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Briefs

WCDA gift cards available now

The WCDA is once again making gift cards available to students in Worth County that are in grades K-12.

The gift card program continues through Friday, August 26, available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the WCDA office in Northwood. The office is located at 91 Eighth Street North in downtown Northwood.

This year, each student will receive a $75 Visa gift card.

Only parents may pick up gift cards for their children.

Parents that received gift cards in 2021 must bring receipts from last year's purchases to receive a gift card in 2022.

Parents of students that are new to Worth County will need to bring a Worth County driver's license and school registration paperwork to receive a gift card.

No appointment is necessary to receive a gift card.

Fertile Days celebrated Aug. 12-14

The town of Fertile will hold its annual community celebration, Fertile Days, the weekend of August 12-14.

The weekend begins on Friday, August 12, with popcorn and a movie at the library at 9 p.m.

Saturday's activities include the firemen's breakfast at the Community Center from 7-10 a.m.

The Fertile Days 5K Walk/Run starts at the library. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K kicks off at 8 a.m.

A book and bake sale will be held at the library from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Fertile Days parade will start at 10:30 a.m.

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by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

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Carpenter man creates art from pieces of wood

By JoAnn Lower

Loren Stene was 65 years old when a picture of a bear climbing a tree inspired him to create his first intarsia picture. "Intarsia," he explains, "is the art of creating a mosaic-like picture from pieces of wood."

Using 75 different species of wood that come from all parts of the world, Stene carefully selects the color, grain pattern and direction of each piece. Then with a scroll saw no bigger than the tip of a needle, he cuts each tiny piece of wood to create a three-dimensional picture.

"Hundreds of pieces of wood go into each picture; for instance, in the zebra picture I used over 300

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Supervisors support planning grant, security updates

The Worth County supervisors recently lent their support to a grant application to help Iowa counties develop safety plans and qualify for federal funds. They also approved a bid that will upgrade county facility security equipment.

County engineer Rich Brumm explained that there may be approximately $1 billion in federal funds, made available through the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act).

However, in order to qualify for the funds, Worth County, like other entities, would need to have a "safety action plan" in place, which it currently does not.

Brumm explained that while 57 Iowa counties have the plans in place, none are sufficient to meet the federal requirements.

Brumm said that the cost to counties like Worth to have a satisfactory plan developed, could range between $30,000 and $50,000.

With that in mind,

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Two dead following Friday accident

An accident on Friday night led to the death of two and injuries following two collisions on Highway 65.

On Friday night, July 29, at 10:20 p.m., according to an Iowa State Patrol crash report, a vehicle driven by Maggie Harvey, 24, of Northwood, was traveling north on Highway 65, a half mile North of Kensett when it crossed the center line and struck a vehicle head on, driven by John Hinderscheid, 45, of Albert Lea.

Hinderscheid's vehicle stopped in the ditch on the west side of the road.

Harvey's vehicle rolled and was laying on its top in the middle of the highway. That's when a semi driven north by Dennis Stoneking, 62, Northwood, struck Harvey's vehicle, causing it to end up in the west ditch.

Hinderscheid was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Manly celebrates Railroad Ag Days August 26-27

Manly will celebrate its history and heritage the last weekend of August with the annual Railroad Ag Days events, set for August 26-27.

Events start on Friday, August 26, in Bosworth Park. That begins with a free community dinner hosted by Manly Development, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The evening will also include a kids pedal tractor pull starting at 6 p.m.

On Friday night, young representatives of the city of Manly will be named, with the crowning of Little Mr. and Miss Manly at 7 p.m.

Entertainment for the evening will come courtesy of the Flyer Band at 78:30 p.m.

Saturday's events begin with a 5K run/walk starting in Bosworth Park at 7 a.m.

The railroad museum will be open in the morning

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Two killed in crash near Fertile

Two Fertile residents were dead following a single vehicle crash on Friday, July 22.

According to reports, at approximately 8:15 p.m., a pickup truck was traveling on Fir Avenue when the driver lost control of the vehicle and it

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Kensett celebrates 150 years Aug. 19-21

This year the community of Kensett is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a weekend of special events and activities.

The sesquicentennial events and activities will be held Friday through Sunday, August 19-21.

On Friday, the Bad Habits band will perform, along with a beer garden and food vendors.

On Saturday, plans include a car show, a history presentation at the library, bingo, lunch in the park, activities for kids and the band Stone Grove.

Sunday will include a community church service and a sesquicentennial parade.

The full schedule of activities is still being planned.

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Council discusses cages, cats, cemetery feature

A potential replacement of park equipment, stray cats and a change in policy for a new cemetery feature were discussed at the recent meeting of the Northwood city council.

The Northwood Parks and Rec board was at the July 25 council meeting to follow up on an earlier request to replace the batting cage in Swensrud Park.

At a meeting earlier this year, the board had asked the council to consider the replacement of the cage.

With an active youth baseball and softball program and the desire for a place for older youth to hone their skills, the board said that a new batting cage, including pitching machine, is needed in the park. The revamp would also include new fencing and cement beneath.

The board asked the council to consider applying for funds for a new batting cage in the upcoming fall

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Wheelin' With Worth car cruise/show Saturday

The annual Wheelin' With Worth Car Cruise/Show will be held this Sunday, August 7. The event raises funds for the Relay For Life of Worth County.

Registration for the car cruise will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Strike Zone in Northwood.

The cruise starts there at noon, on a path that will lead to the Worth County Fairgrounds.

The cruising cars will be joined by others for a car show from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds. Registration is open from noon to 3 p.m. at the north gate for those not taking part in the cruise.

At 4:30 p.m., trophies

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pieces. The wood is quite expensive, so I save the scraps to use in other pictures."

Since this unexpected direction in Loren's life began 10 years ago, he has made 196 pictures. His Crucifixion and Nativity intarsias won first place at the Iowa State Fair in 2020. In 2021 he took first and second place at the Iowa State Fair with his zebra and Last Supper pictures, as well as first and second place at the Minnesota and Arizona state fairs. He is also teaching this art of fine woodworking to three students from different parts of the U.S.

Born in Lake Mills, Stene spent his first 60 years on the farm, and still farms. He has five children and 12 grandchildren. Fifteen years ago he moved to St. Ansgar and bought a place on the river where he lives with his wife Debra.

For a tour of Loren's gallery, just call him at 641-590-5700. The tour is free, the travel is short, the works of art stunning.





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statewide county engineer associations are working on a grant from the IIJA funds, which would pay for the development of safety action plans in Iowa counties.

The plan would assess the county's roads, look at accident history, shoulder designs and take into account other factors that would look at the safety of county roads.

As far as the potential issues with a plan, Brumm said that having one in place does not create potential legal issues, at least based on other counties' experience. He said that just having a safety action plan does not make counties more liable if they don't follow it.

Brumm also added that having a safety action plan would make his job easier. Currently, he said, Worth County is a county with the least policies in place in terms of considerations for road and bridge construction. Having a plan in place would help provide some guidance for his office.

Having a safety action plan in place would also make it possible to qualify to apply for the IIJA funding, and potentially other federal funds in the future.

The supervisors agreed to a resolution showing the County's support for the efforts to secure a grant to pay for safety action plans in Iowa counties.

The supervisors also recently received an update on new security equipment at County facilities. That includes new door locks and security cameras.

IT director Joel Rohne shared that the County had received a bid for $374,000, including $127,000 in equipment, $108,000 in installation and $139,000 for a 10 year license for the system. That would cover new locks at county buildings and replacing and adding security cameras throughout the county.

The system would provide for existing security needs, and address some outstanding issues. That includes security issues found during facility assessments, requirements of federal election security and it would add cameras at Kuennen's Quarry and Worth County Lake, in the hopes that would prevent issues from recent summers and provide security at the County's campsites.

The system would be transferrable to a new courthouse, if the County officials decide to move in that direction.

The county's committee reviewing the use of pandemic relief funds had approved the system, providing the use of those federal funds to cover the expense.

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A pedal pull starts at the park tennis court at 11 a.m.

Firetruck rides will be held at the fire station from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Food vendors will open in the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A petting zoo will be in the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yard games will be played from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Faces will be painted from noon to 3 p.m.

Inflatables will be available from noon to 4 p.m.

The Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo will be at the park stage from 2-3 p.m.

People may bring their own bags for a tournament that starts at 2:30 p.m. at the tennis court in the park.

A community meal will be served at the Community Center from 5-6:30 p.m.

Bingo will be called from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Community Center.

The Borderline Band will perform at the ball diamonds from 7 p.m. to midnight.

A fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m.

On Sunday, August 14, a community church service will be held in the park at 10 a.m.

More information on events and activities can be found on the Fertile Days Facebook page.

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round of WCDA grants.

While council members expressed support for the project, council member Gary Nerlien suggested that the council needed to have a discussion of potential grant applications before committing to any project. The council planned to have that discussion at the August 8 meeting.

Other potential grants that the council may consider, according to discussion held later in the meeting, could include pool equipment and needs, stone restoration at the cemetery and the next phase of the City's solar energy project.

The council was also updated on the first phase of the solar energy development. Mayor Doug Moehle said that the City is waiting to receive word from Alliant Energy, which must approve the scope of the City's project before installation can begin. The City plans to install the solar energy equipment near its water treatment plant near the Northwood-Kensett secondary campus.

