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## Briefs

### KFD soup event Sunday

The Kensett Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual chicken noodle and chili soup fundraiser on April 2.

The meal will be served in the Kensett Community Center, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 2.

### Easter egg hunt set for April 8

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

On Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m., the Chamber, assisted by the Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club, will open the Easter egg hunt for children in three age groups, ranging from 0 to 12 years old.

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

If the controlled burn exercise is underway on April 8, the Easter Egg hunt will be relocated to the Central Park basketball courts, starting at 10:30 a.m.

### Sign up for 4-H Day at the State Capitol by March 31

Worth County 4-H'ers are reminded that Wednesday, April 5, is Worth County 4-H Day at the State Capitol.

Junior and senior high Worth County 4-H members should sign up by this Friday, March 31, with 4-H online or give the Extension Office a call at 641-324-1531.

The Extension Office is making transportation arrangements and needs the number of cars for transporting everyone to Des Moines. "We have a large 4-H delegation signed up and welcome everyone and anyone that has not signed up yet to attend."



**The Week's**

**WEATHER**

From the National Weather Service

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| Tues. March 21 | 47 | 29 | |
| Wed. March 22 | 55 | 29 | 0.02 |
| Thurs. March 23 | 44 | 27 | 0.19 |
| Fri. March 24 | 41 | 22 | |
| Sat. March 25 | 47 | 22 | |
| Sun. March 26 | 49 | 27 | |
| Mon. March 27 | 44 | 24 | |



**Lighting up the sky**

**In the evening of March 23, the Aurora Borealis, also known as the Northern Lights, was visible in North Iowa. The visibility in the area was caused by a particularly large geomagnetic storm that evening, with solar winds interacting with magnetic particles in the atmosphere to create the lights. The skyward light show pictured above was photographed by Carley Wentworth on a farm near London, Minnesota.**

# Property taxes up 5.35% in City budget

At the first meeting in April, the Northwood City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2023, and ends on June 30, 2024.

The budget hearing process is delayed this year, after a state error provided local governments with inflated property valuations on which to base their property tax revenues.

With the updated figures in hand, schools, counties and cities have an extended deadline to approve their budgets.

The budget reflects the total amount of money that the City plans to collect and spend in the coming fiscal year. This includes property taxes, utility bills, city fees and other incoming funds. It also reflects the money that the city will spend to maintain streets and infrastructure, to provide law enforcement, to administer housing programs and incentives, to run the City's water and sewer systems

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# Ambulance discussion brings a look at the scope of EMS roles

As local officials have discussed the planned ambulance service from the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company (NVFC), one aspect has focused on the level of care NVFC members can provide.

The question has revolved around the level of training that NVFC members have achieved, and the medical interventions that qualifies them to provide.

The discussion has primarily focused on access to paramedics. The NVFC has two paramedics on staff and one RN working to be qualified to operate at a paramedic level. The department is also working towards agreements with other ambulance services to meet paramedics en route to hospital care when needed. The County's auto launch protocols will remain in place, dispatch the helicopter ambulance and its paramedics to medical scenes.

It has also been noted that the majority of care needed in an emergency and ambulance situation can be conducted by EMTs.

That has left some question about what procedures

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# Property taxes to decrease 4.65% in N-K budget

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 13, to discuss the district's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2023, and ends on June 30, 2024.

Taxes levied on property in the district will decrease from the re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year.

Half of the equation used to determine property taxes is the property tax levy, which will decrease, according to the proposed district budget.

The proposed property tax rate for the coming fiscal year is $12.00387 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. That is a decrease of $0.08287 from the current year's tax levy of $12.08674.

The other half of the equation that determines the amount of property taxes the district will receive in the coming fiscal year is taxable valuations, which will increase.

The end result of the decreased levy and the increased valuations means a decrease in taxes levied on property, from $3,598,455 for the current fiscal year, based on re-estimated figures. The budget for the coming fiscal year shows taxes levied on property totaling $3,431,005. That is a decrease of $167,450, or 4.65%.

Total revenues and other sources of income for the district for the coming year

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# School year extended with make up days

At their regular meeting on March 20, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education discussed making up snow days.

Superintendent Mike Crozier updated the school board, that as of the school day that was canceled before spring break, the school year was down to just over a day more than the minimum required classroom instruction for the year.

So far roughly 8 school days, or 45.98 hours of school to be exact, had been missed due to weather

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# Rates, UTVs, rentals, livestock amongst city code changes

A number of changes to the Northwood Code of Ordinances will be the subject of a public hearing set for the city council's regular meeting on Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

Updates to the City's code have been done over the course of several months, with city officials working with a consultant.

The updates to the code accomplish several goals.

Many of the updates bring the City's codebook inline with changes made by the Iowa legislature.

Others update the code book to changes in city government.

General fines for infractions of the city code were increased, from a minimum of $65 and max of $625, to $105 and $855. This applies whenever a specific law doesn't include its own fines or fees.

In several instances, the updates eliminate language

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**Northwood-Kensett 2023 National Honor Society**

**Students inducted at the National Honor Society ceremony last week were (in front, from left) Lamonte Sims, Kamryn Backhaus, Peyton Shoger, (in back) speaker Mr. Capitani, Trent Tiedemann, Morgan Wallin, MacKensy Tomlinson, Marisa Halbach and Haddie Hanson.**

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N-K NHS chapter

# N-K National Honor Society inducts 8 in 2023

Recently, 8 students at Northwood-Kensett High School were inducted and granted membership in the National Honor Society in a ceremony held on March 21.

A faculty council selects members for meeting high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The inductees joined the current members in the National Honor Society Pledge:

"I pledge to maintain my high scholastic standing

"To hold as fundamental and worthy

"An untarnished character

"To endeavor intelligently and courageously

"To be a leader

"And to give of myself freely in service to others

"In so doing, I shall prove myself worthy

"Of a place in the National Honor Society"

Students inducted at the ceremony were Kamryn Backhaus, Marisa Halbach, Haddie Hanson, Peyton Shoger, Lamonte Sims, Trent Tiedemann, MacKensy Tomlinson and Morgan Wallin.

Existing National Honor Society members at N-K include president Teagan Johnson, vice-president Jadyn Beland, secretary Megan Ocel, Grady Buenzow, Kennedy Christianson, Kenny Conlin, Chloe Costello, Ellie Erhardt, Madalynn Hanson, Ella Leonard, Dalton Logeman, Christopher Madsen, Lindsey Moore, Mallory Rheingans, Taylor Rodemeyer and Nolan Senne.

The induction ceremony featured Dave Capitani, N-K social studies teacher, as the guest speaker. NHS officers led the induction ceremony. Language arts teacher and NHS advisor Alison Clark opened and closed the induction program.

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

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

National Honor Society is a prime organization created to recognize high school students that are exceptional. The students selected demonstrate a distinction in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Today, National Honor Society chapters can be found all over the United States, with an estimated participation level of above one million students.

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exactly EMTs and paramedics are permitted to perform.

The primary guidance on what medical interventions each level can provide comes from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and its "Iowa Emergency Medical Care Provider Scope of Practice."

The Scope of Practice primarily establishes four levels of responder, including EMR, EMT, AEMT and paramedic.

The first is EMR (emergency medical responder). If first on a scene, they may begin assessing a patient's situation and conduct basic measures, until a higher level responder arrives to take over, at which point they can assist. The same applies in ambulances, where EMRs can assist but not be in charge of care.

EMTs (emergency medical technicians) can provide basic emergency medical care and transportation for patients in critical and emergency care situations. They can perform procedures using the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. They can conduct basic responses in most life-threatening situations. This is the most common level of training for EMS responders.

AEMTs (advanced emergency medical technicians) serve the same role as EMTs, but can use more advanced procedures, medicines and technologies, ones which carry more risk if the responder does not have the additional education and training to be an AEMT.

Paramedics share the same capabilities as the other levels, but can conduct more advanced procedures, perform advanced diagnostic measures and use more advanced equipment and medicines.

Some examples of procedures that can be conducted by EMTs, AEMTs and paramedics include aiding in breathing with basic tools, while only paramedics could use needles or incisions to help open airways and monitor breathing.

All levels at EMT and above can apply basic measures to stop bleeding or use automated heart monitoring systems and defibrillators. Only paramedics can use systems that require specific interpretation and use of manual defibrillators.

Only AEMTs and paramedics can work with IVs and fluids. Only paramedics can work with blood products and medicines delivered by IV.

The administration of medications is limited based on each level of training. EMTs are largely limited to specific methods and medicines based on the most life threatening situations. AEMTs are allowed to use more methods and medicines for some more pain management and less life-threatening situations. Paramedics can use more medicine delivery routes and medications that could be used to address pain management and other more specific health issues.

The NVFC currently has 2 members that can operate at the paramedic level, with another in the works; 6 EMTs, with one working towards AEMT status; and 8 members working towards the EMT level. Chief Blake Severson also said that more EMTs may work towards the AEMT level with a transport service in place.

While the State of Iowa sets the equipment, medicine and procedures responders can use based on their level of training, each local emergency medical agency in the state, like the NVFC, works with physicians that serve as medical directors and EMS service directors, who have a more direct knowledge of the equipment and training in a particular department.

These medical and service directors advise and supervise the departments. They can limit the skills, equipment and procedures that local departments can and should provide. They can also allow some additional procedures, based on their knowledge of a department's capabilities. For example with the NVFC, pulse oximetry is allowed at all levels and glucose monitors and auto-injecting epi devices and CPAP machines are allowed at EMT level and above. Meanwhile, accessing central lines is not allowed for AEMTs.

According to Dr. Brian Kuchay, who serves as the medical director for the NVFC, "Due to the long transport times both in getting to Northwood and then back to Mason City, an ambulance service here will only improve service to residents. EMT's are well trained and capable of handling most medical calls. Even if paramedic level of care was needed, the crew could always tier (meet up) with another service. The advantage of that is they meet up on the way to the hospital, cutting out precious minutes in transport that would otherwise be wasted waiting for another ambulance to arrive... Ultimately that patient needs to make it to the hospital in the safest and most time efficient manner possible."

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delays and missed days.

Crozier said that the district administration was recommending that the students make up half of the days missed at the end of the school year. That would extend the school year to May 25.

For the graduating class, they will still have their final day of classes on the same day, May 11.

School board member Susan Kliment asked if extra days were productive days. Board member Bradley Christianson asked what they would say to those that ask if the snow days are built into the calendar, why they would need to make them up?

School board member John Anderson said there was no substitute for being in the classroom the full school year.

The board agreed to the administration's recommendations and approved the extended school year.

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and all other services the City provides.

The City of Northwood's tax levy will increase, as will the amount budgeted for property tax revenue in the proposed budget, compared to re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year's budget.

In the proposed budget, the city will take in less than it will expend, decreasing the City's fund balance by June 30, 2024.

The City of Northwood's levy rate will increase from $10.97453 per $1,000 of valuation during the current fiscal year to $11.89926 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1. That is an increase of $0.92473 per $1,000 of taxable valuation.

The taxable valuation of property in the city, combined with the levy, determines the amount of property tax revenue the city receives in a fiscal year.

Re-estimated figures for the City's budget for the current fiscal year called for $680,371 in property taxes. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes property taxes levied of $716,785. That is an increase of $36,414, or 5.35%.

The largest source of revenue for the city comes in charges for fees and service. This includes water and sewer fees, along with garbage and transit charges. This category will increase $26,860, or 2.10% in the coming fiscal year, to $1,305,600.

When combined with other sources of revenue, the City of Northwood has budgeted for total revenue for the next fiscal year to be $4,666,700, which is a decrease of $38,831 or 0.83% over the current year's re-estimated budget revenues of $4,705,531.

The City's expenditures for the coming fiscal year are projected to increase, according to the proposed budget.

Expenditures in the coming fiscal year will total $4,131,828, up $111,379 or 2.77% from $4,020,449 in the current fiscal year.

The largest increase in expenditures comes with community and economic development expenses, increasing $207,645 to $892,645.

The City's proposed budget projects that at the start of the fiscal year, on July 1, 2023, the City of Northwood will have a beginning fund balance of $2,869,990. The budget shows an estimated ending fund balance on June 30, 2024, of $2,764,862. Over the course of the year, according to the coming fiscal year's proposed budget, the city will have a fund balance decrease of $105,128.

The Northwood City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget at its regular meeting on Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

More on Northwood's proposed budget can be found on page 13 of this week's Anchor.

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that refers to a city police force. The language remains from before the City began contracting with the Worth County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement coverage.

