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For Jorgenson, stroke recovery comes with determination and support of family, friends and coworkers

By JoAnn Lower

It was December 18, the week before Christmas, when without warning, healthy, vibrant Amy Jorgenson suffered a stroke.

"I felt fine," she remembers. "My daughter Jenna had come over to make cookies. We went to town to get all the ingredients we needed and had just returned home.

"With a blizzard on the way, I wanted to get the barn situated for the horses before we started baking, when I started to feel dizzy and light headed. I began leaning to the left. I had no feeling on my left side and fell to the ground. Jenna propped me up, called 911 and the Northwood rescue squad came. Jenna kept super calm. She was just great. Jenna saved my life.

"I remember that I couldn't open my eyes but don't remember much of anything else except voices saying they needed to get me to the hospital. I ended up in at Mercy One in Mason City.

"Even if I'd had my phone with me, I wouldn't have had time to call. It went really fast. I wish I could tell people what to look for, but I don't have anything to tell them."

At the hospital Amy was immediately given a CT scan, then taken to the ER where a neurologist gave her a "clot buster," a risky procedure where she had to be completely still for 24 hours – a procedure that has to be performed within three hours of a stroke.

After that another CT scan showed the clot had been blown out and all was clear. That night she was taken to the ICU where bad turned to worse.

"I was able to get my left arm to move but not my left leg. My face drooped and my speech got gradually worse. I spent four days in the ICU."

With no available hospital beds, Amy was released to go home. It was the day

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Jorgenson spoke of reuniting with her horses, "The day I came home...Jenna (her daughter) drove me right up to the horse fence to see the horses."

Briefs



Clocks 'spring ahead' Sunday

After the springlike weather that has been in place recently, many are looking forward to the season. This weekend's arrival of Daylight Savings Time will bring everyone one hour closer.

The Anchor reminds readers that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 12, at 2 a.m. and clocks should be set ahead one hour at that time, or before going to bed on Saturday night.

Fertile library hosts taco night March 18

The Fertile Public Library will holds its annual taco night and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 18, from 5-7 p.m.

The event will be held at the Fertile Community Center.

Funds benefit the Fertile Public Library, used for books and library programs.

Elk Creek soup supper March 19

Elk Creek Lutheran Church in rural Kensett will host a soup supper on Sunday, March 19, from 5-6:30 p.m.

The meal will include chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato soup and home made pies.

The cost is $8 for adults, $5 for those ages 5-10 and free for children under 5.

Take out orders are available by calling 845-2386.

12 Days until Spring



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Data

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Feb. 28	37	24	0.07
Wed. March 1	37	24	
Thurs. March 2	43	24	
Fri. March 3	30	23	
Sat. March 4	44	23	
Sun. March 5	44	23	
Mon. March 6	40	23	0.22

A look at property tax levies in Worth County

While a State error has led to a delay in the process, local governments have still been at work for weeks to determine their budgets for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

In putting into place new tax policies, the State overestimated the property tax valuations and the cities, schools, counties and other property taxing bodies are working on how to adjust their levies to meet their budgetary needs.

Below is a look at the current property tax levies in the county.

The local tax levy rates any particular property owner pays depend on where they are located geographically and include county, city, township and school levies.

Tax levies set by the County apply to property countywide, with a level for all properties, and an additional levy for rural property owners, who may benefit from additional County services.

General county levies total $6.10240 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, set by the Worth County supervisors.

The county levy also includes a levy for the Worth County assessor's office, determined by the assessor's board, which was set at $0.51710.

A levy of $0.31152 was in place for Ag Extension services in the current fiscal year.

Those levies are in place for all property in the county. Property in rural areas, outside the borders of incorporated towns, are set with

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Poultry party

Last week, the students in Northwood-Kensett's third grade classes welcomed a few special visitors while bidding farewell to a few others that had spent a few weeks in the classroom. In early February, Teresa Stehn, with the Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program, had delivered eggs, an incubator and educational materials. The students learned about eggs and chickens and then, once they hatched, had enjoyed the company of the chicks in the classroom. Last week, the students invited senior members of the community to meet the chicks and learn more about the program. For more pictures of the Chick Party, see Page 3.

Bloomingdale discusses gov't alignment, road weight limits, election bills, carbon pipeline, tax changes at forum

The second legislative forum of 2023 in Worth County was held on March 3. Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale, of Northwood, was at the Manly City Hall to share information and hear questions and concerns from her constituents.

Bloomingdale updated that the Iowa legislature had made it to the end of funnel week at 2:30 a.m. the previous night. That meant legislation that had not made it through committee would likely not pass or continue discussion past last week.

Bloomingdale was asked about the bill that had been introduced to align Iowa's government, and reduced the number of departments, increase efficiencies and save costs.

Bloomingdale was asked if the consolidation of offices would have an impact on things like safety inspectors, referencing those that inspect businesses like daycares.

Bloomingdale said that the alignment wouldn't eliminate inspectors, but would put them in one department, as opposed to several, and make it easier for Iowans to contact one office instead of many.

Former Iowa Senator Amanda Ragan mentioned that similar re-alignments in the past had been done

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before Christmas, and everyone was around. When Christmas was over and everyone went to their jobs, Amy went to her mom's, completely walker bound.

"When I got home, I couldn't get words out; I was stuttering. There was a lot of frustration. Now I have good days and bad days. If I get stressed or over stimulated I start to stutter, lose my thoughts."

"The first day my physical therapist came, I couldn't walk without assistance. By day four I was walking pretty well with my walker. For two weeks I walked with my walker. My balance was not the greatest but the physical therapists at Synergy helped me so much.

"I recently finished physical therapy and continue to do some of the exercises at home. The therapists felt I'd made great progress so I'm done for now."

The first of February, less than two months after her stroke, Amy went back to work at the Worth County Treasurer's Office. "I needed to be here," she said, "to get some normalcy back into my life. I have good coworkers; they take good care of me."

"Everyone was so kind. My daughter Taylor from Des Moines came. The outpouring of support really helped. People brought meals; people I hardly know reached out to me."

"How fortunate I am to have Bryce. He took care of me and he took care of the horses when I was down. My goal was to ride in a month.

"I was adamant to get out and see the horses. The first day people told me to just stand by the fence. But I had to go in and be with them. They somehow knew to be gentle and cautious. Even the first time I rode, they instinctively knew to be extra good. Bryce videoed me riding."

"Strokes are definitely scary. A stroke occurs when something blocks blood supply to part of the brain or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts. Mine came from a birth defect, a hole in the heart that didn't close the way it should after birth (PFO).



This photo was taken on February 12, 2023, at Amy's first cow sorting practice after her stroke. She said, "I was nervous since it can be fast paced but I did ok!" Pictured are Brooke Hepperly (left) and Amy.

"My goals have changed. When I first came home, I'd get up every morning and say I had to make goals for myself – small goals. Maybe just to walk from the living room to the kitchen. My goals are different than they used to be. Things that were important before aren't so important now."

"It's scary not knowing what's going to happen, not knowing how you'll recover, not knowing if your independence will be taken away. I was fine that day, and in one second my whole life changed."

"With so many unknowns, it could be easy for someone to just crawl into a hole, sit and be sad. But I'm 46 years old, and I didn't have a choice but to get better. However, when I pushed myself too hard my recovery slowed down, and my mom made me rest. I started to read books aloud, which helped me focus and my speech to come back."

"Everything is harder now. I fumble, drop stuff and get very frustrated. Even doing normal tasks at home is so much harder. When people talk to me, I really have to pay attention. My depth perception was way off, which made driving a bit of a challenge, but now I'm good. Prior to the stroke, I'd never been a good sleeper; now I'm back to a normal sleep pattern."

"I'm not like I was but I've come a long way in two months and I need to remind myself of that.

