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As Al Fredericks retires, A&I Auto changes hands, while maintaining its local roots

By JoAnn Lower

Al Fredericks grew up on a farm near Osage. One of five brothers, he knew they couldn't all be farmers. Since he had a high interest in cars, he took an automotive class offered through the Osage High School in 1970.

Al's first car: "When I turned 16, I wanted a car – a four speed with bucket seats. Luckily, I found a used 1963 Ford Fairlane Sports Coupe with bucket seats and a four speed.

"When I bought the car, I had a savings account of $1,000 from working on the farm. The dealer wanted $1,200, so I sent my dad to talk to the guy. As soon as school let out, I walked to the dealership and found Dad coming out of the office. With a big smile on his face, he told me he'd talked the salesman down and even got him to throw in a couple of snow tires.

"From there, Dad and I went to the bank where I cashed in my whole life savings. Leaving the bank, we walked by the Farm Bureau Insurance office and bought insurance. I had just enough to pay for the car with $5 left. I got in the car to drive the 10 miles home, only to discover the gas tank was empty. There went my last $5. For the next two weeks it sat in the shed until I could afford to buy gasoline, while I sat in the driver's seat listening to the radio and dreaming about driving my car."

"For 52 years I've enjoyed working on cars," he smiled.

"With this many years' experience, I've found easier ways of getting it done. No better teacher than experience. I went to the School of Hard Knocks where you learn something new every day."

Now, having just turned 70, Al has decided to retire. "Ivan and I bought this place on contract in 1976. Although there were tough times, impossible times, I've always looked forward to getting up and going to work. It took time to get to know people but, once we got going, we just grew and grew. This is a great community with great customers."

Not only is Al retiring, A&I is sold the business to Knudtson Automotive at the start of the new year.

No worries. Ivan will still be there. "We want to make sure this will be a smooth transition," he said. "Phone numbers will stay the same, and Knudtson will be taking over everything A&I does."

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AL AND IVAN FREDERICKS

Briefs

Gifts await first baby of 2023

The start of the new year has arrived and that means the community is awaiting the news of the birth of the first baby born in the school district in 2023.

The lucky first baby, and their family will receive a number of prizes from local businesses.

To qualify for the gifts the announcement of the birth must be submitted to the Northwood Anchor as soon as possible.

The winning baby must be born to parents living in the Northwood-Kensett school district. The baby's time and date of birth, gender, place of birth, weight, name and the names of the baby's parents and other family members will be shared.

Once the official announcement has been made in the *Northwood Anchor*, the parents are welcome to pick up the gifts from the participating merchants.

The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Dec. 27	24	-5	
Wed. Dec. 28	33	25	
Thurs. Dec. 29	40	21	
Fri. Dec. 30	26	16	
Sat. Dec. 31	33	23	
Sun. Jan. 1	38	19	
Mon. Jan. 2	30	25	

Deputies relocated following water line break

The deputies with the Worth County Sheriff's Office were recently left without a home following water damage caused by a broken line.

Under the agreement to provide law enforcement coverage to the City of Northwood, the City has provided the building at the corner of Central Avenue and Ninth Street North for use by the deputies.

The building has been used for offices and storage by the WCSO, until a water line broke recently.

According to Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank, explaining the situation at last week's Worth County supervisors meeting, the

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N-K ranks 17th for district teaching experience

Each year, the Iowa Department of Education shares data on school faculty and administrators in Iowa, and how they compare amongst districts in salary, experience, age and other factors.

The Northwood-Kensett school district is below average in certified enrollment and in average salaries. The district's teachers are above average in the state for experience.

The information shows how N-K compares to other Iowa districts. The numbers come from Department of Education data for the 2021-2022 school year.

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County receives request to pay for ambulance coverage

The Worth County supervisors have received their first official request for funding to maintain ambulance coverage in the county, leading to questions of emergency medical options and how to pay for them.

This past November, a ballot question asked Worth County voters whether they supported a designated property tax and income surtax to fund the operation of an ambulance based in the County. The question ultimately failed to garner the 60% approval needed to pass.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, it was made clear that if it did not pass, the emergency agencies that currently provide ambulance support would likely come to the county to ask for funds to cover their expenses.

The first official request was presented at the December 29 supervisors meeting.

Erik Bullinger, Fire Chief for the Mason City Fire Department, submitted a request for a contract with Worth County to continue providing ambulance coverage to the areas where the department currently responds.

In his letter, Bullinger says that since the MCFD began responding in the county in 2004, the volume of calls for service has increased beyond a sustainable level based on their current staff numbers.

Based on that, Bullinger requested $292,000, which he said would compensate for the additional staffing needed to cover their portion of Worth County. That would be for the first year, with adjustments to the cost in the future.

In the letter, Bullinger made clear that the agree-

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Year in Review 2022-

Fires fought, girls wrestling approved, 4-H travels

January

The first baby born in the Northwood-Kensett school district arrived on January 2. Joshua John Cravens was welcomed by his parents, Annika Della Vadova and Joshua Cravens.

The Worth County Conservation Department went to work to remove fishing equipment left behind when a fisherman found the ice at Kuennen's Quarry too thin. The conservation staff used the retrieval as an opportunity to test out cold weather rescue gear and equipment.

The Worth County Community Foundation (WCCF) announced the recipients of its 2021 grants. A total of $38,580 was awarded to community projects that ranged from community holiday lighting, park and downtown improvements, gear for fire fighters, education supplies and food banks.

The Worth County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) joined the Northwood Lions Club in hosting one of the club's blood drives.

The Timbers began hosting regular games of bingo, with growing crowds gathering to hope to hear their lucky numbers called.

The first girls wrestling state tournament was held in Iowa. N-K's Jessika Ausborn, Hadley Buenzow and Marisa Halbach took part. The following day it was announced that girls wrestling was officially approved as a sport for the current school year.

An early morning fire led to extensive damage to the home and the death of Doug Braun, 54.

February

The N-K Large Group

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The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, assisted by five other departments and numerous other agencies, fought a downtown fire in March.

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Pictured at Larry Evans Auto Body in 1976 are Ivan at age 18 (left) and Al, age 23 (second from left).

A&I
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Ivan also took the automotive course offered through the Osage High School and has now worked at A&I for 46 years. "We bought the business on the spot in October 1976, the year I graduated. I didn't go to college but sure paid a lot of tuition," he chuckled. "We paid 21% interest and made it."

The Fredericks brothers built onto the existing shop in 1980 and the same year got into the tire business.

In 1988 Ivan and Robin were married. "Robin had heard of a class in Minneapolis called Management Success and suggested that Al and I attend. I knew how to work but didn't know anything about the business part of it. The class turned out to be the best thing we could have done. Soon after, we added another building and in 1999 started building the body shop and office. In 2000 we moved in."

"Northwood has been a terrific community," said Al. "Retirement will be a whole different life. I have a lot of good friends who have retired younger than I am, and I'm ready to do things with them."

Al and Rose were married in 1972 and will celebrate their 50th anniversary this summer. Their son Tony lives in Northwood, daughter Teri in Austin, Texas.

"Rose says I won't be able to give up working, but I beg to differ. I'll find plenty of things to do – but will be around the shop to coach or advise if need be."

The first two months of Al's retirement he and Rose will go to Texas to stay with their daughter and to spend time with their 17-year-old grandson and 15-year-old granddaughter. "We'll be able to enjoy the ball games we've missed out on all these years."

Ivan and Robin have three children: Tim who lives in Cedar Rapids, Cody in Ames and Ashley in Northwood. They also have three wonderful grandkids.

"We've been in business so long," said Ivan, "that our customers have become like family. We've seen them grow up; we've seen their kids grow up and now their grandkids are bringing their vehicles to us. The joy of a small town is being able to take care of people and get to know them."

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ment would not guarantee responses in relation to the number of calls that may occur in Worth County at any given time. The agreement would be for a continuation of services as currently in place.

It was also discussed that the Forest City Ambulance Service is expected to come to the County to request $45,000 to be able to continue responding west of the interstate.

Winnebago County's public measure for ambulance service passed in November and it is expected that the Forest City Ambulance would be the designated service for its home county. Based on that, it is expected that FC will ask the Worth County supervisors to cover it excess costs to respond across the county border.

There was some discussion of how the costs were determined.

Supervisor AJ Stone, who has served with the Manly Fire Department, has led the discussions with the ambulance providers.

He said that the costs being requested are roughly equal if looking at the cost per call.

With roughly 100 calls into Worth County each year, the expected asking of $45,000 from Forest City would be roughly $450 per call.

With 550-600 calls per year, the MCFD would be asking roughly $500 per call, said Stone.

As to where the money would come from, Stone said that townships can assess up to 41 1/2 cents per $1,000 of property tax valuation for emergency medical needs.

It was also asked if cities would then be asked to pay towards the costs.

Auditor Jacki Backhaus noted that it is up to the township trustees if they want to pay for the ambulance services by implementing the tax. She added that may not be a simple choice, especially with one township, Deer Creek, that doesn't currently assess any township tax levies.

Currently, township trustees are tasked by Iowa law with setting levies and designating providers for fire and emergency medical responders.

Backhaus asked how the townships would be informed of the potential need to add the EMS taxation to their budgets, with deadlines pending.

Stone also quoted a portion of Iowa code, which gives the supervisors authority to take over responsibility for emergency medical services from townships. If the supervisors did that, the County would decide where the ambulance services respond, and could pay for the coverage using emergency services funds.

If no source for the money to pay the ambulance providers could be found, and the County doesn't provide funding, Stone suggested that the ambulance providers may no longer be able to afford the service and stop coming into Worth County.

Supervisor Mark Smeby mentioned his ongoing disappointment with the limited option of paying for EMS with property taxes, saying that too few are going to be paying for too many.

Supervisor Enos Loberg also suggested that the County should seek proposals from any interested ambulance providers to see if another was interested and could do so at a lower cost.

With so many factors to consider, Backhaus suggested that the County may be able to use pandemic recovery funds to cover the costs of a first year of maintaining services as is, while the supervisors look at options for ambulance coverage and how to pay for it in the future.

The supervisors tabled action to allow some time to consider their options and to wait for a request from the Forest City Ambulance Service.

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Representatives of Worth County 4-H traveled to Washington, D.C. (Official U.S. Senate photo by Renee Bouchard)

Speech team took part in the State level of the contest.

Young people in the Clover Kids program made Valentines cards to share their appreciation for local veterans.

N-K returned to the annual Rube Goldberg Engineering Machine Design Contest. They were challenged to design a complicated device to accomplish a simple task.

Dave and Marge Tenold were lucky in love as they were the winners of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce's annual Valentine's Day drawing.

N-K's Drake Tiedemann earned his way to a return trip to the State Wrestling Meet.

A special speaker visited Northwood-Kensett schools. Joe Beckman shared a program on self-esteem and mental health with music, dancing and activities that encouraged students to value themselves and make positive connections.

Longtime Worth County Sheriff's Office manager Margie Butler ended her last day on the job with a retirement gathering.

A contingent of Worth County 4-H representatives traveled to the Iowa Capitol, where they met with legislators and discussed the issues that were important to them, as well as learning more about the building and the legislative process.



N-K's Jessika Ausborn, Hadley Buenzow and Marisa Halbach took part in the first state wrestling tournament in Iowa.



Worth County Conservation used ice fishing equipment retrieval as an opportunity to test out rescue equipment.

March

N-K Elementary celebrated the special birthday of Dr. Seuss with a number of activities in the building's media center.

POPS LIV was held. The theme of "Just Dance" brought a toe-tapping variety of tunes to the school's annual variety show.

Members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company traveled to Madison County in Iowa, where they assisted in tornado recovery efforts.

A downtown Northwood building, on the corner of Sixth Street and Central Avenue, with ground floor storage and second floor apartments caught fire in a large blaze that required the response of six area fire departments, along with numerous other agencies.

N-K students Teagan Johnson, Emma Davidson and Andrew Breitsprecher had success at the State Individual Speech Contest.

A group of Worth County 4-H'ers, Extension staff and chaperones once again boarded buses and traveled to Washington, D.C. They toured the sites, museums, displays and other stops for a uniquely educational experience for all involved.

The annual Pi Day event was held, celebrating the day most closely associated with the mathematical concept of Pi. On March 14, N-K academic extracurriculars were recognized and a number of pie activities were held.

A Worth County 4-H'er joined five others as they traveled to Washington, D.C., to take part in the National 4-H Conference. Cecelia Hill took part in the week of activities that included roundtables, workshops and more. They also got the chance to attend the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship cancelled bird exhibits for the first time in 2022, as the threat of avian influenza continued.

An induction ceremony was held to welcome 12 new members of the Northwood-Kensett National Honor Society.

The second dose of COVID-19 boosters was approved and made available at Worth County Public Health, along with area doctor offices and medical facilities.

