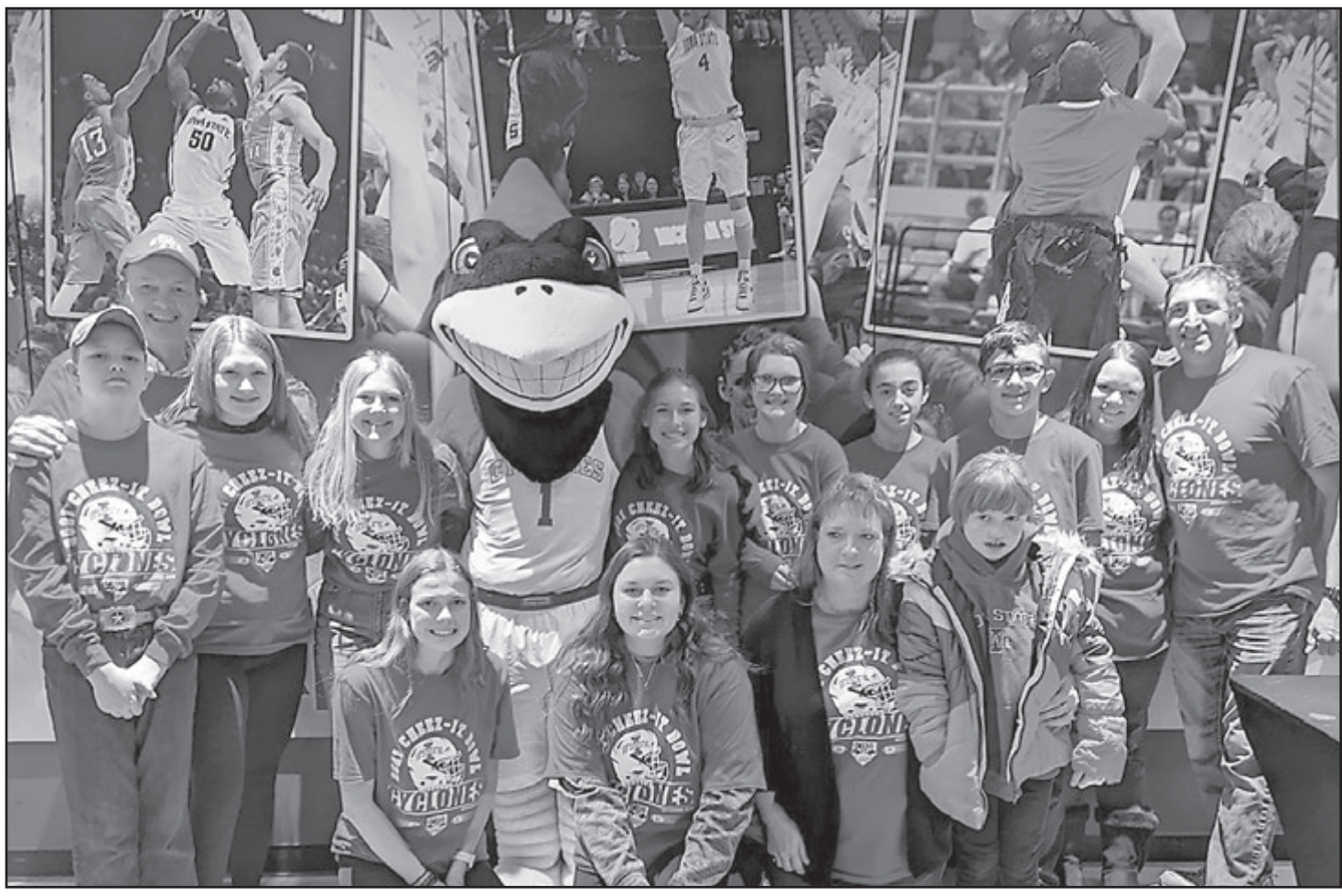
According to Sato, HPAI can have a variety of symptoms. Many birds experience respiratory symptoms, such as coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge and swollen sinuses. Other symptoms include diarrhea, flock huddling, decreased food and water consumption and neurological symptoms such as lethargy and depression. The biggest red flag, however, is sudden and unexplained death within the flock.

Good biosecurity practices are the first line of defense against this destructive disease, explains Sato. Avian Influenza is spread through both direct and indirect contact, meaning that the infection can come from contaminated birds coming into contact with each other or through contaminated equipment. HPAI in birds does not present an immediate public health concern and poultry products are safe to eat.

Good biosecurity is not a cookie cutter concept and will not look the same for everyone, warns Sato. However, there are some general guidelines to follow. As Sato explains, good biosecurity means keeping the outside out and the inside in. Poultry farmers should be mindful of wearing contaminated clothing or boots around birds and should set aside a pair of boots to be worn in the barn as well as keeping coveralls clean. Another preventative measure that farmers can take is to be mindful of borrowed equipment by sanitizing this equipment before it comes into contact with poultry and by using their own equipment when possible. According to Sato, a good trick to remember is T-I-P-S: Traffic control, Isolation, Pest control and Sanitation.

If farmers suspect an outbreak within their poultry, the first step is to contact the state veterinarian or USDA. Early detection is key to controlling outbreaks, so farmers should not hesitate to reach out. The second step is to isolate to prevent further infection.

ISU Extension and Outreach has a variety of resources available to poultry farmers regarding Avian Influenza and Biosecurity, including a guide to movement risks and biosecurity and a visual guide regarding bird protection. Farmers are also encouraged to visit the HPAI toolkit as well as the APHIS website for further information.



Worth County 4-H Award trip to ISU basketball game

The Iowa State University Mascot "CY" joined the Worth County 4-H Intermediate Record Book award winners for a photo recently. The 4-H'ers attended an ISU women's basketball game and campus tour as an award for completing their 4-H record book up through junior high. The 4-H'ers participating included (in front, from left) Morgan Wallin, Kamryn Backhaus, Janet Wallin, Reanna Wallin, (back row) TJ Ausborn, Dennis Johnson - Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Kenley Meyer, Sydney Schilling, "CY," Kelsi Liddle, Jessika Ausborn, Ariah Bode, Kale Bode, Kimberly Bode - Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator and Mike Bode.

BASES Fitness Program to begin at NIACC

BASES, a free fitness program for older adults, was launched in Mason City this past January. For the past 12 weeks, individuals have met to increase physical wellness and share fellowship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City.

BASES stands for "Balance-Agility-Strength-Endurance-Socialization" and is sponsored by North Central Iowa's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Classes were developed, with the assistance of a licensed physical therapist, to be low-impact and gradual in nature. Participants of varied mobility and fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Each exercise can be adapted to meet the needs of each individual. Classes are held twice a week and there is no cost to attend.

BASES Instructor Linda Vold shared, "The members who participated in the class were so consistent with their attendance. Through bitterly cold days and even surgeries they continued to show up! They were so grateful; the classes really meant a lot to them."

On April 7, a new session of BASES is set to begin on NIACC's campus. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in room 150 in the Activity Center.

A primary goal of BASES is to provide area residents with an accessible way to exercise in a more consistent way. According to the National Council on Aging, sustained exercise, even low-impact is shown to increase bone density, reduce high blood pressure and improve circulation. It also improves mood, decreases anxiety and can be a critical tool in combating loneliness and depression.