A change addresses a frequent note given to most small town governments in the state of Iowa by auditors, namely only have one person sign checks. An update requires that both the mayor and the city clerk sign checks.

Another change redefines minors throughout the city's codes, from a person under the age of 17 to those under the age of 18.

The City's animal ordinance adds the camelid family to those considered livestock. Camelids include camels, alpacas, llamas and similar animals. This would make it against the law for those living in the city limits to have the animals.

The City would eliminate its rental registration and inspection program with the updated codes.

At a recent meeting of the Northwood city council, an appeal was made to remove limits on the use of ATVs and UTVs. Currently, the vehicles can only be ridden during daylight hours. The council was asked to change its rules to align with state guidelines, which allow the vehicles to be used at any time, as long as lights and visibility measures are in working order. The updated city code eliminates the hours of operation restriction. The change does not apply to golf carts, which are restricted to daylight use by state law.

Fees for building permits would increase from $5 to $10.

The changes also increase the rates for water and sewer usage. Base water rates would increase $1, to a minimum of $13 for water usage. Sewer rates would increase $5, to a base rase of $17. The increase will be seen on City utility bills starting in May, those due by June 15.

The complete updated city code of ordinances is available to view during business hours at Northwood City Hall.

The public may weigh in on the changes during the public hearing set for the Northwood council meeting on Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

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# A Senior Moment —

**By Sandy Olson**

Ah, April! It's a most wonderful month since "real" spring is almost here. You only get snowed on once or twice. The May showers haven't hit yet and the smell of fresh air is so welcome after being inside much of the winter. It also puts a spring in the step of many of our senior citizens and, hopefully, they will spring toward the Northwood Senior Center to be part of what's happening there. Watch for them hopping along Central Avenue.

Our great book club, The Northwood Bookworms, will meet at the Public Library on Monday, April 3. This group of avid readers will discuss March's book selection and pick up the new read for April. Time is 2 p.m. Bookworms is open to ANY man or woman over age 60 who enjoys literature of all kinds; you don't have to be active at the Senior Center to participate.

Marcia Price will lead the group in an Easter craft activity on Thursday, April 6. She is clever and talented; come to see what she has in store for you. Time is 12:30 p.m.

Fun Bingo! Prizes and friendly competition. Lorri will be back to help along with Carol and me on Monday, April 10, AND Monday, April 24. Time is 12:30 p.m.

Music soothes the soul and helps digestion. That's my story and I'm sticking to it! I think Lois Meyer will agree so she'll be at the Center on Thursday, April 13, AND Thursday, April 27, to present a lunch concert at 11:45 a.m.

Lorri is at it again with her determination to stump everyone with her trivia questions! Join her on Monday, April 17, at 12:30 p.m. There will be prizes awarded to the first place table of April Trivia experts.

Shana Butler from Worth County Public Health is always a welcome visitor at the Senior Center. She has good information we can all use to stay healthy and active. She'll be there on Thursday, April 20, at 12:15 p.m.

Our usual schedule on Tuesdays includes cards and games for anyone who wants to use the Senior Center to "host" their card club from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. It's a great way to invite friends to enjoy a game and you don't have to set up the tables and chairs. Just bring your own games or cards, any snacks you enjoy and beverages. Let Lorri know you plan to use the space. You can reserve lunch either before or after your card game by calling 641-324-1244 the day before you want to dine.

NOTE: Amy from ISU Extension will not be presenting Fresh Conversation in April. We'll miss her and her good nutrition information...plus the samples she often brings. She'll be back!

The Northwood Senior Center is full of things to do, see, hear and enjoy. If you haven't been there recently please stop in and see what it's all about. The food is tasty, the price is right, the people are friendly and the space is bright and cheerful. What's not to love?




## Donation for ag rescue response

**Last week, representatives of the Viafield Community Enhancement Foundation paid a visit to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. Viafield donated $6,000 to the department to help purchase equipment that will be used for agricultural rescue situations.**

# Bolan Fall Event set for Saturday, August 26

Bolan will hold its annual fall gathering celebrating its education history, with the Bolan Fall Event held a month earlier this year.

The Bolan Fall Event, highlighted by the 100th anniversary of the Barton No. 2 Schoolhouse, will be held on Saturday, August 26.

The day will include a "Back-To-School" reunion and program; UMW bazaar; the Linda Kenison Lindsay Memorial Bicycle Ride; music; vendors; and food.

Bolan community organizers are also selling notecards and postcards, featuring seasonal paintings of the schoolhouse by Sue Cowell, with "Seasons of Barton." The postcards and notecards are available at the Top of Iowa Welcome Center or by calling Lori at 641-903-9472.






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## Say cheese

Several Northwood-Kenesett students traveled to Cedar Falls last week to take part in a culinary competition. The goal of the event was to make the best grilled cheese sandwich, using one plugged in appliance. The sandwich-crafting competitors included (in the top left picture, from left) Lauren Petznick, Kenedie Berry, Annalisa Coyle, Luisa Bremer and Sophie Rye.

Berry, Bremer and Petznick made a breakfast grilled cheese with a waffle iron. Coyle and Rye made a brunch sandwich, using sausage, eggs and sourdough bread.

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## Manly business lost to fire

**Overnight Sunday, a fire broke out in the Rusty Nickel shop in Manly. Over several hours, several area fire departments and emergency response agencies were on the scene working to extinquish the flames. That included fire departments from Manly, Grafton, Hanlontown, Plymouth and Northwood, as well as the Worth County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management. (Photos shared by John Choate, of Manly.)**

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will decrease compared to total revenues for the current fiscal year.

Total revenues and other funding sources for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1 were budgeted at $8,903,149. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues and other income of $10,949,121. That is a difference of $2,045,972, or 18.69%.

Total expenditures and other sources of spending will show an increase between the current and coming fiscal years.

The budget for the coming fiscal year includes total expenditures of $10,759,686. The re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total expenditures of $10,589,962. That is an increase of $169,724, or 1.60%.

The district's fund balance will decrease between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. The beginning fund balance for the coming fiscal year that begins on July 1, according to the proposed budget, will be $5,173,252 and the ending fund balance will be $2,876,631 on June 30, 2024. That is a decrease of $2,296,621, or 44.39%.

Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 2023, show that the district's fund balance will have decreased from $5,247,673 to the beginning fund balance mentioned above. That is a decrease of $74,421, or 1.42% over the course of the current fiscal year.

The public hearing for the coming fiscal year's budget will be held at the next regular meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education on Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.

More on Northwood's proposed budget can be found on page 12 of this week's Anchor.







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## Wildlife Wednesday- for the birds

**Worth County Conservation has been sharing pictures of nature, along with some interesting facts about the wildlife in the pictures, for Wildlife Wednesday. That recently included photos of some North Iowa travelers returning to the area. For the picture on the left, the message was "Surely we all know these large white birds as Trumpeter Swans. But did you know at one point in time Iowa nearly lost all our Trumpeter Swans due to wetland draining and unregulated hunting? But through restoration efforts starting in 1993, we were able to bring back our swan populations. As of 2020, over 100 pairs of Trumpeter Swans nest across Iowa." For the picture on the right, people were challenged to name as many species as they could.**

# Spring pond management tips for Iowans

As outdoor temperatures warm and ice begins to thaw, ponds can provide an outdoor retreat for many Iowans. In this article, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach water quality program manager Catherine DeLong discusses best practices when treating or preventing common pond problems.

One of the most common issues that Iowa pond owners face is algae overgrowth or excessive pond vegetation due to nitrate and phosphorus loss from the surrounding agricultural landscape. According to DeLong, while some pond vegetation is essential to the health of aquatic ecosystems that support fish and other aquatic creatures, an overgrowth of pond vegetation can lead to pond odor and fish death, among other management concerns.

DeLong recommends that ponds have between 15 to 25% vegetation coverage. If vegetation levels exceed this, pond owners should consider taking action. Some options discussed in a previous publication include mechanical raking, nontoxic dyes and as a last resort, herbicides.

However, the best way to address elevated nutrient levels in ponds is through preventative pond management, since other methods may kill fish or otherwise disrupt aquatic ecosystems and can be expensive. As DeLong explained, planting a buffer zone of deep-rooted native plants around the pond is an excellent way to reduce excessive nutrient levels, prevent erosion and build a strong ecosystem around the pond.

"There are many benefits to buffers including increasing streambank stability, providing habitat for wildlife and pollinators, and increasing the beauty of the area with flowering native plants," said DeLong. "Buffers that support streambank stability can also limit erosion, which can create additional issues for landowners such as dredging or digging sediment out of the pond."

Other preventative measures include fencing off the pond from livestock to prevent streambank erosion, discouraging geese around the pond, limiting fertilizer use near the pond or aerating the pond. For more information regarding preventing or treating excessive pond vegetation, visit the article Ponds: Managing Algae and "Weeds."

Another common issue for pond owners in Iowa is cloudy or muddy water, referred to as turbidity. Turbidity is often related to microorganisms living within the pond, weather or animal disturbance or suspended clay particles within the water.

To determine the specific source of the turbidity, collect a water sample and hold it up to the light. If microorganisms moving erratically are visible in the water sample, the source of the turbidity is likely due to planktonic algae, which are an important part of the pond's ecosystem. Unless there is an increase in fish kills or an undesirable odor or scum, no additional management is needed.

If the turbidity is not a result of microorganism activity, check the water sample after an additional 24 hours. If the particles have settled, the cloudiness is likely related to weather or animal disturbance and should clear in a few days. However, if the particles have not settled, there may be a chemical imbalance in the pond. For more information on managing pond turbidity, visit Ponds: Managing Cloudy or Muddy Water.

While good pond management practices can make a pond healthier and more enjoyable for landowners, it is important to remember that good pond management can also have a positive impact on Iowa's watershed, improving water quality for all Iowans.

"It's really just doing your part," explained DeLong. "If you do what you can to protect the watershed, even if it's just a small pond, that's a contribution to all Iowans."

More information on pond management is available by visiting Farm Ponds – Managing Iowa Fisheries.


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## The Hedgehog and the Fox



The early Greek poet Archilochus is credited with the aphorism "The fox knows many small tricks; the hedgehog one big one." Isaiah Berlin's essay "The Hedgehog and the Fox" treats this aphorism as a starting point to examine different ways of knowing the world. But Archilochus' drift seems to have been more about cunning and trickery as weapons which the fox and the hedgehog use against each other. The fox does indeed know many tricks, but still gets caught, whereas the hedgehog's single trick of rolling up in a ball with only its spines exposed keeps him safe and sound from even the craftiest fox. The lesson for us here is that we should put little trust in worldly wisdom in all its clever guises and trust solely in God. All end up caught in the trap; none will escape death. But the hedgehog at least has the simple integrity of trusting in his God-given spines.

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.***
***– New K.J.V. Proverbs 3:5***

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# Cook Bookin'

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



**by Sandy Olson**

**To contact Sandy Olson for comments or suggestions, please email her at: midwestfoodie@gmail.com**

I once had the pleasure of dinner in an Amish home in Indiana. The family had received permission to host tourists at their table and it was a meal to remember. The house was spotlessly clean and the food was more than plentiful. I remember a chicken and dressing casserole, baked ham, many vegetables, fresh rolls and delicious desserts, especially a peanut butter pie! I know I've left out some dishes as it was several years ago but the simple cooking and down-to-earth hosts made our group want to return someday. Wanda Brunstetter is the author of "Amish Friends Farmhouse Favorites" Cookbook (2020, Barbour Publishing, Inc. Uhrichsville, Ohio) has "Over 200 recipes for simple and hearty meals, including advice and stories." The following are adapted from this cookbook that takes us into Amish kitchens.

**Cheddar Spoon Bread**
**(Laura Miller, Fredericktown, OH)**

2 cups whole milk, divided
1/3 cup real butter
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon sugar
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, well beaten

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Scald 1 1/2 cups of the milk (heat to 180 degrees, not boiling). Mix the cornmeal with the remaining 1/2 cup of cold milk and add to the hot milk. Cook stirring constantly, over low heat until thickened, about 3 minutes. Add the cheese, butter, sugar and salt. Stir until the cheese is melted. Remove from the heat and stir in the eggs. Pour into a 1-quart greased baking dish and bake for about 35 minutes or until lightly browned and set. Serve immediately as a side dish. NOTE: if possible, shred your own cheese. The pre-shredded cheese in a plastic bag is mixed with ingredients to keep the shreds from sticking together and it doesn't melt as easily as freshly shredded.