"It worked out perfectly. I'm still here."

And for that, Amy credits all her friends and family and everyone in the community that sent cards and messages, those that brought food and everyone else that showed their support.

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an additional levy of $2.94500.

That accounted for a total county levy, for those in cities, of $6.93102. Those in rural areas would be assessed a levy rate of $9.87602 by the County, Assessor and Extension.

Another levy that affects all property county wide is the area college levy for NIACC. That levy was set at 1.08346 in the current fiscal year.

Every property owner in the county also pays property taxes to the local school districts in which their property is located.

The highest school levy rate in Worth County in the current fiscal year was for those living in the St. Ansgar district, where the school district levy is $12.24869.

The lowest school levy rate in Worth County is in the Central Springs district. That district's levy rate was $9.98188.

The Lake Mills district levy was $10.13431. The levy for the area of the county in the Forest City district was $10.13431. For the Northwood-Kensett district, the levy was $12.08663.

Those living in Worth County cities are assessed levies to pay for the services provided by their cities.

The lowest levy rate amongst Worth County cities was in the city of Joice, with a levy of $9.99033.

Manly's levy rate is the highest amongst Worth cities in the current fiscal year, at $14.01633, followed by Hanlontown at $11.95258, Kensett at $11.35159, Fertile at $10.99708, Northwood at $10.97453, Grafton at $10.14826 and lastly, Joice.

The highest current total tax rate in the county is paid by those living in Manly, including school district, city, county and community college levies. Those in Manly pay total tax levies of $32.01269.

Amongst residents of Worth County cities, the lowest levy rate is paid by those living in Joice, who pay levies totaling $28.13912.

Other total levies for cities in Worth County include $30.04307 in Fertile, $30.41143 in Grafton, $29.94894 in Hanlontown, $31.45270 in Kensett and $31.07564 in Northwood.

The lowest total tax levies, including township, county, school district and community college levies, on property in Worth County is in the portion of Fertile Township that lies in the Central Springs school district. Property owners in that area pay total local levies of $21.15764 per $1,000 of valuation.

The highest total tax levies in rural areas is in Lincoln Township in the Northwood-Kensett school district boundaries, where local levies total $23.72111.

A portion of township levies includes the amount set to pay for fire, and could include ambulance service. As the subject of ambulance coverage has been discussed in recent weeks, it has been suggested that all township levies may have to increase to finance coverage from the Mason City Fire Department and Forest City Ambulance Service starting in 2024.

Currently, the highest fire levy in Worth County is assessed to those living in Lincoln Township, which levies the maximum amount allowed by Iowa code, $0.60750. Other townships that assess for fire and rescue response include Danville, $0.49788, Silver Lake, $0.47500, Union, $0.29860, Brookfield, $0.26684, Bristol, $0.21353 and Fertile, $0.20322. Barton Township has three separate levies, as the borders of three different fire districts fall within the township. The portion in the Grafton fire district has a levy of $0.24735. The portion in the Kensett fire district has a levy of $0.34580. The portion in the Northwood fire district has no fire levy. Kensett Township has two different fire levies. In the Kensett fire district, the levy is $0.33153. In the Northwood fire district, there is no fire levy.

Deer Creek, Grove and Hartland townships have no fire levy.

The township fire levies only apply to those living outside city limits. Cities will be asked by County officials to include ambulance service in their budgets next year, to help cover the requests from the MCFD and FCAS for ambulance coverage.

It should be noted that while tax levies are used to determine property taxes, taxable valuations, the other part of the formula, may also depend on where property is located. Property tax levies may also reflect the services available to those living in a community, as well as other indications.

Before officially approving budgets for the coming fiscal year, local governments will publish information in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal, and hold public hearings at their regular meetings, before approving those budgets.

Conservation stations now available for request

The award-winning Conservation Station educational trailers provided by Water Rocks! and Iowa Learning Farms are now available for request.

Both programs are part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and are committed to conservation and educating Iowans about water quality. Organizations looking to schedule a visit for their events should make requests online at https://www.waterrocks.org/request-the-conservation-station.

"The Conservation Stations remain in high demand at county fairs, farmers markets and other community events because we help make the latest in science and research accessible and fun for visitors of any age, and we do it for free," said Jacqueline Comito, Water Rocks! executive director. "Thanks to our generous sponsors, we are able to offer resources and information to Iowans about water quality, natural resources, conservation and agricultural practices. And, meeting and interacting with our fellow Iowans is always great fun for our staff and summer interns."

The Conservation Station fleet is comprised of four customized trailers equipped with hands-on demonstrations and activities that delve into the impacts of land management choices, both urban and agricultural, on water quality and the connections between our state's water, soil and wildlife.

In addition to the core science-based resources, each trailer has a different theme to provide a deeper dive into particular areas of interest. Conservation Station on the Edge has working bioreactor and saturated buffer demonstrations,



Youth learning from Conservation Station trailer staff.

and Conservation Station Marsh Madness includes working models of different wetlands to show how water moves over and through these landscapes.

Each single-day visit from a Conservation Station trailer includes staff made up of Iowa State University faculty, staff or student interns who are eager to engage with the public and share what they know about Iowa and its natural resources.

Event organizers and fair boards are encouraged to submit requests for Conservation Station visits online. Submit requests by Wednesday, March 15, for priority consideration.

Classes featuring North Iowa local food farms, begin this week

Healthy Harvest of North Iowa has three more classes coming soon to NIACC – Continuing Education in Mason City and Hampton.

The March class focuses on North Iowa Local Farms and how to find them. "Keeping our local farmers and producers in business supports our local economy. Dollars spent close to home tend to stay close to home. Our local producers understand our communities and work to provide nutritious affordable food for all and we aim to support them as much as possible."

"Join us to learn about the local farms in our region," encourages Andrea Evelsizer, Program Director with Healthy Harvest, who will be the instructor in Mason City. "We will share tips on how to find farmers and farmers markets, as well as ideas on how to create delicious locally inspired meals."

"We hope our emphasis on local foods will inspire you," said Amelia Attwood, Special Project Manager with Healthy Harvest, the instructor in Hampton. "The classes will also provide general nutrition recommendations and applications."

Other upcoming classes include:

- April – Seed Starting 101
- May – Meals on the Move, and how to easily incorporate local ingredients

Dates, times and class IDs for each class can be found online at healthyharvestni.com/adult-cooking-classes.

March classes will be held at the Mason City NIACC campus (Class ID # 13439) on Thursday, March 9, from 6-8 p.m. and at Center 1 in Hampton (Class ID # 13438) on Wednesday, March 29, from 6-8 p.m. The cost for each class is $19. Spots are limited, so early reservation is encouraged. Those interested may register at niacc.augusoft.net and search for the Class ID #.

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with more transparency and had more closely involved those in the State government who would be impacted.

Bloomingdale said that the legislators and those from their offices involved in the process, along with representatives of Governor Kim Reynolds had been meeting with the heads of state departments and had been listening to their concerns and input.

A question was raised about a new process that opens certain roads in Iowa counties to use for larger grain loads, with a permit.

The concern was raised that most local roads would not meet the requirements, or would take more money to improve for heavier weights.

County officials at the meeting shared their concerns that they would be asked to make improvements, but there would be no funds provided to do so.

Bloomingdale was asked about election bills. One would require those challenging election results to post a bond in order to file a challenge.

Bloomingdale said that the measure was being considered to help prevent frivolous complaints, when someone makes a challenge and then does not show up, waisting the time of the local election officials that answer those challenges.

Another election change proposed added what was called unnecessary steps and paperwork to the absentee voting process.

Bloomingdale said that she had not yet taken a look at the election proposals that had made it past funnel week.

Bloomingdale was asked about proposed changes that would allow parents to ban books in school libraries.

Bloomingdale said that parents have always been able to prevent students from reading things they felt were inappropriate for their children.