For more information, contact Alison Mason, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator, at 888-466-4222 or alison.mason@niacc.edu

For information on RSVP of North Central Iowa, visit www.niacc.edu/rsvp or contact 1-888-466-4222 ext. 4256, 641-422-4256 or rsvp@niacc.edu. RSVP of North Central Iowa serves the counties of Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Winnebago, and Worth responding to priority community needs by providing meaningful, purposeful volunteer opportunities for people ages 55 and over. RSVP is sponsored by North Iowa Area Community College and is partly funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, State of Iowa, United Way of North Central Iowa, and local county governments.

North Iowa Area Community College, founded in 1918, is a nationally-recognized, two-year college located in central North Iowa. With approximately 3,000 career and transfer students, the College has been recognized by the Aspen Institute as a leading community college in the nation. NIACC welcomes students from across Iowa, Minnesota, the nation, and the world. The College has served as a leader in student-centered learning, community engagement, and collaborative leadership for more than 100 years. Choose NIACC First.

Applications now open for the annual John Pappajohn Iowa Entrepreneurial Venture Competition

The 2022 John Pappajohn Iowa Entrepreneurial Venture Competition application portal is now open. The 17th annual statewide competition will award $100,000 in cash prizes to Iowa startups and entrepreneurial ventures.

The $100,000 in seed funding includes a $50,000 contribution from John and Mary Pappajohn, matched by $50,000 from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The goal of this competition is to support Iowa's entrepreneurial ecosystem by assisting entrepreneurs.

Iowa businesses that have been in operation for four years or less, or are not yet cash flow positive, are eligible to apply. This competition is open to businesses including, but not limited to, technology, bio-technology, green technologies, medical, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, engineering, and education industries.

The deadline for first round submissions is May 16, second round submissions for select applicants is on July 18, with final awards announced on September 15, 2022.

Participants will be judged first on their written submissions, and, those who advance to the final round of the competition will give a formal presentation to a panel of judges. First place will be awarded $40,000, second place $25,000 and third place $15,000. Awards for other honorable mention categories will total up to $20,000.

The competition is a collaborative project of the Iowa John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers located at Drake University, Iowa State University, North Iowa Area Community College, the University of Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa. The Iowa Economic Development Authority provides funding to bring the total prize package to $100,000.

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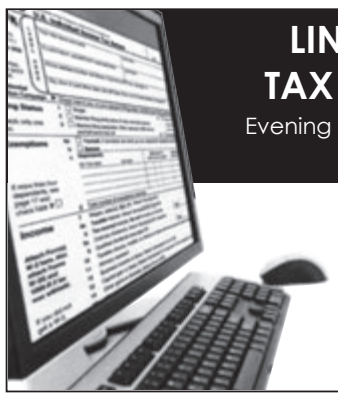
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The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

As we reach the last week of March 2022 I am amazed at how swiftly time is passing here at the Capitol. This week we are working on important legislation in the Senate and legislation from the House.

SF 2378, legislation regarding the redemption of cans and bottles (otherwise known as the Bottle Bill) made the way through Ways and Means to the Senate floor where it was amended and passed on Tuesday. This bill seeks to improve the can and bottle redemption program in Iowa by making it more efficient. Historically, we have had a program that charges a deposit on a container and provides a means for redeeming the container to get the nickel back. With redemption rates in decline and no accountability over the money Iowan's have put into the system, it is time to modernize the bottle bill.

The bill phases out the mandate requiring grocery stores to redeem containers. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the health and safety concerns inherent in returning empty, used containers to the same establishment where we go to buy our food. Governor Reynolds had suspended that requirement by emergency proclamation.

The bill also allows redemption centers to return the nickel deposit to the consumer "within a reasonable time" to allow for additional methods of redemption that do not provide a refund immediately.

It also puts an additional two cents into redemption centers and it gets the garbage out of all of the grocery stores that don't want to redeem. It alleviates overhead redemption costs for grocers and it does not require them to pitch in for handling fees. This could provide an opportunity for grocers to cut prices for consumers during these days of high inflation.

Another important aspect of our week was the passage of the Senate's school choice and parents' bill of rights legislation. Some of the important parts of the bill are:

• Creates a Student First Scholarship program for students at or below 400% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or students with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) with a cap of 10,000 total scholarships to be divided half and half between the 400% FPL applicants and students with an IEP

• Creates a parent and guardian bill of rights relating to having access to information about their child's education

• Adds federal pupil's rights language to Iowa Code

• Extends operational sharing until 2034 and adds school resources officers to the eligible shared functions

• Allows schools to appeal to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) to go over the cap of 21 up to 24 for the purpose of operational sharing. The SBRC may grant a supplemental amount from the Student First Operational Sharing Fund. This fund receives its funding from the student first scholarship program.

• Requires students to pass a civics test as a condition of graduation

• Strikes the requirement that the director of special education at the Area Education Association (AEA) of the child's district of enrollment approve placement under competent private instruction

• Changes code to allow the siblings or step-siblings to open enroll together if one of the siblings is open enrolling under good cause

• Eliminates the Praxis exam requirement for graduation from a teacher prep program

• Allows educators with advanced degrees to have their district professional development verified by their administrator, and this would serve as their renewal requirement for licensure

• Requires mandatory reports to report child abuse, even if the child is over age 12

• Makes all school employees over age 18 mandatory reporters

• Requires that if a licensed school employee reports child abuse and believes another licensed school employee is responsible, the name of the licensed school employee being accused will be in the report

• Directs the Department Of Education (DOE) to implement a process for investigating any incident that would lead to the conclusion that a teacher violated the law

• With regard to curriculum transparency this bill does not implement any additional oversight of what our educators are teaching. It ensures that curriculum material is made available and accessible for parents and teachers to review together.

These components of the School Choice bill is why my colleagues and I moved the bill forward. It will require a vote in the House before it is approved and sent to the governor.

Week 12: Recognizing service, school transparency, bottle bill



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 51

Week twelve was a pretty normal week twelve. Hurry up .... and wait, hurry up.... and wait, do it all again. Monday night we had a retirement dinner for legislators retiring this year. A little bit of roast, but mostly an opportunity to thank them for their service to our State. Tuesday and Wednesday were both late nights as we debated several bills on the floor.

Length of Service Award Program

Persistence pays off! HF2574 creates a grant program to allow municipalities to provide a tax deferred award to volunteer firefighters, emergency medical providers, and reserve police officers. The grant will provide up to a $1 for $1 match in funding for municipalities that have established this award. This is a bill I have promoted for a couple of years and this week it took another step closer to the Governor's Desk with a unanimous vote in the House.

Certificates of Nonviable Births

SF577 provides the opportunity for a person to obtain a certificate of nonviable birth. Families who lose a baby prior to 20 weeks and after a heartbeat is detected will be advised by a healthcare provider that they may request a certificate and upon request shall provide a letter certifying the nonviable birth to the patient. This bill is retroactive to January 1, 2000.

School District Transparency and Social Studies Instruction

HF2577 aims at creating a more transparent classroom so parents can view classroom instructional material being taught to their children. School districts would post the syllabus, textbooks and other related classroom documents so parents can access and view all this information through an online portal. It also requires schools list their library books, post the catalogues online on the district's website, and provide parents a protocol for preventing their child from checking out specific books that they deem as inappropriate. The bill requires a civics portion of the U.S. Citizenship test to be included in the curriculum of Government class.

Bottle Bills

Both the Senate and the House have bottle bills drafted to improve our current nickel redemption system. Both aim at better and easier redemption, removing the redemption from our grocery stores, enforcing the laws in place, making sure the consumer can get a full 5 cents back when redeeming cans, and making sure our redemption centers can stay viable. More on this next week as we move forward to find a compromise on our efforts.