**Amish Dressing**
**(Karen Yoder, Sugarcreek, OH)**

4 loaves of bread*
1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped
2 cups diced celery
1 tablespoon seasoned salt
2 cups diced carrots
1 teaspoon pepper
4 cups diced potatoes
2 tablespoons kosher salt
12 eggs beaten
1/4 teaspoon onion salt
4 cups chicken broth
8 cups cooked, diced chicken
4 quarts whole milk
1 1/2 tablespoons chicken soup base

*I'm assuming these are homemade loaves but there is no indication how large they are. I would think one could substitute three large loaves of Italian bread.

Cube the bread and toast in a 350 degree F. oven, on a baking sheet. Set aside but leave the oven on. Cook the celery, carrots and potatoes in boiling water until tender. NOTE: you can also cook them in extra chicken broth for more flavor. Mix the eggs, broth, milk, soup base, parsley and seasonings. Combine the toasted bread cubes, chicken and cooked vegetables with the milk mixture. Let this sit until the bread has absorbed a lot of the liquid. Place in a large roasting pan and bake for 25-30 minutes. This makes a large recipe and will feed a big family.

**Amish Sawdust Pie**
**(Marie Hershberger, Laurelville, OH)**

1 2/3 cups shredded coconut
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 cup egg whites
1 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix together the coconut, graham cracker crumbs, nuts and sugar. Stir in the egg whites but do not beat them. Pour into the pie crust and bake for 35-40 minutes. Wonderful with good vanilla ice cream or real whipped cream.

Amish cooking is known to be similar to Amish people: simple, straightforward, hearty and down-to-earth. Nothing fancy with two dozen ingredients, nothing that takes elaborate kitchen equipment and nothing that won't feed hungry men, women and children easily. I noticed that there were oven temperatures indicated in these recipes while some Amish women cook with wood so perhaps these dishes were made in gas ovens. No matter, you prepare it, you cook it, and you enjoy it. And….that's all she wrote.

# Northwood Anchor Society








## Willand marathon

**N-K graduate Wyatt Willand recently added his latest racing reward, with a top finish at the Los Angeles Marathon. Wyatt traveled with teammates from the University of Arizona to LA to take part in the LA Marathon, held on March 19. Willand took second place in the wheelchair division of the race, with a time of 1:49:44.95. His teammates joined him in the top finishers, with Jacob Allen Allen in third, Aidan Gravelle in fifth and Dustin Stallberg in sixth.**

# Last chance private pesticide continuing instruction course

Worth County Extension will offer a "Last Chance" Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for private pesticide applicators at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, and on Wednesday, April 12 at 1 p.m.

This training will be held at he Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room at 1206 Third Ave. N. in Northwood. This program is shown in cooperation with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

The course will fulfill the recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include equipment calibration and safe application techniques, drift reduction, phytotoxicity, pesticide stewardship and pest management and pesticides.

Applicators must pre-register at least 24 hours in advance prior to the training. The course runs for approximately 2 1/2 hours. The registration fee is $30.

To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lacey at the Worth County Extension office at 641-324-1531 or email ljwaller@iastate.edu.

# Worth County Fair 4-H lamb weigh-in held on Saturday, April 15

The 2023 Worth County Fair 4-H Sheep Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, April 15, at the Worth County Fairgrounds in Northwood. The weigh-in will take place from 9 to 11 a.m.

All market lambs and breeding ewe lambs that will be exhibited at the Worth County Fair on Sunday, June 18, must be weighed in.

Those wanting further information about the lamb weigh-in are asked to contact Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or email djohn@iastate.edu.

# Worth County 4-H lamb, goat, swine field day scheduled for Saturday, April 1

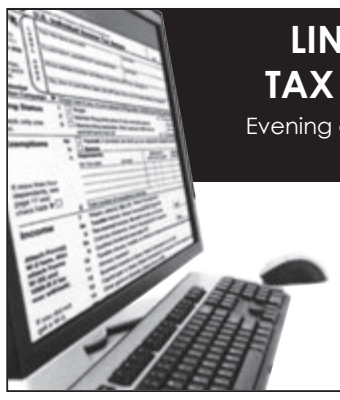
The Worth County Extension Service will be hosting a 4-H Lamb, Goat and Swine Workshop at the Chad and Jamie Nelson farm seven miles west of Northwood at 877 Highway 105 this Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon.

4-H'ers must attend the full two hour program to become YQCA certified. All area 4-H and FFA lamb, goat and swine project members and their parents are invited to attend. This workshop will cover information about judging, feeding, showing, fitting and grooming and recommendations about how to keep their 4-H sheep, goat and swine projects healthy.

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# Opinion

## Savvy Senior

### How to choose an assisted living facility

Dear Savvy Senior,

What's the best way to go about choosing an assisted living facility for my 86-year-old father? Since mom died last year, his health has declined to the point that he can't live at home anymore but isn't ready for a nursing home either.

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

If your dad needs help with things like bathing, dressing, preparing meals, managing his medications or just getting around, an assisted living facility is definitely a good option to consider.

Assisted living facilities are residential communities that offer different levels of health or personal care services for seniors who want or need help with daily living.

There are nearly 29,000 assisted living communities (also called board and care, supportive-care or residential-care facilities) in the U.S. today, some of which are part of a retirement community or nursing home. Most facilities have anywhere between 10 and 100 suites, varying in size from a single room to a full apartment. And some even offer special memory care units for residents with dementia.

To help you choose a good assisted living facility for your dad, here are some steps to follow.

Make a list: There are several sources you can turn to for referrals to top assisted living communities in your area including your dad's doctor or nearby hospital discharge planner; friends or neighbors who've had a loved one in assisted living; or you can do an online search at Caring.com.

Do some research: To research the communities on your list, put a call into your long-term care ombudsman. This is a government official who investigates long-term care facility complaints and advocates for residents and their families. This person can help you find the latest health inspection reports on specific assisted living facilities and can tell you which ones have had complaints or other problems in the past. To find your local ombudsman visit LTCombudsman.org.

Call the facilities: Once you've identified a few good assisted living facilities, call them to see if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services your father needs.

Tour your top choices: During your visit, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Also be sure to taste the food, and talk to the residents and their family members, if available. It's also a good idea to visit several times at different times of the day and different days of the week to get a broader perspective.

On your facility visit, get a copy of the admissions contract and the residence rules that outline the fees (and any extra charges), services and residents' rights, and explanations for when a resident might be asked to leave because their condition has worsened, and they require more care than the facility can provide.

Also, find out their staff turnover rate, COVID infection-control procedures and if and when medical professionals are on site. To help you rate your visit, Caring.com offers a checklist of questions that you can download and print at Caring.com/static/checklist-AL-tour.pdf.

How to pay: Monthly costs for assisted living ranges anywhere from $2,500 to $6,000 or more, depending on where you live, the facility you choose, and the services provided. Since Medicare does not cover assisted living, most residents pay out-of-pocket from their own personal funds, and some have long-term care insurance policies.

If your dad has limited financial resources and can't afford this, most states now have Medicaid waiver programs that help pay for assisted living. Or, if he's a veteran, he may be able to get funds through the VA's Aid and Attendance benefit. To find out about these programs, ask the assisted living facility director, or contact his local Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) or the regional VA benefit office (800–827–1000).

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


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# Ponderings from the Batt Cave

*By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.*

**Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting**

I could recite the Gettysburg Address when I was only 13 years old.

I'll bet your parents were proud.

They had reason. Why not even Lincoln could have done that when he was 13.

**Driving by Bruce's drive**

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. It's nice when the ice leaves the lakes, but it's magical when the ice leaves my driveway. Back when my Beaver Cleaver world leisure travel was taken in the backseat of a Pontiac Canardly that "can hardly" start. My mother used to make chicken noodle soup with homemade egg noodles and chicken from chickens we knew by their first names. Before supper one day, I told a younger member of our family that the chicken noodle soup was made from hen heads. Her eyebrows leaped upwards and she refused to eat the soup.

The medicine cabinet of my formative years housed first aid products and a lot of cure-alls—pioneer health insurance purchased at Rexall Drug. I needed healthcare as I did my own stunts, mostly unintentionally. Horehound candies were hard and had a unique taste, like licorice and mint floating in root beer. The distinctive flavor came from their namesake herb, a bitter flowering plant in the mint family. Horehounds were supposed to soothe sore throats, curtail coughs and ward off witch's spells. Mercurochrome and Merthiolate, both containing mercury, and iodine came in little bottles with glass daubers used on cuts and scrapes. Mercury was used in making felt hats, which resulted in mad hatters. They were all capable of stinging me far more than I wanted. I was advised to blow on a treated wound to lessen the sting and was reminded that if it didn't sting, it wasn't effective. Mercurochrome and Merthiolate left an orange or red color on the skin, commonly called "monkey blood." Vicks VapoRub was a topical cough medicine that was used for breathing congestion, as a chest rub and was occasionally consumed. A sock slathered in Vicks VapoRub was pinned around my neck by a safety pin when I had a cold. I heard from Grandma's generation of Dr. Tichenor's antiseptic mouthwash credited with many other uses, Fletcher's Castoria children's laxative and the cure-all Hadacol, whose primary ingredient was alcohol. I took castor oil and cod liver oil, but never while operating heavy equipment. Castor oil was suitable for treating constipation and curing a cough. One swallow (often referred to as a slug) and I was afraid to cough. I wasn't a willing patient and less than thrilled to drink something meant for a John Deere. Egyptians used castor oil as fuel for lamps. There is a fine line between safe and effective, and murderous.

I posted a public notice. I used three tacks because I couldn't find four tacks. When I was in grade school, tacks taught me to always look before I sat.

I don't complain about the price of gas. I try not to complain about much, but some things deserve it more than gas. I tried riding an ostrich once and saved a lot of money on gas, but I fell off the enormous bird.

**Nature notes**

"I saw a quail in Le Sueur. Is that part of its natural range? "No, that northern bobwhite would have been a pen-raised bird that was released or escaped. Various surveys have found no wild populations, only introduced birds in Minnesota. The organization, Quail Forever, said there are less than 1,000-1,500 birds found primarily in Houston County. The official records in Minnesota kept by the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union (MOU) list the wild bobwhite as extirpated.

"What are my chances of hitting a deer?" State Farm estimates there were over 1.9 million animal collision insurance claims in the U.S. between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. A South Dakota driver has a 1 in 51 likelihood of animal (not just deer) involved collision. Wisconsin has a 1 in 54 chance, Iowa 1 in 57 and Minnesota 1 in 70. The highest risk is in West Virginia 1 in 35. Nevada has the lowest risk at 1 in 698 unless the District of Columbia is included, which is 1 in 907. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are around 1.5 million car accidents with deer each year, which kill 200 Americans, cause over 10,000 personal injuries and result in over $1 billion in vehicle damage. The number of collisions is much higher than that because of all the unreported accidents.

**Meeting adjourned**

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."—Ronald Reagan.

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# Fit to print...

## A dangerous consequence of public-notice bill: Iowans won't know

**By Douglas Burns, Former Vice President for News and Co-owner of Herald Publishing which previously owned the Carroll Times Herald and the Jefferson Herald**

What separates average-to-good Iowa towns from thriving ones, former Governor Terry Branstad often said, is the presence of locally owned banks and a dedicated community newspaper.

Community newspapers are a big part of what makes Iowa, well, Iowa.

And that's why it's so troubling that some in the Iowa Senate are considering requiring legal notices to be posted on some to-be-created state-run website and would not be required to be published in a local newspaper.

Senate File 546 would in practical terms eliminate an essential part of your newspaper, limiting the news, and in so doing, cripple many newspapers, many of which are already facing financial struggles.

In an age where reality is in rare supply and social media feeds ugliness and division, Iowa's community newspapers serve as something of the last bastion of collective truth. Readers are close to the local news, so they either know stories to be true and accurate — or if in doubt they can easily find the reporters and owners.

Of Iowa's 240 newspapers, 80 percent are privately owned. More than 100 Iowa newspapers have fewer than 1,000 subscribers. What these newspapers print is local, local, local. It's stories on eight-man football, and City Council proceedings, celebrations of new business openings, and the solemn and sacred responsibility, what I always considered the soul of the newspaper, the timely and careful collection and publishing of obituaries.

The newspapers of Iowa are generally practical, not ideological. Most small-town newspaper owners are busy running from the Rotary meeting for a photo to the high school for a story and, later, to the council meetings. They have no time to weigh in with views on national and state government. Some do, yes, but the vast majority of papers keep it local.

A big part of newspapers: public notices. Local ones. Information on how your small town is spending money, what the schools and counties in your area are doing, are best presented in newspaper as the content is relevant and easily accessible.