However, Bloomingdale also said that there are some books that are "disgusting or pornographic" that can be found in libraries in the state, though not a local concern.

Another person said that there are books in libraries that parents aren't aware of.

Bloomingdale said that school libraries already have records of the books in their collections, sometimes available online. She said that parents can find out what is there, and that's what they should be doing if they are considered about what their students might read.

Another person at the forum mentioned carbon pipeline concerns. They references a potential route that would be located in Worth County, noting a route that had been proposed but that had since been rescinded.

A proposed carbon pipeline would be built south of Worth County. It would transport carbon dioxide involved in the ethanol process to be stored in natural underground structures.

Another said that government in general sides with big business over individuals, though he said that wasn't something seen on Bloomingdale's part. He shared frustrations with things like hog confinements, pipelines and their impacts on the health of neighbors and communities.

Alternatives to pipelines were mentioned, such as converting carbon into other energy sources, like methanol.

Bloomingdale said she would look into the alternative methods.

Another concern raised was safety, with references made to pipeline disasters in other states and the potential disaster scenarios involved. That also included the proposed pipeline's proximity to area communities.

When the potential impact on local rescue responders was mentioned, supervisor AJ Stone, also a member of the Manly Fire Department, said that it would be treated like a hazardous material event, with people staying away and staying safe until special equipment could be put into use.

Asked about eminent domain, Bloomingdale said that she has always support individual property rights. She said that the bills involved has not been a part of the general discussion, and she would become familiar as they advance towards debate and voting.

Asked about what she would define as the "public good" in question for eminent domain, Bloomingdale said that she would have to



get all the information for each situation.

Others questioned unknown impacts to Iowa's soil, the negative impact on neighboring properties, the potential liability if leaks or breaks occur, the impacts on aquifers. the involvement of foreign investors and influence.

Stone also spoke up with concerns about tax reform proposals and how they would impact the county. He mentioned changes that could limit counties' ability to raise taxes to meet the costs of inflation.

Stone also mentioned a proposed change that would have the state take control of the local option sales taxes in the state. Those were passed originally by voters on a local level, including proposals for how the funds could be spent. Stone shared concerns that if the State takes control, they may one day find the need to use them for other purposes contrary to those approved by voters originally.

Bloomingdale referenced a tax reform bill, that she said had some good parts, and some that takes too much control away from local governments.

Another person at the forum asked for clarification about why the school "voucher" program is a bad thing. He said that he is a taxpayer, and before the recent legislation, if he sent his kids to a private school, his taxes would go to public schools and then he would pay private tuition as well.

Bloomingdale first clarified that the legislation passed provided ESAs (educational savings accounts) to students that opt to attend private schools. She said that those accounts provide for tuition, as well as supplies, tutors, fees and other resources. She said that public school students are not given funds to cover those other costs of education.

Bloomingdale said that there is nothing in the legislation to prevent private schools from increasing their tuitions so that they can take as much in state funding as possible. Bloomingdale said that the state funding for private schools does not come with the same level of accountability that public schools have to work under. She also noted that private schools can refuse students, or kick them out, but public schools take all students.

Bloomingdale also noted that she had spoken with private school officials, who said that they had donations and other funds in place and they were not turning away students due to a lack of funds before the change.

Bloomingdale also clarified that the state has many great private schools and many great public schools, and parents had a choice as to where their students attended before ESAs were established.

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Dr. Seuss week at Northwood-Kensett Schools





March 2 is the birthday of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. At Northwood-Kensett Elementary, that meant a week-long celebration. Each day, students and staff were invited to dress up to a different theme. That included dressing as what they want to be when they grow for "Oh, the Places You'll Go" on Monday; wearing a favorite hat for Top Hat Tuesday; wearing mixed up clothes for Wacky Wednesday; showing team spirit for Favorite Team Thursday; and wearing sleepy attire for Pajama Day Friday. A door decorating contest was held, with the school's preschool classrooms chosen as the winner. The kindergarten classes had a birthday party in the school's library, with party games, favors and even cupcakes with marshmallow hats. They ended the week by welcoming reading buddies, with upper elementary students sharing stories with the younger students. Throughout the month, the students will also participate in Book Bingo, marking off squares as the complete reading tasks for prizes.































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

"Wellness Shakes and Juice Bar" Drinks (1992, Time-Life Books) makes the statement that "most people view beverages as thirst quenchers, not as a source of nutrients" Back in the day that might have been true but in the 21st century having a liquid meal is not out of the ordinary and, in fact, a health habit many have developed. This little books features "nutrient dense" drinks, ones that provide good amounts of nutrients for the calories they contain. It is pointed out commercial juice blends, punches and fruit drinks contain mostly water and sugar with very little actual juice. Other products such as canned vegetable juices are high in sodium (NOTE: we can now purchase low –sodium versions that were not available in the early 90s) so creating your own drinks is a good way to ensure healthy beverages. Some of them are meant to be an entire meal replacement for when either time or appetite does not lend itself to a full plate of food. The following are adapted for our modern tastes and kitchens.

Banana Oat Breakfast Shake

1/2 cup well-chilled cooked oatmeal
1 teaspoon wheat germ
1 frozen banana, cut into chunks
1/2 teaspoon real vanilla
2/3 cup skim milk (or 1%)
2-3 ice cubes
2 teaspoons brown sugar

Place the cold oatmeal into a blender and process for 20 seconds to make it smooth. Add the banana and process for another 10-15 seconds until it is also smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and process until the mixture is thick and smoothly blended. This will make two breakfast shakes at 143 calories per serving and only 1 gram of fat. SANDY'S NOTE: it's convenient to make up a small pan of oatmeal, not the instant kind, and keep it in the fridge to make these shakes. It will keep for several days.

Raspberry Rice Shake

1/2 cup cooked and cooled brown rice
3/4 cup plain low-fat yogurt
1 ripe banana, cut into chunks
1/4 cup skim milk
1 cup unsweetened frozen raspberries
2 teaspoons honey
2-3 ice cubes, optional but chills the shake

Place the cooled rice into a blender and process until pureed, scraping down the sides as needed. Add the banana and process for another 30 seconds until the mixture is as smooth as possible but not liquid. Add the remaining ingredients and process another 15 seconds until blended. Makes 2 shakes at 223 calories per serving and 2 grams of fat.

Cucumber Cooler Midday Pick-Up

1 cup buttermilk
4 sprigs fresh mint
2 inches of cucumber, peeled
1 ice cube
1 medium-sized banana, peeled

Cut the banana and cucumber into chunks. Use a cucumber that is of medium width so that a 2-inch piece is large enough around to provide flavor. Put all the ingredients into a blender and process until well blended. This makes one serving at 214 calories and 3 grams of fat. SANDY'S NOTE: if you can't find fresh mint, try a drop of mint extract or substitute another fresh savory herb such as parsley. The flavor will be different but still pleasing.

Zesty Tomato Drink

1 cup low-sodium V-8® juice
2 tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt
1/2 cup low-sodium beef stock
2-3 ice cubes
1/4 cup peeled and coarsely chopped fresh tomato
Lemon wedges for garnish, if desired.

Combine everything except the ice and lemon wedges in the blender. Process until smooth. Pour the drink into a tall glass, over ice and garnish with the lemon. You can add a drop or two of hot sauce if you like your drinks really zesty! 77 calories and 1 gram of fat.

The nutrition experts tell us to drink plain water, iced tea with no sweetener (neither sugar or artificial) or flavored but unsweetened bubbly water. Sometimes a bit of substance in a beverage is a welcome change whether for a light meal or a treat between meals. Drag out the blender and have at it! And, that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Academic All-District

Amongst the recognitions received by Northwood-Kensett student athletes following the most recent season was one to Grady Buenzow, a senior on the N-K basketball team. Buenzow was recognized on the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-District Team for 2023. Buenzow was recognized for his record on the court, and his success in the classroom.