On Wednesday morning we read HR 110. This resolution honors the SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) foundation and their dedication to providing emotional support for families, educating professionals and the general public, and funding medical research into the cause of SIDS. I had a chance to vist with a friend and former classmate and her daughter-in-law, who after losing a child to SIDS, they now work with this organization to help other families through this difficult time.

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

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Bobbi Bendickson and her daughter-in-law Ally, supporting the SIDS foundation.

Northwood Anchor Church

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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, WAGS, 5:30 p.m., Lent Service at Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Supper at 6 p.m.; Thursday, Bible Study at Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Adult Bible Study at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Worship at Bethlehem, 9 a.m., Joyful Noise Choir Practice at Grace, 9:15 a.m., Sunday School at Bethlehem, 10:15 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Lenten Service - Grace; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:45 a.m., Elk Creek Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Manna Open, 10 a.m. - Noon

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When the worst actually happens



It is generally good advice to not take our fears and anxieties too seriously. What we fear the most usually doesn't happen and thus we've worried and fretted for nothing. Moreover, the worry and fretting isn't usually very productive unless it leads to constructive action. But, what should you do when the worst actually happens, when the job loss you feared actually happens, or the test results are positive, meaning you have the disease or condition you feared the most? When this occurs, it helps to have a strong faith and a good support network. I saw this in action recently when the school where I taught closed its doors. We had very little advance notice that this was going to happen, and so the last week was spent in trying to wrap things up in the best way possible, for students, teachers and staff. There were a lot of tears, some gnashing of teeth and other emotional outbursts, but mostly people expressing their faith that God would work things out for all of us. Perhaps even more inspiring than the expressions of faith were the many concrete offers of help and support, usually given with a hug or a warm handshake. When the worst actually happens, we have two considerable sources of support, God and our fellow man. Don't be too proud to ask for help. – Christopher Simon

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
– John 14:13-14

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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

Last week I lamented on the demise of the wonderful tea rooms that used to be so popular. This week we'll remember Flora Lynne's that once occupied a lovely old home in Forest City. Favorites at Flora Lynne's (2003, Brennan Printing, Deep River, IA) tells the story of how the tea room and antique shop came to be opened in 2002 by Theola Van Wettering and named after her grandmother. The following are some of the best!

Hot Chicken Salad Sandwich

6 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups chopped cooked chicken
3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup mayonnaise

Mix well. Serve on an oatmeal bun and heat in the microwave. SANDY'S NOTE: I would suggest using sweet white onion, real mayonnaise (not M'Whip) and if you can't find an oatmeal bun the recipe follows! I've adapted it a bit.

Oversized Oatmeal Rolls

1 cup oatmeal
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 tablespoon white sugar
2 1/3 cups hot water
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 packages active dry yeast
Scant 5 cups all-purpose flour

In a large bowl, combine the butter and hot water. Add the brown sugar, white sugar, salt and oatmeal. Use a thermometer to check the temperature of the water, between 110 and 120 degrees F. is best. If it's too hot, let it cool a bit or add a bit of flour to cool it down. Then add the yeast and the rest of the flour. Mix well. Let this set, covered with a tea towel, for about 45 minutes. Make into buns and let them rise again for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and bake for 15 minutes.

Waldorf Tuna Salad

2 1/4 cups tuna, flaked
3/4 cup real mayonnaise
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
3 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 cup golden raisins
3/4 cups finely chopped celery
1 1/2 cups chopped Red Delicious apples

In a large bowl, toss together the tuna, raisins, walnuts, apple and celery. Mix well. Mix the mayonnaise and lemon juice and add to the salad. Mix gently but well to coat. Serve on a lettuce-lined salad plate.

Hash Brown Quiche

3 cups frozen hash browns, thawed
large eggs, beaten
1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
1/3 cup real butter, melted
1 cup diced fully-cooked ham
1/2 cup whole milk
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Press the hash browns between paper towels to remove excess moisture. Press them into the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 9-inch deep pie plate. Drizzle with the melted butter. Bake for 25 minutes. Combine the ham, cheese and green pepper and spoon over the crust. In a small bowl combine the eggs, milk, salt and pepper and pour over all. Reduce the oven heat to 350 degrees and bake for 25-30 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Allow to stand 10 minutes before cutting.

Tea rooms seemed to give way to coffee shops and bistros. The ambiance, however, was never the same. I know they had a reputation of being where "only ladies" ate lunch but that just isn't true as I've seen many gentlemen enjoying a meal with their friends/wives/employees etc. And, remember, real men DO eat quiche! And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Hengestegs celebrate 60 years of marriage



Bob and Marg (Tenold) Hengesteg, Northwood will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

The couple were married at Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills on April 7, 1962.

The couple still to this day lives on a farm west of Northwood, the same farm where they began their marriage on and where all of the children were raised. Raised on that farm were Deb Nelson of Ankeny, Iowa, Doreen and the late Jerry Gudmonson of Savage, Minnesota, Darla and Dan Otis and Ron and Stephanie Hengesteg, of Northwood. They lost a son Ricky when he was six months old.



Bob and Marg also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



BOB AND MARG

Did you know?

By Ann Hendrickson

"Spring has sprung"! Everyone was ready; although it was said by one person she wasn't quite ready as she didn't get any of her winter projects done!

The air is different—there's "Spring" in the air! It is a fresh aroma. We get revived and anxious to get outside to clean up winter's messes. When the rains come the earth becomes alive and wakes up with new growth and beauty. And the birds---oh, how they sing. The sun is a bit warmer and the blue of the



sky seems a shade darker and brilliant. Take a lesson from the woodpecker: Use your head!

Oh, and we can't forget the house waiting for a cleaning—open the windows to let the wonderful "Spring" air envelope every room.

The workers at the Historical Society are feeling "Spring" too and planning for completion of projects. We are thinking of programs, the fair, and things to be done.

The Guinness World Record for stone skipping is 88 skips by Kurt "Mountain Man" Steiner at Allegheny Reservoir in PA. "Spring" is with us—go out and break the record!

Don't work too hard—enjoy each day with a spring in your step.

Until next time....

The Timbers Event Center *Winn-Worth Betco spotlight*

By Kaylee Schuermann
Winn-Worth Betco marketing assistant

From a lumberyard to a breathtaking event center, The Timbers - Northwood's Event Center serves the community in a way unlike any other.

The lot was bought by a group of contractors who planned to use the land to build apartments. They soon realized the building's structure was "too good to tear down," according to Wendy Weisert manager of the Total United Northwood Effort (TUNE) five member sub-committee that runs The Timbers.

Since the building's bones were still in good shape, the contractors came up with the idea to turn the building into Northwood's only event center and turned to TUNE to purchase the lot.

With the help of the contractors and local grants, the building was transformed reusing some of the original wood and tin from the lumberyard.

"Most brides when they walk in here say 'Wow, we don't have to do much decorating,'" said Weisert. "Table decorations is about it. They just like the atmosphere of the rustic and how it looks."

The large event center hosts a variety of events between weddings, proms, showers, graduation parties, funeral receptions and more. The Timbers can seat up to 400 people and features several amenities between the upstairs and downstairs including a bar, patio, catering kitchen and four bathrooms.

Last year, The Timbers hosted 21 weddings and 26 other events while this year, the event center is scheduled to hold over 30 weddings and many other events.