Unlike the California-based social media Goliaths with deep tentacles into our lives, newspapers are responsible for their content. Facebook and Twitter are considered "platforms," and are not liable for anything users post. We correct our mistakes in the newspaper business, and if the errors are damaging enough, aggrieved parties can seek remedies in Iowa's District Courts. Ever try getting a correction on Facebook?

The most distressing unintended consequence of these detailed public records not being printed in your local newspaper will be more division in Iowa, and if you can imagine, an ever-more ugly politics as fallen newspapers, and the people who care about community first, leave a content void that big-dollar donors from the coasts will be all-too-happy fill with ideologically-oriented "news" sites — with writers who are more scalp hunters for Republicans and Democrats than reporters.

Many local newspapers, the sources Branstad always saw as central to economic and community development, are dutiful in running columns from their local legislators — mostly Republicans — in rural Iowa. The legislators can relate items of local interest, which is essential. In the absence of newspapers, which will be a result in many areas of Iowa of Senate File 546, the even-handed, trusted local folks at the paper will be quickly replaced by purveyors of political distortion.

Our state needs its community newspapers, and reliable, accessible public notices.

Without them, Iowans won't know what they don't know.

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# Early Files

## 100 years ago

**March 28, 1923**

John L. Nicopoulos, who was employed at the Rock Island shops at Manly, was suffocated when he slipped and fell into the pit ahead of a dump load of coal. Nicopoulos was night stationary engineer and had been in the employee of the Rock Island there for 10 years, when he fell in.

A big picture is coming to the Northwood Theatre, Mary Pickford will be seen in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," one of her greatest pictures, in which Miss Pickford plays both the part of the little boy and his mother. Manager Haight is getting some excellent pictures.

A crowd numbering almost 200 attended the Masonic banquet and dance held at the Masonic Temple. A program was given in the main auditorium following the dinner, at which time Rev. Shaffer, Mayor Sabin and Mrs. Cora Mellem appeared. Miss Virginia Shaffer acted as piano accompanist. W.E. Ward was in charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Stendel will move in the near future from Tenold to Northwood and occupy the T.O. Vold house on Main Street. Mr. Stendel, who some time ago contracted with the Farmers Butter and Cheese Association to take a position as buttermaker, will start work on April 1.

The Grove Township Farm Bureau folks gathered in a monthly meeting at Dwelle Hall and with those from Northwood and other townships who attended the audience numbered perhaps better than 300. An excellent program was carried out, consisting of addresses, music and moving pictures from the county Farm Bureau machine operated by County Agent Lodwick.

Judge Kepler, Northwood citizen, does not intend to sympathize with the bootleggers or indulge in any mere wrist slapping in dealings with them. Jay McClelland, indicted on a bootlegging charge, was fined $400 and cost the district court.

## 75 years ago

**March 25, 1948**

With a total of $9,986 as operating costs reported for Northwood for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 1947, by the Iowa Taxpayers Assn. of Des Moines, the cost per person is placed at $5.79, compared with $6.09 for the preceding year. These figures are based on the 1940 census, which gave Northwood a population of 1,724.

Spring officially arrived at about 10:30 a.m. on March 20, according to the astronomers, and at almost that exact time the ice went out of the Shell Rock River at Northwood. A large ice jam had formed at the southeast of Crescent Park, causing the water to rise to such an extent that it flooded the park and started to run across the park.

L.E. Whitcome, manager of the Northwood Theatre, is the new president of the local Chamber of Commerce, succeeding John M. Slosson, who served last year. Mr. Whitcome was elected by the directors at the organization meeting following the annual meeting two weeks ago.

James B. McKee of Mason City, who had been assisting in special engineering work in Worth County in recent years, has been elected county engineer for Worth County by the board of supervisors. He succeeds Thos. T. Teall, who resigned effective as of April 1 to accept a position as county engineer of Davis County, at Bloomfield, Iowa.

Mrs. Margaret Bergo Howland, 90, died at the home of her brother, Ole A. Bergo, where she had lived since 1942. She had suffered an extended illness and was confined to her bed for more than a year before her death.

Nels E. Brunsvold, 82, a resident of Worth County for nearly 77 years, was stricken and died suddenly while walking on the main street of Hanlontown in front of Kelmer Bratrud's new building.

## 50 years ago

**March 29, 1973**

Fallgatters Markets Inc., Northwood, has recently installed the most modern grocery ordering system in the super market industry. The Norand NT-5 Data Telecommunication Terminal System enables the firm to write their grocery orders in about one-half the time previously required.

Farmers Home Administrator Irving Christiansen met with the Northwood town council at the Viking Cafe to complete arrangements for a 40 year, five percent FHA loan, not to exceed $500,000 for the proposed water system in Northwood. Mayor Guy Olson is shown signing the necessary application papers to put the loan into effect. The signing took place following a resolution of acceptance by the council.

James Iverson represented Worth County at two recent Republican meetings - the first on March 10 in Des Moines when the young voters division of the State Central Republican Party met. The group heard Mary Lou Smith, national committeewoman, speak. The other meeting was two days later at Hampton, when the Third District Central Committee met to discuss the state legislative program and express views on the bill.

Kaye Young, coach of the North Iowa Area Community College Trojan wrestlers, was the featured speaker at the winter sports banquet held at the Northwood-Kensett High School. About 300 were in attendance to hear Young give some sound advice to parents and athletes. The N-K Quarterback Club was sponsor of the event.

Sgt. Allen Black, husband of the former Pam Hargis of Manly, and son of Mr. and Mrs. William Black of Northwood, left his tour of duty at Malmstam Air Force Base, Montana, and after a short leave in Iowa with his family has gone for his next assignment of Incirlik C.D.I., Turkey. He has been a member of the U.S. Air Force for two years and was promoted to Sergeant in November of 1971.

## 25 years ago

**April 1, 1998**

Northwood-Kensett Elementary School students doffed their coats and jackets in favor of shirtsleeves on their way home from school as temperatures soared into the low 70s here. The mercury topped out at 72 degrees above zero, according to National Weather Service observer John Podgorniak. Although that was the weekend high here, it inspired an epidemic of spring fever, when the skies clouded over and dropped the mercury into the 50s, where it remained.

Northwood residents Nancy Rheinfels, 19, and Jenny Adams, 20, took advantage of unseasonably warm temperatures and an overdue and very welcome round of sunshine to get in an early tanning workout on the rear deck of the Bruce and Becky Rheinfels residence.

Mason John Olson, infant son of Ron and Kim Olson, Northwood, was baptized on March 15, 1998, at Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter, Iowa, by Pastor Kathy Larson.

Five Northwood-Kensett High students were named most valuable athletes in their respective sports at the annual winter sports banquet. They include senior Amy Brunsvold and junior Jenny Johnson, who were named co-MVPs in girls basketball and boys basketball MVP Jon Hickman, most valuable cheerleader Cheryl Woolm and most valuable wrestler Danny Varner.

Northwood bowler Rod Stehn came within one pin of the perfect game at the Nordic Lanes. Stehn opened his second game of Vegas Keggers league competition with 11 sticks in a row to give himself a score of 270 and set up a possible 300 score on his final roll.

Jane Podgorniak, Northwood Community Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee member, points out features of the new swimming pool to Dr. Ronald Harmon, CEO of Albert Lea Medical Center. The center recently donated $2,500 to the pool fund.

## 10 years ago

**March 27, 2013**

The process to find Northwood-Kensett's next superintendent continues. Most recently consultant Dean Meier met with N-K students, staff, community members and the district's school board to set criteria for the district's new administrator. On March 14, Meier met with each group and led them through a brainstorming process, during which they identified the traits they thought to be most important for N-K's superintendent.

Dana Marie Borcherding of Northwood was named to the Dean's List for the 2012 fall term at the University of Northern Iowa.

DeLoris Low and Judy Nerlien helped fill eggs for the Chamber of Commerce Easter egg Hunt which will take place on March 30.

These associates were recognized for their years of service at ACT (Advanced Component Technologies) in the first quarter of 2013: Benita Garza Derenteria, 10 years; Gary Reich, 20 years; and Christine Moore, 10 years. ACT thanked them for the years of dedication and support.

The Northwood City Council continues discussion of how the city's police department would operate while a new police chief is sought. The council met in special session on March 18, which included an update on discussions with the Worth County Sheriff's Office and a proposal for the remaining police officers' daily work schedules. Council members present for the meeting included Doug Helgeland, Russ Meyer, Roger Rustad and Rhonda Taylor. Council member Gary Nerlien was not at the meeting.

The City of Northwood will once again hold its annual Clean Up Week beginning on April 20. The city will provide dumpsters for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105. Cleanup Week is intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garage collection.

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# Obituaries

## Heidi Rebelein



HEIDI REBELEIN

Heidi's daughter, Hana, was the first to welcome her to Heaven on March 23, 2023, when she was called home to the Lord.

The daughter of Marvin "Bob" and Elaine (Engebretson) Rebelein, Heidi Elizabeth Rebelein was born on July 26, 1958, in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She grew up on the family farm outside of Kiester, Minnesota, alongside her five siblings.

Following high school, Heidi attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in nursing. Her patients and family (especially her parents) benefited from her skillful and compassionate care. Her nursing career took her to the Philippines, Seattle, Anchorage and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. In between, there were jobs in both Glacier National Park and Denali National Park. Heidi loved the Alaskan wilderness and reveled in the beauty of nature and the joy of the outdoors, a trait she kept throughout her life.

During her first visit to Denali, she met Cliff Riedinger, who was working at the National Park. They were married on September 24, 1989, in Eagle River, Alaska. They lived in Anchorage for an additional year before returning to the lower 48 and eventually settled in rural Kensett, where they raised their two daughters, Erin and Hana.

Heidi loved her family over everything else. She adored her two daughters and seamlessly transitioned into the role of doting grandma once her granddaughter, Addison, was born. She and Addison would spend countless hours together, reading, taking the dog for walks and sharing stories. When they couldn't be together, Heidi cherished their evening calls during which they would watch the moon from separate locations.

Heidi enjoyed the simple aspects of life. Walks among nature, bird watching, and spending time with family were some of her favorites. She was one to choose comfort over fashion, the country vs. the city, empathy vs. criticism and long conversations rather than short. Blessed with a beautiful voice, she sang in the Gustavus Adolphus choir and performed many solos in years to come. She enjoyed traveling as often as she could and looked forward to taking the family back to Alaska in her retirement.

Heidi is survived by her husband of 33 years, Cliff; her daughter and granddaughter, Erin and Addison; mother, Elaine Rebelein; and siblings, Candace Powell, Dana (David) Porter, Steven Rebelein and Stephanie Rebelein; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

She is joined in Heaven by her father, Bob Rebelein; sister, Denise McGovern; and daughter, Hana Riedinger.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, April 1, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Killdeer Ave., Kensett, with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt officiating.

Heidi's family will greet relatives and friends on Friday evening on March 31, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. S., Northwood.

Memorials are preferred to Elk Creek Lutheran Church or Northwood-Kensett Schools Music Department.

# 'Money Smart' virtual series begins April 17

With the end of pandemic assistance programs and the rise in inflation, some people may be turning to their credit cards, increasing their balances and creating challenges for paying their bills, said Suzanne Bartholomae, Iowa State University associate professor and extension state specialist in financial wellbeing.

Iowans facing financial challenges may sign up for "Money Smart: Prioritizing Bills, Credit and Debt," a free, three-part, virtual series. ISU Extension and Outreach will host the series on Mondays, April 17, April 24 and May 1, from noon to 1 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. Participation in either the noon series or the evening series is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required.

A new report from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York indicates that young adults in their 20s and 30s appear to be having the biggest challenges with paying their bills each month, Bartholomae said.

"This virtual series can help young adults or others who may be facing challenges. You'll gain tools to help manage money effectively, make better financial decisions and live according to your priorities," said Barb Wollan, a human sciences specialist in family wellbeing.

Participants will improve their financial wellbeing by strengthening core financial skills and knowledge related to prioritizing bills, improving credit and managing debt. The program is designed to help Iowans increase control and reduce stress about their current financial situation by learning about tools and strategies to help them make challenging financial decisions.

The topics – prioritizing bills, protecting credit and managing debt – are presented in one-hour, online Zoom sessions.

Individuals may choose to register for either the noon series or the 6 p.m. series, as they will cover the same content. Human Sciences specialists in family wellbeing with ISU Extension and Outreach will lead the program using research-based strategies to decide which bills and monthly expenses to pay first, how to protect one's credit history, and managing debt even when money is short.