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broken water line caused extensive damage to the office of chief deputy Jesse Luther, and to the evidence storage in the building.

Following a review of the premises by the insurance company that covers both the City and the County, the deputies have been forced to evacuate the building because of mold concerns.

Fank said that that the City had offered the use of lower floor of its Civic Center/City Hall. However, Fank said that would not work because of difficulties connecting to the county's information and phone networks.

Instead the WCSO deputies have been relocated to the basement and unused offices in the county building used by Worth County Public Health, Veterans Affairs and Emergency Management Agency.

Fank said that he didn't know how long the deputies would be operating out of the public health building. The City of Northwood has not yet decided its plans for the building.

It was not known whether the City had offered the building for the deputies' use or if providing a space for the deputies was a set measure of the contract with the City of Northwood.

The cost to the County for damage and relocating items will be covered by insurance, according to Fank.

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According to the figures, in 2021-2022 N-K had a certified enrollment of 503, 225th in the state, out of 327 school districts in the DOE information.

Teaching those students were a total of 45 teachers, all full time.

When it comes to average total teaching experience, N-K teachers ranked 53rd. N-K's full time teachers averaged 15.7 years of teaching experience. The state average was 13.5 years in education.

N-K ranked in the top half of the state when it came to how long its teachers have stayed in the district.

With an average of 13.4 years of district teaching experience, N-K ranked 17th. The state average was 10.2 years.

Another factor in a teacher's salary is whether or not they have an advanced degree. According to the Department of Education figures, in 2021-2022 there were five teachers with an advanced degree at N-K, making up 11.1% of district staff. That percentage was 268th in the state.

Statewide, the average percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in a district was 36.5%.

The average age of teachers at N-K was 41.7 years. That ranked 116th in the state. The average age of all full time teachers in the state was 40.7 years old.

Salaries at N-K, like other districts, are based on the years in teaching, other degrees and credentials and additional teaching and extracurricular duties.

N-K ranks 82nd amongst Iowa school districts, in regards to the average regular salary of teachers, which refers to the money they are paid for their direct teaching responsibilities.

N-K's average regular salary in the 2021-2022 school year was $58,084. For the state as a whole the average regular teacher salary was $59,439.

When factoring in additional pay teachers receive as advisors, coaches and in other roles with extracurricular activities and other duties, N-K's full time teacher total salary averaged $60,234, 76th in the state. The state average for total salary was $61,316.

The minimum total salary for the district in the last school year was $40,285, 111th in the state. The maximum salary was $86,124, 96th in the state.

In the state of Iowa, the minimum total salary was $33,500, in nine school districts. The highest salary listed for Iowa's public school teachers was $165,932, in the Cedar Rapids Community School District.

When it comes to administrators, N-K's two principals had an average salary of $106,539.

That ranked 138th in the State. The average total salary of the state's principals was $111,534.

N-K's principals averaged 27.5 years of experience, 38th in the state; and 22 years of district experience, ninth in the state.

N-K's superintendent has a salary of $176,506, which is split between with the district that shares his services with the St. Ansgar district.

That ranked 85th in the state. Amongst the 59 districts with shared superintendents, that ranked 17th.



Snow where to go

The Northwood public works crew wrapped up the previous year taking advantage of the warmer weather last week to clear some of the lingering slush, ice and snow from the city's streets.

Iowa ranks first in high school equivalency passing rates

Iowa has once again earned the top spot nationally for passing rates on the high school equivalency exam known as HiSET. Over the past several years, the state has consistently been a leader on the national stage for high school equivalency passing rate success.

The latest national data shows that 96.3 percent of Iowans pursuing a high school equivalency diploma through HiSET passed the exam in 2021, compared to 77 percent nationally. This is an increase from 95.9 percent reported for Iowa in 2020.

Iowa also ranked first in 2021 in HiSET passing rates for Spanish-speaking individuals. An 88.6 percent passing rate was identified for individuals completing the test in Spanish last year.

"Iowa's continued achievements on the HiSET exam is a proud moment for adult education and literacy and high school equivalency diploma programs across the state," said Amy Gieseke, community colleges bureau chief at the Iowa Department of Education. "Through the Department's partnerships with Iowa's 15 community colleges, these programs are assisting individuals who want to pursue education and training, develop new skills and discover career pathways."

The HiSET exam, which was developed by the nonprofit Educational Testing Service, measures the knowledge and proficiency equivalent to those of an Iowa high school graduate. It has served as the state-approved test in Iowa since 2014. Currently, 29 states and four U.S. territories use HiSET as a high school equivalency testing option.

The exam is offered online and in paper testing versions, and individuals who take the HiSET exam must show competencies in five areas: language arts reading, language arts writing, social studies, science and math. Out of 1,503 Iowans who completed the HiSET exam last year, 1,448 passed with their high school equivalency diploma.

"High school equivalency diploma programs can be the start to new opportunities for an individual," said Mike Williams, Department adult education and literacy consultant. "It can potentially lead to other college courses and credentials, new connections and expanded job prospects."

Passing the HiSET exam is one possible path for Iowans to earn a high school equivalency diploma. Iowa law allows state providers to offer alternative pathways for students to demonstrate competency that would lead to the issuance of high school equivalency diplomas by the Iowa Department of Education. In addition to passing the state-approved exam, providers may offer high school equivalency diplomas based on the attainment of high school credit, postsecondary degree or foreign postsecondary degree.

High school equivalency programs are readily available through community colleges across the state. Individuals looking to earn their high school equivalency diploma can often attend and earn their credentials at no tuition cost.

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In Memory 2022

December 20, 2021 – Norma Elaine Ostmo, 79, passed away peacefully at home in Mason City on December 20.


NORMA OSTMO

January 8, 2022 – Dorothy Mae Jensen-Lorentzen passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of January 8, 2022, at the age of 84.


DOROTHY JENSEN-LORENTZEN

January 11, 2022 – Mathias (Mike) Rohne passed away on January 11, 2022, at MercyOne Hospital in Mason City.


MATHIAS ROHNE

January 11, 2022 – Kenneth G. Benjegerdes, 94, of Manly passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at the Manly Care Center.


KENNETH BENJEGERDES

January 16, 2022 – Mary E. Montgomery, 81, of Mason City and formerly of Northwood, passed away on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.


MARY MONTGOMERY

January 17, 2022 – George William Grundel, 100, of Northwood, died on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.


GEORGE GRUNDEL

January 24, 2022 – Marilyn Bang, 85, of Joice, Iowa, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022, at Comforts of Home in Hudson, Wisconsin.


MARILYN BANG

January 26, 2022 – Douglas Alan Braun, 54, of Northwood, passed away early in the morning on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.


DOUGLAS BRAUN

January 27, 2022 – Kirkely "Kirk" Henely, 80, of Lake Mills, died on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Westview Care Center in Britt, Iowa.


KIRKELY HENELY

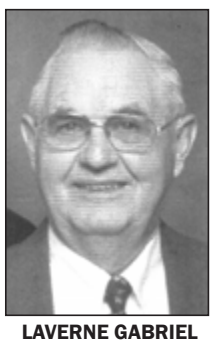
January 29, 2022 – Shirley Ann Meyer, 86, passed away at home in Kensett, Iowa, surrounded by family on Saturday, January 29, 2022.


SHIRLEY MEYER

February 7, 2022 – Cynthia Lavonne (Hillman) Nelson, 73, of Albert Lea, formerly of Glenville, passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Albert Lea.


CYNTHIA NELSON

February 9, 2022 –LaVerne Earl Gabriel, 85, of Brownsdale, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna, Minnesota.


LAVERNE GABRIEL

February 10, 2022 – Bonnie Jean Brevig, 65, of Northwood, passed away on February 10, 2022, after a courageous battle from complications with COVID Pneumonia in Des Moines, Iowa.


BONNIE BREVIG

February 10, 2022 – Luan Eva (Land) Sallee, 90, of Albert Lea, passed away peacefully, with family by her side, on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester.


LUAN SALLEE

February 10, 2022 – Barbara A. Demaray, 89, of Northwood passed away at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City, Iowa on Thursday, February 10, 2022.


BARBARA DEMARAY

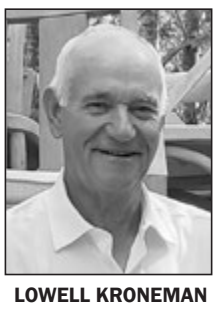
February 12, 2022 – Margaret Elaine (Paulson) Bartness Reeves, 85, of Northwood, passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at MercyOne Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.


MARGARET BARTNESS REEVES

February 12, 2022 – Jay D. White, 81, of Grafton passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.


JAY WHITE

February 15, 2022 – Lowell (Butch) Lloyd Kroneman, born on December 10, 1948, in Osage, Iowa, passed away on February 15, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota.


LOWELL KRONEMAN

February 17, 2022 – Nancy R. Whitesell, 78, passed away at the Northwood Lutheran Retirement Home on Monday, February 14, 2022.


NANCY WHITESELL

February 17, 2022 – Zachary (Zach) Steven Stapelkamp, loving father, son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend to all whoever met him, took his life on February 17, 2022.


ZACHARY STAPELKAMP

February 24, 2022 –Eileen Lynn Perkins Ruble, 77, of Hanlontown, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, Iowa.


EILEEN PERKINS RUBLE

February 24, 2022 – Elaine W. Butler, 87, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home.


ELAINE BUTLER

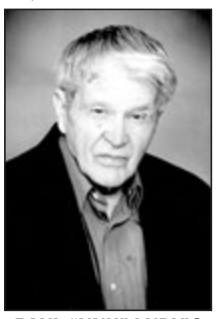
February 26, 2022 –Ernest Hanson, 95, of Northwood passed away on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022.


ERNEST HANSON

February 28, 2022 –Brenda Ann (Williams) Poppe, 64, died peacefully at home on February 28, 2022, under the care of hospice, after a lengthy battle with lung cancer.


BRENDA POPPE

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


PAUL "UNK" LUDVIG ELDON HANSON

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


DIANNE ELLIS

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


MICHAEL CHRISTIANSON

March 29, 2022 –Robert Michael Ingersoll, 74, died on Tuesday, March 29 at Manly Specialty Care in Manly, Iowa.


ROBERT INGERSOLL

March 30, 2022 –Debbi Jean (Ritchey) Vaske, 65, died peacefully on March 30, 2022, under the care of hospice after a lengthy battle with cancer.


DEBBI VASKE

April 7, 2022 –Sandra Kay Moretz, 76, of Medford, Wisconsin, died on April 7, 2022.

April 9, 2022 –Jacqueline Kay Jorgenson "Jackie," 83, of Burnsville, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2022.

April 9, 2022 –Steven Morris Lippstock, 53, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at his home in Rockwell, Iowa, after a long struggle with heart disease.


STEVEN LIPPSTOCK

April 15, 2022 –John Hagman passed peacefully on April 15, 2022.

April 22, 2022 –Carol Ann Neal, 80, of Waukee, died on Friday, April 22, 2022, at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.


CAROL NEAL

April 27, 2022 –Carol (Dahle) Nappe passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, with her family by her side.


CAROL NAPPE

April 29, 2022 –Rebecca Sue VanHorn was welcomed home by the Lord on April 29, 2022.


REBECCA VANHORN

April 30, 2022 –Jane Janell McMullen, a long-time resident of Northwood, passed away on April 30, 2022, at age 91.


JANE MCMULLEN

May 5, 2022 –Nancy Diane Oakland, age 74, passed away on May 5, 2022, at her home in Rochester, Minnesota. She died of natural causes.


NANCY OAKLAND

May 7, 2022 –Joseph Edward Scherff, 84, died on Saturday, May, 7, 2022, at Good Shepherd Healthcare Center.


JOSEPH SCHERFF

May 7, 2022 –Korrine Shirley Olson, 89, of Kensett died on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Hospice of North Iowa in Mason City.


KORRINE OLSON

May 9, 2022 –Anthony James Hitchcock, 46, passed away on Monday, May 9, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, Mason City, Iowa.


ANTHONY HITCHCOCK

May 12, 2022 –Dianne Kathleen (Brunsvold) Ellis died on March 12, 2022, surrounded by her family in the beautiful home she provided for her loved ones in Alaska.


ALJEAN SMITH

May 15, 2022 –Aljean "Al" Smith, 75, of Montrose passed away peacefully at 11:38 a.m. on May 15, 2022, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa, with her family by her side in the hallway known as "Aljean Alley," which was a popular area requested by patients.

May 16, 2022 –Sheryl Ann Tanner, 64, of Glenwood, Iowa, passed away on May 16, 2022 at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa.


ANTHONY TONGA

May 28, 2022 –On May 28, three days before his 79th birthday, Anthony "Tony" Hardine Tonga of Faribault was swept away into the arms of Jesus, surrounded by his loving family.