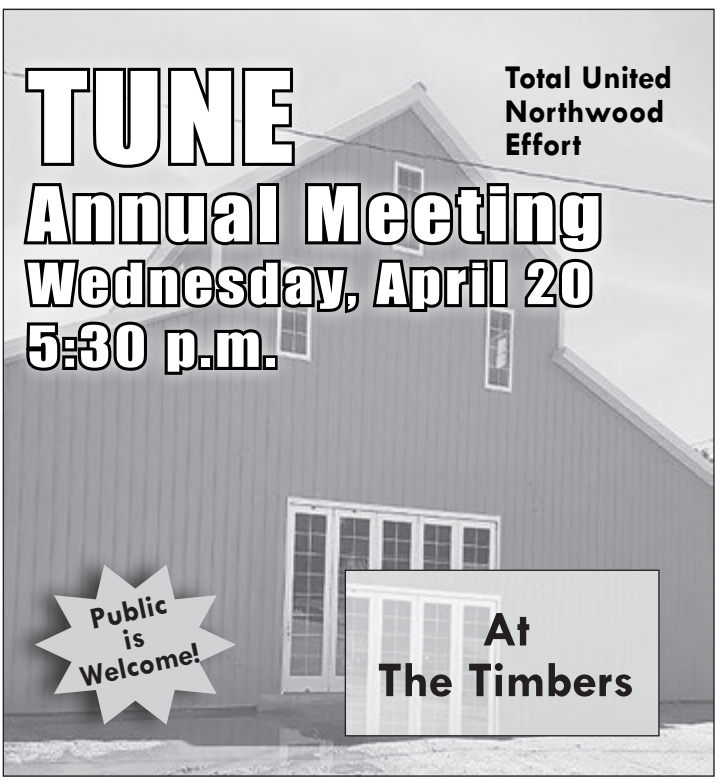
During the first three months of the year, the center also has bingo nights twice a month, drawing in roughly 200 attendees.

TUNE members are looking to make upgrades to the center in the future. They plan to line the parking lot, add a bridal changing suite and hire a full-time manager.

"None of us (TUNE committee) actually had experience running a bar or doing this," said Weisert. "We just dove in, and it's doing well... We've had to turn people away because we are booked well into 2023."

Regular events are $250 to reserve while two-day wedding rentals are $4,000.





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Northwood Anchor

Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to Choose a Medicare Advantage Plan

Dear Savvy Senior,

I will be 65 and eligible for Medicare in a few months and am interested in getting a Medicare Advantage plan to cover my health care and medications. What tips can you provide to help me pick a plan?

Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,

Medicare Advantage plans have become very popular among retirees over the past 15 years, as nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans, which accounts for about 42 percent of the entire Medicare market. Here are some tips and tools to help you pick a plan that fits your needs.

First, let's start with a quick review. Medicare Advantage plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors.

If you join an Advantage plan, the plan will provide all of your Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) coverage like original Medicare does. But many plans also offer extra benefits like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

Medicare Advantage plans are also cheaper than if you got original Medicare, plus a separate Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy. Many Advantage plans have $0 or low monthly premiums and don't always have a deductible, but they also typically have a high out-of-pocket maximum. In 2021, Advantage plan participants on average were responsible for a maximum of around $5,100 for in-network care, and about $9,200 when out-of-network care is included.

How to Choose

To help you pick a plan, a good first step is to call the office managers of the doctors you use and find out which Advantage plans they accept, and which ones they recommend. Then go to the Medicare Plan Finder tool at Medicare.gov/plan-compare to compare Advantage plans in your area. This tool provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer satisfaction and quality of care the plan delivers. When comparing, here are some key points to consider:

Total costs: Look at the plan's entire pricing package, not just the premiums and deductibles. Compare the maximum out-of-pocket costs plus the copays and coinsurance charged for doctor office visits, hospital stays, visits to specialists, prescription drugs and other medical services. This is important because if you choose an Advantage plan, you're not allowed to purchase a Medigap policy, which means you'll be responsible for paying these expenses out of your own pocket.

Drug coverage: Check the plan's formulary – the list of prescription drugs covered – to be sure all the medications you take are covered without excessive co-pays or requirements that you try less expensive drugs first.

Dental, vision and hearing: Many Advantage plans come with dental, vision and hearing benefits, but are usually limited. Get the details on what exactly is covered.

Coverage away from home: Most Advantage plans limit you to using in-network doctors only within a service area or geographic region, so find out what's covered if you need medical care when you're away from home.

Out-of-network coverage: Check to see what's covered if you want to see a specialist in a hospital that is not in a plan's network. You can get a list of doctors and hospitals that take part in a plan on the plan's website.

Need Help?

If you need help choosing a plan, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675. Also see the HealthMetrix Research 2022 Cost Comparisons Report at MedicareNewsWatch.com that lists the best Advantage plans based on health status.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Have you ever had the theme song from "The Flintstones," "Gilligan's Island" or "The Beverly Hillbillies" stuck in your brain?

No.

Well, you do now.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I needed footwear. Now I have lightweight Hey Dude shoes. I got them to emulate my 13-year-old grandson. He's on the school council and he's cool. I want to be cool, too.

A guy I used to know gave me a pen for my trip to Israel. I'd misplaced the writing instrument until finding it outside this spring. I'd probably dropped it in the snow while filling bird feeders. I was happy to find the faithful pen. It was better reuniting with that old pen than obtaining a new one. I try to be happy with what I have and want less. That doesn't apply to wanting cool shoes.

A sweet potato moon

I enjoyed sweet potato pie while thinking of the time I'd parked my carcass in a Tennessee cafe. On the next stool, a man, who might have had nose hair extensions, was lubing his burger with mayo, ketchup and mustard. Other diners had cellphones at the ready after ordering photogenic foods. I was in Memphis and determined to enjoy a southern tradition—an RC Cola and a MoonPie. I had it without the RC Cola. I'm not much for soft drinks. The MoonPie was created in 1917 as marshmallow sandwiched between round graham cracker cookies and dipped in chocolate frosting. The story goes that Kentucky coal miners wanted a filling snack and expressed their wishes to a salesman from a bakery. One miner held his hands to the sky and framed the moon to indicate how big the snack should be. That size proved problematic. The Chattanooga (Tennessee) Bakery produced a smaller version and the MoonPie became an icon of the working class. It was found in the lunch pails of miners and is a customary item thrown during Mardi Gras. In Mobile, Alabama, you could ring in the New Year by watching a 600-pound electronic MoonPie drop. There is an annual RC Cola-MoonPie Festival in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. Stories vary as to the origin of the name. It came from a bell and buckle tied around a tree close to a free-flowing creek or natives carved a bell and buckle into a tree to discourage settlers or the bell and buckle symbol was used by surveyors to signify the usefulness of the land for pasture. RC Cola began in Columbus, Georgia, and was endorsed by Bing Crosby, Lucille Ball, Shirley Temple, Ronald Reagan, Claudette Colbert, Loretta Young and Joan Crawford. Big Bill Lister, who toured with Hank Williams and was billed as "Radio's Tallest Singing Cowboy"—standing 6 foot 7 inches tall without his cowboy boots and hat—sang "Gimme an RC Cola and a MoonPie and play 'Maple on the Hill'" Tracy Byrd sang, "Our champagne and caviar is an RC Cola and a MoonPie." I had my vanilla-coated MoonPie with a glass of water. It was good.