The council also discussed prices and policies for the columbarium at the Sunset Rest Cemetery.

The columbarium is the newly installed above ground structure, which provides places for people to have their cremains laid to rest.

The council discussed whether the City should be involved in the engraving of the spots on the columbarium, which has been included in the price the City would charge.

It was discussed that it didn't make sense for the City to be in charge of that part of the process. That should be something those being laid to rest or their families should arrange as a part of the funeral planning process.

Besides it being a personal choice, and service provided by funeral homes or monument company, it is also a cost subject to change, which would require the City to adjust prices more often.

With that in mind, the council approved removing engraving from the charges for spots in the columbarium. That lowers the prices to $750 for a single spot and $1,150 for spots for companions.

While speaking with Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank, Nerlien shared that he had heard from several concerned citizens about the cat population in the city. Nerlien asked what could be done.

Fank said that there aren't any animal shelters or groups that are willing or able to take in stray cats, unless the City wants to hire someone.

Fank also said that the City can't allow people to kill them without it creating additional issues for law enforcement and amongst people and groups that would oppose that course of action.

Fank added that they can't legally trap and release them elsewhere, as they are domesticated animals.

Fank said that he has not been able to find a solution for the cat issue.

Manly
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and through the afternoon.

Several food trucks will be in Manly throughout the day.

A craft and vendor show will be open near the pool from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Railroad Ag Days parade begins at 11 a.m.

That will be followed by a tractor show and a car show at the American Legion.

A bags tournament starts at 11:30 a.m., with registration from 10-11 a.m.

A number of kids activities will start at noon.

Mr. Carlson will provide music as a DJ from noon to 3 p.m.

The Manly Public Library will host a book sale starting at noon.

A make and take craft event will be held at the Painted Horse Studio at 3 p.m.

Bingo will be called under the big top tent from 3-5 p.m.

A mullet contest will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Evening entertainment will be provided by the Bad Habits, starting at 8 p.m.

There will also be a raffle held throughout the weekend's events.

Events and activities are subject to change.

See more information in coming issues of the Manly Signal and on the Manly Development group's Facebook page.

County to help with flag setting

Several times each year, the Worth County courthouse lawn and sidewalks are surrounded by American flags, in celebration of patriotic holidays. In the future, the task of setting those flags will be made easier for the volunteers that put them in place.

At a recent board of supervisors meeting, Paul Ferley, one of the group of veterans and volunteers that places flags at the courthouse, as well as at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood, asked if the County would consider making their flag duties a little easier.

Ferley explained that as the volunteers get older, it gets more difficult for them to find the holes for the flags in the lawn of the courthouse. That often includes digging out the space needed to have the flags stand during the holidays in question.

Ferley asked the supervisors to consider having permanent holes for the flags put in place in cement. Similar flag stations were installed in recent years at the cemetery.

Ferley said that there would be between 70-80 holes to accommodate the number of flags normally put up for each holiday.

The holes were installed at the cemetery by the city public works crew.

At the courthouse, the County would likely need to hire someone to do the job. The County plans to have portions of its sidewalk replaced in the near future, to comply with Northwood's enforcement of sidewalk code.

The supervisors discussed asking the contractor they will have replace sidewalks to include flag holes at the same time.

The veterans will be invited to be a part of the project to make sure the flag holes meet their needs and are placed appropriately.

The supervisors agreed it was the least the County could do to help make the job easier for the volunteers that dedicate their time to putting the patriotic displays in place at the courthouse.

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will be awarded with trophies selected by cancer survivors, a people's choice, first through third and a special award for the best decorated donation bucket.

Besides the car activities, a sloppy joe meal will be served and a bake sale will open at 3 p.m.

A silent auction will be held from 3-4:15 p.m. Winners will be announced after the car awards.

The public is invited to see the cars, enjoy the meal and take part in the auction, as well as the other fun of the event.

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entered the ditch, before coming back onto road and ending up in the ditch again, coming to rest on the passenger side on the southern ditch along 330th Street in Cerro Gordo County, south of Fertile.

Paul Swann and Cody Keeney of Fertile died in the crash. Jens Berggren of Mason City was transported by air ambulance from the scene.

The crash remained under investigation.

Assisting at the scene were the Cerro Gordo Sheriff's Office, Mason City EMS, Clear Lake EMS and the Hanlontown Fire Department.

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Also found dead at the scene was Thielen Fausnaugh, 3, of Northwood, a passenger in Harvey's car. Harvey was transported from the scene by Mason City Ambulance.

Assisting at the scene were the Iowa State Patrol, Worth County Sheriff's Office, DOT Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Kensett Fire Department, Northwood Volunteer Fire Company and other area law enforcement and emergency response agencies.

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Look for more information in future issues and on the "Kensett 150th Sesquicentenial Celebration" event page on Facebook.

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Worth students awarded 4-H Foundation scholarships

Three Worth County residents were recently recognized as the recipients of scholarships through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Those receiving scholarships included Tianna Charlson, Emma Davidson and Mallory Wilhelm.

Ninety-five Iowa 4-H scholarships valued at over $124,000 were awarded as a part of the Foundation's scholarship recognition ceremony, held on June 5 in Ames.. Over 454 applications were submitted and scholarships have been awarded to recipients from 50 counties across the state of Iowa with a wide variety of 4-H experiences.

Tianna Charlson, from Worth County, was awarded the Adams Scholarship.

With a strong passion for 4-H, Tianna decided to take up many opportunities like Animal Science Round-Up and the State 4-H Conference, where there was a workshop led by Dr. Yuko Sato that inspired her passion for the poultry industry. Tianna is currently attending Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science.

"4-H taught me the most important lesson of my life: Be courageous. Growing up with 4-H it gave me my own courage, which has set me up for a lifetime of self-discovery, growth, and creativity," stated Charlson.

The Adams 4-H Scholarship is provided by Kathy Adams and the late Don Adams. This scholarship was made in honor of Don's sisters Alice and Nichole Heinrichs and is given to one recipient.

Emma Davidson from Worth County, was awarded the C.J. Gauger 4-H Scholarship.

Emma's greatest 4-H experiences were her community service projects. Her family believes strongly in helping others and instilled in her that helping others isn't something she should do when she has time, but rather something she should make time to do. In helping others, she discovered that she loved working outdoors. Emma will be pursing agronomy and seed science degrees at Iowa State University.

"4-H has helped me fulfill this commitment to serving others through the hours of service I have contributed around my community and county. 4-H has given me the resources and experience to set myself apart," said Davidson.

The C.J. Gauger 4-H Scholarship was established in 1992 in honor of C.J. who was the State 4-H Leader from 1959 to 1979.

Wilhelm was awarded the W. Eugene and Linda Lloyd Veterinary 4-H Scholarship.

Through 4-H, Mallory was able to strengthen her communication skills, find her passion for animals and help others. While at Iowa State she was elected as the Vice-President of the Pre-Veterinary Club and department ambassador for the Animal Science Department. 4-H allowed her to learn how to step out of her comfort zone and gain valuable skills and competencies to succeed now and in the future.

"Through 4-H, I was able to communicate at a higher level than many of my peers. This allowed me to give various presentations and effectively communicate my message to my listeners," said Wilhelm.



TIANNA CHARLSON



MALLORY WILHELM



EMMA DAVIDSON

The W. Eugene and Linda Lloyd Veterinary 4-H Endowed Scholarship was established by the late Dr. Eugene Lloyd, founder and owner of Lloyd Incorporated, and his wife Linda. The recipients of this scholarships will be first year Veterinary students at Iowa State University in the fall.

"Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarships acknowledge the hard work and dedication of young people who have used their 4-H skills and experiences to 'make the best better' for others," said Emily Saveraid, Executive Director of the Iowa 4-H Foundation. "We also are thankful for the many scholarship donors who fund these important opportunities for Iowa 4-H'ers."

Glenville Days set for Aug. 11-14

Several days of community events and activities are on the way with the annual Glenville Days celebration, set for August 11-14.

On Thursday, August 11, at the Glenville Beach, a women's volleyball tournament will be held starting at 6 p.m.

A make and take paint event with the Rural Farmstead will begin at 6 p.m. under the pavilion. Pre-registration is required.

On Friday, August 12, a variety of food vendors will open on Main Street, starting at 5 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the Little King and Queen Glenville will be crowned, sponsored by the Glenville Legion Auxiliary.

A bike giveaway sponsored by Bruce and Norma Paulson will be held at 6:45 p.m.

At 7 p.m. an egg toss and minnow races will be held.

A dance for students in grades K-6 will be held at the elementary school start at 7:30 p.m.

Two nights of weekend entertainment start on Friday night. Admission is $10 per night or $15 for both nights.

Friday's entertainment will come with a performance by the Smokescreen band, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday's activities begin with a River Run 5K walk/run. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the park and the 5K starts at 8 a.m.

Also starting at 8 a.m. will be a carp fishing contest. Those interested may sign up at the stage. Weigh in will take place at 2 p.m.

The Glenville Days parade begins at 10:30 a.m. Those planning to take part are asked to sign up with Dacia at city hall or at Produce State Bank.

Registration for a car and tractor show will take place from 9-11 a.m., with the show taking place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food vendors will open on Main Street starting at 11 a.m.