CAROL CRANE

May 30, 2022 – Carol Louise (Hendrickson) Crane, 82, of Johnston passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022.

June 5, 2022 –Doris Mitchell, 85, of Northwood passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2022, surrounded by her family.

DORIS MITCHELL

June 13, 2022 –Gary Allan Sanden, 72, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, passed away on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Hospitals - St. Marys Campus in Rochester, Minnesota.

GARY SANDEN

June 19, 2022 –Bob Allen Harris, 74, Northwood, died on June 19, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

BOB HARRIS

June 22, 2022 –Robert Harris, 64, died on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at his home in Mason City, Iowa.

ROBERT HARRIS

June 28, 2022 – Gloria Joan Floy, 83, of Phoenix, Arizona, died on Wednesday, June 28, 2022, at Honor Health Shea Medical Center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

GLORIA FLOY

July 9, 2022 –Dennis William Grundel, 75, of Stacyville, Iowa, passed away on July 9, 2022, at the Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage, Iowa, of a massive stroke.

DENNIS GRUNDEL

July 18, 2022 –Faye Victoria (Goedken) Stambaugh, 76, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Monday, July 18, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

FAYE STAMBAUGH

July 20, 2022 –Marlin Duane Liljedahl, 85, of rural Northwood, Iowa, passed away on his birthday, on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at his home following a long battle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.

MARLIN LILJEDAHL

July 22, 2022 –Arlene Doris (Neumann) Flatness passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022.

ARLENE FLATNESS

August 10, 2022 – Claude Howard Olson, 77, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, died on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

CLAUDE OLSON

August 24, 2022 –Janet "Jan" LaMae Candee Wilder, 88, of Northwood, passed away in her home on Wednesday, August 24, surrounded by her three daughters.

JANET WILDER

August 31, 2022 –Kenneth Johnson, 84, passed away on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood.

KENNETH JOHNSON

September 12, 2022 –Agnes "Aggie" Bertina Anderson, 95, of Northwood, passed away on September 12, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.

AGNES ANDERSON

In Memory
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In Memory 2021

September 13, 2022 – Carolyn L. Kalvig, 81, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.


CAROLYN KALVIG

September 16, 2022 – Melissa Jo (Hauge) Olson, 45, of Northwood passed away on September 16, 2022.


MELISSA OLSON

September 17, 2022 –Ardyce LaVonne DeVries, 93, passed away peacefully at Iowa Lutheran Hospital with loving family at her side.


ARDYCE DEVRIES

September 18, 2022 – Darla Jean Beighley passed away at the age of 80, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at Mayo Hospital in Mankato, Minnesota, where she spent her final days surrounded by her family.


DARLA JEAN BEIGHLEY

September 30, 2022 – Dallas Lamar Thoen, 66, of Kensett, died peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota on Friday, September 30, 2022.


DALLAS THOEN

October 2, 2022 –LeAnn T. Eash, 90, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, died on Sunday, October 2, 2022, at her home in Los Alamos.


LEANN EASH

October 9, 2022 – Bruce Allen Mogk passed away peacefully on October 9, 2022, at Mayo Health System Hospital in Austin, Minnesota.


BRUCE MOGK

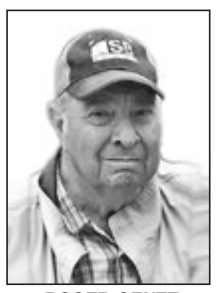
October 11, 2022 –Marvin Hickman, 68, of Forest City passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at his home.


MARVIN HICKMAN

October 19, 2022 –Dennis Duane Thoen, 86, of Kensett died peacefully at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.


DENNIS THOEN

October 19, 2022 – Roger L. Gentz, 81, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, in Rochester after a brief illness.


ROGER GENTZ

October 25, 2022 –Allan C. Stensrud, 84, of Albert Lea, formerly of Freeborn, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2022, at Thorne Crest Senior Living in Albert Lea with his family by his side.


ALLAN STENSRUD

November 9, 2022 – Eugene "Gene" Bauman, 63, of Clear Lake and formerly of Hanlontown passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.


EUGENE BAUMAN

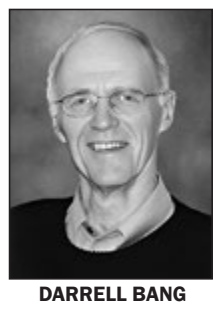
November 13, 2022 – Daniel M. Metcalf, 59, of Northwood, passed away on November 13, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.


DANIEL METCALF

November 15, 2022 – Wayne Harrison Moretz, 84, of Bozeman, Montana, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2022, surrounded by his family.


WAYNE MORETZ

November 19, 2022 – Darrell M. Bang, 88, of Joice passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Comforts of Home in Hudson, Wisconsin.


DARRELL BANG

November 29, 2022 A lifetime of commitment to country, community and family ended on November 29, 2022, when Warren Eugene Sime of Madison, Wisconsin, passed away at the age of 91.


WARREN SIME

December 17, 2022 – George C. Kauffman, Jr., 73, of Kensett died on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.


GEORGE KAUFFMAN

December 16, 2022 – While receiving treatments for breast cancer, Jill was also diagnosed with ALS. It progressed much faster than anticipated. Jill (Stumo) Walker passed away on December 16, 2022.


JILL WALKER

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

The Northwood Anchor apologizes for omitting any person whom would have passed away in 2022.

Bolan

Following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Trinity UMC, Joe and Linda Nydegger were invited to the Scott and Lori Willert home joining a get together with other family and friends.

On Christmas Day the Nydegger family got together at Joe and Linda's home. Loren and Renee and Anna, who attends Wartburg, and Ben and Clare of Mt. Vernon; Larry and Michele and Evelyn of rural Ellendale, Minnesota, and Daniel who lives and works in Denison, Iowa; plus Scott and Lori Willert and Kelsie of Des Moines and friend, Reese of Ames and Cole and his friend, Lauren, from Cedar Falls. The group made homemade pizzas, played a new card game and enjoyed a gift exchange. The Larry Nydegger family stayed overnight.

On Monday, December, 26, Dale and Sandy Koppen of Arnolds Park came to the Joe Nydegger home for a big family gathering. Others coming were Derek and Jane Koppen and Joslyn of rural Lakota; Gary and Lori Reed and their granddaughters, Harlie and Lucy of Mingo, Iowa; Jim and Joyce Steenhard of Ledyard; Ryan and Kelly Steenhard and Christian and Ella, of rural Buffalo Center; Lori and Scott Willert and Kelsie and Reese, and Cole and Lauren. Due to icy road conditions Dave and Cris Severson of Tiffin, and Dan and Denise, plus Natalie and Nick, of Ankeny, and Jeron Koppen of Kalona, were not able to get to the gathering. The Larry Nydegger family was already there! It was a great day of connecting with relatives. Due to COVID some of these people had not seen each other for some time.

On Wednesday, December 28, Lori and Linda went to Des Moines and joined other friends at the State Capitol for a tour with Capitol tour guide, Kelsie Willert. They also went to a History Museum. All went to restaurant afterward where they joined Reese Drenth and were also joined by Dan Severson. Another great day!

On Thursday afternoon Mary Wendt hosted the UMW Christmas party at her home. After their meeting they enjoyed a gift exchange and a fantastic dessert feast.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009334
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD RAMSEY MILLER, Deceased, who died.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Richard Ramsey Miller, deceased, who died on or about March 19, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the September 12, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Richard Ramsey Miller, deceased, bearing date of June 30, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Brent A. Miller was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is 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 December 13, 2022.
Brent A. Miller
2509 E. Carlye Circle
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Executor of the Estate

Timothy A. Casperson
ICIS#: AT0001472
Casperson Law Office, PLC
102 N. 2nd Ave. W.
P.O. Box 145
Lake Mills, IA 50450-0145
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 4th day of January, 2023.

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Supervisors

December 19, 2022
Fifty-first 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 December 12, 2022 meetings. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $77,542.45 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr 67.50
Alliant Energy
Service-Shf..... 208.61
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies 723.33
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd..... 3,080.91
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Sdp..... 130.78
Centurylink, Service-Gsr..... 65.35
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf..... 2,744.65
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 119.75
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Con 44.64
Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd
Supplies-Gsr..... 940.00
Grp & Associates Inc
Service-Phd..... 65.00
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc.
Service-Dap 5,930.00
Hogan Bremer Moore Col Chapels
Service-Mex 553.00
Ia Dept Of Agriculture
Levy-Taxes 1,003.53
Ia Emergency Management Assoc
Dues-Ema 150.00
Ia Secretary Of State
Notary-Trs 30.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf..... 66.98
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Sdp..... 42.99
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup & Aud..... 1,130.75
Myron Corp, Supplies-Vaf . 414.48
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr .. 378.88
Niacog, Service-Tra..... 514.29
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup & Aud..... 1,481.40
Nsb Bank, Supplies-Rec 71.61
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd..... 154.50
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Gsr 59.87
Reindl Repair
Service-Con..... 1,117.68
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San..... 263.00
Tyler Business Forms
Supplies-Aud 427.50
U S Postal Service
Postage-Rec 264.00
Vanguard Appraisals Inc
Service-Asr 50,569.00
Visa, Service-Phd 1,126.47
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp..... 3,300.00
Worth County Extension
Edu-Con..... 10.00
Worth County Treasurer
Drainage Taxes-Con 92.00
Grand Total 77,542.45

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

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the new Home Base Iowa application as submitted by Melissa Michaelis, Winn-Worth Betco. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 8:41 A.M.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session at 8:50 A.M. to conduct the 2022 Special Election – City of Kensett – Canvass.

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to canvass the results of the votes of the 2022 Special Election – City of Kensett for a Council Member to Fill a Vacancy. We hereby certify that 50 ballots were cast in the 2022 Special Election – City of Kensett on December 13, 2022.

The vote for said office, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 50.24, was tabulated and the results were declared as set forth in the election records which, by this reference, is made part of these proceedings.

City of Kensett Council Member – To Fill A Vacancy – Randy Bratrud

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 8:53 A.M.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session at 8:55 A.M.

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 9:14 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to open a public hearing for DD #2 – Proposed Open Ditch Repairs at 9:30 A.M. Motion carried. Drainage Hearing minutes available separately online and at the Auditor's Office.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to close the public hearing for DD #2 – Proposed Open Ditch Repairs at 11:09 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session at 11:19 A.M.

The informational meetings were then held for DD #14 & DD #48. Informational Meeting minutes will be available separately online and at the Auditor's Office.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to close the informational meetings at 12:51 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 12:51 P.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairpersona
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City of Northwood

CITY OF NORTHWOOD
2022 WAGES

NANCY AMUNDSON $5,508.36
BRIAR ANDERSON .. $615.39
ADDYSON BACHTLE..... $1,644.50
THOMAS BLOCK..... $562.50
CYNTHIA BORCHERDING .. $41,454.48
ANDREW BREITSPRECHER $670.25
SHANA BRUNSVOLD $1,500.00
LOGAN BUTLER . $54,072.79
RICHARD BUTLER $56,755.31
KENNEDY CHRISTIANSON $835.00
CHLOE COSTELLO .. $910.00
ALEC DUCOMMUN.. $564.12
COLBY ESKILDSEN $1,171.27
WADE FLATTUM $60,018.09
TERESA GEORGE-ZENZ $1,885.00
GEORGE GOEDERS..... $58,737.15
LINDA GRIFFITH .. $6,066.78
ANDREW GRUNHOVD $726.89
TOPANGA HACKENMILLER $784.62
MARISA HALBACH .. $808.75
HADDIE HANSON.... $537.77
JAMES HANSON . $15,843.45
JASON HANSON ... $3,475.00
MADALYNN HANSON..... $1,091.50
MERRIN HANSON ... $632.10
NICHOLAS HANSON..... $2,747.00
CARLY HENGESTEG..... $2,114.50
EMMA HENGESTEG..... $1,029.25
ARLINGTON HILLMAN $450.00
HUNTER JANSSEN . $593.52
MICHAEL JANSSEN $854.39
MORGAN JOHNSON..... $17,907.78
AMBER JULSETH $61,691.03
PETER JULSETH $17,759.73
NOELLE KRAMER $6,681.16
OLIVIA LANG $266.44
ELLA LEONARD.... $1,446.00
KAEDEN MALLI $687.23
ANTHONI MARTIN . $954.27
JAMES MELAND . $56,925.13
DOUGLAS MOEHLE $3,300.00
CHANCE MOESCH... $290.33
HAYDEN MOORE.. $1,355.50
LINDSEY MOORE . $1,512.26
DEAN MUELLER... $5,688.10
GARY NERLIEN $1,755.00
JOSE OBREGON JR $1,234.81
KRISITE PARKS $5,499.98
DENNIS PAULSON $1,500.00
HAYDAN PESTORIOUS..... $1,905.00
DAMARIS PETERSON $945.77
STEVEN PETERSON..... $1,625.00
DANIEL REEDER.. $1,690.00
CAMRYN RHEINGANS..... $292.16
ASHLYNN ROLLENE..... $522.89
LINCA SCARLETT.... $648.65
DANTE SIMS..... $1,175.50
LAMONTE SIMS $2,059.38
DAVID TENOLD $1,625.00
MASON THOFSON $2,161.25
MEGAN THORSON $1,500.00
ALEXANDER TIEDEMANN $769.92
TIFFANY TIEDEMANN $3,000.00
TRENT TIEDEMANN $1,060.39
CAMDEN TRENHAILE $494.30
EMILY TUFTE $16,758.50
MATTHEW TUFTE $1,500.00
DIRK VAN RYSWYK $80,782.82
HAYLEY WALLIN.. $1,557.77
PEYTON WILDER $716.26