Nature notes

I seek magic. A yard-filling flock of red-winged blackbirds blackening the ground was magical. My world needed to hear their song. It's spring singing. Researchers from California Polytechnic State University analyzed how the natural sounds people hear when outdoors affect well-being. They found a chorus of birdsong increased welfare. I tried to determine by use of my Hartland Grade School arithmetic how many blackbirds there were and reckoned there were at least 14, but that might have been low. I'd estimate it was hundreds. A much smaller flock of rusty blackbirds blew in with a storm. I'm always happy to see them. I yelled, "Pour another cup of water into the soup, we have company." Brown-headed cowbirds joined the commotion on the ground below the feeders. A female cowbird was taking a break in a lilac when two male house sparrows attacked her. She fought back and the battle was prolonged. Had her parasitizing reputation preceded her? Was it over a prime perching position? Or was it merely orneriness? Interesting behavior no matter the cause.

A male and female cardinal kissed on a lilac branch. He offered her a sunflower seed and their bills touched in what I found a heartwarming moment. It's known as mate feeding and is a sign of courtship.

Crows walked bandy-legged over the lawn, searching winter's detritus for food.

My nature blog is at https://www.albatt.com/blogs

Meeting adjourned

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Fit to print...

Practical ways to manage budgets despite inflation

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The problem with inflation is that there is more than enough blame to go around.

Some folks will say it's Joe Biden's fault, others blame Donald Trump or Russia or Congress or the Federal Reserve. Maybe everybody is a little bit right or a little bit wrong.

I don't know.

I grew up on a farm. And no one appreciates the dynamics of commodity pricing better than a farmer. Every morning, my folks would turn on WGIL and listen to the price for a bushel of corn or soybeans and a hundredweight of hogs.

It was not a time for children to speak. This was important stuff.

But that didn't keep me from asking annoying questions. At age 10, I might ask my father why the price of pork was high or low. And he would try to explain it in language a child could understand saying something like, "Fewer baby pigs were born six months ago and that means the supply is down and prices are going up."

Or he might explain that we had favorable weather for raising corn and that had brought the supply of the grain up and price for it down.

And sometimes he might just scratch his head and say, "I don't know why it's doing what it is doing."

My point? Rarely are there simple solutions to complex problems like inflation.

But here are a few contenders in my book: the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates far too low for too long; Congress has been spending like crazy since the beginning of the pandemic; the labor market is tight and labor costs are rising; the pandemic has really messed up supply chains and left store shelves bare and made prices for what is left higher; and Russia invaded Ukraine upending the petroleum markets.

Inflation is a thief that steals from families and leaves us poorer.

So how can an individual combat inflation?

Here are some thoughts: negotiate everything.

When I make a major purchase, I negotiate. For example, I purchased a wall-mounted fireplace from Ace Hardware last week. I asked an assistant manager how much she could knock off the price. She told me they don't negotiate prices unless the item is damaged. After jokingly offering to whack it with a hammer, I got to dickering with the store's top manager and he carved $75 off the purchase price.

Be pleasant but persistent.

With the inflation rate between 7% and 8%, it's smart to assume what you buy now would cost more later. So, for consumables, things you are certain to use no matter what, look for good prices and buy in bulk.

For example, I recently bought 18 bottles of Arm and Hammer detergent when I saw a good price at Menards. Or I bought a 6-pack of Colgate toothpaste at Sam's Club when I saw a good price.

I know that no matter what the economy does, I'll be washing my clothes and brushing my teeth. By buying now and using later, I'm hedging inflation. It's like buying a 7% bond. It's not a flashy investment, but it is a pragmatic one.

With labor prices escalating, it may be an appropriate time to consider spending money on that project you have been putting off. For example, I have a plumbing project that I have continually put off, but I know will eventually have to happen.

I got an estimate from my plumber several months ago that is good for six months. I have watched labor rates shoot up since then. So, I gave the green-light to the project at the price it was bid at six months ago. Again, it's like buying a bond paying at the rate of inflation.

I'll be the first to admit, these aren't easy undertakings. It requires spending savings now in anticipation of those dollars in your bank account being worth less if they go unspent.

It's hardly an ideal situation. But the economy is giving few alternatives to staying ahead of inflation.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for the Illinois Times, is a veteran journalist who has worked for newspapers in the Midwest, Texas and Nevada. He has won numerous national and state journalism awards including an Investigative Reporters and Editors Medal. He lives with his wife, three daughters and a menagerie of pets near Springfield, Ill.

Northwood Anchor **Early Files**

100 years ago

April 5, 1922

Thirty-five members of Wm. T. Smith Post American Legion of Northwood drove to Manly and helped in the formation of a county Legion organization. They were guests of the Edward Tosel Post of Manly.

R.H. Whitcomb and C.F. Trustem have rented the Vert Butler building on west Main Street and embarked in the automobile repair and accessories business, also expecting to carry the agency for two cars.

Carl O. Gunderson announces himself as a candidate for nomination to the office of county attorney of Worth County. He is a son of Edwin Gunderson, one of the pioneer farmers of Worth County and was born and raised in Brookfield Township, near Tenold.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson, worthy matron of Northern Light Chapter, O.E.S. of Northwood and her officers, are planning a unique and interesting meeting at the Masonic Temple on April 13. The meeting will be special, called for the purpose of initiating candidates and will be termed "Past Matron's Night." Mrs. Fannie Hammill of Britt, Past Grand Worthy Matron of Iowa, wife of Lieutenant Governor John Hammill, will be present, as well as other out of town visitors.

A box social and play will be held in the school house of District 59, Freeborn County, about 10 miles northeast of Northwood. Miss Olena Nelson is teacher of what is known as the Davis School. The three act play, "Topsy Turvy" is said to be a "humdinger." Following is the cast of characters: Mable Davis, Olena Nelson, Alyce Davis, Olga Wahler, Arthur Weber, Loren Davis, Clifford Schroeder and Jason Davis.

The S.O. Thompson garage sold a new 4-90 Chevrolet to Leonard Spilde and the latter is trying the speedy littler car over the roads in his vicinity this week.

75 years ago

April 3, 1947

All bids were rejected by the supervisors last Friday for the cleanup work contemplated for the ditch in district No. 13 of Worth County. There were five bids filled but property owners objected on the grounds that the cost was too high and therefore the board rejected all bids.

Worth County registered its second fatal automobile accident of 1947 last Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock. Mrs. Harry Talle of Silver Lake Township was killed when a car in which she was riding lost the right front wheel, throwing the machine out of control and into the ditch.

Merridee Carlson, 12, pupil of the seventh grade in the Barton Township school district No. 1, taught by Mrs. Warren Perkins, is the 1947 Worth County grade school spelling champion. She won that honor in the contest held at the Northwood high school Saturday afternoon. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Carlson of Barton Township.

L.G. Stevens, farmer residing in Barton Township, was one of the winners in the Minnesota State Barrow Show March 28 and 29 in Albert Lea. His barrows of a Duroc Jersey and Hampshire cross breed, won sixth place. Weight of the barrows shown in Mr. Stevens' pen averaged 160 pounds. Mr. Stevens is one of Worth county's large hog raisers, averaging from 300 to 400 pigs each year.

Saturday was a banner day in the sale of marriage licenses by Clerk Ole O. Bakken and his deputy, Miss Edith Hanson, who disposed of seven of those valuable documents to residents of Minneapolis.

For the first time in many years Worth County Farm Bureau membership has exceeded the 500 mark, according to Vernon Lyford, Farm Bureau president. With a quota for this year of 535, Worth County is now only 25 short of its membership goal.