A DC Chassis Dyno will be at the Produce State Bank parking lot from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., free park activities will include a money booth, pony rides, face painting and the happy train. A ring toss will also be held with proceeds going for the Glenville Beach.

4-H will offer concessions under the pavilion in the park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until they are sold out.

A pedal tractor pull will begin at noon, with sign up starting at 11:30 a.m. at the basketball court.

Bubba's Bar will host a bean bag tournament starting at 1 p.m.

Bingo will be called from 1-3 p.m. under a tent next to the Legion, or inside in case of rain.

The GEHS Junior class will host a fundraising kickball tournament starting at 2:15 p.m., with pre-registration required.

The Something Country band will perform from 4-7 p.m.

The Skitzo Fonik band will perform starting at 8 p.m., through midnight.

On Sunday, August 14, a breakfast will be served under the tents near the legion, to benefit the GEHS junior class. It will be served from 7-11 a.m.

A community church service will be held in the park at 9 a.m.

A coed softball tournament at the beach begins at noon on August 14.

More information on all the Glenville Days events and activities can be found on the "Glenville Days-Glenville Community Boosters" Facebook page.

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Annual Outdoor FlapJacks Breakfast fundraiser set for Sunday, August 7

Ham, eggs and flapjacks too will be served for the public and veterans with a hearty breakfast "Hot Off The Griddle" at the North Iowa Fair in Mason City, on Sunday, August 7, from 7 to 11:30 a.m.

Free gate admission to the Fair and close-in parking ate near the outdoor Loafing Shed Shelter for seating.

The fundraiser is hosted by local North Star Chapter 790 of the Vietnam Veterans of America as they provide assistance to needy and low income veterans area-wide. Good will donations will be appreciated and gift items will be available to purchase also.

Anyone with questions may contact Linda at 641-293-5131.

Kids Day at Kinney Pioneer Museum on August 7

Kinney Pioneer Museum Kids Day will be held on Sunday, August 7. Ice cream, cookies, floats and drinks will be served from 1-4 p.m. The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for kids, which includes admission, food, prizes, etc.

New for 2022 is the Civil War display, mural making, make your own sidewalk chalk, cement art and history, concrete sculptures and electric bike. Back by popular demand is the train display, quill writing, typing, gunny sack racing and rope making.

The Pioneer Museum is located on U.S. Highway 122 West at the entrance of the Mason City Airport.

More information is available by visiting kinneypioneermuseum.com or calling 642-423-1258.



4-H Camp at Worth County Lake

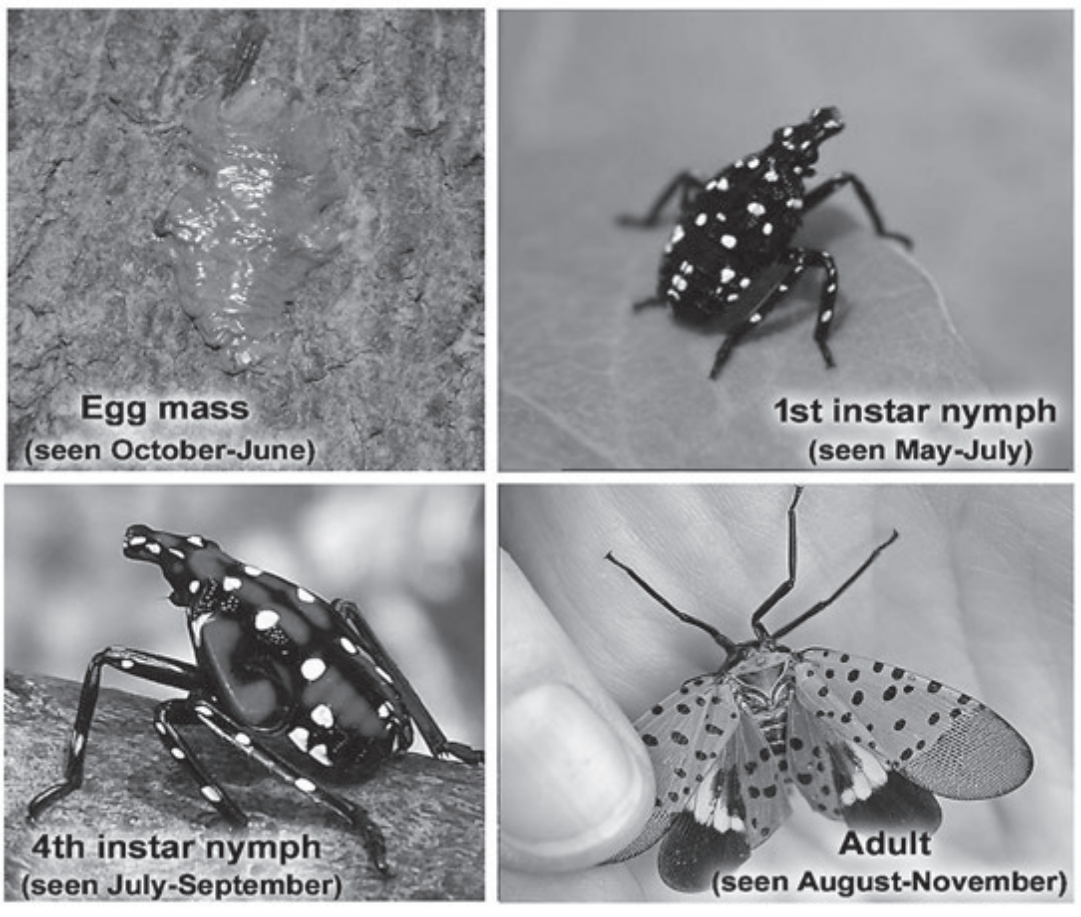
Worth County 4-H members participated in an "4-H Outdoor Adventure Camp" at Worth County Lake recently. The 4-H'ers learned about starting a camp fire, special knot making, fishing, air rifle marksmanship, kayaking, dog training, crafts and foods. The group also performed a service project at the arbor and bench area, pictured here at the Worth County Lake Park. The 4-H members at the camp are pictured, including (front row, from left) Kale Bode, Kelsi Liddle, Ariah Bode, Beatrix Koenig-Fierova, Max Johnson, Maya Johnson, (second row) Isabel Butler, Dominick Authier, Layla Scarlett, Jamison Harms-Rothmeyer, Collyn Meyer, (back row) Harley Logeman, Lexis McHenry and Sara Wubben. The camp was held in cooperation with the Worth County Conservation Board with several of their staff members, including Dan Block, Dean Mueller, Dustin Doty, Jim Hanson and Mike Bode, volunteering for the event.

Iowans urged to be on the lookout for spotted lanternflies

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship asks Iowans to be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly insects.

The colorful but invasive and destructive insect is native to China, India, and Vietnam, and was accidentally introduced into Pennsylvania in 2014. It has since been confirmed in eleven states and often spreads by the movement of infested material or items containing spotted lanternfly egg masses. If allowed to spread further in the United States, this pest could seriously impact the country's grape, orchard, nursery, and logging industries.

A community member notified the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship of the presence of two immature spotted lanternflies in Dallas County earlier this month. Federal identification confirmed the sample as a spotted lanternfly. Surveys of the immediate area have not resulted in signs of an ongoing infestation and entomologists hope the insects recently hitchhiked into the area.



"Spotted lanternfly nymphs and adults are colorful, and if you spot one, please report it to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship right away. We appreciate this community member letting us know about its presence in our state and we hope other Iowans will keep an eye out as we want to contain the spread of this destructive pest," said State Entomologist Robin Pruisner. "At this time of year, we expect to find the eye-catching nymphs, which can be black and white, or red, black, and white. It is ironic is that this invasive insect prefers to feed on the tree-of-heaven, another invasive species."

Spotted lanternfly adults and nymphs frequently gather in large numbers on host plants. They are easiest to spot at dusk or at night as they migrate up and down the trunk of the plant. During the day, they tend to cluster near the base of the plant if there is adequate cover or in the canopy, making them more difficult to see.

It feeds on a wide range of fruit, ornamental, and woody trees, with tree-of-heaven being one of the preferred hosts. Plants preferred include grapes and hops, and the following trees: almond, apple, apricot, cherry, maple, nectarine, oak, peach, pine, plum, poplar, sycamore, tree-of-heaven, walnut, and willow. Infested plants may ooze or weep and have a fermented odor. A buildup of sticky honeydew on plants or the ground underneath the plants may be present. A sooty mold may also occur on infested plants and fruit. The sucking of sap from plants can reduce the products of photosynthesis, thereby weakening the plant and eventually contributing to the plant's death.

