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Briefs

Worth County 4-H Fire Up set for Sept. 11 at Fairgrounds

The Worth County Extension Service will be hosting their annual 4-H Fall Fire Up on Sunday, September 11, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds Shelter House.

All potential Worth County 4-H members and parents are encouraged to participate. The Fire Up will begin at 5 p.m. and 4-H families with questions may call Kimberly Bode, Worth County 4-H Coordinator, Lacey Waller, Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Coordinator, or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

All parents and prospective 4-H Club members are invited to attend.

Bethlehem hosts musician Sunday

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly will host a special musical performance this weekend.

Brenda Denney Rhoades will perform at the church on Sunday, September 11, at 5 p.m.

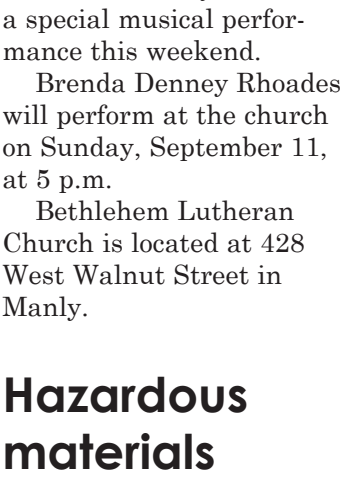
Bethlehem Lutheran Church is located at 428 West Walnut Street in Manly.

Hazardous materials collected Monday

The Landfill of North Iowa's Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Trailer will be in Northwood this Monday, September 12, from 3-6 p.m., at the City's maintenance shop, at 1611 Central Avenue.

Residents of Northwood can dispose of materials that day. That includes oil-

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. August 30	76	53	
Wed. August 31	84	57	
Thurs. Sept. 1	84	58	
Fri. Sept. 2	85	62	
Sat. Sept. 3	74	55	0.30
Sun. Sept. 4	74	50	
Mon. Sept. 5	73	52	



In the mix
Pictured are students in Emily Abbas' painting class at Northwood-Kensett. The students were using paints of the primary colors of red yellow and blue and combining them to find out how to fill in the full color wheel.

Enrollment up 11 with start of school year

With the new school year underway, Northwood-Kensett found itself with more students in classrooms after the first week.

Based on the unofficial count taken last week there were 511 students in N-K classrooms, compared to 500 at the start of the school year in 2021. That was an increase of 11 students, or 2.2%.

While the total numbers were up this year, the student populations at each school building saw a bigger than normal shift this year, as the school shifted to a middle school format, from its former junior high. That brought the district's sixth graders to the secondary building this year.

That meant, at the start of the school year there were 244 students (K-5) at the N-K elementary last week, compared to 272 students (K-6) in 2021, with 28 less students at the elementary.

At the elementary, class sizes changed by a few students up or down as they moved up in grade level. Last year's kindergarten class was up two, first grade remained the same, second grade was up one, third grade was down 1, and the fourth grade remained the same.

At the middle/high school, the number of students was up 39, with increases in class sizes and the addition of the sixth grade to the building. In August 2021, there were 228 students in the building, compared to 267 in August 2022.

Four of the seven grades at the secondary campus had increased numbers. Last year's fifth grade total lost three students moving to the middle school as sixth

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Supervisors look at needs, options for EMS service with taxes up for vote

At their meeting last week, the Worth County supervisors discussed proposed taxes to provide for emergency medical services, which will be up for a vote in the November general election.

The initial discussion was on a resolution that focused solely on placing a 75 cents per $1,000 of valuation property tax on ballots.

Before the supervisors could act on the resolution, discussion took place on another funding option and how much the County may need for the EMS funds in the coming years.

Supervisor Enos Loberg asked why the County was not including both available EMS funding options.

When it passed language allowing counties to tax for EMS needs, the Iowa legislature allowed for two funding options- the property tax mentioned above, as well as a 1% surtax on what Worth County residents pay for income taxes.

Supervisor AJ Stone, who has been a member of the committee of EMS officials discussing the County needs, said that the income surtax wasn't expected to generate nearly as much as the property taxes.

Loberg said he thought both options should be pursued, so that it wasn't just property owners paying taxes for EMS needs.

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Northwood celebrates Founders Day Saturday

Northwood will celebrate its history and community with the 18th annual Founders Day, set for this Saturday.

Founders Day will once again include the annual Aristocrats Car Club show, which begins at 8 a.m., with registration lasting until 11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m.

Registration for the ninth annual Tailgate 5K begins at 8 a.m. on Founders Day, with door prizes. The race starts at the north end of the Timbers at 8:30 a.m.

Norwegian goodies will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That includes lefse, pastries, rommegrot and coffee.

Other street vendors and stores will open at 9 a.m.

The annual Cemetery Walk begins at 9 a.m. Northwood historians have arranged to share the stories of Robert "Bob" Wilder, Thomas A. Beckett and Dow Simmonds. The walk will be shared on the Northwood Chamber's Facebook page for those that can't attend.

Waking Miss Winifred will host a walkthrough of the home that formerly belonged to Simmonds following the walk, with free will donations.

Trackless "helicopter" rides, presented by Our Saviors Squadron, will be held starting at 10 a.m.

Inflatables for kids will be available starting at 10 a.m.

The Worth County Historical Society will welcome visitors to two of its buildings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An open house at the Stromstein Building includes area artists and a meal that includes maid rites, hot dogs, chips, bars and beverages. The WCHS Main Museum will also be open.

An antique car speed meet will take place at the

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Candidates file for Nov. 8 election

This November, several county elected offices will appear on ballots. Last week was the deadline for those that wanted to be added to the choices before voters at the polls.

County offices up for election this year include treasurer, recorder, attorney, supervisor representing District 1 and supervisor representing District 3.

Incumbents appearing unopposed on ballots will be Jake Hanson for treasurer, Teresa Olson for recorder and Jeff Greve for attorney.

Appearing on ballots for District 1 supervisor will be incumbent Aaron Stone and Dan Gordon.

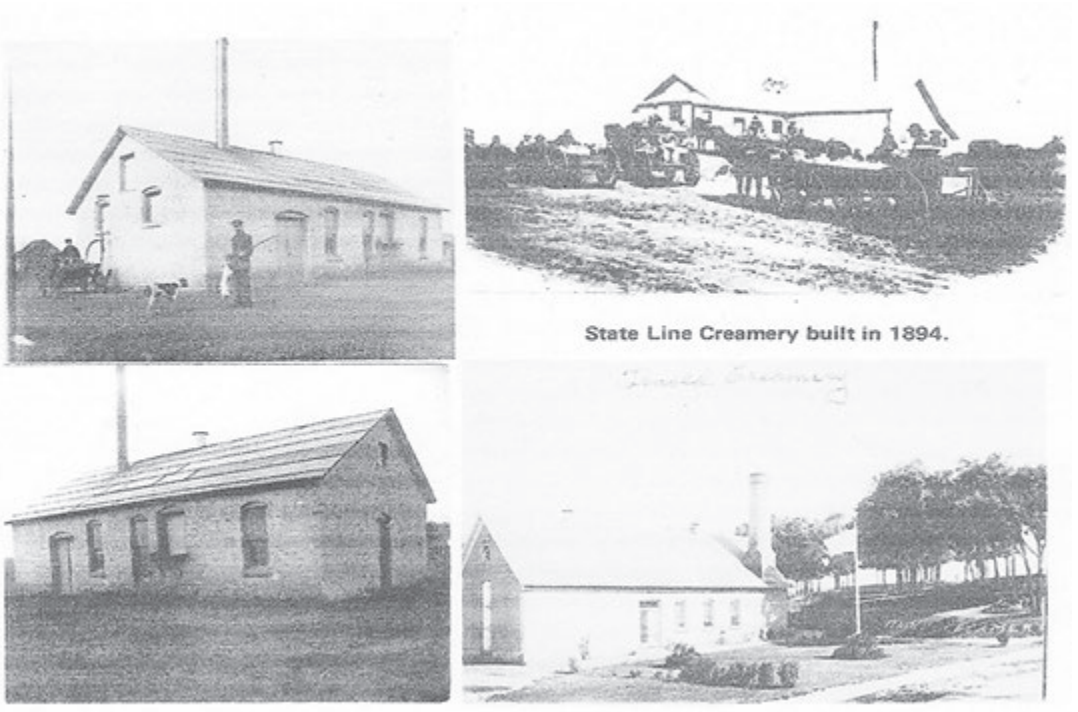
Incumbent Enos Loberg has filed for re-election as District 3 supervisor. He will be running unopposed.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8.

Also appearing on ballots will be other county and township offices and the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and Iowa's Governor and Lt. Governor, Representative and Senator, Attorney General, Secretary of Agriculture, Treasurer, and Secretary of State.



Happy birthday to them
This group of Northwood-Kensett students (and one principal) enjoyed a meal outside together recently. The meal was the lunch for those with a birthday in the month, this time for the month of August. Principal Brian Costello is pictured along with some of the August birthday students in a selfie shared to the school's Facebook page.


State Line Creamery built in 1894.

Annual Historical meeting set for September 20

The Annual Worth County Historical Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 1206 Third Ave. N. in Northwood. The meal starts at 6 p.m. with guest speaker Dave Holstad to follow. The tickets are $20, payable at the door.

Holstad grew up fishing and exploring areas like Silver Lake, Rice Lake and Elk Creek Marsh. After graduating from Lake Mills High School he received a B.S. from Iowa State, majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology. Holstad worked for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for 35 years as a technician managing public lands, which included prairies and wetlands. After retiring from the state he enjoys hunting, fishing, exploring and kayaking areas in north central Iowa. Holstad will be doing a presentation on Worth County creameries.

Those planning to attend are asked to purchase tickets by Saturday, September 10. The meal will be meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and a peach dessert.