Worth County 4-H State Recognition Day set for March 25

Worth County 4-H senior high members will be participating in a statewide 4-H Recognition Interview Day on Saturday, March 25.

This is scheduled for those Worth County 4-H'ers who submitted State 4-H Recognition Award applications on February 1. The awards recognition includes trips to Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C., and State 4-H Project awards, as well as opportunities for 4-H members to serve as State 4-H Council and Healthy Living ambassadors.

More information is available by calling Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-390-0795 or emailing him at djohn@iastate.edu or Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator, at kabode@ia state.edu.

4-H Animal Science Round-up applications due on May 1

All Worth County 4-H members interested in participating in this year's 4-H Animal Science Roundup during the annual State 4-H Conference scheduled for June 27 - June 29 are reminded to get their application submitted to the State 4-H Office by Monday, May 1.

This opportunity is being offered to all 8th to 12th grade 4-H members that might want to attend one of three days of educational training in the areas of horse, swine, sheep, dairy, beef and poultry.

More information is available by calling Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at the Extension Office in Northwood, 641-390-0795, or emailing djohn@iastate.edu.

Julie Hagen Robb, Broker Associate of Century 21 Preferred, achieves award

CENTURY 21 Preferred announced that CENTURY 21 Real Estate Corporation recently recognized Julie Hagen Robb with the System's Masters Ruby Award.

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For all real estate needs Julie Hagen Robb may be reached at the Northwood CENTURY 21 Preferred Office, 513 Central Ave., Northwood, Iowa 50459 or call 641-390-007.

Worth County 4-H Educational Presentation Night set for March 23

Worth County 4-H will host its annual 4-H Educational Presentation Night on Thursday, March 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office Community Room.

The meeting will be an opportunity for all Worth County 4-H'ers to organize and deliver a presentation for potentially being selected to advance to the Iowa State Fair this summer in Des Moines.

More information is available by calling Kimberly Bode, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator, at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

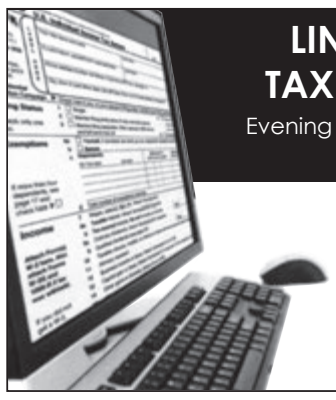
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Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

This week is funnel week, the first of two major deadlines during session. We are working to prepare bills for floor debate in the Senate. This week is full of subcommittees and committee work as we move forward in the legislative session.

Last week the Iowa Senate passed SF 228. This bill limits the amount of non-economic damages a jury may award in a commercial vehicle accident lawsuit. Economic damages, like lost wages, health care costs and other definable expenses remain uncapped, as do punitive damages, where a driver or company is guilty of extreme negligence in the conduct of their business. It also implements a policy to control the scope of the lawsuit to the accident, if the employer agrees the employee was acting within the course of employment at the time. No limits in this bill are effective if a driver is under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident.

The Governor's Realignment Bill, SF 514, moved forward last week. This bill works on ways to get rid of burdensome regulations and red tape and find ways we can make government more efficient and to improve the alignment of Iowa's state government functions and departments. The goal of this bill is to ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely and effectively. SF 514 is a large bill, affecting many different areas of government. It has been almost 40 years since our state has taken a look at how we operate and are structured. Reorganization for state government is a good way to evaluate where tax dollars are being spent and how we can make it work better for Iowans.

The bill would consolidate the 37 executive branch cabinet agencies down to 16. Currently, Iowa has more cabinet agencies than all of our neighboring states, with similar states to Iowa having 15 cabinet agencies. It will make a number of changes and bring together departments with similar interests. For example, the bill will create a new department by merging the Iowa Insurance Division, Iowa Division of Banking, and the Iowa Division of Credit Unions to create the Iowa Department of Insurance and Financial Services. It also brings together the Iowa Lottery and Alcoholic Beverages Division under the Department of Revenue, and brings together the Board of Educational Examiners, College Student Aid Commission, STEM Advisory Council, specialized schools for the deaf and blind, and other education-related services under the Department of Education.

Over the next four years, Senate Study Bill 1123 is estimated to save Iowa taxpayers $214 million. We have been busy listening to the effects of this bill and looking at all it encompasses. While there still be more work to be done, this bill is a good step forward on making Iowa government smaller, smarter, and work better for Iowans.

Next week will bring more floor action and debate as we move our bills through the legislative session. We are also receiving bills passed by the House. Often we have companion bills to House bills and we will agree to approve the companion bill rather than run a separate but identical Senate bill. I look forward to the first full week in March to be full of debate and bills making their way through the process.

Outside of the Capitol I have been spending quality time with some of our future voters. On February 20 I participated in Sub District FFA judging at Nashua. I truly believe FFA creates our future leaders and I was proud to join the students to help them prepare for National FFA Week.

On Friday, February 24 I joined Representative Steckman and former Senator Ragan at Mason City High School along with Sheriff Beaver to attend the criminology class. After class I also enjoyed watching the students prepare for their Mock Trial competition.



"During Community College Day at the Capitol this week, building trades students from NIACC met up with me for some discussions about their program. Instructor Gregg Helmich was showing off one of the guitars the class has made."

Week 8: First Funnel Week



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 51

The House finished first funnel late Thursday night. Any bill that did not move out of a committee in either the House or the Senate last week is no longer eligible for floor debate, with exceptions for Ways and Means and Appropriations. The government streamlining bill passed out of State Government on Thursday. Review and work on the streamline bill will continue and amendments may be added through floor debate. As I said in my last newsletter, this is a large bill reducing our cabinet level departments from 37 to 16, creating efficiencies and saving taxpayer money.

Several other bills that passed out of State Government Committee last week included:

HSB 210 An Update to Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board creating an enforcement mechanism to collect delinquent penalties, updating filing deadlines to end of day for electronic filing and increasing the allowable gift allowance from $3 to $10.

HSB 211 Combines State Cosmetology and Barbering Boards and adds requirements for the make-up of the new Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. This bill creates three limited licenses with lower hour requirements than the combined degree.

HSB 220 Proposes an interstate compact to support the mobility of licensed dentists and dental hygienists and would allow qualified licensees to apply and be approved for the compact privilege to practice in remote participating states.

HF 2 Requires public funds to act only in the best financial interest of the fund and protect public funds from political influence detrimental to the financial health of the state and its citizens. It defines "scrutinized companies" as companies that engage in furthering ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) interest for a purpose other than maximizing returns. It prohibits a public fund from entering into a contract to provide investment or management of securities services with a scrutinized company.

HF 265 Creates the licensure of midwives and allows licensed midwives the ability to obtain necessary screening and testing for clients and allows the administration of specific medications. This bill establishes a board to write rules and review licensees' applications. It also waives liability of health care providers who receive a transfer of a client from a midwife for any actions performed by the midwife.

Another priority of mine this session is HF 340 which creates a Length of Service Award Program. It has moved out of Local Government and is on the Appropriations Calendar. This bill creates a grant program allowing municipalities to provide a tax deferred award to our volunteer firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and reserve police officers. The grant will provide matching funds for municipalities that establish this award. We have passed this out of the House in prior years, this year we will continue to work to get it passed in the Senate and to the Governor's desk.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative and as always, please reach out with any questions or concerns. Jane.Bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, WAGS at Grace, 5:30 p.m., Lenten Service at Bethany, 7 p.m., Meal, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Bethlehem Quilting, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Grace Worship, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Lent, 7 p.m., Bethany meal, 6 p.m.; Thursday, Manna Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Friday, World Day of Prayer at Bethel, 1 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service/Communion, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Wonderful Wednesday, K-3rd Grade, 3 p.m., Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., 4th-8th, 5:30 p.m., Meal & Confirmation, 6:15 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6 p.m.; Thursday, Church Council Meeting, HS Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship Service, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Cory at Care Center, 10 a.m.