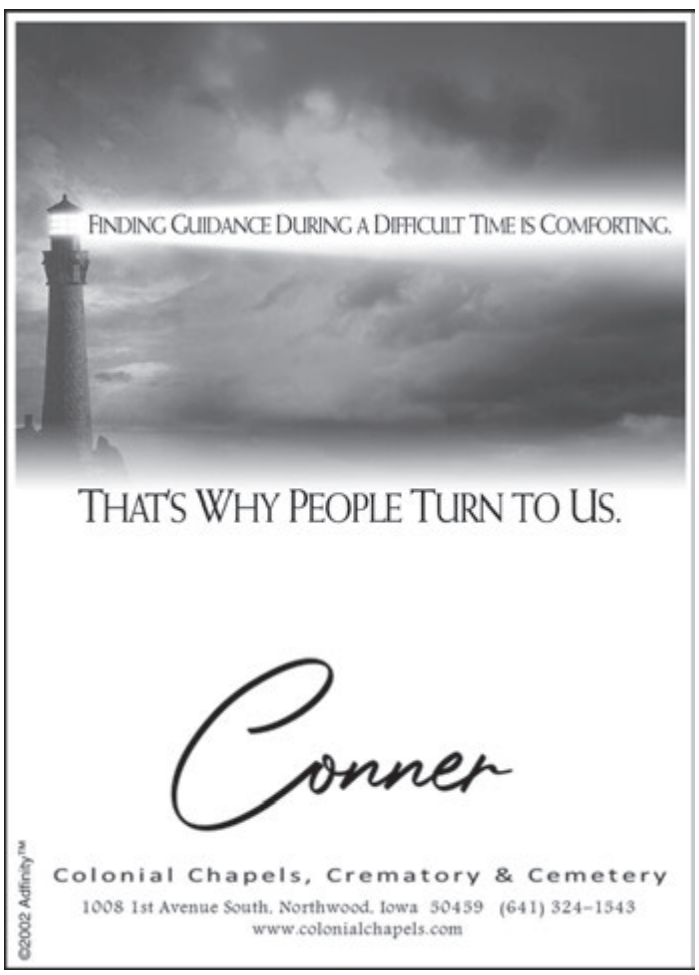
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Supervisors

July 25, 2022
Thirtieth Day

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

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

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from July 18, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2022.07.25. Roll call: Stone – Aye, Loberg – Aye, Smeby – Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SS4A GRANT APPLICATION
Worth County Resolution No. 2022.07.25

WHEREAS, as part of the new Federal Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over $1B of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. To be an eligible applicant for this new safety funding, a county MUST have an eligible Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) plans to apply for a SS4A grant to develop and supply all 99 counties in Iowa with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties. ICEA encourages all 99 counties to participate in this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors will commit to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Worth County; and

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Action Plan and will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries and zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the years 2030 and 2050, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Worth County Engineer, desires to participate in a joint SS4A grant to develop and receive an eligible Action Plan for Worth County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF Worth COUNTY that this County does hereby request to be included in the statewide SS4A grant to develop Actions Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of July, 2022.

Worth County Board of Supervisors

Mark Smeby
Board of Supervisors Chairperson

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $130,313.06, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

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Service-Sdp 146.80
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Centurylink, Service-911 ..... 8.15
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng 21.04
Electric Pump Inc
Service-Wwt 2,500.00
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Supplies-Eng 767.81
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Service-Dap 18,833.25
Intoximeters, Inc
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Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
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John Deere Financial
Supplies 2,488.30
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 171.06
Midwest Pipe Supply Inc
Supplies-Eng 2,762.00
Nassco Inc.
Supplies-Gsr 300.97
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Eng 66.00
Nsb Bank, Service-Dap 210.15
Paul Ferley, Mileage-Vaf 8.13
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt 36,829.00
Powerplan, Service-Eng .. 1,524.30
Reinhart Food Service Llc
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Richard Brumm
Reimb-Eng 58.10
Scp, Supplies-Eng 595.25
Standard Bearings
Parts-Eng 1,241.00
Star Equipment, Ltd
Parts-Eng 1,000.17
Tyler Technologies Inc
Service-Dap 57,179.71
U S Postal Service
Postage-Aud 20.00
United States Treasury
Fee-Ins 219.71
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis 385.66
Visa, Service-Phd 1,105.63
Ziegler Inc, Service-Eng 939.45
Grand Total 130,313.06

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the auditor's quarterly report. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve fireworks request for Dave Haugen at his residence on July 23 or 24, weather permitting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the use of ARP Funds to purchase new cameras and locks for the doors of county buildings. Total cost is $388,500.00. The project contract was awarded to Heartland Business Systems. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 9:03 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 7/25/22 at

6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022; Mayor Appointments: Business Development-Dan Hendrickson, Rhonda Taylor; Airport Commission-Mike Dierenfeld, Jane Podgorniak, Mark Fett; Library Board-Joanne Steinmetz.; Approve 5 day Beer Permit (August 18-22, 2022) - Worth County Fair Board. Unam.

Following the Public Hearing and correcting the stated resolution number there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2207-16 Adopting Amendment to the Plan for the Northwood Urban Revitalization Area. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2207-17 Approving Iowa DOT Financial Report for City Streets. Unam.

Motion to table the Park Board request for adding a batting cage to the park until next meeting. Unam.

Motion to approve selling the single columbarium niches for $750 and the companion niches for $1,150 with the owners paying for the personal engraving. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Worth County Agricultural Extension District
Published Report - Operating
07/01/2021 to 6/30/2022

Beginning Balance and Receipts:		
Balance: July 1, 2021		$220,878.57
Receipts:		
	Grant Revenue	$49,849.26
	Interest Revenue	$409.60
	Other Revenue	$1,262.30
	Program Fee Revenue	$62,959.00
	Property Tax Revenue	$213,552.82
	Resale Revenue	$50.00
Total Receipts:		$328,082.98
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts:		**$548,961.55**
Disbursements:		
5 Below	Program Expense	$24.00
Aatrix	E-File Fee	$24.95
Access Systems	Equipment Expense	$2,270.09
Ackerman Distributing	Program Expense	$6,790.00
Albert Lea Tribune	Advertising Expense	$317.88
Alliant Energy	Facility Expense	$3,629.14
Amazon	Supplies, Meeting Expense	$1,023.82
American AED	Program Expense	$1,607.00
American History	Program Expense	$13.25
Arby's	Program Expense	$21.79
Arena Stage	Program Expense	$1,323.00
Arlington National Cemetary	Program Expense	$669.60
Backhaus, Marli A.	Net Wages and Travel	$222.57
Best Buy	Equipment Expense	$483.71
Bode, Kimberly A.	Net Wages and Travel	$11,591.89
Braun, Allix	Program Expense	$138.13
Bremer County Extension	Program Expense	$108.22
Build A Sign	Program Expense	$134.32
Buren, Mary	Program Expense	$99.97
Butler, Teresa	Program Expense	$451.80
Capital Wheel	Program Expense	$772.20
Carpenter Bar & Grill	Program Expense	$100.00
Casey's	Supplies, Meeting Expense	$267.71
Cerro Gordo County Extension	Marketing, Prof Dev, Program Expense	$1,161.16
Charlson, Tammy	Program Expense	$85.52
Church Offset Printing, Inc	Supplies Expense	$26.00
Cintas	Facility Expense	$335.70
City Of Northwood	Facility Expense	$646.18
Cooper, Theresa M.	Net Wages and Travel	$40.36
Corner Post	Meeting Expense	$242.16
Country Inn & Suites	Lodging	$175.96
Culligan Water	Facility Expense	$273.85
DC By Foot	Program Expense	$1,180.00
De Armoun, Paige D.	Net Wages and Travel	$636.77
Decker Sporting Goods	Program Expense	$212.93
Dollar General	Program Expense	$816.14
Dollar Tree	Program Expense	$10.70
Dunham's	Program Expense	$269.69
Ehrhardt, Jill	Program Expense	$150.00
Enterprise Media Group LLC	Advertising Expense	$140.00
Epsilon Sigma Phi	Membership	$85.00
Eskildsen, Hailey	Program Expense	$35.11
Eskildsen, Kennedy K.	Net Wages and Travel	$2,529.99
Fallgatters Grocery Store	Supplies, Meeting Expense	$758.89
First Advantage	Background Checks Expense	$684.35
Fleet Farm	Program Expense	$161.16
Flower Forager	Program Expense	$80.00
Fords Theatre Box Office	Program Expense	$150.00
Francis L Dean	Program Expense	$51.50
Franklin County Extension	Marketing Expense	$30.00
Gateway	Lodging	$197.96
Gettysburg MVC Tickets	Program Expense	$850.00
Google	Supplies Expense	$21.39
Gordon, Rieley	Facility Expense	$975.00
Grandin Road	Program Expense	$414.09
Greenlund, Gary	Program Expense	$3,153.25
Grinnell Mutual	Insurance	$1,206.00
Hampton Inn & Suites	Program Expense	$13,177.58
Hawkeye Stages	Program Expense	$16,886.00
Henry County Extension	Equipment Expense	$145.74
Hill's Gardens	Program Expense	$140.67
Hobby Lobby	Program Expense	$94.92
Home Depot	Program Expense	$82.47
Hoover Hatchery	Program Expense	$544.50
Hy Vee	Supplies, Meeting Expense	$1,146.07
Iowa Agricultural Extension Association	Membership	$100.00
Iowa Extension Council Association	Membership, Benefits Expense	$315.00
Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman	Marketing Expense	$210.00
Iowa Public Employee Retirement Sys	Employee Retirement Benefits	$24,189.60
Iowa State University	Shared Support, Program Services	$23,572.24
Iowa Trail Summit	Program Expense	$25.00
Iowa Workforce Development	Prior Year Adjustment	($3,196.09)
Johnson, Dennis A.	Net Wages and Travel	$61,844.04
Johnson, Janelle	Program Expense	$946.65
Juliano's Pizza	Program Expense	$314.77
Julseth, Peter	Program Expense	$510.00
Kauffman, Rhonda	Program Expense	$108.00
Kelly Hardware	Program Expense	$538.96
Kliment, Susan	Professional Services	$300.00
Kum & Go	Program Expense	$15.00
Lake Mills Graphics	Advertising Expense	$653.00
Lund, Brian	Program Expense	$100.00
Manly Junction Signal	Subscription	$45.00
Mason City Chamber of Commerce	Professional Development	$20.00
McDonald's	Program Expense	$10.76
Meierotto, Lori A.	Net Wages and Travel	$2,828.91
Menards	Supplies, Program Expense	$469.01
Mitchell County Extension	Program Expense	$300.56
Mongolian Buffet	Program Expense	$218.35
Mount Vernon Ladies' Association	Program Expense	$690.00
National 4H Council	Program Expense	$953.26
National Association of Extension 4H Agents	Membership	$80.00
North Iowa Bulls Hockey	Program Expense	$7.00
Northwood Anchor	Advertising Expense	$7,154.28
Northwood Kensett Comm School District	Program Expense	$61.20
Northwood Sanitation	Facility Expense	$840.00
NSB Bank	Bank Fees	$175.30
Office of Auditor of State of Iowa	Professional Services	$1,088.00
Oriental Trading	Program Expense	$66.84
Pestorious, Lori	Program Expense	$1,160.73
Pizza Ranch	Meeting Expense	$67.78
Pleggenkuhle, Rick	Program Expense	$181.00
Quality Inns	Lodging	$153.96
Quill	Equipment Expense	$2,654.82
R80	Meeting Expense	$477.22
Regalia Manufacturing	Program Expense	$384.99
Registraton Max, LLC	Program Expense	$500.00
Reiman Gardens	Program Expense	$10.25
Rheingans, Heather	Program Expense	$255.45
Rite Choice	Program Expense	$245.00
S&P Specialties	Marketing Expense	$589.34
Schilling, Sydney	Program Expense	$110.00
Shooterz	Program Expense	$57.57
Sigler Companies	Program Expense	$33.55
Signature's Supper Club	Meeting Expense	$450.00
Sleep Inn	Lodging	$434.87
Staples	Program Expense	$133.71
Subway	Meeting Expense	$73.68
Target	Program Expense	$112.92
Tenold, Mindy	Net Wages and Travel	$14,527.74
The Rustic Thread	Program Expense	$1,483.00
TJ Maxx	Marketing Expense	$26.22
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	State Tax Withholding	$5,920.00
Urbatsch, Anneke	Program Expense	$15.00
US Dept Of The Treasury	Federal Payroll Tax & Withholdings	$34,209.57
US Holocaust Memorial Museum	Program Expense	$63.00
US Postal Service	Postage Expense	$806.45
Ver Helst Snyder Drug	Supplies Expense	$5.97
Wal Mart	Supplies, Program Expense	$298.01
Waller, Kyle	Program Expense	$40.64
Waller, Larissa J.	Net Wages and Travel	$28,945.95
Washington National Cathedral	Program Expense	$620.00
Winnebago Co-op Telecom	Telecommunications Expense	$2,777.97
Winners Circle Creations	Prior Year Adjustment	($76.00)
Worth County Fair Society	Facility Expense	$6,075.00
Worth Lumber Co	Program Expense	$191.90
Y-Tex	Program Expense	$750.00
Total Disbursements:		**$312,411.70**
Net Balance: June 30, 2022		**$236,549.85**