Reservations are available by calling 641-324-1180 or emailing wchsiowa @ gmail.com.

Reserved tickets may be picked up and paid for at the door.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 123 people, on average, die by suicide each day in the United States. It's the 10th leading cause of death in America, the second leading cause of death for people age 25-34, and the third leading cause of death for those age 15-24. To create awareness and strengthen the fight against suicide, September is National Suicide Prevention Month.

"We can all help to prevent suicide by reducing stigma about seeking mental health services and recognizing that mental health treatment is healthcare," said Dawn Dunnegan, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The National Alliance on Mental Health reports that 46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition and 90% had experienced symptoms. Groups with higher rates of suicide than others include veterans, teens and young adults, adults over age 45, people who have previously attempted suicide, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and LGBTQ individuals.

"You can help prevent suicide and assist someone in crisis by knowing the warning signs, asking the individual directly if they are thinking about suicide, and helping them find resources. Listen to their answers and let them know you care about them and their wellbeing," Dunnegan said.

"Do a safety check. Try to remove anything that they could use to harm themselves such as drugs, medication or weapons. It is important to help someone who is in crisis seek professional help, and many services are available. As a family member or friend, you may need to support and assist the individual in seeking out the additional help from professionals. If you are feeling suicidal, tell someone," said Dunnegan, who specializes in family wellbeing.

Other efforts in reducing suicide and suicide attempts can include reaching out to someone you know who might be in distress, following up with a family member or friend after a mental health crisis, or offering to help at a crisis center.

Resources

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers ongoing programs for mental health and suicide prevention education. Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings are available for groups, organizations and individuals as well as the suicide prevention training "Question. Persuade. Refer." – also known as QPR.

The Iowa Concern Hotline from ISU Extension and Outreach has stress counselors who can talk with you over the phone (1-800-447-1985) or in one-on-one live chat online. Referrals for mental health counseling can also be accessed through Iowa Concern.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. Numerous studies have shown that most Lifeline callers are significantly more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to a Lifeline crisis counselor.

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based or latex paint, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, kerosene, insecticides, photographic supplies, weed killers, varnish, paint thinner, rug cleaner, fertilizers, motor oil, furniture stripper, furniture polish, slug bait, antifreeze, wood preservative, spot remover, rat poison, gasoline, air freshener, glue, cement, household batteries, oven cleaner, vehicle batteries, toilet bowl cleaner, drain opener , fluorescent bulbs and ballasts and propane tanks.

Enrollment
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graders. Last year's sixth grade class increased by 4, seventh grade class was up 3, eighth grade class was up 1, ninth grade class remained the same, and the 10th and 11th grades were up 3. There are 8 less students in this year's senior class, compared to August 2022.

As far as the district's preschool is concerned, in its 10th year, the number of students enrolled is down 11, to 67, from the previous school year.

The number of four year olds in the district's preschool, those that could make up next year's kindergarten class, is up 3, to 49, from the number of four year olds in the district's preschool at this time last year.

Meanwhile, the number of three year old preschoolers, those that could be kindergarten students in two years, is down 6, to 26.

As always, early counts are good indicators of the size of the student body taking classes at N-K, but may not accurately reflect the increase or decrease seen when it comes time to make enrollment figures official.

Certified enrollment numbers will be taken in October. Those official figures include students enrolled at N-K, as well as those enrolled in and out of the district, which are not reflected in the numbers above. Some preschool students are also included in the certified enrollment numbers, those that are 4 years old, though the district receives a partial credit for each preschool student.

The Iowa Department of Education uses the official count to determine the amount of money the school district can spend in the coming school year.

Last year's certified enrollment was 503 students, which includes all the students living in the district, including some that are enrolled in other schools.

At the same time, according to the official enrollment numbers taken last October, there were 503 students actually in classes at N-K, which includes students coming into the district for their education.

Following is a grade-by-grade breakdown of opening day enrollment numbers for the past two years:

Grade	22-23	21-22
PK 3	26	32
PK 4	49	46
	67	78
K	42	43
1	45	41
2	41	35
3	36	46
4	45	35
5	35	43
6		29
	244	272
6	40	
7	33	29
8	32	39
9	40	44
10	44	39
11	42	33
12	36	44
Sec.	267	228
Total PK-12	511	500

Supervisors
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For his part, supervisor Mark Smeby said that the two methods of funding would not fairly tax the county's residents, with those with more property and/or higher income paying a greater share.

The supervisors also had to set a max amount that the County will spend in any of the next 10 years that the taxes would be in place.

Stone said that the EMS advisory committee had estimated that it would cost roughly $500,000 in the coming year to work with an existing provider to place an ambulance in Worth County. With cost increases over 10 years, the supervisors agreed that a max of $800,000 annually would hopefully cover the cost of the ambulance in 10 years time.

The exact details of who will provide an ambulance based in the county will be discussed by the EMS committee later this month, but several questions were posed at the supervisors meeting.

The Mason City Fire Department has been discussed as a potential provider of a satellite ambulance based near Kensett, as the most central location on county-owned property.

However two other ambulance services cover the west side of the county, those based out of Forest City and Lake Mills. The question was raised whether it was fair to ask those living in those areas to be taxed for the EMS service that they may not use.

The future of both of those services was discussed, whether their home communities would continue support covering the cost to respond to the emergencies across county lines, especially when reimbursements don't cover costs and staffing issues persist.

The potential was also mentioned that the County may be asked to direct some of its EMS tax revenue to those departments.

Another option discussed was suggestions from the Northwood fire department to establish a new ambulance service in the county. Stone said that would be something considered at the next EMS committee meeting. However, he said that the cost of buying an ambulance, staffing, building a location and covering the costs of insurance and liability would be more costly than working with an existing ambulance provider.

Also mentioned was the fact that, even if the County doesn't find a way bring or build an ambulance service in Worth County, there may soon come a time when the providers may no longer be able to respond without asking the County for some compensation to cover expenses.

An estimated $290,000 was mentioned as what the MCFD may have asked for already if the EMS tax options weren't being considered. However, that expense would only maintain ambulance response at its current level.

The supervisors agreed that the County needs options to cover the costs of ambulance response, whether that be maintaining or improving response times. They also agreed that the only options to fund the services were not ideally fair.

Ultimately, the supervisors approved a resolution to add a combined 75 cent property tax and a 1% income tax surtax for EMS services to the November ballots. The measure was approved on a 2-1 vote with Stone and Loberg in favor and Smeby against.

Founders Day
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airport at 2 p.m.

Nine Pines Winery will host a tasting from 2-5 p.m.

Tournaments begin at 3 p.m. A horse shoe tournament will be held in Swensrud Park and Strike Zone will host a bags tournament.

A basketball shooting contest will be held at the downtown courts, for youth and adults.

Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day by Northwood restaurants and visiting vendors.

On Sunday, a car wash will be held at the fire station from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as a fundraiser for this year's post prom events.

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County recorder Teresa Olson earns recertification

Worth County Recorder Teresa Olson was recently honored for completing the Iowa County Recorders Association's Certification program, earning her continued status as an Iowa Certified County Recorder.

The graduation event occurred in conjunction with the Iowa State Association of County's Annual Conference. Fifty-five county recorders received certificates of completion in the program this year.

The Recorder Certification program was collaboratively created in 2010 by the Iowa County Recorders Association, Iowa State University Extension & Outreach and the Iowa State Association of Counties with an aim to assist elected officials in effectively and professionally fulfilling their duties. Recertification requires a minimum of 12 core credit hours over a two-year period and covers the following topics: Leadership & Ethics, Open meetings/Open Records, Communications, Human Resources/Office Management, the Iowa Code, Technology Applications, and Local Government/Budgets.



NIACC Arts and Leadership Series presents 'Lonestar' on September 9

The NIACC Performing Arts and Leadership Series will present Lonestar at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7 p.m. this Friday, September 9, 2022. This presentation is part of the 2022-2023 Performing Arts and Leadership Series.

"Not every musician has the opportunity to revisit and even potentially improve upon their biggest hits. But on the forthcoming 10 to 1 record, the award-winning band Lonestar—Dean Sams (keyboards, acoustic guitar, background vocals), Michael Britt (lead guitarist,background vocals), Keech Rainwater (drums), and Drew Womack (lead vocals, guitar)—are taking a fresh look at all 10 of their chart-topping country songs.

"This streak started in 1996 with the band's second single, the rock-edged 'No News,' and continued with the following year's 'Come Cryin' to Me' and 'Everything's Changed.' The band's quadruple-platinum 1999 album Lonely Grill spawned four No. 1 hits (including the beloved global smash 'Amazed') and established Lonestar as music's preeminent pop-country band—a status they'd maintain through the 2000s and beyond.

"With these re-recordings, the band members were mindful of striking a balance between preserving the sonic elements fans were familiar with—and not repeating them. Fittingly, TEN to 1 record reflects the ways Lonestar's hits have evolved over the years during the band's rousing, high-energy concerts. Such talent has contributed to the band winning many of music's top honors, including Academy Of Country Music awards for New Vocal Group in 1996, Single and Song Of The Year in 2000, along with Humanitarian Of The Year in 2002. They also won the Country Music Association's Vocal Group of the Year and International Artist Achievement award in 2001. All told, Lonestar has sold more than 10.5 million records since their formation.

"With the release of TEN to 1 record, the band members are full of gratitude for what they've accomplished already and excited about what the future holds. "It's amazing that we're still standing and putting on great shows after all these years," Sams says. "The fans are still coming out to our shows night after night, to see us and hear our music. That's almost 30 years of touring, and I can't tell you how grateful I am—and I've never once taken it for granted."

More about Lonestar is available by visiting their website at www.lonestarnow.com.