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

VETERINARIAN
WORTH COUNTY VETERINARY SERVICE
Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.
Clinic: 324-1084
Home: 324-1147

PHYSICIANS
MERCYONE
803 9th Avenue North
Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

NORTHWOOD INSURANCE AGENCY
John Midtgaard, Agent
91 9th St. S., Northwood, IA
Office 641-324-9844 Fax 641-324-9844

Alcoholics Anonymous Alanon
Regular meeting each Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday
First Lutheran Church
For more information call 324-3070

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

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Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
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DAVID PENFOLD, DDS
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Northwood, Iowa 50459









Bolan church gathers despite weather challenge

With Christmas approaching, Mother Nature made sure it was not easy for people to get where they wanted to be for the holiday weekend. For many area churches, that meant considering canceling their holiday services. That was the case for Bolan's Trinity United Methodist Church. The wind and snow placed an especially large drift across the church's parking lot and entrance. They were able to dig their way through and held church for those that could make the journey. At the Christmas Eve program, pictured above, that included (in front, from left) Mary Ann Wendt, Jack, Nick and Ella Sparrow, Jessi Ausborn, Linda Nydegger, Susan Cowell, Lori Willert, (in back) Cole Willert, Steve Wendt, TJ Ausborn, Pastor Cory Allard amd Kelsie Willert. Pictured at top left are the musicians that performed "The First Noel," including (from left) Lori Willert, Jessi Ausborn, Ella, Jack and Nick Sparrow and Kelsie Willert. Pictured at bottom left are Kenison family cousins Mary Wendt and Pam Anderson.

MercyOne announces more than 6,600 births in 2022 and top baby names across the state

From MercyOne:

As we look back on 2022, MercyOne has compiled data on births and the most popular baby names across its Iowa hospitals this year.

In total, MercyOne hospitals across the state celebrated more than 6,600 births, including 115 sets of twins and three sets of triplets. Most popular baby names vary by region, but Olivia took top spots for girl names in several MercyOne hospitals, which follows recent trends reported by Babycenter.com. Babycenter.com reports Olivia, Emma and Amelia as the top girl names for 2022, and Liam, Noah and Oliver for the top boy names.

See the breakdown for MercyOne (location name) of births as well as top boy and girl names:

• MercyOne Central Iowa (Des Moines). Total number of births: 4,100. 92 sets of twins and three sets of triplets. Top boy names: Liam, Henry, Isaac and Oliver tied for third. Top girl names: Olivia, Charlotte, Scarlett.

• MercyOne North Iowa (Mason City). Total number of births: 670. Top boy names: Oliver, Henry, Jaxon and Hayden tied for third. Top girl names: Olivia, Eleanore, Evelyn.

• MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center. Total number of births: 707. Nine sets of twins. Top boy name: Landon. Top girl names: Olivia, Amy.

• MercyOne Northeast Iowa (Waterloo). Total number of births: 900. 11 sets of twins. Top boy names: Luke/Lucas, Jackson/Jaxon, Hudson, Grayson/Greyson, Sawyer, Daniel. Top girl names: Ellie/Elliana, Maeve, Layla, Remy, Evelyn, Serenity.

• MercyOne Clinton Medical Center. Total number of births: 268. Three sets of twins. Popular names: Ava, Asher, Avery, Rowan.

MercyOne is a connected system of health care facilities and services dedicated to helping people and communities live their best life. MercyOne's care providers and staff make health the highest priority. The system's clinics, medical centers, hospitals and affiliates are located throughout the state of Iowa and beyond. Headquartered in central Iowa, MercyOne is a member of Trinity Health (based in Livonia, Michigan) – one of the largest not-for-profit Catholic health care systems in the nation. Learn more at MercyOne.org.

Vaping and e-cigarettes can cause lung damage and lasting health consequences

E-cigarettes are considered by many smokers/tobacco users to be a replacement for cigarettes, but increasing evidence shows e-cigarettes contain and emit several potentially toxic substances that can impact your lung health.

"E-cigarette aerosol is not harmless water vapor," said Anas Al-Khateeb, MD, pulmonary and critical care provider at MercyOne North Iowa Pulmonary Care. "Almost all e-cigarette devices are unregulated by any official health agency. There's no safety regulation or purity standards on the ingredients in e-cigarettes."

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reported that while e-cigarettes contain fewer harmful substances than the 7,000 chemicals in smoke from regular cigarettes, they still contain harmful substances that can lead to lung damage and health consequences.

According to the CDC, e-cigarette aerosol contains harmful and potentially harmful substances, including:

- Nicotine
- Ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs
- Flavoring such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to lung disease
- Volatile organic compounds
- Cancer-causing chemicals
- Heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead

Though e-cigarettes are relatively new, there is evidence showing young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future. A 2018 National Academy of Medicine report found that e-cigarette use increases the frequency and amount of cigarette smoking in the future. Cigarette smoking is the No. 1 risk factor for lung cancer.

"Nicotine is still a highly addictive substance that impacts your health," said Dr. Al-Khateeb. "It can lead to increased risk of heart disease, vascular disease and stroke. The smoke can lead to long term diseases such as asthma, debility in general, chronic bronchitis."

If anyone has a history of smoking, take the Lung Cancer Risk Assessment to find out risk for lung cancer. Talk with a provider about how to quit smoking.

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Acknowledge God



One way that we show respect to others is to acknowledge them. Ignoring someone is a fundamental sign of disrespect. It should not be surprising that the First Commandment requires us to acknowledge God: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Deuteronomy 5: 6-7) Are we ignoring God, or perhaps worshipping other gods? It is easy to forget about God in the hustle of our everyday lives, and we may be worshipping false gods without knowing it. Many of us fall prey to idol-worship by focusing our whole life on our career, or making money, or becoming famous. Our culture worships money, fame and success in all its forms, so we should think hard before we dismiss the notion that we may be worshipping idols. Many people's lives are consumed by the unending accumulation of money, power or fame. So how should we acknowledge God in our lives? Perhaps Jesus's response to the Pharisee who asked which was the greatest commandment is the simplest answer.

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22: 37-38 —Christopher Simon

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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

It's been rumored that some people overindulge in rich food and drinks during the holidays. Of course, this would never apply to yours truly but just in case someone is reading this who needs to get a grip on healthier eating, we'll peek into the "Taste of Home Skinny Instant Pot Cookbook" (2020, RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC, Milwaukee). I love my Instant Pots® almost as much as my slow cookers. They have truly revolutionized cooking over the past several years with their safe and easy pressure cooker ideas and recipes. The following recipes are adapted from the chapters on main dishes.

Spicy Beef Vegetable Stew/Soup

1 pound extra lean ground beef
1 cup chopped yellow onion
3 1/2 cups water
1 cup sliced celery
1 jar (24 oz.) marinara sauce
1 teaspoon beef bouillon paste
1 package (16 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables
1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes with peppers, undrained
1 teaspoon black pepper

Using the Sauté setting on a 6-quart electronic pressure cooker, adjust for medium heat. Cook the beef, crumbling it into the inner pan of the cooker, until it's no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Hit CANCEL. Drain away any excess grease. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Cover and lock the lid in the SEAL position. Select PRESSURE COOK or MANUAL (depending upon the model of your cooker) and set the time for 5 minutes. When the time is up, let the cooker release pressure naturally; don't remove the lid or release the pressure yourself. Adjust seasonings to suit your dietary needs. Serving is 1 1/2 cups with a calorie count of 177; carb count of 19 gr.

Morning Coffee Beef Roast

1 beef sirloin roast, about 2 1/2 pounds
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 1/2 cups left-over brewed coffee
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/3 cup sliced green onions, both parts
1/3 cup cold water
1 teaspoon liquid smoke (optional)
2 cloves garlic, sliced

Using the SAUTÉ setting on a 6 qt. electronic pressure cooker, adjust for medium heat. Cut the roast in half. Add the oil to the pot and when it's hot, brown the roast, one half at a time. Remove to a plate and put the coffee into the cooker. Stir and scrape the browned bits from the bottom of the pan, for about a minute. Press CANCEL. Add the mushrooms, green onions, garlic, spices and liquid smoke of you are using it. Stir to combine and place the roast on top of the mixture. Lock the lid on in the SEAL position. Press PRESSURE COOK or MANUAL depending upon which cooker you are using and set the time to 50 minutes. Let the cooker release pressure naturally. The internal temperature of the meat should be at least 145 degrees F. Press CANCEL. Place the meat and veggies on a serving plate and keep warm with some foil. Reserve 2 cups of the pan juices, discarding the rest. Transfer the reserved juice back into the pressure cooker. Mix the cornstarch and water until smooth and stir into the cooker. Select SAUTÉ again and adjust for LOW heat. Simmer the gravy, stirring constantly, until it's thickened. Serve with the roast and vegetables. Serving is 5 oz. of cooked beef with a calorie count of 281 and a carb count of 6 gr.

Garlic Chicken & Broccoli

2 pounds boneless chicken breast
2 tablespoons brown sugar
4 cups fresh broccoli florets
2 tablespoons sesame oil
4 medium carrots, julienned
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 can (8oz.) sliced water chestnuts
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
6 large garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1/3 cup cornstarch
1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
1/3 cup cold water

Cut the chicken breasts into 1-inch cubes and place them in a 6 qt. pressure cooker along with the broccoli, carrots, water chestnuts and garlic. In a large bowl, mix the broth, soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Pour over the chicken mixture. Lock the lid in SEAL position and set to PRESSURE COOK or NORMAL for 3 minutes. Quick-release the pressure and press CANCEL. Chicken should have an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Remove the chicken and veggies from the cooker and keep warm. Mix the cornstarch and water until smooth and stir into the cooking juices. Select the SAUTÉ setting again and adjust for LOW heat. Simmer, stirring constantly, until thickened. Serve with the chicken and vegetables. Serving size is 1 cup with a calorie count of 241 and a carb count of 19 gr.

If you have not yet experienced the time saved when using an electronic pressure, you might want to consider it. They are safe (not like the old stovetop models that sometimes blew up!) and while there IS a learning curve it's not steep. I have taught several classes on using the Instant Pot® and would do so again if there was enough interest. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Capitani – Jacobsmeier announce engagement and New Years Wedding

Chandler Capitani of Northwood and Taylor Jacobsmieier of Wapello, Iowa are proud to announce their engagement and New Year wedding on Saturday, December 31, 2022.

Chandler is the daughter of Dave and Trudy Capitani of Northwood; granddaughter of the late Bill and Sharon Swanson of Northwood and the late Ralph and late Marilyn Capitani of Knoxville, Iowa.

She is a 2014 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, she attended University of Iowa, graduated in 2018 with Exercise Science major and graduated in 2022 from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Taylor is the son of Todd and Trish Parsons of Wapello, Iowa; grandson of Steve and Sherri Huppenbauer of Galesburg, Illinois, Martin and Donna Jacobsmeier of Burlington, Iowa, Bev and Gary Parsons of Wapello, Iowa and the late Paul and Margaret Huppenbauer of Galesburg, IL.

He is a 2010 graduate of Wapello High School, he attended Wartburg College, Business Administration major and graduated in 2014, Intuitive Surgical.

Taylor and Chandler were married on New Years Eve at At Toast in Ankeny, Iowa.

The couple will reside in Ankeny.



CHANDLER CAPITANI AND TAYLOR JACOBSMIEIER

Blood drive set for new location Jan. 12

From the Northwood Lions Club:

The season for loving and giving is a part of our recent holiday history. Why not continue these great feelings by participating in donating a pint of your precious blood to the those in need. Did you know that your pint of blood could save as many as three people? Just think, you would be giving your love to a person you will never know.

The Northwood Lions Club will be partnering with LifeServe Blood Center of North Iowa for our first of three blood drives in 2023. The Northwood-Kensett Community School District will hold two more this year.

In a combined effort to help provide for the blood needs our nation we have these drives knowing that every three seconds a pint of blood is needed for a patient. The Lions Club and N-KCSD have spaced the drives so a donor can donate blood to each of these sponsoring organizations. A donor can participate every 56 days and both LifeServe and the Red Cross come to our community.