STATE OF IOWA - Worth County

I, (Name), Chair, and I, (Name), Treasurer of the Worth County Agricultural Extension Council, being duly sworn on oath, state to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the items included in the foregoing Financial Report are true and correct statement of receipts and expenditures of the Worth County Agricultural Extension Fund.

Signed Curtis Schaub, Chair

Signed Peter Julseth, Treasurer

BECKY HABERMAN
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October 6, 2024

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26 day of July, 2022.

Becky Haberman
Notary Public

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Case No. ESPR009275
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELYN O. GROE, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Evelyn O. Groe, Deceased, who died on or about August 12, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on August 20, 2021, the last Will and Testament of Evelyn O. Groe, deceased, bearing date of April 20, 2006, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Victor Groe and Harlen Groe have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated August 31, 2021.

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Executor of Estate

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Worth youth attend, plan Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

In June, 300 youth delegates gathered at Iowa State University for the 2022 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, themed "Building the Future."

Teenagers from across the state, including several from Worth County, came to the Iowa State campus for three days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, special events and civic engagement activities.

Youth who attended the conference June 28-30 dove into their passions, discovered career opportunities, and learned about life on a college campus all while meeting other youth from across the state.

Delegates participated in educational workshops, heard from multiple keynote speakers, exhibited their talents and gathered new ideas to take back to their communities. With over 20 workshop topics to choose from each day, delegates were seen identifying insects and plant diseases at the Field Education Extension Laboratory, exploring processed meat products in the meat lab, designing architecture, researching diseases at the College of Veterinary Medicine, becoming educated about mental and emotional health and much more.

"The conference is organized by the State 4-H Council, a group of leadership-driven high school youth," said Haley Jones, conference coordinator and 4-H youth program specialist. "Everything from the theme, keynote speakers, service project, banquet entertainment, and schedule of events is determined by the State 4-H Council members. They can consider their own experiences and interests and those of their peers during the planning process, making the 4-H Youth Conference a truly unique experience as it is planned for youth, by youth."

The State 4-H Council includes several members from Worth County. That includes Cecelia Hill, Manly, Marli Backhaus, Kensett, Teagan Johnson, Northwood, and Kendra Kinne, Hanlontown.

The annual conference also allows youth to participate in civic engagement sessions. Delegates created nearly 500 homemade dog toys from recycled T-shirts, participated in a well-being session focused on stress management and goal setting, and learned about another country and its culture.



State 4-H Council member Josie Burkett, of Madison County, attended the conference as a younger 4-H member, when she enjoyed the event as a participant. Now, as a council member, "It was an amazing experience to be able to plan and facilitate the event!" Burkett said. "I loved watching the youth participants enjoy the things that the State 4-H Council put so much time and effort into. I also learned how to effectively lead and engage large groups of people while building both professional and personal connections."

The Iowa 4-H Youth Conference welcomed two keynote speakers to the Stephens Auditorium stage to address the delegates surrounding the theme of "Building the Future." Kansas City Chiefs Mascot (KC Wolf) Dan Meers opened the conference with a motivational message about striving for your goals. Former Black Hawk helicopter pilot Elizabeth McCormick talked about overcoming challenges. Noah Sonie provided mentalist/hypnosis entertainment for the delegation at the formal banquet.

Youth who have completed eighth grade up through youth who have completed 12th grade are invited to attend the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference each year. 4-H members, as well as youth who have not participated in 4-H, are invited to attend.

Registration for the 2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will open in March 2023, with conference dates set for June 27-29, 2023, at Iowa State University.

For more information regarding the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference.

North Iowa CASA volunteers receive Governor's Award

Erin McCord of Northwood, Linda Siems of Nora Springs and Jennifer Schilling of Plainfield received the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg during a special recognition ceremony held on May 31 in Cedar Falls. The award is presented annually to individuals and organizations who go above and beyond in serving others. More than 500 awards were presented this year during five ceremonies across Iowa. It is estimated that more than 150 communities in Iowa were served by this year's honorees.

McCord, Siems and Schilling were honored for their service as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. As CASAs, they advocate for children who have been abused and neglected. They provide a consistent presence for the children during an uncertain time, promote healthy family connections and report to the juvenile judge about what is in the children's best interests.

North Iowa CASA Program Coordinator Crystal Engstrom stated that the program depends on caring, dedicated volunteers like McCord, Siems and Schilling. "These ladies are amazing advocates for the children they serve, and our program is so blessed to have them. I'm thrilled that they could be honored with this award, as they are very deserving."

According to Engstrom, the North Iowa CASA program is in need of more advocates. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old, have some flexibility in their schedules, pass background checks and complete the advocate training program, which is available in person or virtually. For more information, call 515-824-6001, email crystal.engstrom@dia.iowa.gov or visit https://childadvocacy.iowa.gov for a volunteer application.



Local CASA Erin McCord is pictured receiving the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Adult Bible Study at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 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.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service with Communion, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor at Manly Care Center

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Bible Study LM, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House, 10 a.m., Bible Study NWD, 5:30 p.m.
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One In Christ Lutheran Parish
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Sr. Comm., 2 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Gr., 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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Be Happy at Work



We all know that work can sometimes be mind-numbingly boring, difficult to the point of frustration, and stifling to the soul. But, it can also be exciting, provide a sense of accomplishment, and allow us to serve God by serving our fellow man. So, how do we ensure that we have more of the latter and less of the former? There is considerable evidence that what makes workers happy is a sense of agency, the sense that they are effective at what they are doing and that it is worthwhile work. What this really boils down to is doing something that you are good at. So, if you're in a job or career that you don't feel particularly suited to, you're probably not feeling great about your work. In that case, you should probably either retrain for a different job or work on the skills that will make you more effective in your current job. God has given all of us specific talents, and if we can incorporate those into our work we are bound to be happier and more effective. But, even if you aren't particularly good at what you do or happy where you work, do your best to put on a happy face each day at work. Sometimes happiness at work, like happiness in life, is just a choice that we make. - Christopher Simon

Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. – Colossians 3:23

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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

"From Soup to Nuts" is an old (1965) fundraiser cookbook compiled by St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Raritan, NJ. I picked it up in a "free box" at a thrift store somewhere in our travels and it's just the type of book I love to read through even if I don't cook from it. One of the differences I noticed, however, is that there are no names on the individual recipes. I guess we have to trust that those who contributed to the project entered their best work! Since most people love dessert, we'll see what that church was enjoying 57 years ago.