50 years ago

April 6, 1972

Jerry Nash, his son Bob and Mrs. Kenneth Logemann, were three of several riders traveling towards Des Moines in the annual Iowa Pony Express ride for crippled children. Northwood mayor Guy Olson met the trio about 7:30 a.m. when they passed through on the way to Belmond, which completed the first day's ride. All rides, which started at 16 points throughout Iowa, terminated at Camp Sunnyside. The project raised over $50,000 to benefit work by the Easter Seal Society with handicapped children and adults. The theme for the project is "We ride that crippled children may walk."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buck were seriously injured in an accident on Highway 3 near Humboldt, about 80 miles from their home in Cherokee. The Bucks were en route to Northwood to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Art Ruffridge in Northwood. Mrs. Buck, the former Lucille Torgerson, is hospitalized in a Humboldt hospital with multiple broken bones. Mr. Buck received a crushed nose. The Ruffridges are expecting to drive down to see them Friday.

Only one building permit has been issued in Northwood during the first quarter of 1972 according to Town Clerk Francis Lawhorn. That permit was issued to Whitney C. Randall for construction of a $33,000 two story multiple dwelling at 1103 First Ave. North.

Rod Hall and his son Ross survey the charred remains of Hanlontown's fertilizer plant, which burned down March 27. Hall, secretary of the Hanlontown fire department, added that the fire was too far advanced to save anything but the mailbox. The pile at right contained 750 tons of fertilizer, some of which may be salvaged. A railroad car of anhydrous ammonia was pushed out of range of the flames as the fire fighting effort progressed, but not before its end was blackened.

25 years ago

April 2, 1997

U.S. Sen Chuck Grassley lent an intent ear to Northwood osteopath Dr. Stephanie Seemuth just prior to his "town forum" at Northwood's First Lutheran Church. Health care concerns were the chief topic of the 1-1/2 hour meeting here and at three others Grassley held across North Iowa that day.

The Lutheran Retirement Home staff's children and grandchildren attended an Easter egg hunt at LRH on March 29. Thanks to the parents for bringing their children and thanks to Easter Bunny Wanda.

A certain perspective and little imagination gave this chunk of Shell Rock River ice the appearance of a shark as it slowly melted on the river bank across from Swensrud Park. It was just one of many large pieces of ice that came to rest in or near the park during the river's annual ice-out.

Free pencils were plentiful at Sen. Chuck Grassley's "town forum" here, so five-year old Paige Pangburn picked one out, applied it to a piece of paper and turned out a work of art while the adults around her tuned in on the senator's conversation. Paige, the daughter of Don and Bryn Pangburn, and Bev Pangburn went to the event at the First Lutheran Church.

Northwood park board member Sue Tanner gladly accepted a $100 donation from "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 quartermaster Howie Ringham and post commander Gene Weitzel recently. The money, taken from the proceeds of the post's weekly bingo game, will be used to purchase new youth baseball and softball uniforms for the city's summer recreation program.

If Northwood-Kensett computer specialist Chris Quisley is as successful teaching golf as she is in the West Elementary computer lab, she should have the N-K girls golf team up and running in no time. Then again, with only three letter winners back from last year's team, things could take a little time.

10 years ago

April 4, 2012

Worth and Howard county fair representatives traveled to Des Moines on March 29, to talk to legislators about the Association of Iowa Fairs. The group was able to talk with Senator Merlin Bartz and Representative Josh Byrnes about their organization and upcoming events. Pictured are Sue Barnes of Cresco, Sen. Bartz, Rep. Byrnes, Tom Barnes of Cresco and Jerry Hopperstad of Northwood.

With the arrival of Easter this Sunday comes a community activity for local young people, the hunt for brightly colored eggs at the Worth County Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Northwood Chamber of Commerce and Worth County Jaycees. Volunteers at the Lutheran Retirement Home spent some time helping to prepare for the event by filling those eggs with candy for the young egg hunters to enjoy.

Advanced Component Technologies in Northwood recently recognized employees for their Years of Service, Laverne Yost, 20 years, Kyle Hebrink, 10 years, and Laura Thompson, 15 years.

Allan and Dorothy Bratrud of Kensett celebrated their 61st anniversary on March 20, 2012. They were married on March 20, 1951, in Bolan, Iowa. The wedding was suppose to happen on March 18 but two huge snow storms prevented the event. The weather finally let up on March 20 so Allan and Dorothy followed the snow plow from Kensett to Bolan.

Senior Nik Werner, who missed all of the basketball season to injury, made up for lost time at the West Fork Early Bird in Nashua. Werner finished second in the 400 meter, member of the 4 x 100 (second) and 4 x 400 (second) meter relay teams.

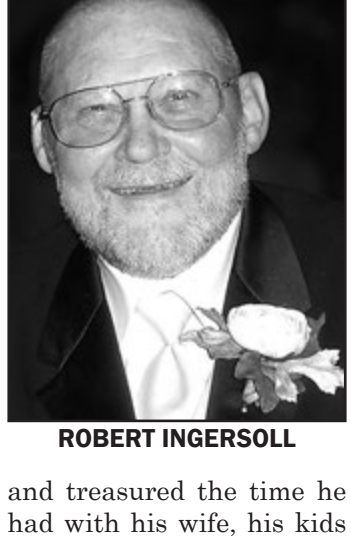
Sophomore Chandler Capitani glides over a hurdle in the shuttle relay in Nashua. Capitani's teammates in the event were Kayla Branstad, Madison Lloyd and Kelsi Brockman.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

Robert Ingersoll

Robert Michael Ingersoll, 74, died on Tuesday, March 29, at Manly Specialty Care in Manly, Iowa.

Mike was a 1966 graduate of Northwood-Kensett Senior High School. He was married for 28 years to Kimberley (Harris) Stotts and together they had four amazing, flawless, brilliant-in-every-way children. He worked first for Flying Tiger air freight in Anchorage, Alaska, then for the San Diego Police Department as a dispatcher before moving back to Northwood,where he spent many years serving as a dispatcher and jailer at Worth County Sheriff's Office.



ROBERT INGERSOLL

On June 6, 2009, Mike married Ann (Johnson) Ingersoll. Together they have enjoyed adopting and caring for multiple dogs, often ones with special needs. He was a lifelong Iowa Hawkeye fan and he enjoyed cheering on the Northwood-Kensett Vikings. He loved his family and treasured the time he had with his wife, his kids and his grandkids. As a father he excelled where it mattered most–making sure his children knew that they were always loved, always supported and always welcome.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert Blanchard Ingersoll and Ruth Ann Harris. He was also preceded in death by his glorious Bob Ross perm, which was cut off never to return sometime in the early 2000s.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ann; four children, two step-children and many grandchildren, Adam (Betsy) Ingersoll and their children, Quincy, Zane, Izaiah and Phoenix of Ankeny, Iowa; Caleb (Diane) Ingersoll and their children, Jillian and Benjamin of Seabrook, N.H.; Leah (Brian) Phipps and their children, Alice, Harrison, and William of Ellsworth, Iowa; Allen (Jillian) Freeman Ingersoll of Northwood, Iowa; step-daughters, Christina Middleton of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Melissa (Clay) Coffman and their children Seth, Jake, Julia, Josie (Austin) and Emma of Saint James, Missouri.

Visitation will be on Thursday, April 7, from 5-7 p.m. at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home (1211 10th St. S., Northwood). A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church (902 Second Ave. N., Northwood).

No new COVID cases in Worth

The latest release of official COVID-19 data showed no new cases in Worth County for the first time in several months.