For tickets to the show, call the NIACC Box Office at 641-422-4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at niacc.edu/boxoffice.



Overall winners were Vance Helgeland, Adam Chinnock and Kyle Krotzer.

Sixth annual Flippin Flamingo golf tourney winners announced

The sixth annual Flippin Flamingo golf tournament was held on Saturday, August 27, at the Northwood Country Club.

Overall winners were Vance Helgeland, Kyle Krotzer and Adam Chinnock with a 63.

Championship flight second place went to Tyler Sheffield, Andy Helgeson and Caden Helgeson with third place going to Casson Moretz, Drew Wilder and Cade Hengesteg.

First flight, first place: Colton Kisner, Kyle Schultz and Michael Faught. Second: Jeri Severson, Ryan Severson and Carter Severson. Third: Brad Brunsvold, Mike Vellon, Jim Bloomingdale.

Second flight first place: Shana Brunsvold, David Penfold, Melinda Penfold. Second place: Jill Willand, Wayde Willand and Jeff Zenz. Third: Coni Butler, Julie Robb and Mike Bach.

Third flight first place: Wade Flattum, Bill Carlson and Joey Willaby. Second place: Tom Fick, Nate Wilder, Logan M. Third place: Sherry Olson, Kate Framke and Susan Grundel.

Josh Stepleton won longest drive for men and Belinda (Punky) Nelson won for the women with her drive landing on the #9 green. Closest to the Pin was Adam Chinnock, longest putt went to Cory Gerdts and the two closest to the Flamingo winners were Erika Hertel and Abbie Meincke.

The team that won the best costume award was Jamie and Jessa Gasteiger and Kim Dokken.

With 33 teams playing, wonderful hole sponsors and numerous people buying raffle tickets for all the donated prizes, over $10,000 was raised for local families battling cancer.

Treasurer Fitzgerald announces $10,000 college savings Iowa giveaway

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald announces College Savings Iowa is joining other 529 plans across the country to celebrate College Savings Month throughout September. "If you are looking to start or boost your child's higher education fund, here's your sign," said Fitzgerald. "We're hosting a giveaway where one family will win a $10,000 College Savings Iowa account contribution. All you have to do is register at Iowa529Contest.com before September 30."

Currently, Worth County has more than 190 total College Savings Iowa accounts. "My goal for College Savings Month is to see this number rise as more individuals learn about the Plan and save for their loved ones," Fitzgerald continued. "This giveaway is the perfect opportunity to do exactly that."

College Savings Iowa is a tax-advantaged way for families and friends to save for the costs of higher education on behalf of a student. "You don't have to be market savvy or make large contributions," concluded Fitzgerald. "With a minimum contribution of $25 and investments that are professionally managed, this 529 plan is built to be user-friendly."

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Celebrate College Savings Month by opening an account for a child in your life and entering the giveaway, which ends Friday, September 30. For more information on the 529 plan, visit CollegeSavingsIowa.com or call (888) 672-9116. Connect with the Plan on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on current events and plan updates.

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Calendar of Events for September 2022

September 7–Region 4 County Extension Educators Staff Meeting at Mitchell County Extension Office, Osage, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 7–Worth County Extension 4-H County Council Interviews at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 6 to 8 P.M. (10 Minute Interview) with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist and Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Leader

September 8–Iowa State 4-H Monthly Educational Webinar at Via Virtual Adobe Connect, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator

September 8–North Iowa Windbreak Management Field Day at 24108 Dogwood Avenue, Fertile, 9 A.M. to 12 Noon with Dennis Johnson

September 8–Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

September 9–Worth County Farm Bureau Ag Fair at Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 8:30 A.M. with Teresa Stehn, Worth County Farm Bureau Office Manager and Dennis Johnson

September 11–Worth County 4-H Fire Up at Worth County Fairgrounds Shelter House, 5 to 6 P.M. with Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Leader, Lacey Waller, Extension Office Manager/4-H Clover Kids Leader and Dennis Johnson

September 12–Worth County 4-H National Barrow Show Swine Judging Contest at Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, Minnesota, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 12–North Iowa Community College Agriculture Committee Meeting at NIACC Campus, Mason City, Noon with Dennis Johnson

September 19–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Blast Off Family Fun Night at Worth County Fairgrounds, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. with Lacey Waller

September 21–4-H Youth Region 4 Staff Meeting at Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

September 26–Iowa State University Extension Fall Ag Team Meeting at Hancock County Extension Office, Garner, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

September 26–Worth County 4-H Record Books Due at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 4 P.M. with Kimberly Bode

September 27–Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 7 P.M. with Sarah Merrifield, Region 4 ISU Extension and Outreach Director and Dennis Johnson

September 28–Horticulture State Extension Meeting at Virtual Zoom Conference, 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

September 28-29–Worth County 4-H Record Book Judging at Worth County Extension Office Community Room at 5 to 8 P.M. with Kimberly Bode and Worth County 4-H Committee Members

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Morrow celebrates 90 with rug art show, demonstrations

By JoAnn Lower

Instead of coloring with paint, Virginia (Ginny) Morrow colors with wool.

Ginny's coloring with wool began in 1972 while she was living in New Jersey and a friend told her about a rug hooking class. "I made a 14-inch chair mat, boxed it up, and moved to Iowa with my husband where we started our lives over."

Then in the early 1990s a friend asked Ginny to go with her to a rug hooking class and that's when she said it all started. "Just because of a friend."

Now, 15 years later, Morrow has created 90 rugs – about three a year. "It's addictive, a great hobby and relaxing," she says.

Inspired by the world around her, Ginny creates amazingly beautiful rugs of her own design. From recycled wool found at second-hand shops, she cuts each strip to such an unimaginable thinness that people ask if she uses yarn. "I tell them it's fabric."

From 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through September 18 there will be a showing of Ginny's hooked rugs at 308 W. 4th Street, St. Ansgar, Iowa (across from DeMaris Hardware).

Ginny just celebrated her 90th birthday. "This is a birthday present to myself, and I'm really excited," she smiled. "Please pop in whenever you'd like to see my holiday, geometric, floral and animal rugs. There will be demonstrations – coffee, cinnamon buns and cookies, too."

"My 6 and 9-year-old granddaughters are busy making their first hooked rugs. Rug hooking is a good art form. I want to keep it going."

For more information call Ginny at 641-736-2337.



GINNY MORROW



Bolan Bike Ride, fall events set for Sept. 17

The small community of Bolan, current population of 18, will hold its annual fall celebration on Saturday, September 17. The event will once again feature the Bolan Bike Ride.

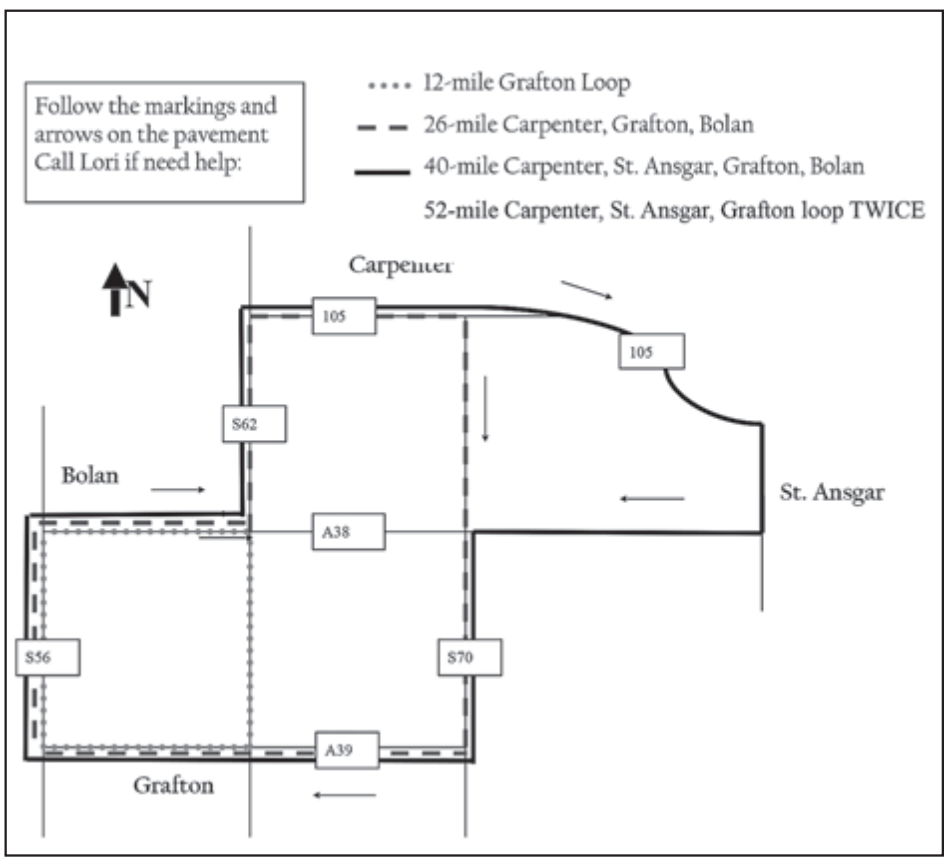
The annual bike ride offers those taking part several options for ride paths, traveling through several neighboring communities, including Carpenter, Grafton and St. Ansgar. The loops through area communities include 12, 26, 40 and 52 mile options.

There is a $10 registration fee, which includes a map, access to a support vehicle and a ticket for homemade pie with ice cream after the ride. All funds go towards the Bolan Community Fund.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the ride starting at 9 a.m.

Other events being held include a bazaar held by members of Trinity United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a scalloped potato and ham luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors, food and music will also be available.

Anyone with questions, or who would like to register for the Bolan Bike Ride, may contact Lori Willert at 641-845-2677, by cell phone at 641-903-9472 or by email at lwil lert@wctatel.net.



Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 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
Wednesday, Eve Circle, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Thursday, UMW Meeting at the BSCC, Set up for the Bazaar/Luncheon, 5 p.m.; Saturday, UMW Bazaar at the BSCC, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., UMW Luncheon at BSCC, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Friday, Discipleship Journey, 10 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
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Wednesday, Choir Practice, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Gr., 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m., Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with N.O., 10 a.m., Welcome Day After Service, JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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Pope Francis



In his first official meeting with journalists, the new pope gave some insight into why he chose the name Francis. After the two-thirds vote was reached, a fellow cardinal from Brazil, Claudio Hummes, embraced him and said to him "Don't forget about the poor." This stuck with him, he said, and immediately made him think of St. Francis, who was devoted to the poor, renouncing his father's considerable wealth as a young man and living essentially as a poor beggar. St. Francis was known as "Il Poverello," the little poor man. Pope Francis went on to say that as the vote-counting continued he thought about war, and St. Francis's devotion to peace. The first line of the prayer of St. Francis says "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace." And finally, St. Francis was enamored of nature and saw God's hand in all of physical creation. Pope Francis summarized his choice of names by saying "Francis of Assisi…the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and guards creation." This was a good choice of names, and inspiring ideals for the man leading the world's largest Christian denomination.
– Christopher Simon

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
– Psalm 82: 3-4

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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

Fishing is an extremely popular pastime for men, women and children all over the country. Depending upon where you live and the types of fish that also live there, this is one hobby that can produce delicious results for the labor involved. "America's Favorite Fish Recipes" (1992, Creative Publishing International, Inc, Minnetonka, Minnesota) features "More Than 180 Mouthwatering Recipes from Fishing Guides and Professional Chefs." This has to be one of the most comprehensive cookbooks of its kind. Both saltwater and fresh water fish are featured so we'll get a taste of each. Recipes are adapted for today's kitchens in some cases. The book begins with a detailed list of oily fish and lean fish so one can substitute if necessary using a similar type of fish from what is called for in each recipe.

Potato & Onion Fried Bass (largemouth or smallmouth)

1 1/2 pounds bass fillets, about 6 oz each, skin removed
1 1/2 cups instant potato flakes or buds
1 package (1 oz.) dry onion soup mix
2 large eggs, beaten
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Vegetable oil for frying (use one with a high smoking point)

Cut the fillets in half crosswise. Sprinkle evenly with pepper. In a food processor or blender combine the dried potatoes and the onion soup mix, processing until the mixture is powdery. Place the beaten eggs in a shallow bowl and the potato/onion mixture in a separate shallow bowl. Dredge each fillet first in the potato mixture, then dip into the eggs then dredge in the potato mixture once more to coat well. Set aside on a wire rack. In a deep large skillet, heat 1/8-inch of oil over medium heat. When the oil is hot (test by frying a cube of bread; it should brown quickly) add the fillets. Fry for 4-5 minutes, turning once, until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and serve hot with tartar sauce.

Crispy Baked Salmon

1/4 cup chicken broth, canned or homemade
2 pounds salmon fillets, about 8 oz. each, skin on
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) real butter, melted
1 cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup PLUS 2 tablespoons ground, blanched almonds or walnuts
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
4 teaspoons lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup sliced almonds.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Spray a 11x7-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Pour the broth into the prepared dish. Arrange the salmon fillets skin-side down in the dish and set aside. In a medium bowl, combine 1 tablespoon of the melted butter, the bread crumbs, ground almonds, lemon zest and juice, salt and pepper. Set this aside. Brush the fillets with 1 tablespoon of melted butter and pat the crumb mixture evenly on top of them. Drizzle another tablespoon of melted butter over the fillets. Sprinkle the almond slices over the crumb mixture. Bake, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Drizzle with the remaining melted butter and bake for an additional 15-20 minutes or until the salmon is firm and opaque, just beginning to flake, and the topping is golden brown. Serve immediately.

Hearty Fish Chowder

6 medium red potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (4 cups)
2 teaspoons kosher salt
15 whole peppercorns
6 whole allspice
1/2 cup real butter
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced
2 pounds any freshwater fish fillets, 8 oz. each, skin removed
3 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley

Place the potatoes in a 4 quart Dutch oven with just enough water to cover them. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, add the salt, peppercorns and allspice. Cook for 3-5 minutes or until the potatoes are tender-crisp (not overcooked). Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the butter and milk. Stir until the butter is melted. Layer the onion slices over the potatoes and arrange the fish fillets on top of the onions. Simmer, partially covered (do not boil!), 20-30 minutes, turning the fish once or twice until it is firm and opaque and just begins to flake and the onions are tender. Sprinkle with the chopped parsley and serve as is in big pieces or break up the fish and mix the ingredients to make more of a soup/chowder.

Fish is healthy (unless it's fried) and tasty no matter how you cook it. Even those who don't want to catch them enjoy the feast! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Christianson home has curb appeal

The Green Thumb Garden Club selected Ron and Linda Christianson's yard at 802 11th St. N. as this week's home with Curb Appeal. "They have window boxes and huge planters of red and white Impatients. Also Hostas and a beautiful Hydranga tree on the corner of their garage. The tree in the yard also makes you want to sit under it."





A little crabby

Mrs. Hill's classroom at the Northwood-Kensett Elementary has two unique visitors this school year. The classroom pets/mascots come in the form of the hand-held crustaceans that find abandoned shells to protect their fragile exteriors. Students like Madelyn Strand (left) and Kinley Thompson are learning facts like these as they get hands on with the crabs.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

September is here and school has started! The library is definitely a bit quieter without kids coming in and out all day long. If you haven't stopped in to the library lately, you should! We have done some rearranging and painting and it looks amazing!

Friday morning story times are starting up again! On Friday, September 2 is our first one, starting at 10 a.m. These are geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! All the Fridays of September will have a story time planned at 10 a.m. Pay attention to the library's facebook page for more information.

The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to reach out at the library!

New at the library this month:

Adult Fiction: "The War Librarian" by Addison Armstrong, "The Forgotten Cottage" by Courtney Ellis, "The Blame Game" by Sandie Jones, "Haven" by Emma Donoghue, "The Book Eaters by Sunyi Dean and "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

Adult Non-fiction books: "Diana, William, and Harry" by James Patterson.

Large Print Fiction books: "The Challenge" by Danielle Steel, "The Booksellers Promise" by Beth Wiseman, "A Time to Bloom" by Lauraine Snelling, "The Best is Yet to Come" by Debbie Macomber, and "The House at Mermaid's Cove" by Lindsay Jayne Ashford.

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 e-mail emily@northwood.lib.ia.us or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

IDALS confirms first case of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease in Iowa

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship today announced the first confirmed case of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type 2 (RHDV2) within the state of Iowa. The disease is not considered a risk to humans or other animal species, including cats and dogs, but it is highly contagious and deadly to rabbits.

The confirmed case is in Story County. The affected rabbits in this isolated case had not recently traveled to any exhibitions or fairs.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), RHDV2 is a viral disease fatal to lagomorph species (rabbits, hares, and pikas). It does not affect humans or other animals. It was first detected in wild rabbit populations in the United States in March 2020.

RHDV2 can be spread by contact with infected rabbits, their meat or fur, or materials that infected rabbits have come into contact with. Often, the only clinical signs of the disease are sudden death and blood-stained noses caused by internal bleeding.

Rabbit owners should consult their veterinarian about possible steps to protect their animals. If you suspect a rabbit in your possession or on your premises has died as a result of RHDV2, please contact your local veterinarian. Veterinarians with concerns or a suspected case should immediately contact the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

How the Inflation Reduction Act will lower your drug costs

Dear Savvy Senior,

What kind of changes can Medicare beneficiaries expect to see in the Inflation Reduction Act that was recently signed into law? I'm enrolled in original Medicare and have a Part D prescription drug plan but spent more than $6,000 out-of-pocket last year on medications alone.

Overpaying Paul

Dear Paul,

The climate, tax and health care bill known as the Inflation Reduction Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden last month includes significant improvements to the Medicare program that will kick-in over the next few years.

These changes will lower prescription drug prices for millions of seniors by allowing the government to negotiate drug prices for the first time and capping seniors' out-of-pocket drug costs at $2,000 annually. Some other popular changes will include free vaccinations, lower insulin costs and expanded subsidies for lower income seniors.

Here is a breakdown of the changes to expect in Medicare and when they will roll out.

2023: Starting this January, all vaccines covered under Medicare Part D, including the shingles vaccine, will be free to beneficiaries. And the skyrocketing cost of insulin will be capped at $35 per month. This will be a significant saving for the more than 3 million Medicare enrollees who currently use insulin to control their diabetes.

Also starting next year, drug makers will be penalized in the form of "rebates" that they would be forced to pay to the government if they impose price increases that exceed general inflation.

2024: Cost sharing for catastrophic coverage in Part D will be eliminated. Under the current Part D benefit, once your out-of-pocket costs reach $7,050 in 2022, you enter "catastrophic" coverage but are still responsible for 5 percent of your prescription drug costs, with no limit.

But in 2024, people with Part D coverage will no longer be responsible for any out-of-pocket drug costs once they enter catastrophic coverage. This is significant for seniors who use expensive medications for conditions like cancer or multiple sclerosis.

Also starting in 2024 through 2029, Part D premiums will not be allowed to grow faster than 6 percent per year.

And for lower income Medicare beneficiaries, eligibility for the Part D Low Income Subsidy (also known as Extra Help) will be expanded to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, from today's limit of 135 percent. This change will mean about 500,000 more seniors will qualify for financial assistance to help pay some or all of their prescription drug premiums and deductibles.