On Thursday, January 12, is this first drive of the year, and it will be held at the Worth County Fair Grounds in the Community Room, located at 1206 Third Ave. North, in Northwood, between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Lions Club members are calling past donors for scheduling appointments or you may go online to schedule an appointment (lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 1-641-324-2252 and schedule an appointment with Bob Perry.

Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors annual scholarship competition

The Worth Soil and Water Conservation District and the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) and its Auxiliary are again sponsoring their annual scholarship competition. All high school seniors residing in Worth County are eligible. The scholarship will be used for their first year of education on the college level while pursuing programs of study in any field of agriculture or natural resources.

This year the SWCD District will award one $1,000 scholarship in Worth County. They will also choose the entry to be considered for the regional competition. Three scholarships will be awarded at the state level in the amounts of $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000. Regional winners from the other six regions who do not receive the state awards will receive $500.

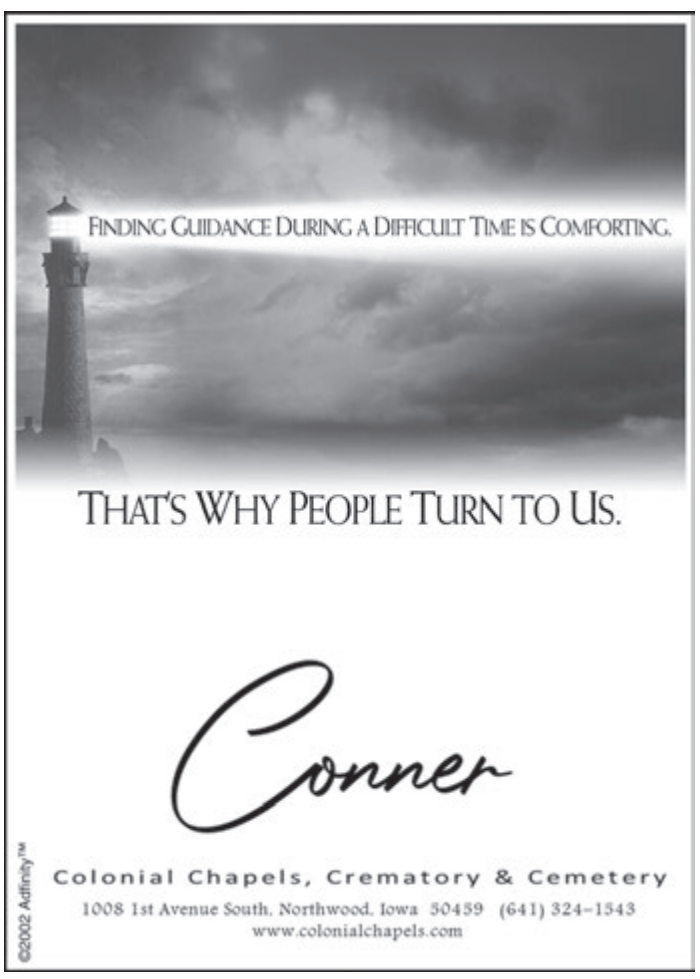
Applications must be submitted to the Worth SWCD, 1004 10th St. S., Northwood, IA 50459, no later than February 1, 2023. The scholarship is available online at www.cdiowa.org, Be sure to fill out the 2023 application, as applications forms from previous years will not be accepted. The awards are chosen on a basis of leadership, service, character, self-motivation and scholastic achievement.

Davidson named to USF Fall 2022 Dean's List

Clara Davidson was named to the University of Sioux Falls Fall 2022 Dean's List.

Davidson, of Northwood, is majoring in Theology & Biblical Studies.

Davidson was among more than 550 students named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and earn a term GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.



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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

A checklist of what to do when a loved one dies

Dear Savvy Senior,

What steps need to be taken after a loved one dies? My 71-year-old uncle, who's divorced with no children, has terminal cancer. He's asked me to take care of his affairs so I would like to find out what I need to do after he passes away.

Unsure Nephew

Dear Unsure,

I'm very sorry to hear about your uncle. The death of a loved of can bring about a host of different tasks and responsibilities. Here's a list of some things you can do now, and after his death, that can help keep a sad event from becoming even more difficult.

Before Death Occurs

There are several tasks you can do now while your uncle is still living that will make things easier for you after he dies.

For starters, find out where he keeps all his important papers like his trust and/or will (also make sure it's updated), birth certificate, Social Security information, life-insurance policies, military discharge papers, financial documents, key or combination to a safe deposit box or a home safe. Also make a list of his digital assets (including usernames and passwords) like his email account, online banking accounts, social media accounts, etc.

If your uncle doesn't have an advanced directive, help him make one (see CaringInfo.org for free state-specific forms and instructions). An advanced directive includes a living will that specifies his end-of-life medical treatments and appoints a health-care proxy to make medical decisions if he becomes incapacitated. In addition, you should also make a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order. Your uncle's doctor can help you with this.

You should also pre-arrange his funeral, memorial service, and burial or cremation.

Immediately After Death

Once your uncle dies, you'll need to get a legal pronouncement of death. If no doctor is present, you'll need to contact someone to do this.

If he dies at home under hospice care, call the hospice nurse, who can declare his death and help facilitate the transport of the body.

If he dies at home without hospice care, call your uncle's doctor. You'll then need to call the funeral home, mortuary or crematorium to pick up the body. If your uncle is an organ or tissue donor, contact the funeral home or the county coroner immediately.

Within a Few Days

If funeral plans were not pre-arranged, you'll need to make arrangements and prepare an obituary. If your uncle was in the military or belonged to a fraternal or religious group, you should contact those organizations too, because they may have burial benefits or conduct funeral services.

You should also notify family members, close friends and his employer if he was still working, and make sure his home is secured.

Up to 10 Days After Death

To wind down your uncle's financial affairs, you'll need to get multiple copies of his death certificate, which are typically ordered by the funeral home.

If you're the executor of your uncle's estate, take his will to the appropriate county or city office to have it accepted for probate. And open a bank account for your uncle's estate to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.

You also need to contact your uncle's estate attorney if he has one; tax preparer to see if estate or final income taxes should be filed; financial advisor for information on financial holdings; life insurance agent to get claim forms; his bank to locate and close accounts; and Social Security, the VA (if he's a veteran) and other agencies that provided benefits in order to stop payments.

You should also cancel his credit cards, delete or memorialize his social media accounts and, if relevant, stop household services like utilities, mail, etc. His home and personal belonging will also need to be dealt with in the coming weeks.

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 gained weight?

Yes, I have.

How much?

About 204 pounds since the day I was born.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Mother Nature sharpened her claws and had been charged with the improper use of winter temperatures. Shoveling became a winter sport. The wind bent my shadow. I looked on the bright side. The weather would be worse tomorrow.

I was late getting Christmas cards mailed because the weather curtailed the mail service. It's important to send the cards to let others know we are still among the living.

I put on a winter coat and found $.40 in a pocket—a dime, a quarter and a nickel. I knew how a lottery winner felt—warm and rich. I wore a multi-pocketed vest under the coat and had donned cargo pants. I had so many pockets I was a walking cargo ship.

A storm was coming. Everybody said so. I trudged outside, shuffling along icy paths. I stopped in a welcoming, open space and yelled, "Go around!" I figured it couldn't hurt.

But it has been worse. I hoped for a Little Orphan Annie forecast, "The sun'll come out tomorrow. Bet your bottom dollar."

A line of palaver

A woman in a line next to me said she was from Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She'd dated Rush Limbaugh when she was a young woman. He was on the radio then but was called Rusty Sharpe. A woman behind me in line told me she hoped I was up to snuff, meaning of sufficient quality. The phrase is in reference to a form of powdered tobacco sniffed through the nose. This snuff was thought to heighten a person's senses and make one more perceptive. I told her I was up to standard and encouraged her to jump ahead of me in line.

I've done a show on public radio for many years. Another show on that station plays old country music—Ferlin Husky, Loretta Lynn, Tex Ritter, Charley Pride, the Carter Family, Buck Owens, Hank Williams, etc. My father would have gloried in that music. I heard that music in the dairy barn as a young fellow. It played on my father's favorite station. Now I listen in his memory, which gives me eunoia—a bout of beautiful thinking. Eunoia is the shortest word in English with all five vowels.

I've learned

If winter never ended, snowmen would rule the world.

We should drive each day as if it were a misbehaving winter day.

It's more important to be happy in real life than on social media.

Bad jokes department

Cereal boxes never state that milk and spoon are sold separately.

A giraffe walks into a bar. Giraffes aren't good at limbo.

My neighbor, instead of Christmas gifts, gave everyone his opinion.

Nature to some people is looking up from a dead phone and seeing a tree.

Nature notes

Cardinals molt in late summer and early fall, after the breeding season and when food is abundant. A newly molted male cardinal isn't at his brightest. Many of his new feathers, especially on the neck and back, are tipped with gray. The bird looks as if it needs a trip through the cardinal wash. During fall and winter, these gray tips and edges wear away to reveal more of the red color on the feathers underneath. A male cardinal's increasing redness is due to the wear and abrasion of the feathers. The birds reach the peak of brilliance by midwinter ahead of the spring breeding season. Against snow-covered conifers, they are a feast for our eyes.

Duane Miller of Hartland asked if blue jays open in-shell peanuts and eat the nuts, eat the shells, or store any of the peanuts? Blue jays are handsome and smart. I put peanuts into a platform feeder and jays magically appear, lining up like airplanes on a runway waiting for their turns to take off. Or in a line at an amusement park. Welcome to Gooberland. A jay has a large throat pouch in which it can temporarily store and transport seeds and nuts. The bird flies to a favorite perch or a safe location where it holds the peanut in its feet and pecks the shell open. It either eats the peanuts on the spot or caches them to eat later. It drops the peanut shells to the ground. I enjoy feeding in-shell peanuts as I think they are more durable than shelled peanuts.

Meeting adjourned

A kind word might be enough to get someone through a day.

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Fit to print...

The most common jobs 150 years ago

By Stacker, the online publishers resource

Description: Stacker compiled a list of the most common jobs in Iowa 150 years ago using data transcribed from the 1870 U.S. Census.

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact the global economy, the current job market is a hot topic in the news cycle. But while the pandemic itself is, historically, something of an economic aberration, the U.S. economy that we know today has a long and storied history of expansions, recessions and evolution.

At the time of the American Revolution, most of the job market in the U.S. revolved around agriculture or food acquisition in some way. Many individuals and communities farmed for subsistence, not even growing enough to have an excess to sell for profits. As the fledgling country grew, so did its economy, springing forth during the Industrial Revolution of the late 1700s and early 1800s, and inexorably shifting the nation's economic focus from agrarian efforts to those of manufacturing, trade, and other forms of business.

Inventions like the steam engine and cotton gin accelerated production, feeding a booming job market that was met with immigrants eager to find work.

By the midto late-1800s, the U.S. economy and job market was characterized by successive periods of rapid growth followed by panics or depressions. This economic disquiet was caused by stock speculation and oscillating levels of trust in the federal government's ability to regulate cash flow and support banks.

In turn, the uncertain economy produced a volatile job market.

In an effort to capture a snapshot of the U.S. job market's history, Stacker compiled a list of the most common jobs in Iowa from 150 years ago using data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

By transcribing the previously untranscribed Table XXVII from the 1870 decennial census, a state-level glimpse into the historic job market can be seen.

Nationally, farmers and planters were the most common occupation 150 years ago, just one of the many agricultural jobs that made up more than 47% of all employed persons over ten years old.

Here are the top jobs in Iowa 150 years ago, along with the number employed in the state and nation, and where they ranked amongst jobs in the U.S.:

#1. Farmers and planters, Iowa employment: 139,478, National employment: 2,977,711, --#1 most common job in the U.S.

#2. Agricultural laborers, Iowa employment: 69,821, National employment: 2,885,996, --#2 most common job in the U.S.

#3. Laborers (not specified), Iowa employment: 24,823, National employment: 1,031,666, --#3 most common job in the U.S.

#4. Domestic servants, Iowa employment: 15,725, National employment: 975,734, --#4 most common job in the U.S.

#5. Carpenters and joiners, Iowa employment: 12,418, National employment: 344,596, --#5 most common job in the U.S.

#6. Employees of railroad companies (not clerks), Iowa employment: 7,155, National employment: 154,027, --#9 most common job in the U.S.

#7. Teachers (not specified), Iowa employment: 6,012, National employment: 126,822, --#12 most common job in the U.S.

#8. Blacksmiths, Iowa employment: 4,004, National employment: 141,774, --#11 most common job in the U.S.

#9. Clerks in stores, Iowa employment: 3,862, National employment: 222,504, --#6 most common job in the U.S.