Stoney Ford Cake

1/2 cup real butter
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup white sugar
Grated rind of 1 orange
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 cup raisins
2 large eggs
1 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a tube pan. Blend all the ingredients together on low speed of an electric mixer until well combined but don't beat excessively. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 1 hour, testing with a wooden toothpick for doneness. SANDY'S NOTE: You could also use a 9x12-inch baking pan but adjust the baking time as that would be much shallower. I have no idea who or what Stoney Ford is!

Custard Chiffon Cake

This one is a bit fussy but not difficult and is a classic cake of that time.

8 large eggs, separated
3 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 cup scalding hot whole milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups SIFTED unbleached flour
1/2 cup vegetable oil, not olive
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons pure vanilla
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Measure the egg whites; you'll need 1 cup. Blend together the milk and the egg yolks and heat to a simmer. Cool. Combine the dry ingredients and sift them again into a large bowl. Make a well in the dry ingredients and add the oil, vanilla and the cooled egg yolk mixture. Beat until smooth. In another large bowl, beat the egg whites and cream of tartar with an electric mixer until very stiff. Pour the batter over the egg whites and fold it in. Pour this into an UNGREASED 10" tube pan. Bake for 1 hour plus 15 minutes. Immediately remove from the oven and invert the pan. If your pan doesn't have little "legs" on it for this process, place it over several cans of something so it hangs loose. Let it hang this way until totally cold. Then, loosen the side with a long thin knife and hit the edge of the pan sharply on the counter to loosen. Serve with fresh berries or ice cream.

Tomato Soup Cake

Another old favorite from back in the day

1 3/4 cups sifted flour
2 large eggs
1 can (10.5 oz.) Campbell's tomato soup
1 cup chopped walnuts
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup shortening such as Crisco®
1 cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch baking pan. In a large bowl, sift together the dry ingredients. Add the shortening and 1/2 of the can of soup, undiluted. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Add the eggs and the remaining soup and continue to beat until smooth. Fold in the raisins and nuts. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes before testing for doneness with a wooden toothpick. If still sticky, bake for another 10 minutes and test again. Cool in the pan then cut into serving pieces. Can be frosted with cream cheese frosting if desired.

Some recipes stand the test of time; others get forgotten forever. These three are classics and fun to resurrect. Where were YOU in '65? I was running a little restaurant in Cooperstown, NY. And…. that's all she wrote.



Bauer home has Curb Appeal

Robin and Spike Bauers, at 1302 1st Ave. N., were recently chosen as the most recent home recognized for its "Curb Appeal" by the Green Thumb Garden Club. According to club member Coni Butler, the Bauers put a lot of work into making all sides of the house beautiful. "There are stunning annual plants mixed among many varieties of perennials. If you have a chance, walk through their alley and check out their amazing backyard."

Northwood Anchor Society



A reunion of cousins

On Monday, July 25, 12 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters of Emil and Minnie Nelson, who married in 1895, met at the home of Sharon Helgeson in Northwood. The cousins ranged in age from 68 to 97 years old. Those attending were Lorraine Bakken, Betty Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Halvorson of Albert Lea; Arlene Allison and Judy Luksik of Glenville; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lenning of Huntsville, Alabama; Darlene Jacobson and daughter Karen of Grand Meadow, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Herth of Alexandria, Minnesota; Marlene Reyerson of Mason City; and Dennis Reyerson, Marlein Bachtle and Sharon Helgeson, of Northwood.

Northwood Public Library

By Library Director Emily Tufte

The Summer Reading program was a huge success! Many thanks to the sponsors who made our July events possible: NSB for the Bubble Professor, Kenison Construction for the RAD Zoo, TruStile for the ISU Insect Zoo and MCT Construction for the Summer Reading Program's grand finale: The Pool Party!

Friday morning story times were amazing this summer. But along with the ending of the Summer Reading Program comes the end of Summer Story Time. We will pick up again in September after school has started. Stay tuned for more information.

We had a lot of fun with our "Big Kids" and the Activity Tuesdays! Again, many thanks to A&I Auto for sponsoring these activities. It was so much fun; I may try to schedule things throughout the school year too.

Just to let you know, we're planning on doing some much needed painting in the library. The library will be closed to the public on Tuesday, August 9 through Thursday, August 11. When we open again, you'll notice that we will have already finished rearranging a few sections. The north room of the library that was used as a sitting room and had our newspapers and magazines will become our new children's room! All children's books and toys will now be in that room. Magazines and newspapers will move up to the old kid's area then. We really feel these moves will benefit all our patrons and can't wait for you to come in and see them!

New at the library this month:

Adult Fiction: "The Hidden One" by Linda Castillo, "Thief of Corinth" by Tessa Afshar, "Murder in the Reading Room" by Ellery Adams, "Love in Plain Sight" by Kathleen Fuller, "The Big Dark Sky" by Dean Koontz, "Shattered" by James Patterson, "The 6:20 Man" by David Baldacci, "Portrait of an Unknown Woman" by Daniel Silva and "The It Girl" by Ruth Ware.

Adult Non-fiction books: "Forever Young" a memoir by Hayley Mills.

Junior Fiction books: "Astrid the Astronaut: The Astronomically Grand Plan" by Rie Neil, "The Dinos on the Bus" by Peter Millet, "Little Tractor is Brave" by Natalie Quintart, and "Back to School, Splat!" by Rob Scotton.

I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have via email emily@northwood.lib.ia.us or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

Shell Rock Watershed seeks planning services firm

The Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition was awarded a $100,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to complete a comprehensive watershed management plan and further assessment efforts regarding physical environmental inventory, conservation opportunities and issues within the Shell Rock River Watershed.

The Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition formed in 2021 as an intergovernmental watershed collaborative between city governments, county governments, and soil and water conservation districts within the Hydrologic Unit Code 8 (HUC 8) watershed of the Shell Rock River. Their goal is to participate in the management and enhancement of the Iowa portion of the Shell Rock River Watershed from the Minnesota border to the Middle Cedar Watershed.

The Coalition is seeking proposals (RFP) for watershed planning services to assist with developing a comprehensive watershed plan and to conduct a watershed awareness and community engagement campaign. Interested parties can go to the following website for more information.

https://www.floydco.iowa.gov/508/Shell-Rock-River-Watershed-Management-Co

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Cheap basic cell phone plans for penny pinching seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,

A few months ago, I read a column you wrote on extremely cheap smartphone plans for budget-conscious seniors. Can you do a similar column for those of us who still use basic flip phones? My old 3G flip phone is about to become obsolete, so I'm looking for the cheapest possible replacement. I only need a simple cell phone (no data) for emergency calls when I'm away from home.

Penny Pincher

Dear Penny,

For many seniors, like yourself, who only want a simple basic cell phone for emergency purposes and occasional calls, there are a number of super cheap plans available from small wireless providers you may have never heard of. Here are some of the best deals available right now.

Cheapest Basic Plans

For extremely light cell phone users, the cheapest wireless plan available is through US Mobile (USMobile.com), which has a "build your own plan" that starts at only $2 per month for 75 minutes of talk time. If you want text messaging capabilities, an extra $1.50/month will buy you 50 texts per month.

US Mobile runs on Verizon's and T-Mobile's networks and gives you the option to bring your existing phone (if compatible or unlocked) or purchase a new device, while keeping your same phone number if you wish.

If your flip phone is becoming obsolete, as you mentioned in your question, you'll need to buy a new device, which you can do through US Mobile if you choose their plan. They offer the "NUU F4L" flip phone for $39 for new customers. Or you can purchase an unlocked phone through retail stores like Walmart or Best Buy, or online. One of the best value flip phones right now is the (unlocked) "Alcatel GO FLIP 4044 4G LTE," available at Amazon.com for $80.

Some other super cheap wireless plans worth a look are Ultra Mobile's "PayGo" plan (UltraMobile.com/PayGo), which provides 100 talk minutes, 100 texts for only $3 per month. And Tello's (Tello.com) "build your own plan" that starts at $5 per month for 100 talk minutes and unlimited texting.

Both Ultra Mobile PayGo and Tello also run on T-Mobile's network and will let you use your existing phone (if compatible or unlocked) or buy a new one.

Senior Targeted Providers

In addition to these super cheap plans, there are several other wireless companies that cater to older customers and offer low-cost basic plans and simple flip phones. One of the least expensive is through TracFone (Tracfone.com), which offers a 60-minute talk, text and web plan for $20 that lasts for 90 days. That averages out to $6.66 per month.

Three other providers that are popular among seniors are Snapfon (Snapfon.com), which offers a 100 minutes and unlimited texting plan for $10. Consumer Cellular (ConsumerCellular.com), which provides an unlimited talk plan or $15 per month. They also give 5 percent discounts to AARP members. And Lively (Lively.com), maker of the popular Jitterbug Flip2 senior-friendly flip phone. Their cheapest monthly plan is 300 minutes of talk and text for $15.