2025: One of the biggest cost reduction measures for Medicare beneficiaries will begin in 2025 when out-of-pocket spending on Part D prescription drugs will be capped at $2,000 per year. This will be a major savings for the more than 1.5 million beneficiaries who currently spend more than $2,000 out-of-pocket each year.

2026: When Medicare's Part D program was enacted in 2003, negotiating lower drug prices was forbidden. But because of the Inflation Reduction Act, starting in 2026 Medicare will be empowered to begin negotiating prices with drug companies for 10 of the most expensive drugs covered under Part D. In 2027 and 2028, 15 drugs would be eligible for negotiations and in 2029 and subsequent years, 20 drugs would be chosen.

And, in addition to all the Medicare improvements, the Inflation Reduction Act also extends the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) premium subsidies for three years that have helped millions of Americans gain coverage before they're eligible for Medicare.

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 figured out how that mystery novel ends?

No, I started in the middle.

Why would you do that?

Because I didn't want to know how it starts or ends.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It had been a fine day. My shower had been just right and I'd gotten one leg into my underwear without losing my balance. I was on my way to do the narration on a tour boat. As I pulled onto the street where boarding takes place, I heard an ambulance siren. I expected a participant in a nearby pickleball event had been injured, but I saw instead that a friend had fallen walking to the boat. He still wanted to board, but it was decided he needed to go off in the ambulance. He told me, "But I came just to listen to you." I know the best people extant.

A passenger on the boat told me he was from Podunk—which is a small, unimportant, insignificant, dull, dreary or isolated town. There's a city named Podunk in Connecticut, New York, Vermont and Massachusetts. Podunk is an Algonquian word.

There is an umbrella in my car. I didn't know I owned an umbrella. I don't doubt that my wife bought it for me as I barely know enough to come in out of the rain. I was involved in a walking and Metro tour of Washington, D.C., during a torrential downpour and nearly drowned while walking.

It could have been worse

I yipped. I did so because I expected to stub my toe. No, I hadn't consulted a crystal ball, but I was moving through a dark and strange hotel room crammed corner to corner with things that could do a toe some harm. I'd have turned on a light had I remembered how to do that. Miraculously, my toe eluded all stubbing. If you could have another eye, where would you put it? I used to think I'd put it at the tip of my forefinger to help me with my pointing, but now think I'd want the extra eye on my big toe. That big guy could warn the other toes when the foot was on a collision course with something dangerous.

I've learned

I need a GPS to tell me where I am and why I am there.

We all got along better before we had so many TV channels.

If there is a photo of a milk carton on a milk carton, the grocery store is out of milk.

Neither of the Smith Brothers had coughings at their funerals.

No one complains about not having anything to complain about.

Every day is a pop quiz.

Years ago, I played a penny slot machine and lost $1. It was a painfully slow process and convinced me to give up gambling before I became addicted to disappointment.

Bad joke department

Why did the fly dance on the jelly jar lid? Because it said, "Twist to open."

What ends if you call it by its name? Silence.

How do you know if there is an elephant in your freezer? The door won't close.

How do you get a farm girl's attention? A tractor.

Nature notes

I heard a pileated woodpecker call in the yard. It's louder, lower-pitched and less regular than that of the northern flicker.

Common nighthawks flew over the yard. They were migrating to South America and fed by opening their mouths wide and eating whatever insects happened into their flight paths. What's the difference between a bill and a beak? Not a thing—the two words are synonymous.

I watched a hawk perched on a utility pole, peering at a tractor moving ground around in a farm field. Red-tailed hawks are common and they get to know the machinery that stirs up dinner for them. The field activities of tractors and combines chase rabbits, mice and voles from hiding. Gulls enjoy the company of farm equipment providing comestibles in the form of grubs, worms and rodents.

Perfectly respectable songbirds have become ragged looking because of molts. Feathers needing replacement are subbed for. I see bald blue jays in my yard. The jays are fine, nothing more than the victims of an irregular molt. A friend who had been a bird rehabber told me she had never found mites on the bald heads of any jays, so it's merely a simultaneous molt. It's the nature of nature.

Meeting adjourned

"Kindness is helping the world, one person at a time."—RAKtivist.

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Fit to print...

Iowa is the thumping heart of the Midwest

By Art Cullen
Iowa Capital Dispatch
Iowa Writers Collaborative: Linking Iowa readers and writers

So Iowa is the most Midwestern of places, The Washington Post discovered. Who'da thunk?

The data journalists took a side trip from wildfires and shootings after stumbling upon Air BnB collections of how their hosts described their place. If you talk walleyes or tater tot casseroles a lot, it speaks Midwestern.

We talk about these sorts of things, especially food, more than anybody, the data disclosed. We named it Davenport on the Mississippi, not sofa. We likes our Maid Rites and pop, Washington gets an "r" stuck in the wash and a barnyard epithet attached. Pork loin. Ummm.

How boutcha bud, I coulda just had you look at a map. We are dead-center at I-35 and I-80, the top spot in the nation for immigrant smuggling and potholes. We sired Minnesota from our territory we poached from the Native people. We are certainly north of Missouri, in better shape than South Dakota, more comely than Nebraska, more navigable than Illinois and less drunk than Wisconsin.

We are the thumping heart of the Midwest. Chicago draws its energy from Dubuque, where Al Capone had a summer home on the Illinois side. St. Louis is the gateway to Sioux City. Mark Twain abandoned Hannibal for Muscatine and Keokuk. We taught Ronald Reagan how to communicate in the Quad Cities and Des Moines once he fled Dixon.

Twelve states are Midwestern, according to how the hosts describe them. Iowans mention Midwest the most. We know where we are. After Midwestern and walleye, the Post reports that "heartland" and "Lutheran" are the next most-common descriptors. Each of which implies hot dish and how boutcha.

Other key words: blacktop, glacial, supper (there's food again, and dinner is at noon of a hot beef sandwich), snowmobile and bluegill. Orchestra, too — Uncle Wally played fiddle and Merle was on bass. By this list, Storm Lake fits as the most Midwestern of places. We saw no mention of hogs, which do not typically attract guests to a BnB, although Hog Central Storm Lake does have guests who visit Tyson to admire our meat.

Meat. The Poles and Italians used to lug it in the City of Broad Shoulders, Chicago, the undisputed capital of the Midwest. Carl Sandberg, Oprah Winfrey, Mike Royko and Mayor Daley, Marshall Fields and Col. McCormick, the swamp that gave rise to Wrigley Field, our baseball shrine.

The Illinois Central's Hawkeye reached out here so more corn could get planted and more hogs shipped back to the stockyards. The rivers set up the grain exchanges in Minneapolis and Kansas City. And Steve Goodman wrote it all up in a song where we all sing Good Mornin' America How Are Ya? as the train rolls out from Kankakee, which used to be the hog capital before Storm Lake. God Bless Steve Goodman and John Prine and John Mellencamp. And Greg Brown, who convinced Iris Demint to move to Iowa City.

Minnesota gave us the first shopping mall. St. Louis gave us Dizzy Dean and the Gashouse Gang. Illinois gave us the Rod Blagojevich hairdo which Donald Trump styles, and it gave us Barack Obama by way of Iowa, of course.

Nebraska isn't Midwest much beyond Lincoln, and there's talk of Oklahoma but you really can't grow much corn there, and I cannot say that Dodge City, Kansas, is that much like Marshalltown except for the butchering and manure so I guess it is Midwest. You have to draw the line somewhere. Texas.

It's a club with code language. If in an airport you see a man wearing a cap indoors, and say it's hotter than hell out there, and he chirps back that it's supposed to be near 90 all week — it doesn't matter if you're in Greece, you know that guy is from Omaha.

"I'll take this over freezing rain any day," he says as you agree, ever politely, not to discuss Iowa State beating Nebraska every other year, and that the Huskers do not belong in the Big Ten, for criminetlies (which is a Midwestern way of not using the Lord's name in vain, geez).

Freezing rain also is not on the list of hospitality plugs but we get about a solid three months of it here in Storm Lake, which is the most Midwestern of Midwestern places, if you don't mind, just sayin, didn't mean anything by it but, say, do you know any Radkes in Wisconsin? You betcha. Well, you know Brad Radke of the Twins has cousins in Alta, and the corn does need those heat units. Howsabout weseeifwecangetusapork burger and Busch Light there at the bar? Nah, too expensive.

I coulda told ya where the Midwest is. Not that you're wrong or anything. But I would just as soon stay home because nothing good happens after dark anyhow.

Art Cullen's Notebook is a reader-supported publication on Substack.

Art Cullen is editor of the Storm Lake Times Pilot, where this column appears.

Northwood Anchor **Early Files**

100 years ago

September 6, 1922

Theodore Sophus Hanson for 23 years connected with the Worth County State Bank of Northwood, of which he was vice president passed away Wednesday at the family home. Death followed an illness of about a year.

Provided the weather is suitable and favorable next Saturday, Sept. 9 will see the largest crowd probably ever gathered at the Tenold Creamery. The occasion for the gathering is the announcement of the Brookfield-Bristol Township joint picnic to be held at the place and the program, which has been arranged to entertain and amuse the crowd. Lieut. Gov. John Hammier will be the principal speaker. A special feature planned by Agent Lodwick and Buttermaker Stendel will be "Dairy Day." Good and poor dairy cows will be taken to the grounds and judged and scored by a specialist from the state college.

President Hewitt and secretary Christiansen announce that all is ready for the annual county fair, which will begin next Wednesday, Sept. 14. Contracts have been closed with the Royal Amusement Co., which will come with its riding devices. A balloon man from Waterloo has contracted to appear both Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Those individuals who chided the board of education eight years ago for erecting too large a high school building have to back water nowadays on their predictions that there would be a lot of waste room in the structure. Students to the number of 181 enrolled in the high school Monday morning at the opening of the year, 71 of those being tuition pupils. There were 37 too few seats in the assembly room to accommodate the students and a special assembly room was temporarily arranged.