Sessions are free to participate in with pre-registration required online by Friday, April 14. Register for the noon to 1 p.m. series at https://go.iastate.edu/XGJXTQ or the 6-7 p.m. series at https://go.iastate.edu/6UKXXK.

Once an individual has registered, they will receive an email confirmation with the Zoom link and class information.

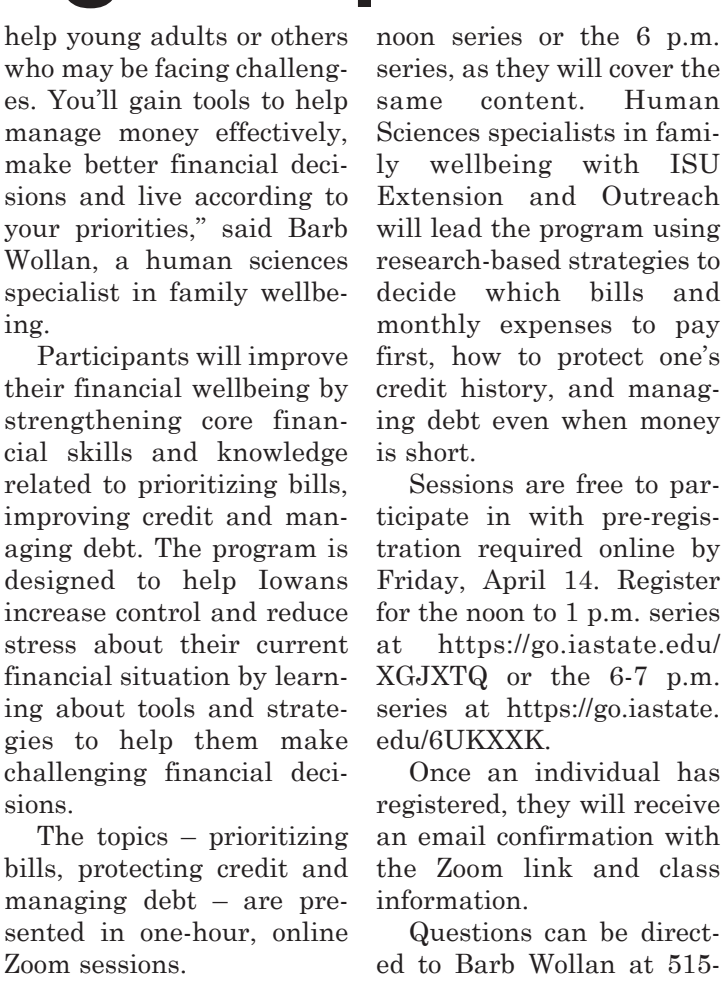
Questions can be directed to Barb Wollan at 515-832-9597 or bwollan@iastate.edu.

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# Dierenfeld inducted into the Iowa Hereford Hall of Fame

Mike Dierenfeld of Northwood is one of two new members of the Iowa Hereford Hall of Fame. He and David Trowbridge, Tabor, were honored during the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association's (IHBA) banquet during the Iowa Beef Expo.

The Iowa Hereford Hall of Fame honors people who have had a significant impact on the breed in the state.

It's appropriate that Dierenfeld was inducted into the Iowa Hereford Hall of Fame on the eve of the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association's (IHBA) annual sale at the Iowa Beef Expo and while he is president of the sponsoring Iowa Beef Breeds Council. In 1987, he and his wife Joan brought their first consignment to the Beef Expo – and they have consigned in all but two of the years since then.

Dierenfeld's Hereford herd started in the fall of 1985, when he purchased two bred cows from Clarence Caraway of Lake Benton, Minnesota, with the intention of building a foundation for a 4-H project for his young daughter, Ashley. Those cows calved in 1986 and they brought the bull calf from one of them to the 1987 Expo, where he sold for $2,000.

A native of Deep River, Iowa, where his father was a veterinarian for about 50 years, Dierenfeld followed in his dad's footsteps by getting his DVM from Iowa State University in 1979 and his master's in 1998. He first practiced in southwest Minnesota for five years, before moving to Northwood in 1984 to start his own practice. The new location was a homecoming of sorts, for his wife, Joan, whom he married in 1978. She was raised on a dairy farm in nearby Kensett.

Not long after the move they made the aforementioned purchase that started MDF Polled Herefords, choosing the breed in part because of the knowledge and recommendation of a partner in one of the vet clinics. The quiet disposition of Herefords was a major selling point. Over the last nearly 40 years, the herd has grown significantly. They calved 88 cows and heifers in 2022, but this year that number will be a little over 60. Last year they sold 20 pairs to a young breeder in Maryville, Mo.

Over the years, Dierenfeld infused his herd with several prominent Canadian bloodlines, including Remitall and Medonte Highlands. One year when he was at Denver with a 4-H group, he saw and "fell in love with" a bull named Remitall Jonathan, which he says was the best bull he's ever seen. He went to Remitall sales and tried unsuccessfully to buy him. Mike's pursuit of great cattle didn't stop there. A licensed pilot, he's flown himself to sales in Canada, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Montana, Kansas, Minnesota and Illinois.

Dierenfeld's dedication to the breed and the industry is evident in the many roles and responsibilities he has fulfilled over the years. He served two terms on the IHBA board of directors, from 2003-2009. During his tenure, he urged the association to start its own website and became its first administrator. Today that website is a major source of IHBA information and promotion. He also pushed the board to reinstate screening cattle for acceptance in the Expo sale, something that had been discontinued for various reasons. "That's the best thing we have ever done," he states. For more than 15 years, he and Russ Stickley alternated as the IHBA's official vet for the sale, which was no small feat when consigning every year. Going through health papers consumed at least 3-4 hours the night before the sale, not to mention the time it took on sale day.

Mike and Joan usually consign bred heifers to the Expo sale and are pleased to see that bred heifers have become such a hot commodity in recent years. In the early days, the Dierenfelds were pretty much the only consignors to bring bred heifers. Due to their calving schedule, their lots often arrive at the Expo with baby calves at side. Dierenfeld times his breeding program to calve in January and February, so that he has most of his calves on the ground before he gets busy looking after animals of his clients who calve a month or two later.

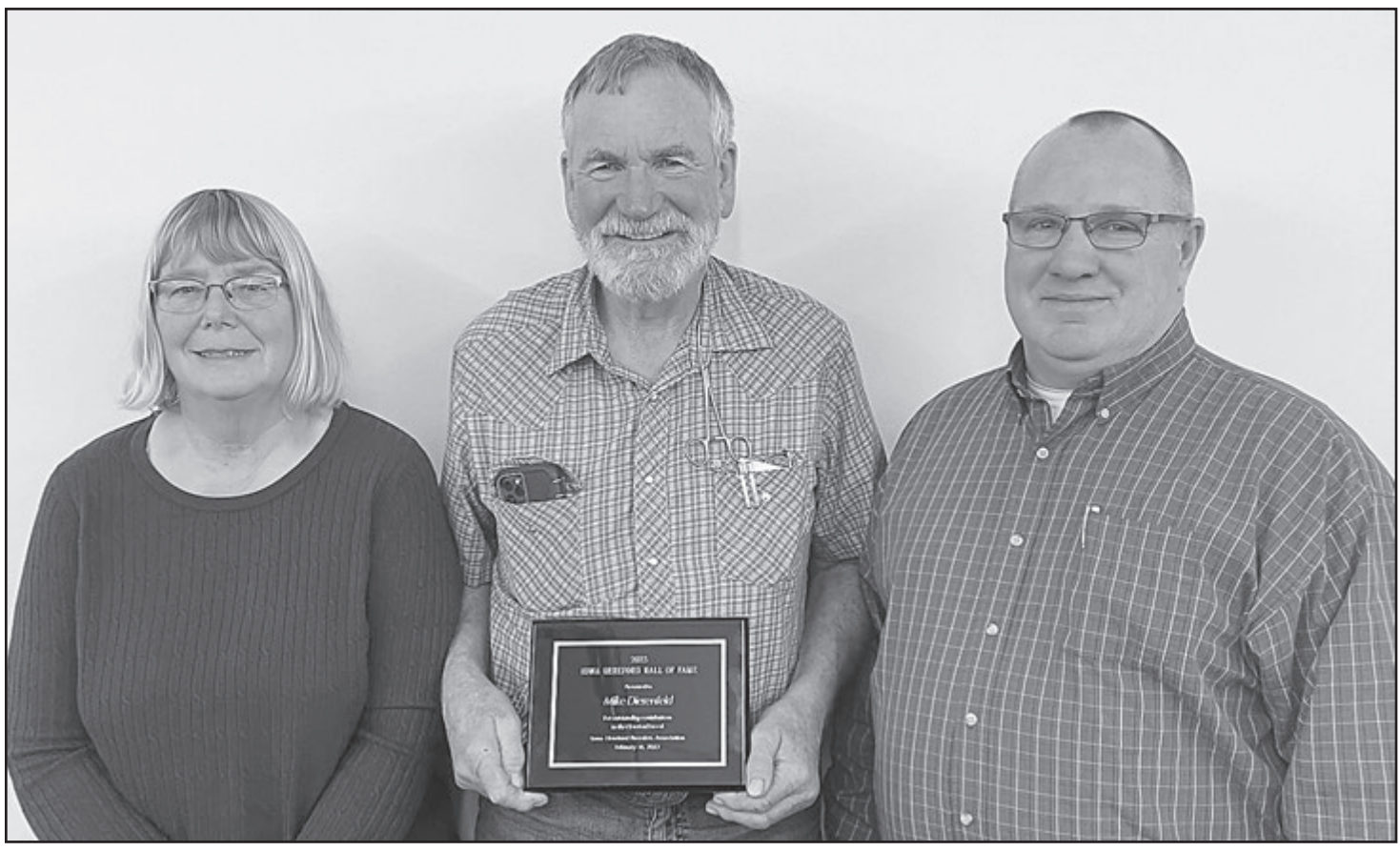
In 2005, Dierenfeld became one of the IHBA's representatives to the Iowa Beef Breeds Council, where he spent three years as secretary, 10 years as treasurer and one year as vice president. He is now in his third year as IBBC president. He has found his time on the IBBC board to be rewarding and says it is the organization he has enjoyed the most. He looks forward to attending so much that in all his years of service he has only missed one meeting – and that was because he didn't receive a notice about the meeting.

Dierenfeld's other volunteer service covers a wide range: school board, including a few terms as president; veterinary association; and 39 years on the Worth County Cattlemen Board, including 35 years as treasurer.

He says, "Herefords have been good to me," and credits Joan and daughters Ashley and Allyson with keeping the operation running smoothly. Both girls were active in the Iowa Junior association and showed at the Junior National. When the girls were still at home, Ashley would be up early and waiting with a full report on what was going on outside for him when he woke up. Joan helps at the clinic and is active in their church. Both enjoy Iowa State sports and have had season football tickets since 1984.

Both daughters are married and have families of their own. All four grandkids have shown bucket calves at the Worth County Fair and the oldest granddaughter is now old enough to join 4-H and show cattle.

*FromBecky Simpson, Administrative Secretary, Iowa Hereford Breeders Association*
*www.iowahereford.org*



Pictured are (from left) Joan Dierenfeld, Mike Dierenfeld and Iowa Hereford Breeders Association president Thad Espenscheid.

# Rural Iowa report shows large farms continue to grow as small farms decrease

A recent farm trends publication from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach discusses changing farm trends between 2011 and 2021, including farm sizes, production values, net incomes and debt.

In "Rural Iowa at a Glance, Farm Trends" (2022 Edition), David Peters, professor and extension rural sociologist at Iowa State University, shares data that shows the way agriculture in the state is shifting.

Rural Iowa roadway. One aspect of farming that has seen a great deal of change is farm size. In the past 10 years, the number of large commercial farms has doubled, while the number of small farms has decreased by 27%. Small farms have also seen sizable reductions in sales and acres farmed, with sales dropping by 59% and acres farmed dropping by 47%.

The drop in farm sales and acres farmed is tied to the fact that 68% of farms in Iowa are now operated by people who do not make the majority of their income through farming. Many small farms are operated by people who have a non-farm income or are retired, and the farm primarily serves as a place to live rather than work.

"As the numbers demonstrate, farming can be incredibly variable," said Peters. "We also have a severe labor shortage in the non-farm economy, so workers in rural Iowa have options. People can choose the farm life, which involves a huge capital investment and a lot of volatility, or they can choose an off-farm job, which offers a much more stable income. For many, having an off-farm job while maintaining a small farm provides the best of both worlds."