#10. Draymen, hackmen, teamsters, etc, Iowa employment: 3,243, National employment: 120,756, --#13 most common job in the U.S.

#11. Milliners, dress and mantua makers, Iowa employment: 2,517, National employment: 92,084, --#16 most common job in the U.S.

#12. Masons, brick and stone, Iowa employment: 2,446, National employment: 89,710, --#17 most common job in the U.S.

#13. Boot and shoe makers, Iowa employment: 2,376, National employment: 171,127, --#7 most common job in the U.S.

#14. Traders and dealers in groceries, Iowa employment: 1,960, National employment: 74,410, --#19 most common job in the U.S.

#15. Traders and dealers (not specified), Iowa employment: 1,940, National employment: 100,406, --#15 most common job in the U.S.

#16. Physicians and surgeons, Iowa employment: 1,865, National employment: 62,383, --#20 most common job in the U.S.

#17. Painters and varnishers, Iowa employment: 1,798, National employment: 85,123, --#18 most common job in the U.S.

#18. Clergymen, Iowa employment: 1,596, National employment: 43,874, --#28 most common job in the U.S.

#19. Millers, Iowa employment: 1,484, National employment: 41,582, --#34 most common job in the U.S.

#20. Lawyers, Iowa employment: 1,456, National employment: 40,736, --#35 most common job in the U.S.

#21. Traders and dealers in drygoods, Iowa employment: 1,379, National employment: 39,790, --#37 most common job in the U.S.

#22. Saw-mill operatives, Iowa employment: 1,347, National employment: 47,298, --#25 most common job in the U.S.

#23. Harness and saddle makers, Iowa employment: 1,334, National employment: 32,817, --#41 most common job in the U.S.

#24. Tailors, tailoresses, and seamstresses, Iowa employment: 1,286, National employment: 161,820, --#8 most common job in the U.S.

#25. Miners, Iowa employment: 1,226, National employment: 152,107, --#10 most common job in the U.S.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

January 3, 1923

"So this is Iowa!" We heard a tourist say last summer while looking over the city park. If he has been here this week and witnessed flying dust on January 1 with snow the following day he might have put more expression in his tone. The writer has personally pushed the lawn mower one day and shoveled snow the next, in Iowa, but we do not recall having seen so peculiar a weather condition as that of the last days of 1922 and the first of 1923.

It was some basketball game between Northwood High and Mason City Firsts on Friday evening when the locals ran up a score of 28 to their opponents' 15.

Mr. Abel Rensmon, of Bristol Township and Miss Luella Ruth Nystuen of Silver Lake Township will be married this afternoon (Wednesday, January 3) by Rev. Anderson at the Lutheran parsonage in Albert Lea, four o'clock being set for the wedding. They will be accompanied by the bride's sister and brother, Miss Valborg and Mr. Walter Nystuen.

Horace V. Dwelle, one of the most highly esteemed pioneers of Worth County was 90 years of age on Christmas Day and in honor of the event his sons and their families celebrated the day with a reunion and dinner at his home. There were present the three sons, H.A. Dwelle, Mason City, Dr. E.H. and Chas. H. Dwelle, of Northwood, and their families, Mrs. Mabel Keeler and family and the L.T. Dillon family.

H.O. Harman, after only a few days' illness, passed away at his home in northwest Northwood on Friday, pneumonia being assigned as the cause of his demise by the attending physician. He has been ill with a cold but had been downtown a few days before his death and the news of his passing was a distinct shock to his friends.

75 years ago

January 1, 1948

Miss Connie Sabin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Sabin of Northwood, arrived home from Germany where she had been stationed for about 16 months with a Red Cross service. She was engaged in club work in connection with military hospitals in projects that aid in the rehabilitation of hospital inmates.

Judge M.H. Kepler and L.E. Plummer, O.J. Wardwell and Floyd E. Ensign, all of Northwood, attended the funeral rites held on Saturday afternoon at the Patterson funeral home in Mason City for L.R. Boomhower, 57, Mason City attorney, who died in a Rochester hospital on Christmas Day. The Rev. A.N. Rogness conducted the rites.

Whitney Randall was in the Anchor office with a peck or more of potatoes he had dug that day in his garden. They were not damaged and showed no sign of frost. The first heavy fall of snow came before the ground had frozen and remaining on the ground ever since, had formed a protective coverings, with no crust of frost on the surface of the ground under the snow.

Gene Seater was re-elected manager and M.A. Ruffridge secretary treasurer of the Northwood baseball team at a meeting held at the Thompson lunch room on North Eighth Street. Dr. A.J. Heiny, who was active in team affairs last year, said he would not be able to continue the coming season and declined re-election.

Don Patterson of St. Joseph, Missouri, a former Army Air Force pilot, landed his Aircoupe plane in a field on the Ed Trustem farm eight miles west of Northwood when his supply of gasoline became so low he was unable to continue on to Albert Lea airport, where he expected to land.

James Roy Martin, apprentice seaman U.S. Navy, will leave Thursday on his return to Great Lakes Naval Training Station, near Chicago, following a leave of 12 days spent in Northwood in the home of his brother Donald.

50 years ago

January 4, 1973

The new building of H&L Farm Center Inc., on East Central Avenue in Northwood, collapsed on Saturday at 10 a.m. The framed-up building was apparently caught by a strong gust of wind, which was blowing briskly at that time.

Fashion Floors Inc., of Iowa, 808 Central Avenue, has been purchased by B&K Lumber Inc., Northwood, according to a joint announcement by Roger Wagner and William Kragenbrink. The firm will be known as B&K Custom Interiors, and will be a division of B&K Lumber Inc., according to Kragenbrink. He added that the store will be closed temporarily for remodeling, and will open later in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Jacobson, Northwood, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Vincent Mangan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mangan of Chatfield, Minnesota. Miss Jacobson is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and Mankato State College. She is presently teaching at Spring Valley, Minnesota. Her fiancée, a graduate of Chatfield High School and Winona Area Vocational School is employed by the Minnesota State Highway Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Conner are at home at 1365 Meadow view Drive, Marion, Iowa, following their marriage on December 23, in Preston. Lynn is the son of Mrs. Marjory Conner, Northwood, and the bride, Barbara Mohr, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy, Mohr, Miles, Iowa.

The Reeder family held its annual Christmas dinner at the Masonic Temple and was attended by members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Reeder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reeder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reeder and family, Mrs. Harry Reeder Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hickman and family, all of Northwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stromley and family of Mason City.

25 years ago

January 6, 1998

If one smile can warm the heart, how much warmth can a pair of smiles generate? Ten-year-old Beth Steinmetz and her sister Laurel, nine, looked out on a frosty Northwood Monday afternoon through a window layered with ice crystals. If it's cold where you are, and this picture helps you keep warm, you'd better have it in plain sight for the rest of the week, as weather forecasters say the temperatures in these parts aren't going to venture much past 0 degrees Fahrenheit for the rest of the week, with lows expected to dig as far as 20 below at night. Beth and Laurel inherited their warm smiles from their parents, Joanne and Terry Steinmetz of Northwood.

Jeff Johnson and Rick Perry, both of Northwood, were named to the Central College dean's honor scholastic list for the fall term. Johnson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hal Johnson and Perry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry.

Kenneth Jensen of Northwood had an accident involving a snowblower. Jensen's actual injuries included the loss of the top of his right finger and damage to the skin and flesh of his right middle and index fingers. His thumb and little finger were not damaged. Jensen was released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Mason City after two days of treatment and observation.

The Worth County Farm Bureau received two gold stars and six silver stars in the Iowa Farm Bureau recognition and awards program for 1987. Gary Brue of Joice, county president, accepted the award on December 3 at the Iowa Farm Bureau annual meeting in Des Moines from Iowa Farm Bureau Vice President Daryl Siebens. Worth County received gold star recognition for membership and county action, and silver star recognition for national affairs, legislative, policy development, commodity and marketing, farm records and insurance.

10 years ago

January 2, 2013

Lilyana Ana Varner, pictured, was the first baby of 2012, born on January 20. She is the daughter of Ashley (Fredericks) and Jeremy Varner. A number of Northwood merchants await the chance to welcome the first baby of 2013 with a variety of gifts for that baby's family as they did this year for the Varners.

"We're ready to push the reset button," say the happy members of Northwood's First Lutheran Church, "and we're thrilled that Pastor Judy Converse is here to help us begin a new chapter." Pastor Judy and her husband Steve have recently moved to Northwood form West Boylston, Massachusetts. "We're happy to be back in the Midwest," she smiles. "Steve and I grew up in Edina, Minnesota, and have several family members in this area."

Iowa Govenor Terry Branstad signed Kadyn's Law into law while Kadyn's mother Kari Halverson looked on during a ceremony held at Northwood-Kensett Elementary School in March.

Members of the Northwood-Kensett Math Club paid a special visit to Mr. Parks' fourth grade classroom on December 12, 2012. They were there to help celebrate the birthday of Glen VanSabben, whose birthday fell this year on the unique numerical date of 12-12-12. Math Club members pictured were Samantha Dokken, Dee Dee Dokken, Ben Wagner, Rosita Cansino, Taylor Christiansen, Breanne Lombard, Maren Davidson, Mary Bjorklund and Kayla Branstad. This year the Math Club plans to celebrate on November 12.

This pictured group of Northwood-Kensett musicians visited downtown businesses as they took part in their own version of instrumental caroling. Pictured were Hannah Gentz, playing saxophone; Ashlyn Schaefer, on the tuba; Devon Grahn, on clarinet; and Jackie Einertson, playing the flute.

Agronomy in the field program to be offered this winter



Field agronomists with ISU Extension and Outreach explain agronomic concepts. A group of women learning about agronomic concepts and cover crops from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Women landowners, farmers and ag retailers will have the opportunity to meet again this winter to learn more about agronomy and related agricultural topics through distance-learning sessions of Agronomy in the Field.

The goals of Agronomy in the Field are to strengthen agronomic skills for women that allow for better decision-making, provide a better understanding of inputs for crop production, see and understand different conservation practices and increase confidence in communication with a spouse, farming partner, ag retailer or tenant.

These programs are hosted by extension field agronomists Angie Rieck-Hinz, Meaghan Anderson, Rebecca Vittetoe, Leah Ten Napel and Clarabell Probasco.

Five free distance-learning classroom sessions of Agronomy in the Field will be offered from January through early April. Sessions will be over the noon hour, starting at 12 p.m., and will typically last until 1 p.m. These sessions will be provided through a web-conferencing program, so women can join online from the comfort of their own home or office.

"It can be hard to travel in the winter months with weather challenges and family priorities, so hopefully the web-conferencing technology will allow women across the state to still be a part of the program, even if they are unable to physically be in the same location," said extension field agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz.

All sessions will be recorded so women can access them at a time convenient for them if they can't join in for the live sessions.

The sessions that will be offered this fall and winter are as follows:

• January 9: Lean and Mean Crop Production.

• February 20: Interpreting Soil Test Results and Fertilizer Recommendations.

• March 6: Developing Successful Herbicide Plans.

• March 20: Managing Your Forages to Maximize Productivity.

• April 3: Iowa Soils and Understanding CSR2.

Any interested women landowners, farmers and service providers who would like to participate in upcoming sessions can register for the sessions at go.iastate.edu/PGFFCZ. Once registered, participants will receive an email confirmation with a link to join and can participate in one or more sessions at no cost. For more information, visit the Iowa Women's Agronomy in the Field Facebook page.

Broiler research points to lasers as environmental enrichment devices



Motivating broilers chickens to move using specially designed lasers can boost animal welfare and improve meat quality.

Research from Iowa State University shows periodically projecting randomly moving, dot-sized laser lights on the floor of broiler pens stimulates birds' predatory instincts and encourages them to be more active. This is especially important as broilers approach market weight and become more sedentary, which can negatively impact their quality of life.

Elizabeth Bobeck, associate professor of animal science, and Anna Johnson, professor of animal behavior and welfare, partnered with Signify, a livestock lighting company, to create a second-generation novel laser device for this research. With support from the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, USDA and its National Institute of Food and Agriculture, they conducted a study to assess how these devices influence animal behavior.

"We were concerned the birds would exercise more, be smaller and lose weight," Bobeck said. "Instead, we found that they spent more time walking around and engaging in more positive behaviors that improved weight gain and bone density."

Broilers exposed to the lasers walked more frequently and for longer distances than their counterparts in the control group. They also spent more time at feeders and waterers, thus gaining more weight and improving their feed efficiency. Despite their increased activity, birds in the treatment group did not experience more lesions, scratches or blisters on their feet or bodies.

Bobeck and Johnson conducted subsequent studies to measure different aspects of broiler performance, meat quality and stress in response to this biologically relevant environmental enrichment from lasers. In one experiment, they found the level of serum corticosterone, a stress hormone, in broilers' blood was actually lower when birds were exposed to the laser devices.