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

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Lent - Holden, 12 p.m., Confirmation, 5:15 p.m., Choir, 5:30 p.m., Lent - Inspire, 7 p.m., SH Youth, 7:50 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m., Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Service with N.O., 9 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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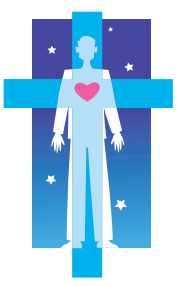
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God was once like us



A central tenet of Christianity is that God became man in the embodied form of Jesus, in order that we might know how to live a godly life. Christians don't expect to become gods, but we do hope to become more godlike by following the example of Jesus. There were a host of heresies in the early Church concerning Christ's divinity. The Arian heresy claimed that Christ was divine but created, and thus not con substantial (of the same substance) with God the father. Others believed that Christ was divine but not human, arguing that his suffering on the cross, and any other suffering which he underwent, were mere illusions. These issues were largely settled at the first council of Nicaea in 325 AD, which asserted in the Nicene Creed that Christ was "God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father." But, in what sense was Christ fully human? Christ's humanity is, ironically, more of a mystery than his divinity. How could God become man? The Gospels are essentially an attempt to answer that question, or at least for God, in the form of a man, to show us how to live a fully human life. —Christopher Simon

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." – Philippians 2:5-7

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Early Files

100 years ago

March 7, 1923

Northwood High School will debate the Clarion High School will debate Clarion High School in a dual debate conducted in the home towns Friday. The local affirmative team, consisting of Jeannette Sabin, Marie Brudvik, and Ferris Hurd, will go to Clarion, while the negative team, composed of Lenore Lund, Evans Gray and Harold Lyford, will defend the question at home.

The high school basketball team participated in the sectional tournament at Mason City on Friday and Saturday. They won their first game over Dumont Friday in easy shape 36-12. They met Mason City in the second round and lost after a thrilling game, 13 - 9. In all tournament teams picked by the sports editor of the Globe Gazette, McQuatters is given a place as forward on the first team, Lande center and Johnson, guard, win the second, Halland, forwards, on the third.

Attorney R.P. Scholte of Des Moines arrived this morning to begin practice of the law in Worth County and will have the office M.H. Kepler, who starts his duties today as judge in the 12th judicial district. Mr. Scholte, who comes from an old and highly connected family at Pella, attended Central college there and later was graduated from the law department of Iowa State University.

What proved to be the worst snow storm of the entire season struck the section of Iowa Saturday and night. Two warm, springlike days were filled by lowering temperatures on Saturday morning. Shortly after noon large snowflakes began to fall and within an hour a storm was raging, which by evening had gained the intensity of a blizzard minus the extreme cold that usually accompanies a winter storm.

75 years ago

March 4, 1948

Following an illness of about three years, which included two major surgical operations, E.N. Klove, 66, well known Northwood druggist and former mayor, died Monday forenoon at his home in this city.

"It is recommended that the water system of Northwood be continued on the Iowa State Health Department's approved water supply list," is the comment of K.S. Krause of Mason City, district public health engineer, in a report made to C.H. Dwelle, town clerk, and Conrad L. Olson, water superintendent, following the recent inspection and tests of the water supply made by Mr. Krause.

Mrs. Lloyd B. Tait of Mason City, the former Bernice Mueller, has been appointed recorder of Cerro Gordo County, effective April 1. She will succeed Miss Lola Mason, the present recorder, who will leave the office on that date to accept a position in a business office in Clear Lake. Mrs. Tait is a former Northwood resident and was employed in the office of the late H.C. Finch.

The Rev. Christian Notsund of Bristol Township received a surprise birthday gift last Thursday when he was called to the Huso and Anonson garage in Northwood and was presented with a Ford de luxe car by the Bristol, Sion and Deer Creek Valley Lutheran congregations, of which he is pastor. Trustees of the three congregations made all financial arrangements and collected the required funds.

Mrs. Charles Kuczor took four of her students today to Osage, where they will take part in the speech contest. Russell Schaub is entered in the oratorical division and will speak on the subject, "America Must Return to Fundamentals." Fannie Mae Gilpin is entered in the humorous division and her topic is "Ma's Dollar Day."

Two pouches of first class mail for the Northwood post office, thrown from Rock Island train No. 18 about 5 a.m. Sunday fell beneath the wheels of the train and much of the contents of the two sacks were destroyed and other matter badly mussed up and damaged.

50 years ago

March 8, 1973

Almost 850 Worth County farmers have until Friday, March 16, to sign up for the 1973 feed-grain program, according to Carl Hanson, executive director of the local office. "Signup has been slow," Hanson said, and he expects a total of 1,150 to 1,200 farms to be enrolled. Up to Friday, March 2, only about 350 farms had actually enrolled, which means that almost 850 farmers must visit the office within the next seven working days.

Dr. Hal Johnson and Maynard Midtgaard joined about 40 persons where they were guests of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annaolis, Md., studying the program and attending class. Dr. Johnson, a naval officer, is a member of the Naval Academy information program for prospective high school students, and Midtgaard is counselor at Northwood-Kensett high school. They also visited Washington.

Proposed bill for the Legalization of the Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage Districts No. 24, No. 34 and No. 52, Worth County, Iowa, and declaring special assessment bonds to be issued by such Drainage Districts valid and binding obligations.

Twenty five fifth through eighth graders from NK schools entered the Britt Lions Club sponsored wrestling tournament on Saturday. Dan Jaspers won first place in the 98 pound class; Mike Kuhlman placed second in the 74 pound class and Mark Stevens placed third the 89 pound class. Steve Carlson was fourth in the 75 pound class and Charles Cook placed fourth in the 150 pound class.

Northwood-Kensett's Jim Hanson was named to the second North Iowa Conference team and teammates Dan Robb and Bill Alexander were named to honorable mention, in selection made last week.

25 years ago

March 11, 1998

The Northwood-Kensett High School music department is putting the finishing touches on its annual late-winter variety show in preparation for the 30th anniversary of the N-K High "Pops" concert. "Pops XXX" will open at 7 p.m. this coming Friday and Saturday, March 13-14, at the West Elementary auditorium. This year's theme, "Entertainment Tonight," revolves around a variety of cartoon, television and movie themes.

Northwood voters will go to the polls to choose a new city councilman in a special election next Tuesday, March 17. Three candidates — Dale Arhart, Arnie Griffith and Dan Hendrickson — are seeking to serve the two years remaining on the city council term of Gary Nerlien, who vacated his seat in January to become mayor.

United States Postal Service employees entertained several hundred people at the grand opening of the new Northwood post office last Wednesday, and a handful of visitors gathered to watch regional post office operations manager Mark Allen, postmaster LeRoy Bruns, general contractor Bud Kragenbrink and mayor Gary Nerlien perform the ribbon cutting ceremony that capped the festivities. USPS employees Holly Schwarck and Randy Buehrer held the ceremonial ribbon.

Three Northwood-Kensett seniors have been named to the 1997-98 All-North Iowa Conference boys basketball team. A recent vote by the league's head coaches placed 6-foot, 7-inches N-K center Jon Hickman on the All-NIC first team, and accorded his classmates Jake Hanson and Jake Stotts honorable mention. Hickman, the tallest player on this year's all conference squad, finished his varsity career at N-K with 1,014 points, 498 rebounds and 209 blocks.