Rise in farm incomes

According to Peters, the data also reflects a sharp and somewhat unexpected rise in net farm incomes between 2020 and 2021. Net farm incomes increased across all farm commodities in Iowa, as well as all farm sizes and classes. This increase in net farm income allowed many farms to pay down debts, especially small and midsized farms, which saw high levels of debt utilization between 2016 and 2020.

"I was surprised by how much net farm incomes grew," said Peters. "I knew that farm incomes would rise, however, with many government support payments for COVID and trade disputes ending in 2021, I did not expect to see commodity prices rise by as much as they did to offset those supports."

Commodity differences

While there was a net increase in farm incomes across all commodities, some commodities saw greater increases than others. Corn and soybean farms have seen steadily growing incomes, with net farm incomes doubling since 2011. Hog farms have also seen steady growth, but net farm income was still 21% lower in 2021 than in 2011. Poultry has been much more variable, as although net farm income has grown by 200% since 2011, poultry farms saw a large dip in income between 2013-14 due to salmonella and bird flu outbreaks.

Cattle in the fields. One area of concern for Peters was the cattle sector. "Incomes in the cattle industry have not increased in the same way other commodities have increased, and many cattle farms haven't been able to pay down debt as a result," he added.

Peters also noted that the dairy industry has seen sharp decreases in number of farms as well as acres farmed since 2011, which is another concern. "Our dairy sector in Iowa was small to begin with but has really gone into decline in terms of numbers," he said. "The dairy industry has a long history in the state, but the trends that I am seeing indicate that this decline may unfortunately continue."

The full report is available on the Iowa State University Extension Store. For more information, contact David Peters at 515-294-6303 or dpeters@iastate.edu

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# Annie's Project: Historic program for Iowa farm women

## *Two decades of offering risk management education to women in agriculture*

When her husband passed in 2000 from complications with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Jean Driscoll found herself stepping up in some big ways to operate the family farm.

A swine and crop producer from Cedar County, Driscoll had been involved with the farm from the start, working with her husband, the late Dennis "George" Driscoll, on barn chores, recordkeeping and occasionally some fieldwork.

His death at age 53 made her knowledge of the farm all the more important, and she quickly found herself taking on more responsibility, working alongside her sons, Tom and Sean.

"When George passed, I wasn't totally blindsided because I had already worked closely with him on so many things, but there were areas where I wanted to learn more," said Driscoll. "A few years after his death, I was offered an educational opportunity to learn more and improve my knowledge."

That opportunity was "Annie's Project," an 18-hour farm business management course that empowers women in agriculture to be successful with farm finances, human resources, legal issues, marketing and agricultural production.

In its 20-year history, more than 19,000 people have completed Annie's Project courses, in 38 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In Iowa, more than 128 Annie's Project courses have empowered 2,200 women in agriculture.

### Increasing knowledge

Driscoll had an advantage in that she already knew most of the ins-and-outs of her family's farm, including the financial numbers and records. She also had a strong relationship with extension, having served on the extension council for many years. Annie's Project, which she completed in 2007 with her daughter, Lori Crock, still helped take her farm knowledge to a new level.

"At the time, women like ourselves were becoming more involved with ag, and this seemed like a great opportunity," said Driscoll. "We covered topics that were important at the time and that are still important, like financial balance sheets, conservation programs, marketing, women land ownership and rental agreements."

Driscoll and her daughter both actively farm today, on two separate farms near Mechanicsville, Iowa. The elder Driscoll will turn 76 in March, and although the farm has changed over the past couple decades, she is still involved full-time with caring for feeder pigs and fieldwork, as well as recordkeeping.

Today, Jean Driscoll and her sons no-till about 1,300 acres and finish roughly 6,500 pigs a year. During planting season, she operates the seed tender, and during harvest she hauls grain from the fields.

Driscoll encourages other women who might be thinking about the Annie's Project course to get involved. No matter what their level of farm knowledge may be, she said participants will expand their knowledge, in ways that will help themselves and their families.

"I would definitely encourage other women to go through this. You're never too young to learn and there is always something new to learn," she said.

Driscoll has continued to use the knowledge she acquired from working with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and was honored to be recognized in 2016 as one of Iowa State's first Women Impacting Agriculture awardees. She explains her farm and the many improvements she's made in a YouTube video posted the same year.

### Reaching everyone

Although Driscoll already had a good understanding of her farm, not all Annie's Project participants are as fortunate. For some, the classes are the first significant exposure women have to what's involved with running a farm.

Kelvin Leibold, a farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, has been involved with the program in Iowa and nationally since its early years. In the beginning, he said many women were working off-farm jobs, partly stemming from the farm crisis of the 1980s, and many women were not as involved with the day-to-day operations as their spouses.

"In many cases, they (women) became distanced from the farm and didn't always have time to get involved with the financial matters and the lenders," said Leibold. "I saw a lot of stress and a lack of understanding that Annie's Project helped to overcome. As an educator, I wanted women in my audience, and Annie's provided a safe haven for this to happen."

### Historic beginnings

The very first Annie's Project was offered in Illinois in 2003, to a class of 10 participants. The program was the vision of Ruth Hambleton, a University of Illinois extension educator, who modeled the program after the real-life success of her mother, the late Annette Kohlhagen Fleck.

Annie was a farm woman who grew up in a small town in northern Illinois and married a farmer in 1947. She helped navigate her family's farm through challenging times by using good recordkeeping, sound decision making, and determination in the face of adversity. Ruth named the program in her mother's honor and it quickly caught the interest of other states. It was first offered in Iowa in 2004, by the late Bob Wells, a farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Wells, who lived and worked in eastern Iowa, said in a video in 2011 that Annie's Project "gave women the chance to really empower themselves with the knowledge that they are not alone in this world. There are other farm women in their neighborhood, in their area and their state that face the same problems every day that they do."



### National reach

Kelvin Leibold giving a presentaiton.Wells worked with Hambleton and other colleagues in extension to expand the program across the country, including Tim Eggers, past farm management specialist, Kelvin Leibold, and Madeline Schultz, current president of the national Annie's Project board of directors and program manager for Women in Ag at Iowa State. The team helped advise the national organization for many years and obtained grant support from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Iowa has been a leader in the development of Annie's Project as a national program and nonprofit organization," said Schultz. "Here in Iowa, Annie's Project continues to be a very strong program and our farm management team members see the positive impacts it makes for Iowa women in agriculture."

Ruth Hambleton serves the national board as treasurer and said she has no doubt her mother would be proud of what the program has become.

"She'd be very flattered that Annie's project is patterned after her and I know she's looking down from heaven, just really pleased to see all that is going on," Hambleton said.





# ISU Extension and Outreach wants to hear from Iowans through online survey

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is conducting a statewide audience assessment.

"As technology continues to evolve, we want to learn how Iowans prefer to access, receive and engage with extension education – both in person and virtually," said John Lawrence, Iowa State's vice president for extension and outreach.

Through this survey, Iowans can tell ISU Extension and Outreach about the technology they prefer to use, the topics they want to learn more about and the issues they think will be important to the people in their communities over the next two years.

The survey is available online, www.extension.iastate.edu/survey, and will remain open through March 31. Iowans may contact their ISU Extension and Outreach county office for more information.

"The more Iowans we can survey, the better we can engage all Iowans in research, education and extension experiences to address current and emerging real-life challenges," Lawrence said.

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## Supervisors

**March 20, 2023**
**Eleventh 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 Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of $4,950.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Brian Nettleton Excavating, DD 7 Main, Repairs.....$4,950.00

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $67,598.04 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng ..... 9,970.20
Alliant Energy
Service-Shf..... 199.07
Aramark, Service-Eng ..... 555.78
At&T Mobility
Service-It/Gis..... 165.08
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf ..... 35.86
C J Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng ..... 135.00
Centurylink, Service-Gsr... 163.43
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng..... 693.22
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 4,610.89
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng ..... 654.10
Ia Prison Industries
Supplies-Shf ..... 717.75
Jacki Backhaus
Reimb-Aud..... 508.92
Jacob Hanson, Reimb-Trs.. 298.89
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd..... 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf..... 81.26
John Deere Financial
Supplies ..... 283.10
Mail Services Llc
Postage-Trs..... 359.45
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup..... 248.71
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap ..... 236.47
Mark Eilertson
Safety-Eng ..... 250.00
Medline Industries Inc.
Service-Phd..... 1,503.16
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Parts-Eng..... 817.10
Napa Auto Parts
Supplies-Eng ..... 11.89
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr .. 204.70
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Trs..... 461.76
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Dap ..... 180.20
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd..... 174.50
Pitney Bowes Global
Service-Dap ..... 402.99
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Ema ..... 33.38
Rockmount Resrch & Alloys Inc
Supplies-Eng ..... 3,778.53
Seat Treasurer, Edu-Aud .... 50.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Supplies-Shf ..... 16.27
Visa, Service-Phd ..... 4,666.56
Visa, Service-Dap ..... 34.93
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp..... 2,200.00
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Dap & Gsr ..... 27,569.20
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf ..... 5,205.65
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng..... 70.04
Grand Total ..... 67,598.04

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve payroll eligibility verification for Laura Block at $14.28/hour and Holly Duncomb at $14.03/hour as submitted by public health. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the agreement between Worth County and Worth County Development Authority to grant Worth County $900,000 for the sole purpose of selling the developed lots at a reduced rate to potential buyers. The property is located at the southwest quadrant of the I-35/Hwy 105 site. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, carried to adjourn at 8:50 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

## Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that there is now on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of Northwood, Iowa, the proposed "CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA."

The City Council will meet at 6 o'clock p.m. on the 10th day of April, 2023, in the Council chambers in City Hall at which time any citizen of Northwood, Iowa, or any other person having an interest in the proposed "CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA," may appear and be heard for or against the adoption of the proposed Code of Ordinances or any part thereof.

/s/Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk
CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA

## City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 03/13/2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Bratrud, Woltzen, Douglas, Heiken & Parker.

Absent: N/A

Visitors: L. McNally & R. Bauer

Mayor called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes with correction by Douglas, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Noon & 6pm whistle is not working, Bice Electric will be contacted.

Old Business: City Clean-up date was confirmed for May 6th at 7am.

Steve Brush with VanWert was contacted for start of new water meter implementation, they are waiting on the software implementation before they start. Need to acquire further information.

Smoke Test for I&I problem was discussed. Iowa Rural Water District to be contacted for cost and more information.

New Business: Budget for fixing town streets was discussed. Reach out to companies for estimates.

Public hearing for '23-'24 budget was set for April 10th, 2023. Motion to approve by Woltzen, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: January 2023 Revenues by Fund: General 7359.82, Utilities 6227.11, Special 5769.00 Total Revenues: $19,355.93. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by Heiken, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 3,647.27, WCTA 280.95, B. Luckason 715.55 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 430.26 (net) R. Bauer 1009.39 (net), L. McNally 810.64 (net), K. Thompson 754.73 (net), Federal & SS 910.93 (payroll), IPERS 762.67 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #49/60 321.98 (casino $-general), Visa 106.99 (supplies), Agsource 27.50 (service-sewer-testing),Kensett Water Works 104.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1467.04 (garbage & recycling-general), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), D&L 474.04 (general), Olson Insurance 125 (bonds), Sate Auditor 800.00 (exam fee),Arlys Bergdale 84.00 (cleaning), Herb Thompson 30.00 (maintenance), Midwest Tape 75.96 (supplies), Demco 138.15 (supplies), Tab Computers 120.00 (repairs), Culligan 10.70 (supplies), Baker & Taylor 351.79 (supplies)

Disbursements by Fund: General 6474.55, Special 1528.55, Utilities 562.27, Payroll 5625.04 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $ 14,190.41

Motion to adjourn by Douglas, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

The Kensett City Council met in special session 3/06/22 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Parker, Heiken & Bratrud. Absent: Douglas. Mayor opened Public Hearing for Max Levy Resolution #654. There being no public input, motion to approve said Resolution by Woltzen, 2nd by Heiken, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously. Mayor closed public hearing. Motion to adjourn by Heiken, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

People's Right To Know

## N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2023 in the Administrative Office at 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Cindy Pangburn, Larry Hovey, Bradley Christianson, John Anderson And Susan Kliment

(5-0) Approved the Agenda for March 20, 2023; February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes; Financial Reports for February; March bills for payment

Public Hearing for Board Policy 605.6 Internet Appropriate Use

President Hovey opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 pm

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

(5-0) approve closing Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:36 pm

Report

Elementary Principal: 1) Iowa Assessments at the Elementary are scheduled for March 27th-April 6th 2) Thank you to guest readers: Mike Crozier, Jayden Beland, Taylor Rodemeyer, Mallory Rheingans and Tegan Johnson 3) Nurse Bruns and Principal Costello to hold annual meeting for incoming kindergarten parents on April 4th

Secondary Principal: 1) Thanks to Farmers State Bank for sponsoring the assembly featuring VJ Smith who talked about "The Richest Man in Town" stressing the importance of kindness and treating other human beings well 2) Jordan Smalley and Keith are applying for STEM Scale-up program called Discover Drones. If approved she will receive supplies and curriculum needed for TAG students to build, fly and use a small number of drones 3) The band and choir students are back from NYC. Next spring break our Spanish students are heading to Costa Rica 4) Iowa Assessments at High School March 21st-24th 5) District Graduation Rate: Class of 2022 graduation rate 100%

Superintendent: 1) Makeup snow days, administration is recommending we make up four days that would be May 25th for students 2) Radon Mitigation at the Elementary; few rooms that are slightly over the level, have sent us request for proposals to various companies.