75 years ago

September 4, 1947

Miss Lois Everist of Mason City was elected as a department instructor in the local schools, completing the school faculty. She taught last year in the school at Gilman. With 438 pupils in all grades, an increase of six pupils is reported for the Northwood public schools in this year's opening enrollment as compared with 432 pupils enrolled at the opening of school last year.

"Thrills and spills" promised as a feature of the "Donkey Ball Game" played at the local fair grounds under the lights, were produced in numbers, according to numerous stories heard and limping, battered participants seen on the streets.

A rain that began falling about 6:30 p.m. last Thursday and continued intermittently until after 10 p.m. Friday forenoon brought a total of 2.49 inches to this vicinity and proved of definite help to lawns, pastures and soybeans and stopped further deterioration in corn fields.

Officers of the Worth County Teachers Association elected at the meeting of rural teachers held at the Northwood high school are: Mrs. Clarence N. Anderson, Northwood, president; Mrs. Arnold Hogen, Kensett, vice president; Mrs. Ann Koehler, Northwood, treasurer; and Mrs. Louise Reeder, Northwood, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hanson, who live three miles northeast of Gordonsville, former residents of the Northwood vicinity, suffered bruises but escaped serious injury when their car and a car driven by a Mason City resident collided on Highway 65 at the filling station on the east side of the pavement at Gordonsville.

Worth County has 42 rural schools in operation this year, two fewer than last year. Three schools were closed while one which had been closed for two years was opened this year. The last teachers in the rural districts to be hired were Evelyn Johnson of Bolan, to teach Danville No. 5, and Carol Groe Willand, in Bristol No. 1.

50 years ago

September 7, 1972

An open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Northwood State Bank, on Central Avenue in Northwood. The new facilities were occupied in mid August. The new bank building features the most modern innovations with a drive-in facility where a customer may conduct business from the auto, parking areas and a convenient, spacious interior. Officers are Mrs. Velma Woodin, president; Glenn O. Emmons, executive vice president and cashier; and Otto Brunsvold, Elaine Olson, R.B. Ingersoll and Leland Swenson, assistant cashiers. Directors are Elroy Green, Glenn Emmons, Elmer Helgeland, Richard Johnson, L.G. Stevens and Mrs. Velma Woodin.

Mrs. Ken Logemann and Mike Callahan, Silver Lake Township, Freeborn County, are shown following the finals of the rescue race in the Minnesota State Fair horse show. The pair won sixth place in a field of 53 entries with a combined time of 21.05 seconds. Winning team was 20.16. Callahan and Dave Prizler, Glenville, also placed ninth in the trailer race. The riders represented the Albert Lea Sunset Saddle Club.

Airman Harold G. Hickman, son of Mrs. Harry Barnd, Mason City, has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training. The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Lowry for specialized training in the munitions and weapons maintenance field. Airman Hickman, a 1970 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, attended Wartburg College, Waverly. His wife, Sally, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darroll Julson, Northwood.

The Northwood-Kensett girls softball team split two games with the Garner Cardinelles in a seven day stretch, losing 17-12 at Garner on August 29 and winning here on September 5, 11-7.

25 years ago

September 3, 1997

Glenville teenager Trent Studier fairly flew into Kuennen's Quarry's south pit on Sunday on an outing with brothers Troy and K.C. The brothers and buddy Joe Herren of Glenville lined up two picnic tables as a combination runway- diving board to help them bid farewell to summer over the Labor Day weekend.

Northwood-Kensett FFA members Jack Johnson, Heather Perkins, Nigel Millard and Gina Perkins brought home this carcass judging championship trophy from the recent Iowa State Fair meat judging contest at Iowa State University in Ames. The N-K experts topped 24 other teams to take the carcass judging trophy, and finished 11th in the overall competition, which included meat identification, beef quality and yield grading, plus a written consumer test. Johnson and Millard tied for the top individual score in the carcass contest, but contest officials awarded the trophy to Johnson on the basis of overall meat judging contest scores.

Northwood 18-year-old Carrie Estes was a merit finalist in the recent 1997 Miss Teen of Iowa scholarship and recognition program. The daughter of Ken and Connie Estes of rural Northwood was one of 59 Iowa teenagers who participated int he event. Her sponsors included Randall Transit Mix, Northwoods Sate Bank, Fallgatters Market, The Northwood Anchor, Dr. Wayne O. Sletten and Dr. John Lawson.

Sophomore quarterback Zach Madsen looks for an open receiver while teammates Brent Schaub and Jesse Luther look for someone to block during the Northwood-Kensett football team's annual soap scrimmage. Approximately 50 boys saw action in front of a good crowd of fans at the high school field.

Northwood-Kensett's varsity girls volleyball team got its feet wet in Ventura. The Viking spielers kicked off their 1997 season against Rockford in the opening round of the Ventura Invitational. But after two weeks of pre-season practice, the girls looked to be ready for some outside competition, according to coach Monty DeArmoun.

10 years ago

September 5, 2012

As they started the new school year, a number of students at Northwood-Kensett High School were recognized for their academic accomplishments of the previous school year. The students received academic letters for the 2011-2012 school year, in recognition of maintaining grade point averages of 3.4 or above in both semesters. Academic letter recipients included John Bachtle, Mary Bjorklund, Kayla Branstad, Brooke Burnes, Mikaela Butler, Samantha Butler, Chandler Capitani, Zach Costello, Maren Davidson, Dee Dee Dokken, Ethan Grahn, Brent Hagen, Shelby Hagen, Jayden Hapgood, Shannon Hill, Lisa Irons, Savannah Lira, Breanne Lombard, Sonya Medlang, Morgan Springer, Mary Stoneking, Gage Tenold, Taryn VanRyswyk and Kaitlyn Varner.

Kailey Eskildsen, of Northwood, was awarded Champion High Percentage Maine-Anjou Breeding Heifer during the 2012 4-H Breeding Beef Parade of Champions at the Iowa State Fair on August 14.

Senior halfback Logan Butler looked like he had left everything he had on the field in the 50-0 loss in Clarksville. Along with being the Vikings' go-to-buy in the rushing attack, Butler also had a 72 yard kickoff return for a TD called back on a holding call.

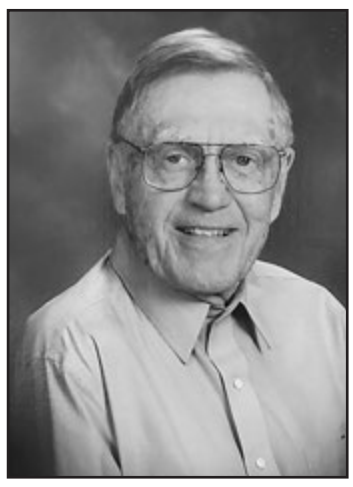
N-K's Taryn VanRyswyk played a huge role in the Lady Vikings' 3-1 win over North Iowa. Besides leading the team with 15 assists, the talented junior was also perfect at the service line, going 24-24 and leading the way to a team percentage of .937.

One of the few times the Vikings were able to seriously get a hit on the Indians' Dalton Civarelli, who rushed for 242 yards against N-K's D, was on this play where seniors Cameron Batton and Brady Cotter combined on the tackle.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

Kenneth Johnson

Kenneth Johnson, 84, passed away on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood, Iowa. A family graveside memorial service will be held in Deer Creek Cemetery at Carpenter, Iowa.



KENNETH JOHNSON

Ken was born to Lloyd and Minnie Johnson, who farmed east of Northwood. He attended a one-room schoolhouse in Deer Creek Township for his early education and graduated from Northwood High School in 1956.

Upon graduation, Ken attended Brown Technical Institute in Minneapolis. He became the "Morning Man" news and markets radio announcer at a station in La Crosse, Wisconsin. On Valentine's Day 1959 he proposed to Marjorie Hill, a Manly, Iowa, girl he'd met through 4-H in high school. They married later that year. The couple bought a farm on the Iowa side of the Minnesota state line near Lyle, Minnesota.

Ken farmed and raised beef, sheep and pigs. In 1970, Ken and Marge moved to his parents' former home with their two daughters, where he spent the rest of his farming career raising crops and selling seed.

Ken had a trademark wit and dry sense of humor that often brought a smile to those around him. Many have seen Ken in local parades and car club gatherings with his 1956 Chevy BelAir and 1950 Dodge pickup. When he was younger, he bowled on a league with the Otranto Hatchery team. He also entertained family on the accordion, doing a nice version of "Lady of Spain."

Among his many interests was public speaking. He went to public speaking competitions in high school and continued using those skills throughout his life. He read Lessons at Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter, where he was a lifelong active member. He combined his sense of humor and public speaking to create the "Professor Ichabod Cranium" character that he used in humorous skits.

Ken had a deep sense of integrity and was very conscientious, kind and caring. His wry sense of humor was great fun to be around. He was devoted to his wife, daughters and grandchildren, who miss him more than words can say.

Ken is survived by daughters, Sherry Johnson of Saint Paul, Minn., and Kimberly (Ronald) Olson of Northwood; grandchildren, Garrett (Haley Mathews) of Mason City, Iowa, Mason of Des Moines, Iowa, and Jaleh of Washington, D.C.; brother, Phil (Carol) Johnson of Mason City, Iowa; and sisters-in-law, Sue Hill of Plymouth, Iowa, and Janet Kreb of Cedar Falls, Iowa. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Marjorie, as well as a sister-in-law, Carolyn Jackel, and brothers-in-law, Byron Hill, Harlan Jackel and Francis Kreb.