"We wanted to know if the laser was used, does it make the birds more anxious or frightened? The answer was no," Johnson said. "One thing we were mindful about when creating the lasers is allowing the individual bird choice. If the broilers want to interact with the laser, they can; if they choose not to, they can do that, too. I think that is a real benefit from a welfare standpoint."

The size and movement of the novel laser devices mimics small insects that chickens naturally want to chase. The lasers emit a red light to attract the birds' attention and ensure animal and human safety.

"We picked red because we knew it would be an enticing color for broilers, but also from a safety perspective," Bobeck said. "Other laser colors, like green, have a more intense wavelength and can be more damaging to eyes."

Unlike other forms of environmental enrichment for poultry, like perches and platforms, the laser devices do not need to be cleaned and sanitized between bird shipments of birds. Johnson noted this not only reduces the potential to spread disease, it also limits labor requirements.

"A device might need occasional tweaking or software upgrades, but for all intents and purposes, it will run on its own," Johnson said. "That will be super attractive to producers."

Over 30 undergraduate students and several graduate students have been involved with the laser device research at Iowa State. The lasers are currently undergoing research trials at a commercial confinement to understand their utility at large operations. Bobeck and Johnson believe this type of environmental enrichment can also benefit smaller flocks, as well as other types of poultry, such as turkeys and laying hens.

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Iowa farmland values hit all-time high despite concerns about higher inflation, interest rates

From Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development:

Farmland values continue to rise in Iowa

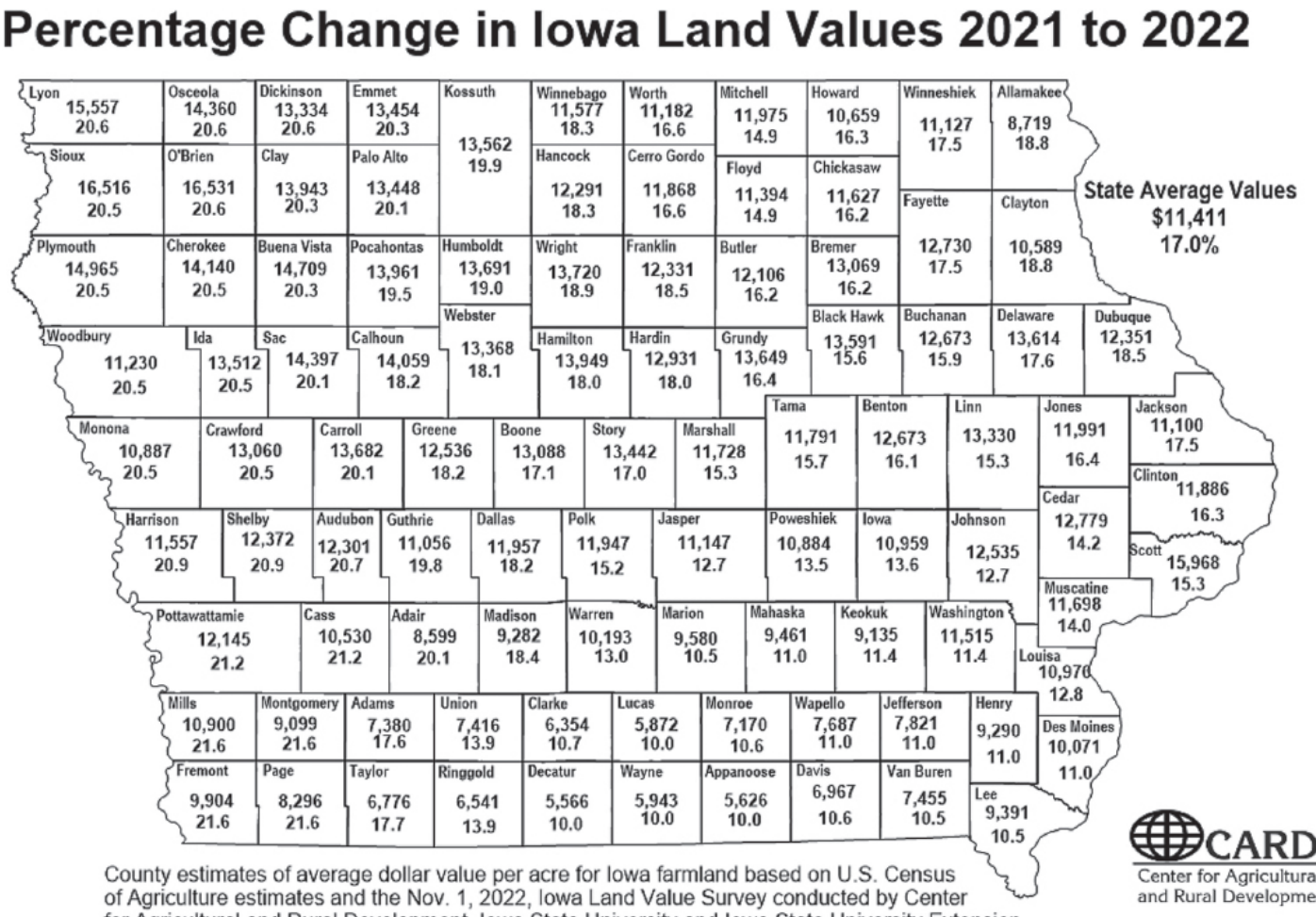
One year after skyrocketing 29%, the average value of an acre of Iowa farmland jumped another 17%, or $1,660, to $11,411 per acre. The nominal value of an acre of farmland is again higher this year than at any point since Iowa State University began surveying values in 1941. When adjusting for inflation, the 2022 average value surpasses the previous inflation-adjusted record value set in 2013 for the first time.

Farmland values in Iowa have increased more than 15% in a year a handful of times since 1941, most notably in 2011, when values rose 32.5%, and last year, when values rose 29%.

While inflation was a major factor that drove the increase last year, Wendong Zhang, an associate professor of economics and faculty affiliate of Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University, said that it did not play as much of a factor as commodity prices, limited land supply, and low interest rates through summer 2022 did this year.

Zhang, who is responsible for conducting the annual survey, said that inflation rates this year are similar to those from last year, but the Federal Reserve has used aggressive rate hikes since this summer to curb the problem. "The Federal Reserve seems to be determined to keep raising interest rates until they get a firm control on inflation. This is a tricky balance because larger and quicker interest rate hikes run the risk of slowing down the economy, potentially to a recession," Zhang said. While he noted that higher interest rates put downward pressure on the land market, the effects typically don't show up in land prices for one or two years.

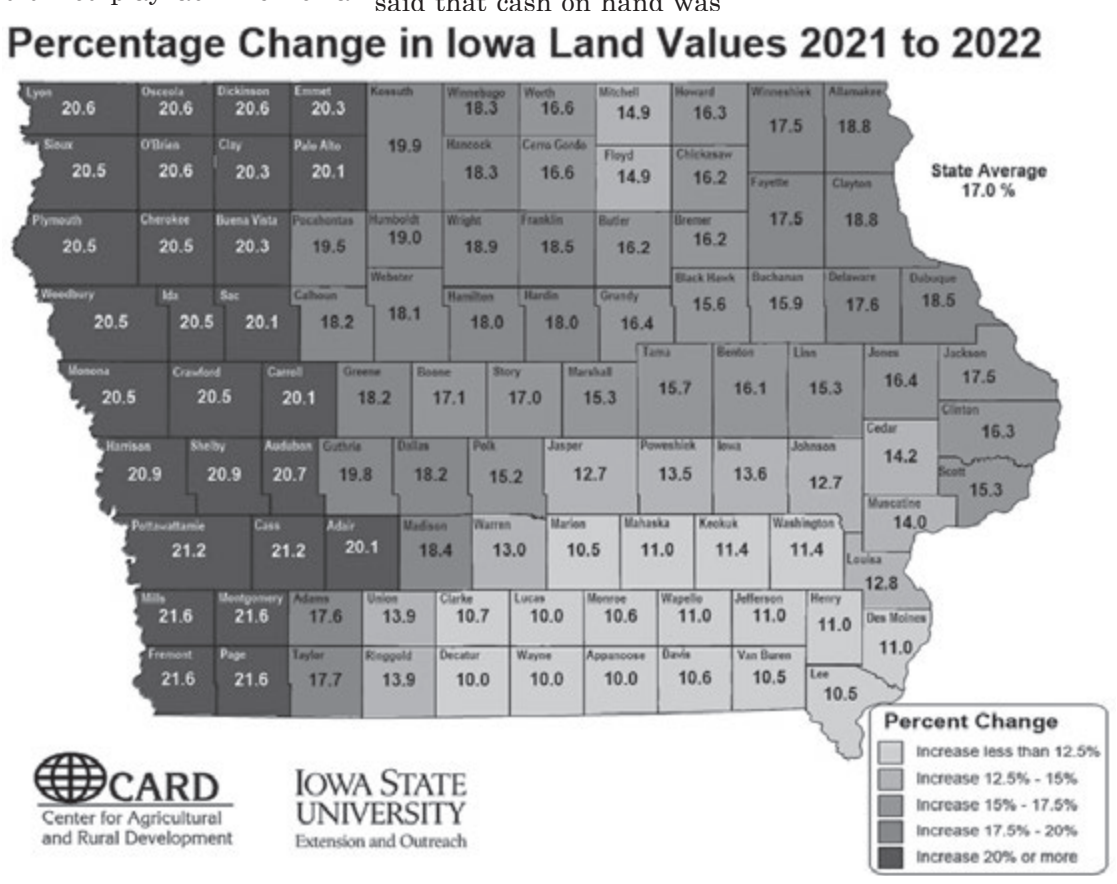
While the Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates, Zhang said that 81% of Iowa farmland is fully paid for, so the higher interest rates don't always affect farmers' land purchasing decisions. This is especially true when high inflation makes the real interest rates negative or low, which tends to incentivize more borrowing and investment. Furthermore, a significant portion of respondents said that cash on hand was a positive factor influencing land values. "Farmers have a lot more cash on hand and supply chain issues led to a shortage of equipment, so the money that farmers normally spend on equipment is now devoted to land," he said.



County estimates of average dollar value per acre for Iowa farmland based on U.S. Census of Agriculture estimates and the Nov. 1, 2022, Iowa Land Value Survey conducted by Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The top figure is the estimated Nov. 1, 2022, value; the bottom figure is the percentage of change from the estimated Nov. 1, 2021, value.

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Land Values by County

For the second year in a row, all 99 of Iowa's counties showed an increase in land values. However, for the first time in almost a decade, Scott County did not report the highest overall value. O'Brien County topped the list this year, reporting a 20.6% increase, or $2,818 per acre, to $16,531. Decatur County again reported the lowest value, though land values there increased 10%, or $505 per acre, to $5,566.

Mills, Fremont, Page and Montgomery counties reported the largest percentage increase, 21.6%, while O'Brien County saw the largest dollar increase, $2,818 per acre. Wayne, Lucas, Appanoose, and Decatur counties saw the smallest percentage increase, 10%, while Decatur County saw the smallest dollar increase, $505 per acre.

(Editor's Note: Worth County's land value increased by 16.6%, $1,595 between 2021 and 2022, increasing to $11,182. That was the 52nd highest percentage increase and the 61st highest increase in value.)

Land Values by District

Land values increased across all crop reporting districts. The Northwest district reported the highest overall value, $14,878 per acre, the largest percentage increase, and the largest dollar increase, $2,714 per acre.

The South Central district reported the lowest values, $6,824 per acre, and the lowest dollar change, $790 per acre, while the Southeast district saw the smallest percentage increase, 9.8%.

Land Values by Quality

Statewide, low-quality land now averages $7,369 per acre, an increase of 15.2% or $972 per acre. Medium-quality land now averages $10,673 per acre, an increase of 17.7% or $1,602 per acre. High-quality land now averages $13,817 per acre, an increase of 16.8% or $1,983 per acre.

The Northwest district reported the highest values for low-, medium-, and high-quality land at $9,569, $13,710, and $17,121 per acre, respectively. The South Central district reported the lowest values for low-, medium-, and high-quality land at $4,379, $6,872, and $9,478 per acre, respectively.

Low-quality land saw the largest percent increase in the Northeast district, 19.8%, while the Northwest district saw the largest dollar increase, $1,481 per acre. Low-quality land saw the smallest percent increase, 7.9%, and the lowest dollar increase, $321 per acre, in the South Central district.

Medium-quality land saw increases of more than 20% in the West Central, Northeast, Southwest, and Northwest districts, which respectively showed increases of 20.1%, 21.9%, 22.7%, and 24.2%. The Northwest district also saw the largest dollar increase in medium-quality land, $2,688 per acre. The Southeast district showed the lowest percent increase in medium-quality land, 6.2%, and the lowest dollar increase, $508 per acre.