The 1998 Worth County Fair derby pig weigh-in will be held this coming Saturday, March 7, from 9-11 a.m. at the Northwood-Kensett High vo-ag shop and at the Grafton elevator. Maximum weight is 60 pounds.

10 years ago

March 6, 2013

As the saying goes, March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. But in Northwood a newborn lamb brings with it the hope of springtime, and this little lamb's name is Hope. To the surprise and delight of all the children and adults at Northwood's First Lutheran Church, Hope helped deliver the children's message on Sunday, February 24. The smallest of triplets, Hope is now thriving under the watchful eye and loving care of Bethany Gentz, daughter of David and Cheryl Gentz of rural Northwood.

Last month students in grades 4-6 at Northwood-Kensett Elementary took part in the annual Viking Knockout tournament. The finals were held on February 20, in front of cheering classmates. Finalists were fourth graders Brittany Broderick, Cade Hengesteg, DaShawn Linnen and Harli Reich; fifth graders Ross DeArmoun, Blake Hagen, Peyton Pangburn and Jaela Parks; and sixth graders Laura Hopperstad, Molly Hunchis, John Johnson and Samuel Kliment. Hopperstad eliminated her competition and was named the winner for girls. Kliment was named the winner for the boys.

The city of Northwood will soon find itself down another police officer, and once again without a chief, as was discussed at meetings held last week. Current police chief Shayne Hoch has resigned from the department, effective March 11. Hoch's departure will leave the city down to its two newest officers, Dennis Paulson and Justin Nerlien.

Those anticipating the end to winter weather, and the arrival of spring, will get a slight jump on the arrival of both this weekend as clocks "spring ahead" just 10 days before the official arrival of spring.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Judy Levorson

Judy Beth Levorson, 77, of rural Northwood, died on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City, Iowa.

A funeral service for Judy was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Lime Creek Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24076-495th St., Lake Mills with Pastor Glenn Smith officiating.

Burial took place at Somber Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, rural Lake Mills. A visitation for Judy was on Friday, March 3, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, 902 E. Main St. in Lake Mills, and continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.



JUDY LEVORSON

Judy Beth (DeFor) Levorson was born on December 10, 1945, to parents Clifford, Sr. and Josephine (Butcher) DeFor. She was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith. Judy attended and graduated from high school in Austin, Minnesota. After high school, she went on to attend Mankato State University, where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in education, and she became an elementary teacher in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

After a successful blind date and adequate courting, Judy was married to Albin "Red" Levorson, Jr. in Austin, Minnesota. They made their home in rural Northwood their entire married life, and were blessed with three sons, John, Matthew and Peter. While the boys were young, Judy was grateful to stay home and be the very best Mom she could be. She was a wonderful cook with a menu of tried and true staples, but was never afraid to try a new recipe, and her baked goods were always delicious.

When the boys were older, Judy went back to teaching, this time at Lake Mills Community School. When she retired from LMCS, she and Red enjoyed traveling and their family, especially their grandchildren.

She was an active member of the Somber Lutheran Congregation in rural Lake Mills, and loved to spend free time with a good book.

Judy is survived by her two sons, Matthew Levorson of Northwood, Iowa, and Peter (Bridget) Levorson of Ames, Iowa; and two grandchildren, Eli and Rowan. Judy has two brothers, Donald DeFor of Austin, Minn., and Clifford, Jr. (Margaret) DeFor of Crosby, Minn.; a brother-in-law, Robert Martinson of Lyle, Minn.; and four nephews, Jerry Foote, Jr., Daniel DeFor, Austin DeFor and Derek DeFor (her Godson). She is also survived by relatives on Red's side of the family, brothers- and sister-in-law, LeRoy (MaryJo) Levorson of New Ulm, Minn., Irwin Levorson of Adel, Iowa, Paul (Helen) Levorson of Oakfield, Wis., and Ruth of Lake Mills, Iowa; and seven nieces and nephews, Steven Levorson, Kirsten Levorson, James Levorson, Sarah Levorson, Jerome Levorson, David Levorson and Patty Bowen; as well as numerous grand-nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Albin "Red," Jr. in 2012; son, John in 2002; a sister, Paula Martinson; and two sisters-in-law, Grace Levorson and Wanda Levorson.

You can contact the family with on-line condolences at www.schottfuneralhomes.com, 641-592-0221.

James Watts

James W. Watts, Msgt. USAF (Ret.) son of Alice and Wendell Watts died in Anchorage, Alaska, on March 3, 2023, at the age of 78.

Jim served at many bases throughout the world and served in Viet Nam in 1966 and 1967.

Jim and Chen lived in Sterling, Alaska, along the Kenai River for 25 years. They enjoyed everything outdoors, especially salmon fishing in the Kenai.

Jim and Chen were married 56 years and had two children, Sue Lynn and Daniel.

Survivors include his wife; Sue Lynn and her children, Haley and Dalton and great-granddaughter, Wendelynn; Daniel and his wife April and daughters, Kirsten and Kylie; brother, Tom Watts and wife, Joan; and sister, Wendy and husband, Roger Urbatch, Brunswick, Ga.



JAMES WATTS

Bolan

The members of Bolan Trinity United Women in Faith who attended World Day of Prayer at Bethel UMC on Friday, March 3, were Mary Wendt, Linda Nydegger and Lori Willert. This year's program was written by the women of Taiwan entitled "I Have Heard About Your Faith" taken from Ephesians 1:15-19. The Bethel ladies were in charge of this worship service.

The Trinity Church Family will meet soon to discuss the details of the upcoming "Dine In or Make & Take" Potato and Pie or refrigerated desserts luncheon which will be held on Sunday, March 26, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will be a fundraiser for church outdoor signage. Watch the papers for further information.



NCIGS holds monthly program on March 11

North Central Iowa Genealogy Society member Rita Goranson will present a program with regard to a massive 1894 tornado that caused many deaths/injuries and wide-spread damage in northern Iowa. Personal stories and newspaper clippings will detail the 'People Stories.'

NCIGS meeting and program will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the NCIGS Library in the Masonic Temple, 75 South Georgia Ave., Mason City, Iowa. Refreshments will be served.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Donating your body to science

Dear Savvy Senior,

I am interested in possibly donating my body to science when I pass away. What can you tell me about this, and what would I need to do to set it up?

Getting Old

Dear Getting,

If you're looking to help advance medical research, and in the process, eliminate your funeral and burial costs, donating your body to science is a great option to consider. Here's what you should know.

Body Donations

Each year, it's estimated that approximately 20,000 people donate their whole body, after death, to medical facilities throughout the country to be used in medical research projects, anatomy lessons and surgical practice.

After using your body, these facilities will then provide free cremation and will either bury or scatter your ashes in a local cemetery or return them to your family, usually within a year.

And, just in case you're wondering, your family cannot not be paid for the use of your body. Federal and state laws prohibit it.

Here are a few other things you need to know and check into, to help you determine whether whole-body donation is right for you:

• Donation denial: Most body donation programs will not accept bodies that are extremely obese, or those that have infectious diseases like hepatitis, tuberculosis, H.I.V. or MRSA. Bodies that suffered extensive trauma won't be accepted either.

• Organ donation: Most medical school programs require that you donate your whole body in its entirety. So, if you want to be an organ donor (with the exception of your eyes), you probably won't qualify to be a whole-body donor too.

• Religious considerations: Most major religions permit individuals to donate both their full body and organs, and many even encourage it. If you are unsure, you should consult with your pastor or spiritual adviser.

• Special requests: Most programs will not allow you to donate your body for a specific purpose. You give them the body and they decide how to use it.

• Memorial options: Most programs require almost immediate transport of the body after death, so there's no funeral. If your family wants a memorial service, they can have one without the body. Or, some programs offer memorial services at their facility at a later date without the remains.

• Body transporting: Most programs will cover transporting your body to their facility within a certain distance. However, some may charge a fee.