Ardyce DeVries

Ardyce LaVonne DeVries, 93, passed away peacefully at Iowa Lutheran Hospital with loving family at her side.

Ardyce was born on February 11, 1929, to Edwin and Emma (Ziebell) Will in Freeborn County, Minnesota, at home. She was married to Darold DeVries at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Glenville, Minnesota, on May 28, 1950. They lovingly adopted Darold in 1961 and Annette in 1964.

Ardyce was a long time member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, where most of her time was spent in the kitchen, preparing and serving any meal the church offered, including funerals and Wednesday night meals. She was an integral part of the prayer chain for many years and even recently Ardyce would call the pastor to make sure she was not missing an opportunity to pray for someone. As her physical health started to slow her down she could still serve the church by bringing the "Sun Tea" for meals.

Ardyce was still driving when she celebrated her 90th birthday at the Church and not too many years prior to that she was still working as a "demo lady" handing out samples at many local grocery stores. It was not until she turned 90 that she began to rely on her children and grandchildren, which was a blessing for everyone.



ARDYCE DEVRIES

Ardyce had plenty of love to share from babysitting many of the neighborhood children to offering her home to the VBS leaders for one week every summer. She was well loved by all. Ardyce loved to crochet in her free time and make afghans for her children, grandchildren or anyone who needed one. Ardyce loved to cheer on the Chiefs, Viking and Royals, and never missed a soap opera or game show and you could always find her playing solitaire at the kitchen table.

She is survived by her children: Darold (LouAnn) DeVries of Pleasant Hill and Annette (Keith) Leslie of Johnston; one brother, Armand Will of Mesa Arizona; grandchildren, Devon Leslie, Dustin (Mandy) DeVries, Keith Christian Leslie, Marjie (Brad) Davis, Cory (Sierra) DeVries, Clayton DeVries and Adaline Leslie; and great-grandchildren, Keigen, Adalayde, Rayah and Ryker Davis, Gunnar DeVries and Kolten Enders. She is preceded in death by her spouse, Darold DeVries and parents.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (2600 E Euclid Ave, Des Moines, IA 50317) with a luncheon to follow. Ardyce will be buried alongside of her loving husband in Glenville, Minnesota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family for a fund of their choosing.

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Mitchell Schroeder
Funeral Director

Iowa 4-H announces 2022 Awardrobe Clothing event winners

One hundred forty-nine youth from 73 counties participated in the 2022 Awardrobe Clothing Event held at the Iowa State Fair on August 11.

This event provides 4-H members in grades 9-12 the opportunity to showcase their apparel design and production knowledge, as well as creative skills. As a part of the showcasing experience, youth complete a comprehensive report and participate in conference judging. The event concludes with a runway show for all participants.

Marli Backhaus, of Worth County, as well as Gabrielle Kustes, Sasha McCoy and Mallory Mulligan served on the youth leadership team for the event. This spring the four were named state clothing project area award winners, an award opportunity offered through State 4-H Recognition Day. They worked throughout the summer to plan the runway show theme, workshops, music, decorations and program.

Bonnie Dalager, 4-H youth program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, has been organizing the event for the past six years. "Our planning team and volunteers focus on creating a positive experience for meaningful recognition for our youth participants. This event offers our members an opportunity to showcase their project area knowledge, learn clothing-related skills, and network with others from around the state who share their interests," Dalager said.

Workshops this year featured hands-on opportunities in fabric and textile topics.

The event has three categories: clothing selection – participants select or purchase an outfit for a specific occasion; fashion revue – the garment is constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted by the participant; and the $15 challenge – the participant purchases an outfit for $15 or less from garage sales, consignment shops or clothing resale stores.

"For the Awardrobe Clothing Event, 4-H members are evaluated on their verbal and written communication skills, project goals, choice of clothing, record keeping on costs, and knowledge of their garments," said Dalager.

State fair participants are nominated for the Awardrobe Clothing Event within their county 4-H program.

Top five class awards

The following youth earned top five class awards in the state fair Awardrobe Clothing Event.

Top Five Fashion Revue

Isabel Jepsen, Crawford County.

Annie Gulick, Delaware County.

Kendra Van Regenmorter, Lyon County.

Justine Weir, Polk County.

Sydnee Lindeman, Worth County.

Top Five $15 Challenge

Erin Barnes, Boone County.

Taylor Garman, Washington County.

Talise Plate, Wapello County.

Ashley Rosener, Monona County.

Kaya Knipper, Delaware County.

Top Five Clothing Selection

Emma Alstott, Webster County.

Lane Longhorn, Boone County.

Matthew Mikles, Polk County.

Jadyn Beland, Worth County.

Lindsay Grau, Dickinson County.

Specialty awards

The following youth received specialty awards from sponsors. The Central Iowa Sewing Guild sponsors an award for excellence in the fashion revue (constructed garment) class. ISU On Trend Magazine and founding adviser Ann Thye sponsor an award for the projects that reflect current fashion trends.

Central Iowa Chapter American Sewing Guild: Justine Weir, Polk County; Sydnee Lindeman, Worth County.

On Trend Award: Kadence Boender, Lyon County.

Scholarship Winner: Sasha McCoy, Warren County, earned special recognition for ranking in the top of Awardrobe Clothing Event participants and expressing an interest in furthering her education in the apparel, merchandising and design, event management or hospitality management programs. The Iowa State University Department of Apparel, Events and Hospitality Management sponsored the $500 scholarship award.



Fashion Revue award winners in the 2022 Awardrobe Clothing Event held at the Iowa State Fair.

Bolan

The Village of Bolan is preparing for the upcoming Fall Event to be held on Saturday, September 17.

In the planning is the Annual BSCC Pancake Breakfast; bicycle ride; music by Sam Crosser; UMW Bazaar and scalloped potatoes and ham luncheon; pie and ice cream; PLUS, a great program to take place at the BSCC at 1 p.m. regarding the Freedom Rocks throughout the state of Iowa.

Do watch the papers for further details. You do not want to miss this!

Northwood Anchor

Legal

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDE H. OLSEN, DECEASED
No. ESPR009332
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Claude H. Olsen, Deceased, who died on or about August 10, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the August 17, 2022, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate.

Notice is hereby 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 on August 15, 2022.

Zona E. Cassem
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Administrator
of the Estate

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Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication: September 7, 2022.

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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
EQUITY NO. EQCV012825
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

BankUnited, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Michael R. Janssen; Spouse of Michael R. Janssen; Danielle A. Shores f/k/a Danielle A. Janssen; Spouse of Danielle A. Shores f/k/a Danielle A. Janssen; State of Iowa; City of Northwood and Parties in Possession,
Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants: Michael R. Janssen, Spouse of Michael R. Janssen and Parties in Possession

You are notified there was on June 29, 2022 filed in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court a Foreclosure Petition, which prays for foreclosure of a mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described herein and judgment in rem in the amount of $36,533.27 plus interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum from February 1, 2022, such amount equaling $6.76 per day, the costs of the action including title costs of $235.00, and reasonable attorney fees and that said sums be declared a lien upon the following-described premises from December 3, 2008, located in Worth County, Iowa, to-wit:

South 44 Feet of Lot 4, Block 100, in the Town of Northwood, Worth County, Iowa.

that the mortgage on the above-described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew E. Laughlin, whose address is The Davis Brown Tower, 215 10th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3993, Phone: (515) 288-2500, Facsimile: (515) 243-0654.

NOTICE

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL SIX MONTHS (THREE MONTHS IF THE PETITION INCLUDES A WAIVER OF DEFICIENCY) FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS YOUR RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 27th day of September, 2022, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Worth County, Iowa. You are notified that Worth County District Court utilizes the Electronic Document Management System. You are directed to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and, in particular, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 641-421-0990. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (18007352942.) Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

Date of Third Publication is 7th day of September, 2022.

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Supervisors

August 29, 2022
Thirty-fifth Day

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

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

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from August 22, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of $3,366.50, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 11-Main A, Prof Services.....$2,803.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 13-Main Tile, Prof Services....$270.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD 46/Lat 9, Prof Services.....$293.00
Grand Total.....$3,366.50

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $65,427.36, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf.....35.26
Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr.....6,968.80
Aramark, Service-Eng.....99.83
Bristol Lutheran Cemetery
Service-Vaf.....60.00
Canadian Pacific Railroad Co
Rent-Con.....50.00
Cindy Thompson
Reimb-Asr.....347.06
Corey Pulju, Meeting-Asr.....8.13
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng.....549.45
Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd
Supplies-Shf.....445.00
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng.....134.20
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf.....335.51
Gpm Environmental Solutions, Llc, Supplies-Wwt.....2,188.71
Grp & Associates Inc
Service-Phd.....36.00
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Supplies-Eng.....5,575.93
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Service-Dap.....423.87
Ia Law Enforcement Academy
Edu-Shf.....750.00
Ia State Assn Of Assessors
Edu-Asr.....650.00
Icap, Service-Ins.....1,000.00
Iccs, Edu-Con.....1,275.00
Institute Of Ia Cert Assessors
Edu-Asr.....980.00
Iowa State Fire Marshal Division
Service-Eng.....80.00
Iscta, Dues-Trs.....250.00
Jean Schilling
Meeting-Asr.....13.63
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf.....328.85
Kari Osheim, Meeting-Asr.....19.75
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap.....88.88
Mark Thoma, Meeting-Asr.....46.25
Midwest Pipe Supply Inc
Supplies-Eng.....3,900.00
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City
Service-Eng.....186.20
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt.....19,689.00
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf.....320.59
Resultant, Service-Dap.....9,336.60
Sacred Heart Cemetery
Service-Vaf.....444.00
Scp, Supplies-Eng.....3,558.50
St Patrick's Cemetery
Service-Vaf.....96.00
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies.....332.67
Star Equipment, Ltd
Parts-Eng.....563.21
Thomas Reid, Reimb-Vaf.....130.00
Trading Post, Supplies-Eng.....35.00
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis.....135.87
Visa, Service-Eng.....2,956.95
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng.....1,002.66
Grand Total.....65,427.36