For the first time since June 2021, there were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Worth County by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

While that is a welcome development, in June 2021, rapid home testing was not available, meaning that last week's stationary totals would not include anyone that tested at home and did not share results with agencies that report results to the State.

With no new cases, the total number of cases reported in Worth remained at 1,754.

The number of cases in the region increased 46 between March 23 and March 30, for a new total of 45,495.

That includes 2,948 in Winnebago, 2,835 in Hancock, 11,074 in Cerro Gordo, 3,543 in Floyd and 2,468 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 9,053 in Freeborn and 11,820 in Mower counties in Minnesota. Like Worth, the total in Hancock remained unchanged.

The low or no number of new cases meant that all the area counties remained at the "low" community COVID levels.

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

There were only two new deaths reported throughout the eight county region in the week's data, for a new total of 534.

According to the CDC, 3,827 residents of Worth County had been fully vaccinated, for 51.8% of the total population. That is up 3 Worth County residents since March 23.

CDC numbers show that 4,069 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 55.1% of the population. That is up 2 since March 23.

In the county, 1,336 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 86.5% of that population. That was up 1 for the first time in five weeks. Of that age group, 1,398, or 90.5% have had at least one dose. That was also up one, for the first time in four weeks.

Of those 18 and over, 3,583 have been fully vaccinated, for 61.2% of that population. Of those, 3,803 have received one dose, for 65%.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,756, or 58.9% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,993 or 62.6% have received at least one dose.

Of those 5 years and older in Worth County, 55% have been fully vaccinated and 58.4% have received at least one dose.

As the FDA approved a second booster for those 50 years of older and who are immunocompromised, of those fully vaccinated in Worth County, 2,148, or 56.1% have received a booster dose. Of the county's population, 29.4% are fully vaccinated and boosted.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates that include 52% in Winnebago, 49.6% in Hancock, 62.9% in Cerro Gordo, 52.8% in Floyd, 48.6% in Mitchell, 57.4% in Freeborn and 62% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 57.8% of the total population has been fully vaccinated.

Information and COVID-19 data 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.

Second boosters available at WCPH

With the announcement last week that the FDA has authorized a second booster does of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, Worth County Public Health announced that they can help those interested.

Those with questions or that would like to receive a booster dose may contact the WCPH office in Northwood at 641-324-1741.

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March 28, 2022
Thirteenth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg and A.J. Stone, present, and Mark Smeby, present via Zoom. 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 21, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of $22,077.00, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 2 Main, Prof Services.....$9,714.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 72, Prof Services.....$2,760.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 72, Prof Services.....$9,602.50
Grand Total.....$22,077.00

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $69,718.17, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr 7,330.36
Aramark, Service-Eng 170.27
Bomgaars Supply, Inc
Supplies-Con 456.22
Centurylink, Service-911..... 61.34
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng..... 269.06
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Aud 14.00
Forest City Veterinary Clinic, Llc
Service-Shf..... 74.91
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng 607.20
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 355.61
Icap, Service-Ins..... 205.00
Institute Of Ia Cert Assessors
Edu-Asr..... 680.00
Jeff Gorball, Reimb-Plz... 1,077.99
Knudtson Automotive Service
Service-Shf..... 830.85
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 44.52
Mail Services Llc
Service-Trs..... 327.59
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Eng 63.01
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Trs..... 439.60
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng..... 2,389.00
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt..... 17,063.00
R80 Llc, Fuel-Eng 128.78
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 421.91
Russell Meyer
Mileage-Eng 155.03
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies 229.50
State Medical Examiners Office
Service-Mex 3,948.72
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng 294.40
Vanguard Appraisals Inc
Service-Asr 27,679.50
Verizon Wireless
Service-Eng 186.37
Visa, Service-Shf..... 189.98
Worth County Fair
Reimb-Ins 4,024.45
Grand Total 69,718.17

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan for C.B. Neel & Sons #63839(Dad's Site) and #63840(Home Site). Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the National Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month Proclamation. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the Worth County Honey Bee Day Proclamation. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the FY23 Health Insurance Premium Employer share at Plan 9 - $950.00/month/employee. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adopt a resolution to approve the Salary Recommendations for Elected Officials. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2022.03.28.01

WHEREAS, the Worth County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Worth County Compensation Board met on December 1, 2021, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

Elected Official, Current Salary, Proposed Increase, Recommended Salary

Auditor, $59,922, 6.00%, $63,517

County Attorney, $86,732, 3.00%, $89,334

Recorder, $59,922, 6.00%, $63,517

Sheriff, $77,315, 8.00%, $83,500

Supervisor-Chair, $31,252, 3.00%, $32,175

Supervisors, $30,752, 3.00%, $31,675

Treasurer, $59,922, 6.00%, $63,517

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Worth County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

Elected Official, Approved Salary, Approved Increase

Auditor, $63,517, 6.00%

County Attorney, $89,334, 3.00%

Recorder, $63,517, 6.00%

Sheriff, $83,500, 8.00%

Supervisor-Chair, $32,175, 3.00%

Supervisors, $31,675, 3.00%

Treasurer, $63,517, 6.00%

Approved this 28th day of March, 2022.

WORTH County Board of Supervisors ATTEST:

Mark Smeby, Chairperson
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to appoint Larry M. Johnson to the County Eminent Domain Compensation Board (person having knowledge of property values). Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 8:51 A.M.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to open Public Hearing-FY22 Budget Amendment Hearing at 8:51 A.M. Motion carried.

Auditor Backhaus explained the budget amendment. Public comment was heard.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to close the public hearing at 8:53 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adopt a resolution to approve the FY22 Budget Amendment. Roll call: Stone-aye; Loberg-aye; Smeby-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022.03.28.02

Amend Fiscal Year 2021/22 Worth County Budget

WHEREAS, RESOLUTION #2022.03.28.02 Amends Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Worth County Budget as was published in official County newspapers (Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal) March 16 & March 17, 2022, to authorize an amendment and appropriation of funds to the appropriate departments as specified;

WHEREAS, increase/decrease in revenues are:

NONDEPARTMENTAL, ARP GRANT, 0004-4-99-9100-234800, $716,836.50

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS. OTHR INTERFUND OPERATING FUND TSF, 0020-0-20-0200-90900, $500,000.00

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, OTHR INTERFUND OPERATING FUND TSF, 0001-0-96-0300-909000, $500,000.00

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, OTHR INTERFUND OPERATING FUND TSF, 0020-0-96-0300-909000, $1,500,000.00

WHEREAS, increase/decrease in expenditures are:

CAPITAL PROJECTS, WATER/SEWER STRUCTURES, 0004-15-9100-62500, $700,000.00

GENERAL SERVICES, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES, 0001-51-9100-000-23200, $1,000.00

GENERAL SERVICES, SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SUPPLIES, 0001-51-9100-000-29300, $1,000.00

GENERAL SERVICES, NATURAL GAS, LP GAS, FUEL OIL, 0001-51-9100-000-43000, $5,000.00

GENERAL SERVICES, FIXED PLANT EQUIP-MAINT/REPAIR, 0001-51-9100-000-44224, $15,000.00

GENERAL SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL, 0001-51-9100-000-63000, $1,500.00

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, TO SECONDARY ROAD FUND, 0001-96-0301-000-81200, $500,000.00

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, TO OTHER BUDGETARY FUNDS, 0038-96-0300-000-81400, $500,000.00

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, TO OTHER BUDGETARY FUNDS, 0038-96-0300-000-81400, $1,500,000.00

BE IT DULY ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2022, with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES:
Stone, Smeby and Loberg
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mark Smeby, Chairperson
Enos Loberg, Co-Chairperson
Aaron Stone, Supervisor
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus,
Board Clerk and County Auditor

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

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing-FY23 Budget Hearing at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Auditor Backhaus explained the budget. Public comment was heard.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to close the public hearing at 9:03 P.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adopt a resolution to approve the FY23 Budget. Roll call: Stone-aye; Loberg-aye; Smeby-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022.03.28.03
ADOPTION OF THE WORTH COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023
PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Monday, March 28, 2022 to receive comments regarding the proposed FY22/23 Budget of expenditures and revenues as was published, per Public Notice, in the March 16 & 17, 2022 issue of the Official County newspapers, The Northwood Anchor and The Manly Junction Signal, and presented at the public hearing on March 28, 2022.