How to Proceed

If you think you want to donate your body, it's best to make arrangements in advance with a body donation program in your area. Most programs are offered through university-affiliated medical schools. To find one near you, the University of Florida maintains a list of U.S. programs and their contact information at Anatbd.acb.med.ufl.edu/usprograms. If you don't have Internet access, you can get help by calling the whole-body donation referral service during business hours at 800-727-0700.

In addition to the medical schools, there are also private organizations like Science Care (ScienceCare.com) and Anatomy Gifts Registry (AnatomyGifts.org) that accept whole body donations too. Some of these organizations will even allow organ donation because they deal in body parts as well as whole cadavers.

Once you locate a program in your area, call and ask them to mail you an information/registration packet that will explain exactly how their program works.

To sign up, you'll need to fill out a couple of forms and return them. But you can always change your mind by contacting the program and removing your name from their registration list. Some programs may ask that you make your withdrawal in writing.

After you've made arrangements, you'll need to tell your family members so they will know what to do and who to call after your death. It's also a good idea to tell your doctors, so they know your final wishes too.

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

My pen can write underwater.

That's impressive.

That's nothing. It can write other words too.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. Charles Dickens wrote, "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Charlie must live in my neighborhood.

The road can get bumpy whether it's real or metaphorical. The night had provided a certain yuckiness. The fog was bad enough that I felt my way home. I met a couple of cars with headlights lights so bright they could have peeled the skin from an elephant. I should have been wearing a welding helmet. I'm glad the drivers could see well in the dark and far into the next dimension, but they're blinding the world one driver at a time. When this happens, I'm told I should blink more often.

Safely at home, an orange cat named Velcro sat on my lap and purred loudly. She got her moniker because of her determination to remain on my lap when I need her to leave. She sticks to her spot. Her name is subject to change as the naming rights are available for purchase.

Ask Al

"What did you want to be when you grew up?" On vacation.

"What was the original name of your hometown?" Ithinkwearelost.

"I need a password that contains at least eight characters and one capital. Any suggestions?" Mickey Minnie Pluto Huey Louie Dewey Donald Goofy Topeka.

"What's the funniest thing about golf?" That people play it voluntarily.

"What is the best way to eat lutefisk?" With bitter resentment.

"You've done book signings. What question do you get the most often?" Where are the restrooms?

I've learned

The best way to know what the weather will be tomorrow is to wait until tomorrow.

A sign on a cafe reading "No TV" would be inviting.

Bad joke department

What do you call two guys with shovels standing by a hole?" Doug and Phil.

What do you call a singing pod of killer whales? An orcappella.

Why couldn't Cyclops spell "Hawaii"? Because it takes two i's.

The kindness of kids

My granddaughter Joey is a college basketball player. She is a junior, first-team all-conference, the conference's defensive player of the year, all-academic team member, captain, on the all-tourney squad, leads her team in scoring and assists, led the conference in steals, and is student teaching. Her team is 25-4. After a loss, she entered her classroom to find a basketball signed by all her students and a huge poster reading, "Miss Batt You are still #1 to us."

Nature notes

In the wild kingdom of my yard, not to be confused with "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom," I watched the comings and goings of the birds at my feeders. The weather had been variable, but I could depend on the squirrels. I'm glad to have them in my world. A friend bemoaned the price of nyjer seed. I advised him to do what I've done and put out a tip jar by the feeder.

My birthday is in March. When I was a sapling, March was our snowiest month and I could count on a storm during the state high school tournaments and when my birthday party was supposed to be. Now, depending on who you consult and where you live in the state, March falls behind December, January and February in snowfall.

White-tailed deer bucks shed antlers in December to mid-March. Stress caused by deep snow, severe cold or hunger could rush the process. Edges of fields where the deer feed, along well-traveled trails and the southern exposures of bedding areas are good places to look for dropped antlers. The whitetail rut or breeding season runs from early October to late December. May is the month when most fawns are born.

A large flock of red-winged blackbirds hit my yard on March 1, the first day of meteorological spring. Migrant adult males stop here on their way to their territories farther north and don't exhibit territorial behavior. Backyard music isn't far away as the next wave consists of adult male redwings returning to the previous year's territories, which they defend vigorously and sing "Look at me" with gusto from perches. Next to arrive are the females on their way north and immature males. The resident adult females hear the weather report and show up later.

Meeting adjourned

If you can't see kindness from your windows or on your digital screens, see it in your mirror.

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 2/27/23 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: meeting minutes of February 13, 2023, set spring clean-up days April 27-29. Unam.

Bradley Christianson addressed the council concerning Ordinance No. 75.08 ATV/UTV hours of operation. The council will change the ordinance in the new code book and allow 24 hour operation.

Matt Tufte addressed the council on nuisance concerns at the trailer park. The council will start the abatement procedure.

NVFC Chief Blake Severson, Treasurer Cody Strand, & Firefighter/Paramedic Jake Loken addressed the Council with information on starting a paid per call ambulance service. Discussion was held, no action taken.

Motion to approve Hovey Lawn & Garden bid of $700 to mow the Top of Iowa Park for 2023. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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Calendar of Events for March 2023

March 9–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids K-1 Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Clover Kids Coordinator

March 9–Worth County 4-H e-Staff Meeting at Adobe Connect Virtual Meeting, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

March 9–Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Worth County Fair Board and Dennis Johnson

March 9–Worth County Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Leaders Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room (Fairgrounds), 8 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 15–Region 4-H Staff Meeting at Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 9 A.M. with Erica Holiday, Region 4 4-H and Youth Field Specialist, Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 17–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Extension Office Community Room at Fairgrounds, 10 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Kimberly Bode, Sarah Merrifield, Region 4 Extension Director and Dennis Johnson

March 19–Golden Banner 4-H Club Meeting at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1:30 P.M. with Michelle Hill, Jean Schilling and Justin Kruger 4-H Club Leaders

March 22–Worth County Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting at Woodfire Grill at Welcome Center, Northwood, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 22–Worth County 4-H Interview Preparation Night at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Steve Hanson, Worth County 4-H Communications Project Leader, Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

March 23–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds), 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension 4-H Clover Kids Coordinator

March 23–Worth County 4-H Educational Presentation Night at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds, Northwood, 5 to 8 P.M. with Kimberly Bode

March 24–Worth County Beautification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Northwood, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

March 25–Worth County 4-H State Recognition Day at Iowa State University, Ames, All Day with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

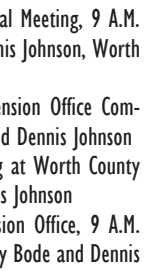
March 25–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids at TBD, 10 to 11 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager/Clover Kids Coordinator

March 26–Deer Creek 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Afternoon with Anneke Urbatsch and Gina Solberg, 4-H Club Leaders

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Lyle Krumm

Our dear father, brother, grandpa, great-grandpa, cousin and friend, Lyle Krumm, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023. He was 91.

Lyle W. Krumm was born on August 25, 1931, to George Krumm and Myrtle (Steiger) Krumm. He was the second of two children. They lived on a farm east of Kensett, Iowa, just two miles south of his grandpa Krumm's farm. When Lyle was a small child they moved to that farm and for most of the rest of his life this would be his home. The Krumms belonged to the United Methodist Church in Bolan, Iowa, an affiliation he kept his entire life.

Lyle had many fun memories of his childhood on grandpa August's farm – Bud and Beauty, the giant Percheron workhorses that helped with the farm work, the goats that would pull him around in a little cart, the apple orchard. Lyle first attended rural schools. Eighth grade through high school he attended school in Kensett, where he played basketball and baseball with his cousins and the other boys. He graduated in 1949 and stayed on the farm to help his dad.