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve payroll eligibility verification for Sarah Douty at $28.00/hour as submitted by public health and salary changes for Rick Anderson at $23.43/hour, Jason Athey at $17.27/hour and Corwyn Pulju at $18.27/hour as submitted by the sheriff's office. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to amend Resolution 2022.08.29 to add Local option income surtax at the maximum rate of 1% along with an ad valorem property tax at the maximum rate of $.75 per $1,000 of assessed value on all taxable property in an aggregate revenue amount not to exceed $800,000 for a period of 10 years to be used for the purpose of funding Emergency Medical Services. Stone & Loberg - Aye, Smeby-Nay. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2022.08.29 as amended. Roll call: Stone - Aye, Loberg - Aye, Smeby - Nay. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022.08.29

Resolution to set the date for an election on the imposition of certain emergency medical services taxes in Worth County, Iowa

WHEREAS, Chapter 422D of the Code of Iowa authorizes County Boards of Supervisors to impose a local option income surtax (the "EMS Income Tax") and/or an ad valorem property tax (the "EMS Property Tax" and, together with the EMS Income Tax, the "EMS Taxes") for emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Worth County, Iowa (the "County") has adopted a resolution on May 23, 2022, declaring emergency medical services as an essential county service, pursuant to Section 422D.1 of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board has coordinated efforts with the local emergency medical services agencies to establish a county emergency medical services system advisory council (the "EMS Advisory Council"), pursuant to Section 422D.1(b) of the Code of Iowa, to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the County and to guide implementation of services in the County; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Council has made its recommendations to the Board, and such recommendations will be set forth in a report (the "EMS Advisory Council Report") which shall be attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the recommendations of the EMS Advisory Council, the Board has determined that to maintain and enhance the current level of emergency medical services provided by the County, the imposition of the EMS Taxes for a period of ten (10) years is necessary and in the best interests of the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 422D.1(3)(a) of the Code of Iowa, before the County can impose any of the EMS Taxes, the County must hold a special election upon such proposition and receive a favorable vote from at least 60% of the total votes cast at such special election; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the Board to set the date for an election on the proposition of imposing the EMS Taxes and to direct the County Auditor to give notice of such election, as provided in Section 422D.1(3)(a) of the Code of Iowa;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Worth County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the County to impose the EMS Taxes for emergency medical services in accordance with the findings of the EMS Advisory Council.

Section 2. A special county election is hereby called and ordered to be held in and for the County in conjunction with the general election on November 8, 2022, at which there will be submitted to the voters of the County the following proposition:

Shall the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa (the "County"), be authorized to impose a combination of the following taxes in an aggregate annual revenue amount not to exceed $800,000 for a period of ten (10) years to be used for the purpose of funding Emergency Medical Services in the County, pursuant to Chapter 422D of the Code of Iowa:

• Local option income surtax at the maximum rate of 1% (one percent) on the state's individual income tax of each individual residing in the County

• Ad valorem property tax at the maximum rate of .75 (75 cents) per $1,000 of assessed value on all taxable property within the County.

Section 3. If approved, the EMS Income Tax shall be imposed for tax years beginning on or after January 1 following the date on which the ordinance imposing such EMS Income Tax is filed with the director of revenue and shall continue for a period of ten (10) years. The EMS Property Tax shall be imposed for the fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year in which the election on the proposition was held and shall continue for a period of ten (10) years.

Section 4. The aggregate annual revenues collected through the EMS Taxes shall be in an amount not to exceed $800,000, and the Board shall, from time to time, determine the annual tax rates necessary to obtain this amount, or such lesser amount as may from time to time be established through the budgeting process.

Section 5. The County is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Worth County Commissioner of Elections.

Section 6. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the ballot proposition, in substantially the form set forth as Exhibit C hereto, to be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the County, such notice to be published not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election.

Section 7. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Passed and approved August 29, 2022.

Mark Smeby Chairperson
Attest:
Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adjourn at 9:47 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
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Grafton Heritage Depot

Winn-Worth Betco spotlight

By Kaylee Schuermann
Winn-Worth Betco marketing assistant

The Grafton Heritage Depot Museum remains a hidden gem of North Iowa, standing firm in its original location by the railroad tracks.

While passenger transits stopped running in 1938, the building stayed open until 1974, when the last depot agent left. Motivated by the fact that Grafton was founded because of the railroad, Grafton Community Action fought to preserve the building in its original location.

"Slow down, take a step back in time," said Linda Koschmeder, member of the Grafton Depot Board.

The community renovated and restored the depot around the time of the Grafton centennial nearly 50 years ago, but one of the biggest challenges remained in gathering historical items to display. Today, the building is overseen by six board members and owned by the GCA. The museum has seen visitors from all over the country, including Wisconsin, Illinois, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Arizona and Las Vegas.

"This is where you go to find out about your relatives, their lifestyles," Koschmeder said.

The museum's downstairs focuses on railroad history; many obtained items came from other former depots. Notable items on the main level are the pot belly stove, luggage cases, old mailboxes, phone booth and typewriters.

Popular amongst the children is the large model train display built by local siblings in the late 1950s; it was later remodeled in the 70s. Today, it still runs the two model train cars on its tracks and takes up over half the length of the room in which it resides.

The upstairs displays much of Grafton's history, including medical accessories from the former doctor's office, school yearbook and town photos, school uniforms, old clothing, instruments and more. One of the rooms is dedicated to those from Grafton who served in the military, featuring uniforms and memorabilia. Koschmeder donated one uniform from her time serving eight years in the airforce.

"It's kind of like a vault, the history of Grafton," Rose Kruger, board member, stated.

Within the next few years, the group would like to continue updating the museum's quality through new windows, paint, and interactive displays.

Kruger and Koschmeder's favorite part of working on the museum is getting to meet people that offer them more knowledge on the history of Grafton. The depot is open on select days throughout the summer and is available for tours by appointment.









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Auto rescue practice

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Twenties Club meets August 8

Twenties Club met on Monday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Olson Pavilion with 16 members present. The program for the year is "A Recipe for Fun" and will feature programs about different foods. The members started the year with a subway sandwich bar and dessert.

Becky Hickman, president, called the meeting to order. Becky Tews, secretary, did roll call and we also welcomed two new members Sharyl Ferley and Carol Kragenbrink. Delores Knudson, treasurer, gave her report. Dues was also collected from members that were present.

In old business, those members that went on the Mystery Trip discussed what they had done. The group had gone the Historic Hormel House for a very fancy tea and was also given a tour of the home and some history. They were supposed to have a tour of the gardens but because of the weather members chose to head home sooner.

In new business, phone numbers and emails were updated in the program book. Ellen Rineck will not be here in September so she switched with Gloria Fallgatter as hostess.

The club is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels the week of September 19-23. This will be discussed at the next meeting, asking for volunteers to drive the routes and deliver the meals.

Sandy Olson gave the program which was going through the program book for the year and updating any changes.

A motion was made by Linda Loken to adjourn the meeting with a second by Delores Knudson.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets on July 25

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on July 25, 2022 at the home of Mary Reyerson. A schedule for delivery of Meals on Wheels was created. The 2022 Fair experience was discussed and many positive comments were made about the exhibits and the new look of the Floral Hall. After the meeting was adjourned a few members helped arrange garden flowers in vases Mary donated to be delivered to the Lutheran Retirement Home for the residents to enjoy. Fifteen beautiful arrangements were made and delivered.

The Green Thumb Garden club met on August 22, 2022 at the home of Nancy Amundson. A sign up sheet for Yard of the Week was circulated. We commended three members: Penny Robb, Mary Reyerson and Theresa Cooper for their participation in a school for Judging at Flower shows. Penny Robb reminded the members to start thinking about program ideas for next year. Mary Reyerson Low presented an interesting program about the Dahlias she grows.

Nancy Amundson,
Secretary

Trinity Health completes acquisition of MercyOne

Trinity Health, one of the largest not-for-profit Catholic health systems, announced last week that the agreement to acquire MercyOne is completed and MercyOne is now a full member of the Trinity Health system, based in Livonia, Michigan.

The news follows an April announcement that Trinity Health signed an agreement with CommonSpirit Health to acquire all facilities and assets of Iowa-based MercyOne, including Home Care, Hospice, and Infusion locations.

"For close to 25 years, we have served Iowa communities. With MercyOne now fully part of Trinity Health, we are a stronger and more unified system that will strengthen MercyOne's ability to serve our patients, colleagues, and communities," said Mike Slubowski, president and chief executive officer of Trinity Health. "Health care providers across the country continue to face unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID-pandemic, but together, we are stronger. With our shared history and Catholic mission, we look forward to continuing a legacy of high-quality care for generations to come."

Operating as a part of Trinity Health, MercyOne will retain its name and brand while enhancing more integrated and unified care in the communities it serves.

"Today's closing further advances MercyOne's Vision to provide a personalized and radically convenient care experience for Iowans and neighboring communities. We are delighted to become a full member of the Trinity Health family which will further our goal to be a more strongly connected system of health services," said Bob Ritz, president and chief executive officer at MercyOne. "We are grateful to CommonSpirit for their support in the transition and for more than 25 years of successful partnership in Iowa. We look forward to further strengthening the Mission of MercyOne."

Since the agreement was announced on April 19, plans have been underway to complete the integration including regulatory filings and other steps necessary to finalize the agreement.

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