THEREFORE the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY22/23 Budget as was presented and published. Budget certification attached.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2022.

Mark Smeby, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on 3/28/22, by the following vote:

AYES: Smeby, Stone, Loberg
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: N/A
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor & Clerk to Board

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 9:32 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR NORTHWOOD WATERWORKS

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)		Yes/No	
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	29.00 (29 - 29)	09/30/2021	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	10.00 (10 - 10)	09/30/2021	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	ND	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.447 (0.0269 - 0.472)	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	0.71 (0.36 - 1.05)	12/14/2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	RAA	0.42 (0.100 - 0.600)	06/30/2021	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
02 - S/EP WELL 3 AND 4 AFTER TREATMENT						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	2.1	04/13/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.4	01/08/2020	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.16	01/08/2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	10 (0)	SGL	5.50	01/08/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	5.43	01/08/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NORTHWOOD WATERWORKS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Devonian aquifer. The Devonian aquifer was determined to be susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide some protection from contaminants from the land surface. The Devonian wells will be susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-324-1075 .

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact NORTHWOOD WATERWORKS at 641-324-1075.

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 3/28/22 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022. Unam.

Motion to approve the bid from Simmering-Cory/Iowa Codification to update the City Code of Ordinances. Unam

Motion to approve Hovey Lawn & Garden to mow the Top of Iowa Park for 2022. Unam.

Motion to rescind the motion from March 14, 2022 to purchase four solar radar speed signs and to now only purchase two solar radar speed signs. Unam.

There was a motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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Worth County audit report released

Gardiner + Company recently released an audit report on Worth County.

The County's governmental revenues totaled $17,107,177 for the year that ended on June 30, 2021, a 3.53% decrease from the prior year. Expenses for County operations for the year totaled $13,499,852, a 3.03% decrease from the prior year.

Gardiner + Company reported several findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 78 through 84 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties and material amounts of accounts receivable and revenues not properly recorded in the County's financial statements. Gardiner+Company provided the County with recommendations to address each of these findings.

Eight of the findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The County Board of Supervisors have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the County's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports.

Bolan

Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the Mount Vernon High School Java Jazz Showcase on Thursday evening with Loren and Renee Nydegger and Clare. Ben Nydegger played drums for the band and also the choirs that were featured. During the performances coffee and desserts were service, which were prepared by Cornell College students. Joe and Linda returned home early Friday afternoon.

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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 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
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If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please share this information with them. This selected applicant may be eligible for a permanent position in the future.

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March brings practical and practice experience for NVFC

March was a busy month for the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, with members taking advantage of several opportunities to train and hone their firefighting and rescue skills.

Several training opportunities took place after the month opened with a large structure fire on March 7, in which the NVFC firefighters joined departments from five neighboring communities to put their skills and equipment to the test.

The month included training for firefighters in confined spaces and rescuing victims. The headquarters in Northwood was set up with some wood panels and furniture arranged to recreate some tight spaces that the firefighters might encounter in an emergency.

For the monthly training, members toured manufacturing facilities and looked at building plans for fire risks and what they would need to know if they were called to a fire at the facilities.

On March 19, the Northwood and Kensett departments closed down a stretch of Olive Avenue to train in fighting rural fires.

The training focused on relay pumping, working with drop tanks, water shuttle operations and other equipment and techniques used when fire hydrants and other resources in a city aren't available.

On March 28, the NVFC was joined by firefighters from Kensett, Fertile and Nora Springs at NIACC in their smoke simulation building.

The facility produces non-toxic fog that resembles smoke.

The departments practiced advancing hoses, as well as search and rescue techniques in situations with low or no visibility.

The training is undertaken on top of and to prepare for the department's hours spent responding to rescue and fire calls each month.

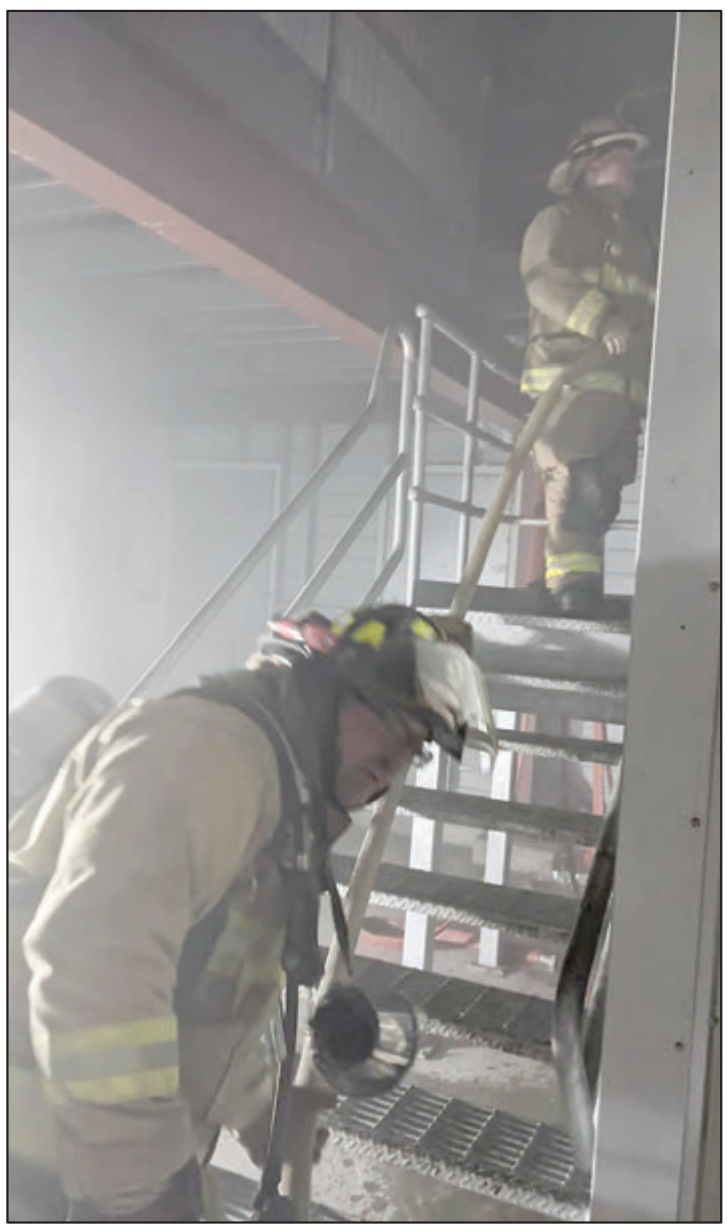
In March, the NVFC amassed nearly 300 hours of training and responded to 34 calls for service. The department has responded to 99 calls in 2022. That was up 23 from the first two months of 2021.













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