High-quality land in the West Central, Southwest, and Northwest districts all saw increases of more than 20% — 20.6%, 21.2%, and 22.3%, respectively. The Northwest district reported the largest dollar increase in high-quality land at $3,124 per acre. The Southeast district reported the smallest percent change in high-quality land, 10.3%, and the smallest dollar increase, $1,201 per acre.

Factors Influencing the Land Market

The most frequently mentioned positive factor influencing the land market was higher commodity prices. Limited land supply and low interest rates through summer 2022 were the second- and third-most frequently mentioned factors. Other frequently mentioned factors included cash on hand and high credit availability, strong yields, a good farm economy and strong demand.

The most frequently mentioned negative factor affecting land values was interest rate hikes. Other noted factors included concerns about higher input costs, and stock market volatility and economic uncertainty were the second- and third-most frequently mentioned negative factors.

Land values were determined by the 2022 Iowa State University Land Value Survey, conducted in November by the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

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Comparative Iowa land values 2021-2022

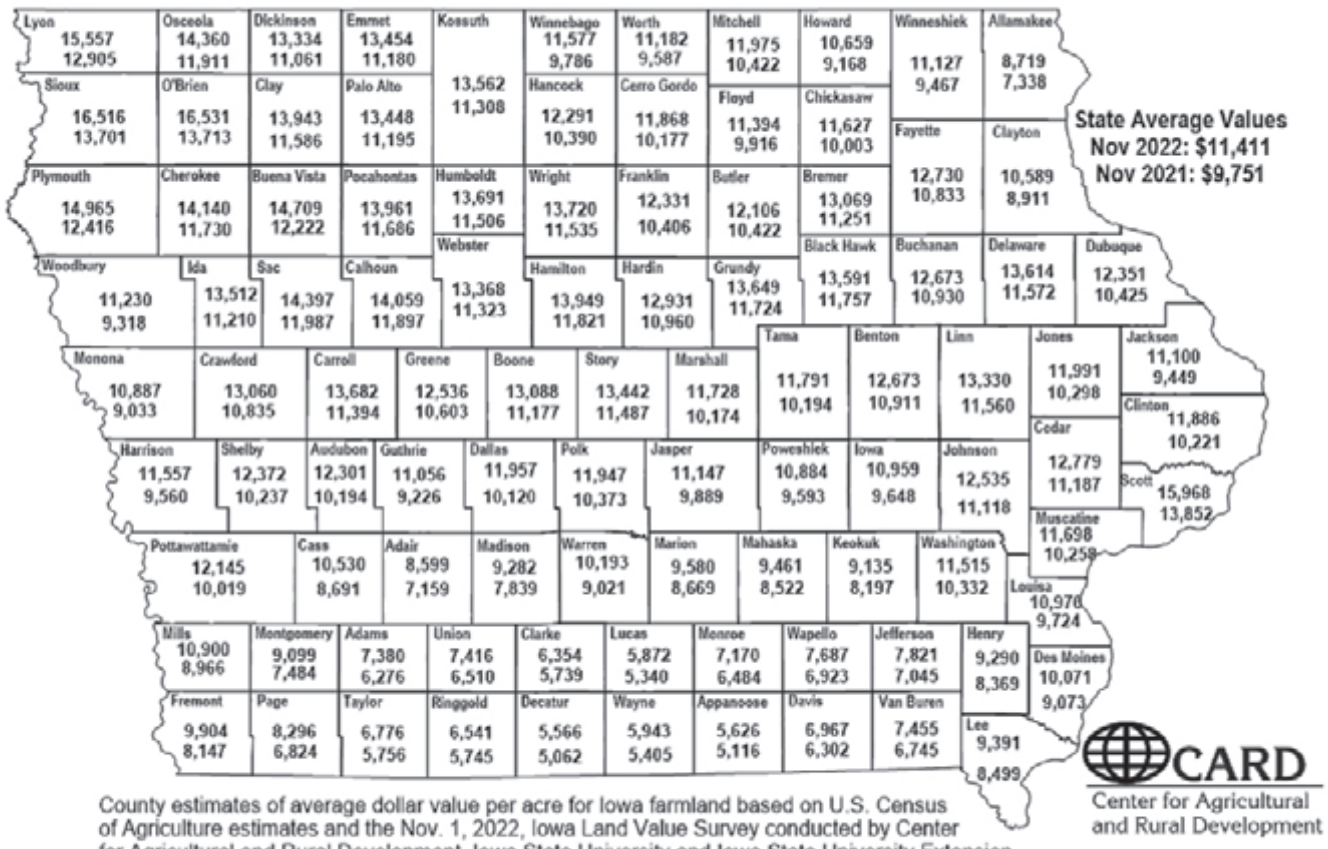
By Crop Reporting District:

District Name	2022 $/acre	2021 $/acre	2021-2022 $ change	%
Northwest	$14,878	$12,164	$2,714	22.3%
North Central	$12,449	$10,664	$1,785	16.7%
Northeast	$11,627	$9,958	$1,668	16.8%
West Central	$12,411	$10,461	$1,949	18.6%
Central	$12,582	$10,744	$1,838	17.1%
East Central	$12,595	$11,051	$1,544	14.0%
Southwest	$9,264	$7,582	$1,682	22.2%
South Central	$6,824	$6,035	$790	13.1%
Southeast	$9,276	$8,451	$825	9.8%
State Average	$11,411	$9,751	$1,660	17.0%

By County:

Adair	$8,599	$7,159	$1,441	20.1%
Adams	$7,380	$6,276	$1,105	17.6%
Allamakee	$8,719	$7,338	$1,381	18.8%
Appanoose	$5,626	$5,116	$510	10.0%
Audubon	$12,301	$10,194	$2,106	20.7%
Benton	$12,673	$10,911	$1,762	16.1%
Black Hawk	$13,591	$11,757	$1,834	15.6%
Boone	$13,088	$11,177	$1,912	17.1%
Bremer	$13,069	$11,251	$1,818	16.2%
Buchanan	$12,673	$10,930	$1,743	15.9%
Buena Vista	$14,709	$12,222	$2,487	20.3%
Butler	$12,106	$10,422	$1,684	16.2%
Calhoun	$14,059	$11,897	$2,162	18.2%
Carroll	$13,682	$11,394	$2,288	20.1%
Cass	$10,530	$8,691	$1,839	21.2%
Cedar	$12,779	$11,187	$1,592	14.2%
Cerro Gordo	$11,868	$10,177	$1,691	16.6%
Cherokee	$14,140	$11,730	$2,410	20.5%
Chickasaw	$11,627	$10,003	$1,624	16.2%
Clarke	$6,354	$5,739	$615	10.7%
Clay	$13,943	$11,586	$2,357	20.3%
Clayton	$10,589	$8,911	$1,677	18.8%
Clinton	$11,886	$10,221	$1,666	16.3%
Crawford	$13,060	$10,835	$2,225	20.5%
Dallas	$11,957	$10,120	$1,838	18.2%
Davis	$6,967	$6,302	$665	10.6%
Decatur	$5,566	$5,062	$505	10.0%
Delaware	$13,614	$11,572	$2,042	17.6%
Des Moines	$10,071	$9,073	$998	11.0%
Dickinson	$13,334	$11,061	$2,273	20.6%
Dubuque	$12,351	$10,425	$1,926	18.5%
Emmet	$13,454	$11,180	$2,274	20.3%
Fayette	$12,730	$10,833	$1,897	17.5%
Floyd	$11,394	$9,916	$1,477	14.9%
Franklin	$12,331	$10,406	$1,925	18.5%
Fremont	$9,904	$8,147	$1,758	21.6%
Greene	$12,536	$10,603	$1,933	18.2%
Grundy	$13,649	$11,724	$1,925	16.4%
Guthrie	$11,056	$9,226	$1,829	19.8%
Hamilton	$13,949	$11,821	$2,128	18.0%
Hancock	$12,291	$10,390	$1,901	18.3%
Hardin	$12,931	$10,960	$1,972	18.0%
Harrison	$11,557	$9,560	$1,997	20.9%
Henry	$9,290	$8,369	$920	11.0%
Howard	$10,659	$9,168	$1,491	16.3%
Humboldt	$13,691	$11,506	$2,186	19.0%
Ida	$13,512	$11,210	$2,302	20.5%
Iowa	$10,959	$9,648	$1,311	13.6%
Jackson	$11,100	$9,449	$1,651	17.5%
Jasper	$11,147	$9,889	$1,258	12.7%
Jefferson	$7,821	$7,045	$775	11.0%
Johnson	$12,535	$11,118	$1,417	12.7%
Jones	$11,991	$10,298	$1,693	16.4%
Keokuk	$9,135	$8,197	$938	11.4%
Kossuth	$13,562	$11,308	$2,254	19.9%
Lee	$9,391	$8,499	$892	10.5%
Linn	$13,330	$11,560	$1,770	15.3%
Louisa	$10,970	$9,724	$1,246	12.8%
Lucas	$5,872	$5,340	$532	10.0%
Lyon	$15,557	$12,905	$2,652	20.6%
Madison	$9,282	$7,839	$1,443	18.4%
Mahaska	$9,461	$8,522	$939	11.0%
Marion	$9,580	$8,669	$911	10.5%
Marshall	$11,728	$10,174	$1,554	15.3%
Mills	$10,900	$8,966	$1,934	21.6%
Mitchell	$11,975	$10,422	$1,553	14.9%
Monona	$10,887	$9,033	$1,854	20.5%
Monroe	$7,170	$6,484	$686	10.6%
Montgomery	$9,099	$7,484	$1,615	21.6%
Muscatine	$11,698	$10,258	$1,440	14.0%
O'Brien	$16,531	$13,713	$2,818	20.6%
Osceola	$14,360	$11,911	$2,448	20.6%
Page	$8,296	$6,824	$1,472	21.6%
Palo Alto	$13,448	$11,195	$2,253	20.1%
Plymouth	$14,965	$12,416	$2,549	20.5%
Pocahontas	$13,961	$11,686	$2,275	19.5%
Polk	$11,947	$10,373	$1,574	15.2%
Pottawattamie	$12,145	$10,019	$2,127	21.2%
Poweshiek	$10,884	$9,593	$1,290	13.5%
Ringgold	$6,541	$5,745	$796	13.9%
Sac	$14,397	$11,987	$2,410	20.1%
Scott	$15,968	$13,852	$2,117	15.3%
Shelby	$12,372	$10,237	$2,135	20.9%
Sioux	$16,516	$13,701	$2,815	20.5%
Story	$13,442	$11,487	$1,955	17.0%
Tama	$11,791	$10,194	$1,597	15.7%
Taylor	$6,776	$5,756	$1,020	17.7%
Union	$7,416	$6,510	$906	13.9%
Van Buren	$7,455	$6,745	$710	10.5%
Wapello	$7,687	$6,923	$764	11.0%
Warren	$10,193	$9,021	$1,172	13.0%
Washington	$11,515	$10,332	$1,183	11.4%
Wayne	$5,943	$5,405	$539	10.0%
Webster	$13,368	$11,323	$2,045	18.1%
Winnebago	$11,577	$9,786	$1,791	18.3%
Winneshiek	$11,127	$9,467	$1,660	17.5%
Woodbury	$11,230	$9,318	$1,912	20.5%
Worth	$11,182	$9,587	$1,595	16.6%
Wright	$13,720	$11,535	$2,185	18.9%

2022 and 2021 Iowa Average Land Values, by County



County estimates of average dollar value per acre for Iowa farmland based on U.S. Census of Agriculture estimates and the Nov. 1, 2022, Iowa Land Value Survey conducted by Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The top figure is the estimated Nov. 1, 2022, value; the bottom figure is the estimated Nov. 1, 2021, value.

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Results from the survey are consistent with results by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the REALTORS Land Institute, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Iowa State Land Value Survey is based on reports by agricultural professionals knowledgeable of land market conditions, such as appraisers, farm managers, agricultural lenders, and actual land sales, and is intended to provide information on general land value trends, geographical land price relationships and factors influencing the Iowa land market. The 2022 survey is based on 668 usable responses from 443 agricultural professionals. Seventy-one percent of the 443 respondents answered the survey online.

The Iowa State Land Value Survey was initiated in 1941, the first in the nation, and is sponsored annually by Iowa State. The survey is typically conducted every November and the results are released mid-December. Only the state average and the district averages are based directly on the Iowa State survey data. County estimates are derived using a procedure that combines the Iowa State survey results with data from the U.S. Census of Agriculture.

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How Mr. Urbatsch celebrated Christmas

Before the recently ended holiday break, students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary celebrated the pending holiday in a variety of ways. Of course the holiday celebrations came early, with classes dismissed due to the holiday week's winter weather. Pictured here are scenes from the second grade classroom of Mr. Urbatsch, who is pictured in the bottom photo attempting to place a heart on the Grinch.









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