Subsidized Plans

You also need to know that if you're on a government program such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or food stamps/SNAP. Or, if your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines – $18,347 for one person, or $24,719 for two – you might also qualify for free or subsidized wireless plans from various carriers via the federal Lifeline program. To find out if you're eligibility or apply, visit LifelineSupport.org.

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

I signed up for the neighborhood watch.

Good for you.

I hope it's a Rolex.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was dressed as if I were on my way to clown college. I was on a walk to find the time to stop and smell the skunks. Just before beginning my hike on a gravel road, I'd looked at a couple of baseball box scores, both involving Los Angeles teams. The Dodgers moved from Brooklyn. The term "Trolley Dodgers" was attached to the Brooklyn ball club due to the abundant trolley cars weaving their way through the borough of Brooklyn. The name was shortened to "Dodgers" and the team took that nickname to Los Angeles. In Spanish, los angeles means "the angels." Therefore, the Los Angeles Angels are The Angels Angels. I met no angels on my walk on that rural road. I met biting insects. The mosquitoes were nearly nonexistent this year, but on this day, the mosquito was my spirit animal. We spend our lives waiting for something to happen and then we're bitten by mosquitoes. That's something happening. I used to run on that road, now I outdistance mosquitoes by walking briskly, but whenever I stopped to jot down a passing thought, they found me. I learned the importance of writing things down early in life. Ideas are fleeting. We forget things. I paused my walk and the skeeters attacked. I couldn't dodge them all and they were no angels. The sun had blinked and welcomed the biters. I couldn't see my shadow and I thought I'd gone home. I became a popular attraction for the n=biting insects. It was as Lily Tomlin said, "Things are going to get a lot worse before they get worse."

The following day, I traveled a long road in my car. "A ring around the sun or moon means rain or snow is coming soon."

The wind was from the south, but a torrential downpour fell around me from every direction. It rained cats, dogs, hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, hedgehogs and white mice. I was eager to get home as I felt like the third monkey getting on Noah's Ark. Not wanting to leave me alone in the dark, roadside reflector posts kept their eyes on me as I drove home.

A wallet named Waldo

I walked past shelves filled with energy drinks and wondered how anyone anywhere was sleeping. I found a man's wallet in a grocery store. His driver's license said he was from Arizona. I hoped he hadn't made it far down the road before he noticed his billfold's absence. I likewise hoped his panic was short-lived as I left it with the store's staff.

My neighbor Crandall's plan for good health

Crandall has a permit to carry a concealed jelly doughnut, but he has cut back on his intake of green meat. He doesn't stand in the sun when he can sit in the shade.

Sweet corn and snowfalls

For every fog in August, there will be a day of snowfall in winter. That made the sweet corn I was enjoying even more of a delicacy. The varieties were Sweetness, Cappuccino and Vitality. Each bite was enough to make me wish for an endless summer.

Lutefisk lament

Mother advised me to avoid eating lutefisk. She had reason. As a teenager, she worked at White's Grocery in Algona, Iowa. Lutefisk was kept in a wooden barrel outside the store. Dogs couldn't resist raising a leg on the barrel. Like every mother, she told me I should try foods before dismissing them as something I didn't like. She never tried the stuff, yet thought lutefisk was cod awful.

Nature notes

I don't see white-tailed jackrabbits anymore. I grew up with cattle dogs. They were smart but insisted on chasing the big hares that leaped 10 feet and ran 40 mph.

I watched an opossum meander. What's a nervous tick? It's one that sees an opossum headed its way. How many ticks do they eat? Who knows, but Rick Ostfeld, Senior Scientist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies said, "Opossums are extraordinarily good groomers it turns out—we never would have thought that ahead of time—but they kill the vast majority—more than 95% percent of the ticks that try to feed on them. So these opossums are walking around the forest floor, hoovering up ticks right and left, killing over 90% of these things, and so they are really protecting our health."

Meeting adjourned

Never let an unkindness keep you from being kind.

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Fit to print...

Losing everything, what or who is important?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

What or who is important to you? The recent devastating flood in eastern Kentucky reminds us all that life can be swept away in a moment. Hundreds of families lost everything. One family lost their house and everything in it but lost their family – four children ages less than two up through eight were swept away by the raging flood. One woman who had also lost her house and everything in the house stated she and her family were alive and that's all that mattered.

None of us want to lose our houses and everything we've worked for most of our lives. However, it's all junk in comparison to our children and loved ones.

From the fires of California to the floods of eastern Kentucky to the devastation of Ukraine by Russia, Loss and devastation can come to us all. We don't want loss. We recoil from natural disasters, invaders or diminishing health.

It takes a lifetime to pay for a house. Today, cars are often financed five years and more. People work hard to accumulate a few things. Little children, spouses and aging parents are not easy to come by. Most of the time we take everything we have for granted. When the floods of life literally wash away all that we have and love, the loss is horrific.

We really don't know the full extent of how painful loss is until we have lost it all. Recent flood victims in eastern Kentucky essentially lost it all. Many literally escaped with only the shirts on their backs.

Cancer can eat away at our lives. Other forms of diminishing health can take us down to nothing. Financial losses can make us miserable. A fire can destroy everything. Life can change and in a moment.

Sometimes we have warnings that life is on the way to changing. When it rains, we don't automatically think the water will become so deep that we will all drown. Some people in eastern Kentucky will never be able to enjoy a long night of rain because of what it may bring.

Overall, people would like to live out their lives quietly and safely. Avoiding floods, fires and other life-threatening crises. Food to eat, something to wear and the enjoyment of people we love are most meaningful to us.

In the middle of life's devastations, we often look to God and ask why? If he is really so great, so good, and so loving then why would he send or allow eight or nine inches of rain to fall on the hollers of eastern Kentucky and sweep away little children? Did he go to sleep? Does he not care? Is he detached from what happens in the world? Is he really out there? Yet, as many grieve, they will fall upon God as he is all they have left to get them through. An old saint of God who suffered through the storms of life once said, "I didn't realize God was all I needed until God was all I had."

Whatever or whoever you have today, don't take it or them for granted. Be grateful, give thanks. Love on your loved ones and be kind to all. Consider taking some of your stuff and giving it to someone who may have nothing. It will be good for you both.

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Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

August 2, 1922

In honor of Mrs. Andrew Anderson's 60th birthday anniversary about 250 relatives and friends gathered at the beautiful Anderson country home in east Barton Township, over 60 families being represented in the crowd. Rev. Waldeland gave a short talk and presented Mrs. Anderson with a purse, which was given by her friends as a token of the high esteem in which she is held.

In spite of threatening skies and Nature's tendency to weep about 40 Grove and ex-Grove girls (representing Chicago, Northwood, Glenville and Gordonsville) and their mothers gathered at Burgett's bridge with well filled baskets to enjoy a "Mothers and Daughters" reunion. The afternoon was spent pleasantly, the main feature being a baseball game with Mrs. Gib Thompson as umpire and Misses Estella Swensrud and Grace Gabriel as captains. Mrs. W.H. Pixley acted as scorekeeper. This was filled by a trip to the "old swimming' hole," where some indulged and others looked on.

The Henderson home was thrown open to their many friends in honor of Rev. E.A. Henderson and his bride, formerly Miss Adeline Tenold, principal of the Northwood high school. The guests brought gifts of silver and cut glass. Rev. O.R. Sletten presented these on behalf of the guests, extending best wishes to the bride and groom, and congratulations to Rev. Henderson on having won so charming and gracious a helpmate.

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Urbatch, living northeast of Manly, was tramped and gored by a young bull. If Mr. Urbatch had not been near, the little girl might have been killed. At first the injuries were thought serious but later proved to be slight.

75 years ago

July 31, 1947

The Rev. Alf W. Jorgenson of Hanley Falls, Minn., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Lutheran church of Northwood, succeeding the Rev. O.H. Hove, who recently resigned to accept a pastorate in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Operation of the Northwood schools for the coming year will require an estimated $16,920 more than last year, according to the budget estimate for the coming year as published by the board at directors. The budget hearing is set for Tuesday, August 8, at 8 p.m. at the school house. The estimate as prepared calls for a total of $54,120. The new levy, if adopted, will require an estimated tax of $58.49 per $1,000 assessed valuation.

Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Falk and daughter Gloria of Northwood, as well as a number of relatives living north of town, attended the funeral services held Tuesday at St. Ansgar for Mrs. Charles Miller, who died Sunday at her home in St. Ansgar. Mrs. Miller was an aunt of Mr. Falk, a sister of his father, S.H. Falk, of St. Ansgar.

Harlan Olson, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Olson, who live about three miles northeast of Northwood, died on Tuesday evening at the Olson home. The child had not been well at times during the past year but seemed about as usual in the early part of the evening. He is survived by his parents, one brother and one sister.

A 1947 Ford automobile has been selected as the main award at the Worth County Fair to be held August 11, 12 and 13, it is announced by the management. On Children's Day, Tuesday, August 12, two bicycles will be given for free. A doll buggy parade, decorated bicycles parade and other features will be included in the afternoon's program.

50 years ago

August 3, 1972

David Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens, rural Northwood, exhibited the grand champion baby beef in the junior show at the Worth County Fair. The reserve championship went to Elaine Imlau, rural Kensett. She showed a Charalois, while Stevens exhibited an Angus. Winners in the last year's show were Paul Hogen, rural Kensett, who won grand champion, and Mary Perkins, rural Northwood, who exhibited the reserve champion.