In 1950 Lyle moved to Omaha to attend railroad school. He worked for a boot company when he wasn't taking classes on Morse code, bookkeeping and shipping/receiving. He even sent a pair of boots to Ronald Reagan! He was known his whole life to be soft spoken and quiet but he wasn't shy. He made friends fast and wasn't afraid to have fun. He and the other guys from the boarding house liked to go to movies and out on the town. After training, his first job was in Kensett as Depot Agent with Rock Island Railroad.



LYLE KRUMM

The Korean conflict was in full swing when Lyle was drafted late in 1951. In January of 1952 he reluctantly said goodbye to his folks and headed to basic and signal corp training at Camp Gordon just outside of Augusta, Georgia. Naturally, he was expected to train as a radio operator utilizing the skills he had learned in railroad school.

Military code (International Morse Code) has a few differences from the Western Union/American Morse Code used on the railroad. Lyle found that challenging but he completed his training and was destined for Japan. He flew to California, the last stop before being shipped out of San Francisco by ship in November 1952. "Colorado and Nevada may look pretty at sundown but they couldn't sell me both states for a penny," he wrote to his folks. He regularly wrote to them about the days and ways of Army life and wasn't impressed with some of the Army's quirks, especially some of the menial tasks and expectations. "AH! Yes that wonderful word polish. I will know the meaning of that word when I get out if I don't learn anything else."

He was stationed at Chitose about 20 miles from Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido, a Private in the United States Army, 1st Cavalry Division, Artillery Radio Operator. Days were spent on radio, guard duty, KP and figuring out ways to beat the boredom. He longed for home and the farm. "I am telling you that jeep is harder on a guy's back than riding a tractor over a plowed field. Of course there isn't too much difference between a plowed field and the roads over here."

The truce was signed in July 1953 so Lyle was grateful to have avoided setting foot in Korea. In August he was promoted to Corporal but he began counting the days until his enlistment ended. He turned down a promotion to Sergeant so he could return home and on Christmas Eve, 1953, his parents met The Rocket at the train station in Manly and he stepped off. "I was so excited to be home I picked up Ma. Never had done that before and never did it again!"

He went back to Rock Island Railroad for a bit but Lyle was born to be a farmer. When his dad rented more land and suggested he come and farm with him full time he didn't hesitate. For the next several years as he helped his dad he also acquired his own land and made a name for himself as a reliable, no-nonsense, successful man. He was never a big fan of travel so found plenty to do near home, including hunting, softball and bowling with his cousins and lifelong friends.

In the spring of 1968 events occurred which changed the direction of Lyle's life. A dear friend, Delbert Hanson, passed away. Lyle and others from the leagues stepped in to help on the farm and Lyle served as pallbearer. As was his nature, he offered assistance to Margaret, Delbert's wife, should she ever need it. From time to time she accepted that assistance. A bond developed between Lyle and Margaret and they were married on June 19, 1971. Initially, they lived on the Hanson farm but when Lyle's dad retired in 1973 they moved to the Krumm farm where he and Margaret remained for the next 46 years. Lyle legally adopted Margaret's children in 1983 which meant being Dad was official! Another happy milestone for Lyle was in 2014 when the Krumm farm earned the designation of Century Farm, a distinction that made him feel very humbled but proud. Lyle and Margaret celebrated their 50th anniversary with their daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in June 2021.

Lyle was a steady help mate and support to Margaret. At the same time, he continued doing the things he loved, which included bowling. One of the last years he belonged to a league he almost had a perfect game. By the time he got up to bowl the 10th frame there wasn't another sound in the bowling alley as everyone held their breath and watched. He hit another strike but then spared. "If everyone had just kept bowling and ignored me I might have been able to do it!" When he could no longer go to the lanes he bowled on the Wii gaming unit his family gave to him!

His family and others will remember him for his love of popcorn, his quiet manner, the one line zingers that could come out of nowhere, the twinkle in his eye, the way he couldn't say no to his kids and grandkids, his incredible skill at fixing things and, last but not least, his obsession with the yard! With multiple riding mowers and a tractor rigged to do a swath twice as wide, he kept the lawn, ditches and field lanes like a golf course. In winter, there wasn't a ridge of snow to be seen between the house and the barn – "squeegeed" one daughter said! That level of particular was evidence of a very stubborn and perfectionist character but Lyle was generous to a fault. He made sure his family was taken care of and he wouldn't turn away a friend in need. There was more than one stranger that benefited from his charitable nature.

During his time in Japan he gave up an opportunity to tour the country. Instead, he stayed and helped a local orphanage with some farm work and much needed repairs.

Lyle is preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, his son, Doyle Hanson, and his parents. He is survived by his two daughters, Eloise Shipman of Corwith, Iowa, and Wendy Hanson of Salt Lake City, Utah; his grandchildren, Michael Shipman (Brooke) of Greensboro, North Carolina, Kelly Berte (Calvin) of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Alexa Hanson Wagner of Salt Lake City, Utah, and David Martin (Jacque) of Everett, Washington; his great-grandchildren, Victoria Shipman and Cole and Jack Berte; his sister, Lois Krumm of Mason City; and his sister-in-law, Ardis Hanson of Northwood.

There will be an informal visitation on Friday, March 10, at the United Methodist Church in Bolan, Iowa, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. A celebration of life will be held in conjunction with Margaret's on Saturday, July 1, at the Carpenter Community Center, Carpenter, Iowa. Details to come.

Supervisor

February 27, 2023
Ninth Day

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

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

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda and minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $47,263.62 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

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Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng 353.82
Grand Total 47,263.62

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve salary change for Lexee Anderson at $28.00/hour following receipt of her RN License effective February 24, 2023 per public health. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for Norske 3 #69958. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to appoint Dan Reeder to the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 8:49 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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For the books

For students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary, their joy of reading has been supported courtesy of gifts from members of the community. Each month, every student at N-K Elementary is given a book to take home and add to their own growing personal library. Students in kindergarten are pictured above with the book they received in February, "Love Is All Around the World." The book was made possible by a donation from Fran Pixley. An anonymous donor made January's book possible. And this month, the students' books will come courtesy of a donation made in memory of Larry Patterson.







Sharing her words

Author Jill Esbaum visited Northwood-Kensett Elementary recently, to share some of her works with the students. Esbaum has written 58 books for kids, including stories about a variety of animals, creatures, people and other characters. She has also written several books that share interesting information and fun facts on animals, geography and more of the world, including some published by National Geographic. Esbaum read some of her stories, talked about the process of writing books, collaborating with other artists, her inspiration and more about being an author. The visit was made possible by the Northwood-Kensett Community Education Foundation

Nominations now being accepted for 2023 Governor's Volunteer Awards

Volunteer Iowa is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Awards. The entry deadline is on April 17 at 6 p.m.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards program, established in 1982, provides an easy way for organizations to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level recognition award. Three award categories are available: Individual, Group, and Length of Service.

Award recipient information can be submitted using one of the following methods:

All organizations (including state government agencies) submit information, and the handling fee ($15 per nomination) directly through Volunteer Iowa in an online nomination form. Organizations will be able to submit the handling fee online.

Nominations are accepted from: City governments, community colleges, county governments, federal government units operating in Iowa, Iowa MENTOR certified programs, K-12 schools (public and parochial), national service programs operating in Iowa (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors), nonprofit and charitable organizations, private colleges and universities, non-state government organizations.

More information is available by visiting volunteeriowa.org.

Conlin named to Presidents List at Drake

Local student Ruth Conlin of Northwood has been named to the President's List at Drake University.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2022 semester at Drake.

Area students rank among top 2% at ISU

Area students are ranked among the Top 2% of students in their college at Iowa State University.

That includes Cecelia Hill, sophomore, College of Human Sciences, and Hannah Lanphere, junior, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, both of Manly; and Hayden Moore, freshman, Ivy College of Business, Northwood.

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