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm

New Business:

Exchange of Opening Proposals – No Action taken

(5-0) approve the review of the 700 series board policies

(5-0) approve to rescind Policies 701.04, 701.06, 702-R(1), 704.07, 705.02, 705.05, 705.06, 705.07, 705.08, 709.02, 710.05, 711.11, 711.12 and 711.13

(5-0) approve the first reading of policies 701.03, 702, 703.0, 704.01, 704.05, 704.06,

705.01, 706.02, 707.04, 709, 710.01-R(1), 710.01E(1), 710.01-E(2), 710.03, 216.02,

607.01, 804.07R(1)

(5-0) approve new policies 701.05 and 701.05R(1)

(5-0) approve the purchase of K-12 Language Arts and Spanish Curriculum as presented in the packet for a total of $96,524.19

(5-0) approve to publish the budget for the 2023-24 school year in the Northwood Anchor and set a budget hearing for April 13, 2023 at 7:01 pm in the Northwood-Kensett CSD Admin. Building, 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA

(5-0) by roll call vote approve a Resolution for Budget Guarantee for Fiscal Year 2024, that the Board of Directors of the Northwood-Kensett CSD will levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2023-24 for the regular program adjustment as allowed under sections 257.14 Code of Iowa

(5-0) approve the Cooperative Agreement for Pre-service Clinical Placement with UNI for the 2023-24 school year

(5-0) approve the purchase of an end loader, Model 244L from Kibble Equipment for $116,000.

(5-0) approve the bid from Shane Batton for the lawn care service in the amount of $23,500/year

(5-0) approve entering into a lease for copiers with Access Systems for $1,196.46 a month/5 year agreement

(5-0) approve the amendment from the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission Natural Gas Program Risk Pool for $20,282.50 and continued participation in the program

(5-0) approve participation in the AEA purchasing agreement for the 2023-2024 school year

(5-0) approve the resignation of Zach Samson as Assistant HS Wrestling coach pending suitable replacement

(5-0) approve Josie Einertson as volunteer HS Girls Trach coach

(5-0) approve the resignation of Beth Butler as Speech Coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending suitable replacement

(5-0) approve the hire of Morgan Young as an associate at the secondary at a rate of $12.50

(5-0) approve Leo Frost as JH Boys Track Coach for the 2023 season

(5-0) approve the resignation of Brad Zipse as part-time Custodian effective March 24, 2023

(5-0) approve the resignation of Morgan Johnson as JH Girls Basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending suitable replacement

(5-0) approve the resignation of Rosemary Porter as part-time cook

(5-0) adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District
Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount

A & I AUTO, REPAIRS ..... 940.04
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
propane ..... 1,881.51
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.
legal services ..... 171.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC
SUPPLIES..... 552.54
Albert Lea Steel, Inc.
supplies..... 73.92
All Star Pest Control
pest control ..... 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY..... 12,305.61
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 2,143.77
CAM Community School District
open enrollment ..... 547.17
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
SUPPLIES..... 118.78
Central Rivers Area Education
Agency, registration..... 900.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer ..... 876.35
Crozier, Michael
REIMBURSEMENT ..... 248.90
CULVER HAHN ELECTRIC
SUPPLY, SUPPLIES..... 480.00
Davidson, Preston
score keeper..... 630.00
ELECTRONIC SPECIALTIES, INC, service ..... 200.40
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 757.36
Heinen, Dana, repairs..... 146.25
Impact7G, inspection..... 950.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service ..... 215.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC, SUPPLIES..... 286.73
John Deere Financial
parts and service..... 22.68
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 287.15
Knudtson Automotive Services
automotive services..... 3,054.49
LAKE MILLS CSD
open enrollment ..... 16,717.98
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., service..... 576.58
Marco Technologies LLC
COPIES ..... 106.75
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies..... 978.81
NCI North Central International
Repairs..... 2,648.11
NORTH IOWA DISTRIBUTING
supplies..... 742.50
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES ..... 3,058.60
NORTHWOOD SANITATION
garbage ..... 630.00
OFFICE DEPOT
SUPPLIES..... 31.31
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
BOOKS ..... 1,226.68
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY, supplies ..... 935.65
School Bus Sales
school bus ..... 107.74
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC
SUPPLIES..... 151.79
Staples Business Credit
supplies..... 177.70
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies..... 12.40
TRADING POST
supplies..... 199.47
Unity School Bus Parts
parts..... 78.07
VIAFIELD, salt ..... 134.00
VISA, supplies..... 731.19
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE
TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service .. 1,157.44
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas ..... 3,761.42
Worth Lumber Company
supplies..... 11.25
OLSON INSURANCE
insurance ..... 429.00
Lashier Graphics & Signs
wall plaques..... 68.04
Central College
scholarship ..... 500.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
scholarship ..... 500.00
Checking Account ID, 1 63,537.13
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 89.98
Bell, Chris, judge..... 250.00
Champion Teamware AR
SUPPLIES..... 403.33
CLARION-GOLDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, fee..... 100.00
CORNERPOST, THE
supplies..... 336.30
Cotter, Martin
reimbursement..... 491.50
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
supplies..... 574.00
Eagle Grove Community Schools, fee..... 108.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 203.72
H2I Group, supplies..... 1,275.00
HAMPTON-DUMONT HIGH SCHOOL, fee..... 100.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK COACHES, fee ..... 150.00
IOWA FCCLA
registration..... 1,540.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOC, fee ..... 112.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION, fee..... 88.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.
supplies..... 87.99
JOSTENS, INC., supplies.. 836.65
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 34.99
LAKE MILLS CSD, fee..... 90.00
Leading Edge Fundraising
supplies..... 2,707.50
Life's Great Moments
service..... 678.10
Lloyd, Holly Prier
service..... 180.00
N-K GENERAL FUND
reimbursement..... 118.42
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CSD
fee..... 180.00
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION
fee..... 1,092.50
NORTH IOWA CSD, fee..... 90.00
NORTHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
supplies..... 500.00
Reindl, Jordan
reimbursement..... 40.00
Rieman Music, Inc
supplies..... 14.39
Second Generation Creation
service..... 269.64
ST. ANSGAR CSD, fee..... 150.00
Tequilas Mexican Bar
meals..... 200.00
Valdus Performance Clothing LLC, supplies ..... 1,315.00
WEST HANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL, fee..... 180.00
Fund Number 21..... 14,587.01
ELECTRONIC SPECIALTIES, INC, cameras..... 8,780.30
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs..... 3,142.41
Marco, copier lease..... 1,329.29
TimeClock Plus
time clock system..... 14.20
Fund Number 36..... 13,266.20
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
MILK ..... 2,807.76
MARTIN BROTHERS
food/supplies..... 12,587.19
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD ..... 648.95
Rapids Foodservice Contract & Design, equipment ..... 1,035.54
Fund Number 61..... 17,079.44

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**Proposed NORTHWOOD-KENSETT School Budget Summary**
**Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024**

| Location of Public Hearing: Northwood-Kensett Community School District Administrative Building, 1496 480th St., Northwood IA 50459 | Date of Hearing: 04/13/2023 | Time of Hearing: 07:01 PM |
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The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 23/24 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

| | | Budget 2024 | Re-est. 2023 | Actual 2022 | Avg % 22-24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 | 3,431,005 | 3,598,455 | 3,321,690 | % 1.6 |
| Utility Replacement Excise Tax | 2 | 77,987 | 80,328 | 83,308 | % -3.2 |
| Income Surtaxes | 3 | 145,388 | 171,941 | 144,523 | % 0.3 |
| Tuition\Transportation Received | 4 | 324,476 | 316,803 | 309,609 | |
| Earnings on Investments | 5 | 20,515 | 21,775 | 21,458 | |
| Nutrition Program Sales | 6 | 0 | 0 | 33,796 | |
| Student Activities and Sales | 7 | 202,610 | 199,676 | 196,785 | |
| Other Revenues from Local Sources | 8 | 380,746 | 1,423,413 | 1,402,401 | |
| Revenue from Intermediary Sources | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| State Foundation Aid | 10 | 3,687,803 | 3,259,946 | 3,191,967 | |
| Instructional Support State Aid | 11 | 11,289 | 0 | 0 | |
| Other State Sources | 12 | 123,141 | 775,380 | 764,753 | |
| Commercial & Industrial State Replacement | 13 | 0 | 0 | 88,887 | |
| Title I Grants | 14 | 101,937 | 86,179 | 86,179 | |
| IDEA and Other Federal Sources | 15 | 394,260 | 579,669 | 814,367 | |
| Total Revenues | 16 | 8,901,157 | 10,513,565 | 10,459,723 | |
| General Long-Term Debt Proceeds | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Transfers In | 18 | 0 | 433,580 | 427,173 | |
| Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions | 19 | 913 | 913 | 899 | |
| Special Items/Upward Adjustments | 20 | 1,079 | 1,063 | 1,055 | |
| Total Revenues & Other Sources | 21 | 8,903,149 | 10,949,121 | 10,888,850 | |
| Beginning Fund Balance | 22 | 5,173,252 | 5,247,673 | 8,235,504 | |
| **Total Resources** | 23 | 14,076,401 | 16,196,794 | 19,124,354 | |
| ***Instruction** | 24 | 5,719,770 | 4,956,542 | 4,933,537 | % 7.7 |
| Student Support Services | 25 | 187,642 | 189,349 | 191,631 | |
| Instructional Staff Support Services | 26 | 405,919 | 394,546 | 412,052 | |
| General Administration | 27 | 461,393 | 435,392 | 284,081 | |
| School Administration | 28 | 433,404 | 413,722 | 396,738 | |
| Business & Central Administration | 29 | 187,636 | 176,663 | 170,990 | |
| Plant Operation and Maintenance | 30 | 768,068 | 741,691 | 682,400 | |
| Student Transportation | 31 | 332,337 | 321,746 | 307,423 | |
| ***Total Support Services (lines 25-31)** | 31A | 2,776,399 | 2,673,109 | 2,445,315 | % 6.6 |
| ***Noninstructional Programs** | 32 | 374,718 | 369,180 | 352,887 | % 3.0 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 33 | 1,605,977 | 1,509,372 | 4,611,619 | |
| Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges) | 34 | 0 | 836,223 | 823,865 | |
| AEA Support - Direct to AEA | 35 | 282,822 | 245,536 | 244,406 | |
| ***Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)** | 35A | 1,888,799 | 2,591,131 | 5,679,890 | % -42.3 |
| Total Expenditures | 36 | 10,759,686 | 10,589,962 | 13,411,629 | |
| Transfers Out | 37 | 440,084 | 433,580 | 427,173 | |
| Other Uses | 38 | 0 | 0 | 37,879 | |
| Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses | 39 | 11,199,770 | 11,023,542 | 13,876,681 | |
| Ending Fund Balance | 40 | 2,876,631 | 5,173,252 | 5,247,673 | |
| **Total Requirements** | 41 | 14,076,401 | 16,196,794 | 19,124,354 | |
| **Proposed Property Tax Rate (per $1,000 taxable valuation)** | | 12.00387 | | | |

## Legal

## Notice

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY**
PROBATE NO. ESPR009358
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY B. LEVORSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Judy B. Levorson, deceased, who died on or about March 1, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on the March 16, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Judy B. Levorson, deceased, bearing date of September 24, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Matthew Levorson and Peter Levorson was appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is 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 March 16, 2023.