Cal Brown, rural Grafton won the pen of three division at the annual Worth County Fair Barrow Show Sunday at the fairgrounds in Northwood. His son, Jerry Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brown, won the individual division. A report of the carcass contest will be published as soon as the information is available.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reinmuth of Howard Lake, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Mr. Paul Kobernusz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kobernusz of Manly, Iowa. Diane has been a student at the University of Minnesota Duluth branch. Paul is employed at Boyd Implement in Northwood, Iowa.

Twelve Northwood high school classmates and their spouses held a get-together at the Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnsons home on Friday evening, honoring Mrs. Dorothy Holland and Mrs. Cecelia Loberg for their birthdays.

Visiting with Mrs. Ignatius Bjorlee at the Arnold Jorde home are Mrs. Bernice Lucken, Fritz Schulte, Louis Field and Mrs. Gilman Olson, Molly Arendts, Mrs. Fritz Schulte, Mrs. Bjorlee and Mrs. Sally Olmsted.

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings suffered losses to Osage, 7-0, and Lake Mills, 4-3, to wind up the 1972 summer baseball season with a 7-13 record. The Green Devils knocked the Vikings out of sectional tournament play with their July 19 win at Mason City as Dave Dammen picked up the win, allowing only three hits, walking five and striking out seven.

25 years ago

July 30, 1997

This artist's conception shows the three-cell swimming pool that will be built here in Northwood if voters approve the $400,000 bond referendum on September 16.

Northwood Anchor publisher Stu Madson gratefully accepted an Iowa VFW Auxiliary Communications Award from state VFW Auxiliary publicity chairman Marlene Hulshizer. The state organization honored The Anchor for its many years of coverage of "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 Auxiliary events. The local group is part of a national VFW Auxiliary effort that raises more than $3 million each year for cancer aid and research, offers scholarships to young artists and other students, provides safe driving training, assists homeless veterans and their families, and volunteers in veterans hospitals.

Mary Cervantes, daughter of Lowell and Ruth Prine, graduated from the NIACC nursing program in May, earning an Associate Degree in Sciences of Nursing. She completed the State Boards in June and received licensure to practice as a LPN. Cervantes is currently employed at the North Iowa Mercy Health Care Center in Mason City.

Twenty-one boys competed in the Northwood Country Club's annual youth golf tournament Monday. Age group winners and runners-up include Lee Nelson, Northwood, and Eric Parker, Kensett; Tom Carmody and Trevor Madsen, both of Northwood; and Adam Bremer and Josh Delger, both of Glenville.

Recent Northwood-Kensett High graduate Ryan Meyer will play this Saturday in the 25th annual Iowa Shrine All-Star football game in Davenport. Meyer, the son of Dennis and Kathy Meyer of rural Northwood, is a member of the 44-player North squad, which will take on a team of southern Iowa prep all-stars this coming August 2, in a 6 p.m. game at Brady Street Stadium in Davenport.

10 years ago

August 1, 2012

For 44 years Bob Hall has served the automotive needs of downtown Northwood customers. And while he will continue to provide those services, he will now do so closer to home. Whereas Hall's normal daily commute took him roughly 10 miles from his rural Northwood home to his shop in downtown, Northwood, now he will merely have to cross his driveway to arrive at work.

James Bergert of Williams, Iowa, gave herding lessons at the English Sheep Dog Show which was held at the Worth County Fairgrounds last weekend. His herding class was held in the show barn arena where the English Shepherds were instructed to herd three sheep into different areas of the ring. English Shepherds are instinctive herders.

Iowa 4-H Youth Council members from Worth County are seen above with Chuck Morris, director, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development, Amy Prestholt, Angela Benjegerdes, Morris, Matt Tweeten and Lisa Irons.

Members of the 2012 Northwood-Kensett fourth grade baseball team are Ross DeArmoun, Makaio Hoch, Brody Branstad, Reese Nelson, Caden Sharge, Tristian Rothove, Kade Stambaugh, Ethan Thofson and Ty Creger.

Members of the 2012 Northwood-Kensett third grade baseball team are Kael Julseth, Bryce Paulson, Issac Renteria, Ethan Flatness, Kaleb Beougher, Cody Hengesteg, Austin Foss, Casson Moretz and Cody Wahl.



RAD Zoo

Visitors from the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo made the trip to the Northwood Public Library recently. A big crowd of young potential reptile and amphibian enthusiasts were on hand to view the creatures and learn more about them. Traveling from their home location at the Medford Outlet Mall were several examples of the zoo's namesake species. That included snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs and even a young alligator, which those gathered had a chance to get hands on with.

No new area COVID deaths in July, while rates up

As vacation season went into full swing in the month of July, reported COVID-19 cases remained low and for the first time in many months, if not since the start of the pandemic, there were no new COVID-related deaths reported in the area's eight counties. At the same time vaccination rates slowed.

Between the end of June, with data released by the State of Iowa on June 29, and data released on July 27, there were 44 new cases of COVID-19 reported amongst Worth County residents. That brought the total of cases reported in Worth County to 1,862.

That monthly change was up from the end of June. A total of 30 new cases were reported in that month.

The region that includes Worth and its seven bordering counties also saw a shift upwards in new cases, when compared to the previous month. Over the course of June, there were 1,029 new cases in the region, compared to an increase of 1,187 between June 29 and July 27.

That brought the new total of COVID-19 in the region to 48,761 since the states began reporting that figure.

That includes 3,161 in Winnebago, 3,024 in Hancock, 11,745 in Cerro Gordo, 3,810 in Floyd and 2,608 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 9,687 in Freeborn and 12,864 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

At the end of June, community levels in the region included two at the low level (Mitchell and Floyd), five at the medium level (Freeborn, Mower, Winnebago, Cerro Gordo and Worth) and one at the high level (Hancock).

Those levels reflect a combination of the new cases in a county, combined with data on COVID hospitalization.

As of July 27, four of those counties were at the high level of community spread, including Winnebago, Hancock, Cerro Gordo and Worth. Freeborn and Mower counties were at the medium level. Mitchell and Floyd counties were at the low level.

At the high level, where Worth was as of last Thursday, the CDC recommends people wear a mask indoors, be up to date with vaccines, get tested if symptoms develop and take additional precautions for those that are at higher risk.

The information above is based on figures that note the number of COVID-19 cases that are reported to public health agencies. It does not include home or work-based tests that aren't reported.

While the number of COVID cases was up over the course of July, for the first time since early in the pandemic, no new deaths were reported in the eight county region in the month.

There have been no new COVID-related deaths amongst Worth County residents since April 20, with 17 lost since the start of the pandemic.

While local COVID numbers have remained low, so too have the number of Worth residents seeking the vaccine that is designed to limit severe impacts.

According to the CDC, 3,867 residents of Worth County have been fully vaccinated, for 52.4% of the total population. That is up 11 Worth County residents since June 29.

CDC numbers show that 4,111 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 55.7% of the population. That is up 13 since June 29.

In the county, 1,354 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 87.6% of that population. That was up 4 since June 29. Of that age group, 1,413, or 91.5% have had at least one dose. That was up 5 since the end of May.

Of those 18 and over, 3,621 have been fully vaccinated, for 61.9% of that population. That total was up 10, suggesting that 6 additional people 18-64 became fully vaccinated.

Of those 18 and over, 3,839 have received one dose, for 65.5%. That was up 9, meaning 4 in the 18-64 range received their first dose.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,795, or 59.5% have been fully vaccinated. No new people ages 12-17 became fully vaccinated in May.

Of those 12 and older, 4,032 or 63% have received at least one dose. That was up 11, meaning 2 additional people in the 12-17 age range received their first dose in the month.

Of those 5 years and older in Worth County, 55.5% have been fully vaccinated. That included one additional child. Of those 5 and over, 59% have received at least one dose. That included one additional child in the county.

While vaccines are now available for those between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old, that information is not reflected on CDC data.

A second booster is recommended for those 50 years of older and who are immunocompromised. That information is also not yet reflected in CDC data.

CDC numbers do share the number of people that have received their initial booster dose. In Worth County, 2,252 of those fully vaccinated have received at least one booster, for 58.2% of those vaccinated. That was up 23 in July. Out of the total population, 30.5% of county residents are fully vaccinated and also boosted.

Across the region, 58.74% 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 is also shared at the CDC website, at covid.coc.gov/covid-data-tracker.

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



Not with standing

With this year's Worth County Fair come and gone, the way was made for a new bingo stand at the fairgrounds. The old building will be put to a new use, while a new bingo stand was expected to be built this summer.

2022 "Bring in the Backup" Triathlon



The First Responders "Bring in the Backup" Triathlon returned for its second year on Saturday, July 23. The race is held in honor of the law enforcement, emergency responders, soldiers and others that dedicate themselves to their communities. The event began at the Northwood swimming pool, followed by a bike ride to the north and back to the pool for the final stage, a run to the Worth County fairgrounds.























Lego Challenge

The Northwood Public Library recently welcomed groups of famillies and friends to compete with their Lego creating abilities. The library welcomed them and tasked them with creating a camping scene. The Lego creations were on display for several days, and visitors could vote on their favorite camp sight.

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