Matthew Levorson
668 450th Street
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of Estate

Peter Levorson
627 9th Street
Ames, IA 50010
Executor of Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 29th day of March, 2023.

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Office 641-324-9844 Fax 641-324-9844

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www.northwooddentistry.com
802 9th Ave. North
Northwood, Iowa 50459

# Spring/Summer Iowa Travel Guide now available

The spring/summer edition of the Iowa Travel Guide is now available to inspire travelers who want to plan their Iowa road trip. The free 140-page guide can be ordered online at traveliowa.com, by phone at 800.345.IOWA or picked up at any of Iowa's Welcome Centers. An online version is also available.

The publication includes features on new events and attractions for 2023, RAGBRAI's 50th anniversary, the Iowa State Fair, the Loess Hills, stops along the Lincoln Highway, golf courses and adventures on wheels. The guide also contains suggested attractions, restaurants, lodging properties, events and an itinerary for each of the five travel areas as well as campground listings. The cover features Rail Explorers in Boone.

"Demand for travel continues to be strong," said Amy Zeigler, state tourism manager for the Iowa Tourism Office. "According to the US Travel Association, nearly half of Americans with travel plans agree that taking time off is more important than ever and more than half say travel is a priority in their budget. The redesigned Iowa Travel Guide is a great inspiration piece to encourage people to visit our state."

The Iowa Tourism Office, part of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, works closely with community partners, attractions and events, to promote the state's beautifully vast scenery and unique history. Tourism in Iowa generated $1.8 billion in tax revenues in 2021, with more than $1 billion supporting state and local governments, while employing a total of 65,000 people statewide. For more information on everything Iowa has to offer tourists, visit traveliowa.com.

## Bolan

The Bolan Trinity UMC "Dine-In" or "Make-Take" Baked Potato Bar was a great success. It was good to see quite a few new people come to this event. There were some who came from Osage to meet with friends from Clear Lake to enjoy lunch together. There were friends of the Bolan Community who came from Des Moines to have baked potatoes and homemade pie!

# State 4-H Conference and 4-H Animal Science Roundup scheduled for June 27-29

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

The State 4-H Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, to Thursday, June 29, on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

The Animal Science Roundup will also take place on June 27 to June 29 for horses, sheep, swine, beef, dog, poultry and dairy. Those wanting to participate are asked to call Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator; Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager; or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 to get signed up.

Northwood Anchor

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# Legal

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY**
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**
**County Name: WORTH COUNTY County Number: 98**

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
**Meeting Date: 4/10/2023 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA**
**Contact Person: Jacki A. Backhaus Contact Phone Number: (641) 324-2316**

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available): www.worthcounty.org
County Telephone Number: (641) 324-2316

| | | Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2022/2023 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax FY 2023/2024 | Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax FY 2023/2024 | Proposed Percentage Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Taxable Valuations-General Services | 1 | 694,715,592 | 707,325,492 | 707,325,492 | |
| Requested Tax Dollars-General Basic | 2 | 2,952,541 | | 3,006,133 | |
| Requested Tax Dollars-General Supplemental | 3 | 1,285,224 | | 1,450,017 | |
| Requested Tax Dollars-General Services Total | 4 | 4,237,765 | 4,237,765 | 4,456,150 | 5.15 |
| Estimated Tax Rate-General Services | 5 | 6.10000 | 5.99125 | 6.30000 | |
| Taxable Valuations-Rural Services | 6 | 561,399,924 | 575,649,787 | 575,649,787 | |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Basic | 7 | 1,653,325 | | 1,695,289 | |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Supplemental | 8 | | | 0 | |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Services Total | 9 | 1,653,325 | 1,653,325 | 1,695,289 | 2.54 |
| Estimated Tax Rate-Rural Services | 10 | 2.94500 | 2.87210 | 2.94500 | |

Explanation of increases in the budget:
The general basic and general supplemental increases are due to increased valuation and are also needed to maintain existing programs and services, insurance and additional personnel costs. The rural fund increase is due to increased valuations and is also needed to maintain existing rural programs and services. This is the maximum the Board my propose to levy to support the FY24 budget. The final budget may reflect levy rates less than this proposal.
If applicable, the above notice is also available online at:
www.worthcounty.gov
The above tax rates do not include county voted levies, mental health and disabilities services levy, debt service levy and the rates of other local jurisdictions.
Regarding proposed maximum dollars, the Board of Supervisors cannot adopt a higher tax asking for these levies following the public hearing.
Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming year.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**
**City of: KENSETT**

**The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Kensett City Hall Meeting Date: 4/10/2023 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM**
**At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of , any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.**
**City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals.**

**The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.**

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property: 11.82325
The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is: 0

**At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.**

Phone Number: (641) 845-2388
City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME: Lori J. McNally

| | | Budget FY 2024 | Re-estimated FY 2023 | Actual FY 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenues & Other Financing Sources** | | | | |
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 | 78,358 | 80,440 | 81,121 |
| Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Net Current Property Taxes** | 3 | 78,358 | 80,440 | 81,121 |
| Delinquent Property Taxes | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TIF Revenues | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other City Taxes | 6 | 32,963 | 31,738 | 41,133 |
| Licenses & Permits | 7 | 695 | 105 | 1,108 |
| Use of Money and Property | 8 | 37,041 | 34,967 | 12,376 |
| Intergovernmental | 9 | 53,993 | 70,426 | 70,632 |
| Charges for Fees & Service | 10 | 102,587 | 99,035 | 92,519 |
| Special Assessments | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5,910 |
| Miscellaneous | 12 | 0 | 590 | 57,072 |
| Other Financing Sources | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers In | 14 | 0 | 0 | 143,730 |
| **Total Revenues and Other Sources** | 15 | 305,637 | 317,301 | 505,601 |
| **Expenditures & Other Financing Uses** | | | | |
| Public Safety | 16 | 12,574 | 10,686 | 10,518 |
| Public Works | 17 | 58,971 | 55,464 | 127,286 |
| Health and Social Services | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Culture and Recreation | 19 | 72,025 | 69,702 | 59,311 |
| Community and Economic Development | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Government | 21 | 85,413 | 87,148 | 83,974 |
| Debt Service | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Projects | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Government Activities Expenditures** | 24 | 228,983 | 223,000 | 281,089 |
| Business Type / Enterprises | 25 | 76,654 | 75,701 | 98,165 |
| **Total ALL Expenditures** | 26 | 305,637 | 298,701 | 379,254 |
| Transfers Out | 27 | 0 | 0 | 143,730 |
| Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out | 28 | 305,637 | 298,701 | 522,984 |
| **Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out** | 29 | 0 | 18,600 | -17,383 |
| Beginning Fund Balance July 1 | 30 | 304,006 | 285,406 | 302,789 |
| **Ending Fund Balance June 30** | 31 | 304,006 | 304,006 | 285,406 |

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**
**City of: NORTHWOOD**

**The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Hall Meeting Date: 4/10/2023 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM**
**At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of , any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.**
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The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property: 11.89926
The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is: 3.00375

**At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.**

Phone Number: (641) 324-1075
City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME: Amber Julseth

| | | Budget FY 2024 | Re-estimated FY 2023 | Actual FY 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenues & Other Financing Sources** | | | | |
| Taxes Levied on Property | 1 | 716,785 | 680,371 | 688,065 |
| Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Net Current Property Taxes** | 3 | 716,785 | 680,371 | 688,065 |
| Delinquent Property Taxes | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TIF Revenues | 5 | 250,000 | 300,000 | 295,556 |
| Other City Taxes | 6 | 253,408 | 240,000 | 320,620 |
| Licenses & Permits | 7 | 29,500 | 26,500 | 28,864 |
| Use of Money and Property | 8 | 11,450 | 14,450 | 27,699 |
| Intergovernmental | 9 | 1,081,857 | 1,157,850 | 454,056 |
| Charges for Fees & Service | 10 | 1,305,600 | 1,278,740 | 1,229,725 |
| Special Assessments | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 12 | 378,100 | 317,620 | 452,866 |
| Other Financing Sources | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers In | 14 | 640,000 | 690,000 | 532,500 |
| **Total Revenues and Other Sources** | 15 | 4,666,700 | 4,705,531 | 4,029,951 |
| **Expenditures & Other Financing Uses** | | | | |
| Public Safety | 16 | 396,520 | 383,299 | 407,960 |
| Public Works | 17 | 811,941 | 741,340 | 523,813 |
| Health and Social Services | 18 | 16,155 | 16,155 | 9,413 |
| Culture and Recreation | 19 | 358,886 | 379,856 | 328,952 |
| Community and Economic Development | 20 | 892,645 | 685,000 | 239,265 |
| General Government | 21 | 254,617 | 239,759 | 226,373 |
| Debt Service | 22 | 226,000 | 228,000 | 226,340 |
| Capital Projects | 23 | 0 | 146,000 | 0 |
| **Total Government Activities Expenditures** | 24 | 2,956,764 | 2,819,409 | 1,962,116 |
| Business Type / Enterprises | 25 | 1,175,064 | 1,201,040 | 1,198,600 |
| **Total ALL Expenditures** | 26 | 4,131,828 | 4,020,449 | 3,160,716 |
| Transfers Out | 27 | 640,000 | 690,000 | 532,500 |
| Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out | 28 | 4,771,828 | 4,710,449 | 3,693,216 |
| **Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out** | 29 | -105,128 | -4,918 | 336,735 |
| Beginning Fund Balance July 1 | 30 | 2,869,990 | 2,874,908 | 2,538,173 |
| **Ending Fund Balance June 30** | 31 | 2,764,862 | 2,869,990 | 2,874,908 |

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# HAPPY PI π= 3.14 DAY!



The Northwood-Kensett Math Club once again held events to help celebrate the irrational number pi. Pi Day takes place on March 14, as it matches the first three ditches of pi (3.14). At N-K, the date fill within the week of spring break, so the celebration had been set the week before. However, impending winter weather meant school was cancelled and Pi Day was celebrated on March 20 instead. At N-K, the evenet included an auction of donated pies as a fundraiser to support Math Club activities. After the auction winners were announced, a pie eating contest was held, with one student from each grade and one member of the staff having their names drawn to compete. Senior De'Angelo Ferguson was the winner. That was followed by the chance for a student to put a pie in the face of one of their teachers. Mr. Frost received a particularly power pie hit from Owen Binnebose. Meanwhile, thanks to a last minute donation, Trent Tiedemann agreed to switch places and Mrs. Johnson made sure the pie was more gently, but more completely put in his face.














# Know the warning signs for heart attack and act fast to save a life

About every 40 seconds, someone in the United States suffers a heart attack. The time it takes to receive medical attention could be the difference in life or death. Dr. Richard Rattin, cardiologist at MercyOne North Iowa Heart Center, shares the warning signs and symptoms that could save a life.

"If you have symptoms of a heart attack, even if you are not positive it's a heart attack, call 9-1-1 right away," said Dr. Rattin. "Your local EMS can begin treatment faster than if you were to get to the hospital by car and those minutes could make all the difference."

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but others start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. According to the American Heart Association, common symptoms include:

- Chest pain and upper body discomfort including pain down one or both arms, back, neck or jaw pain
- Shortness of breath
- Other signs could include cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

A heart attack occurs when blood flow that brings oxygen to the heart muscle is reduced or cut off completely. While all heart attacks are serious medical events, an ST elevation myocardial infarction, or STEMI, is caused by a complete blockage in one of the coronary arteries.

"There are three main arteries in the heart. A widow maker heart attack (a type of STEMI) happens when there is extremely limited flow in the left artery system, which provides about 70 percent of your heart muscle's blood supply," said Dr. Rattin.

Heart attack symptoms can present days and weeks before the actual attack. A primary goal of early heart attack care is to recognize the signs of a heart attack so you can act quickly and get treated before the heart is damaged.

"Do as much as you can to modify the risk factors for a heart attack," said Dr. Rattin. "We want you to know your numbers and keep your blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol regulated. Physical inactivity will contribute to the risks of coronary artery disease and heart attacks. Monitor your weight, quit smoking, and eat a healthy diet," he said.

Find out how healthy the heart is by taking MercyOne's heart health assessment quiz at www.mercyone.org/health-and-wellness/health-risk-assessment/.


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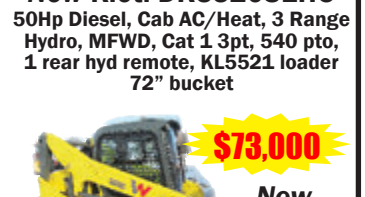

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