

Briefs



Easter egg hunt set for Saturday

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.

This 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.

N-K preschool registration April 12

Northwood-Kensett preschool will open its registration for the 2023-2024 school year on Wednesday, April 12.

Registration is for new students only. Students that were in preschool in the current school year should already be signed up for the coming school year if they will continue at the preschool.

The registration will be held on Wednesday, April 12, from 11 to 7 p.m. in the school's preschool room.

Anyone with questions should call 641-324-1127 Ext. 208.



The Week's WEATHER From National Weather Service Data

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. March 28	46	20	
Wed. March 29	43	18	
Thurs. March 30	33	17	
Fri. March 31	53	26	0.17
Sat. April 1	60	30	0.85
Sun. April 2	43	29	
Mon. April 3	66	34	



Fun in the sunnish

Last week's warmer weather, interspersed with the occasional storms and burst of snowfall, meant that there has been opportunity for students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary to return to the playground.

LRH welcomes Hemann as new administrator

By JoAnn Lower

The Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood has welcomed a new administrator with North Iowa roots.

Emily Hemann grew up in Stacyville on the family farm. The youngest of four, she has two older sisters and an older brother. Her dad raises corn and soybeans; her mom is the financial aid director at Riverland Community College in Austin.

"My middle sister started as a dietary aide in a nursing home," said Emily. "When I was graduating from high school, I worked in her position for a while and really enjoyed working there."

"I enrolled at UNI in Cedar Falls to go into accounting but my heart was in gerontology, so I

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EMILY HEMANN

Officials urge caution, safety with roads closed during fire training Saturday, April 8

This Saturday, a number of area fire departments and emergency agencies will get a chance to put their skills and equipment to a unique test as they conduct a controlled training burn on two large unused buildings at the Viafield property in the northeast corner of Northwood.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company is organizing a training burn that will involve a number of area departments, giving all a chance to train in large scale fires

and situations where they can combine their efforts.

The buildings to be taken down will include what are known as Elevator 2 and the Old Feed Mill.

For those living and traveling in Northwood, this means that several city streets will be closed for the safety of those nearby.

Closed to general traffic will be 14th Street North from Central Avenue to Third Avenue North and 15th Street

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Supervisors discuss road funding and borrowing, along with EMS financing

Worth County officials discussed funding for road projects, as well as other purposes, at their recent regular meeting.

The discussion started with engineer Rich Brumm. Brumm talked about a federal road funding program, and entering a road project

into the program. Brumm said that funding in the fiscal year that ends in 2027 will allow for improvements to

Wheelerwood, Highway 105 south to Highway 9. Brumm said that the road will likely need work by that year, and

its status as an emergency bypass route for the interstate makes it qualify for federal funding.

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Spring clean up begins April 27

The annual fall clean up begins in Northwood on Thursday, April 27, continuing through Saturday, April 29. The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some spring cleaning.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, bat-

teries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

More information is available in the ad in upcoming issues of the Northwood Anchor or by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up week may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated Spring, See Page 2

Easter Services

Area Christian churches will hold special services this weekend to observe Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

Following is a list of when area churches will hold Easter holiday celebrations this year:

First Lutheran in Northwood-Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m., Good Friday at 7 p.m., Easter service with communion at 9 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist-Good Friday worship at 7 p.m., Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. with Easter brunch following

Bethlehem Lutheran in Manly-Maundy Thursday at 2 p.m., Good Friday worship at 7 p.m., Easter worship at 9:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic in Manly-Holy Thursday mass at 6:30 p.m.,

Good Friday mass at 6 p.m., Holy Saturday Easter vigil, 8:30 p.m., Easter Sunday mass at 10:30 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist in Manly-Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m., Easter sunrise service at 8 a.m., Easter service with cantata at 10:30 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran in Kensett-Easter service at 9 a.m.

Elk Creek Lutheran-Easter service- 10 a.m. with communion

Grace Lutheran in Hanlontown-Maundy Thursday, at 7 p.m., Easter worship at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast following

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decided to major in both business administration and gerontology. This would give me the business aspect that I like as well as being part of the community of elders that I really love.”

For months while still in college, Hemann came every Friday to the Lutheran Retirement Home as Scott Halbach’s assistant to learn about the residents and staff. She graduated from

UNI this past December and within just a few days started as full-time administrator.

“The only time I’d been in Northwood was when I was playing high school sports – volleyball, track and a little softball,” she said. “In my junior year I quit sports and dived into my passion as a CNA (certified nursing assistant). I wasn’t meant to be in an accounting atmo-

sphere. I was meant to be in a nursing home.”

“Now I’m living in Northwood with my fiancée Jacob Helmuth and renting a house on the southeast side of town. Somehow, I managed to get this Madison, Wisconsin boy to move to Northwood, Iowa. We’ve been here for three months. Jacob works at Balance Bioscience in Osage.”

“I want to be here in this atmosphere for the staff and for the community. Jacob and I have been to bingo night, we’re looking for a house, and we’re excited for this next journey of our life.”

Emily enjoys everything outdoors and, like all of us, is excited for spring. Her main hobby right now is her 13-week-old puppy – a bernedoodle named Ryder.

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However, doing so means that the County may be short on federal funds to help with other projects and may have to use other funds, like state Farm to Market dollars.

Brumm said that they may have to put other road projects on hold while they find other funding with the 2027 project in place.

Brumm also said that with limited federal funding, the County will have to evaluate whether to proceed with asphalt projects at a lower cost, but with a short lifespan before maintenance needs, or concrete at a higher cost but a

longer lifespan.

Later in the meeting, the supervisors passed a resolution to borrow against future tax income, which would include funding for roadway projects.

The resolution states that the supervisors would enter into bonds not to exceed \$6 million, for urban renewal, which would include projects in the County’s urban renewal plan.

The resolution approves road, bridge and culvert projects that are in the plan.

The County published notice of the proposed borrow-

ing and held the hearing on March 27. Doing so allows the County to proceed with the level of borrowing without holding an election.

The county has discussed plans to repay borrowing for the road projects using future wind turbine property tax revenue.

In other business, the supervisors talked about ambulance service needs.

The supervisors decided there is a need for them to meet with the county’s mayors to discuss the cities’ involvements in finding ways

to fund ambulance proposals.

The Mason City Fire Department has requested roughly \$290,000 and the Forest City Ambulance Service has requested \$40,000, for a total of \$330,000 for ambulance and paramedic response in the county.

The supervisors have talked about the possibility of using pandemic recovery funds to cover one year of the requests. However, at the March 27 meeting they made it clear that was an option. They may still ask townships or cities to find the funding for emergency medical coverage.



A place to retire flags
The American Legion post in Manly recently relocated its drop box for retired flags. According to the U.S. flag code, flags should not be thrown in the garbage or shredded, but disposed of in an official ceremony. Each year, on Flag Day, Legion members conduct a ceremony to dispose of flags that have been dropped off at their home in Manly. The drop box provides an easy way for people to ensure their tattered, worn and unusable flags will be disposed of properly.

Governor’s School Safety Bureau launches Safe+Sound Iowa app

The Iowa Department of Public Safety’s Governor’s School Safety Bureau, in partnership with the Department of Education, has launched a free and anonymous school safety threat reporting platform. The new platform is available to all public school districts and accredited non-public schools to help prevent violence, unlawful possession of weapons, self-harm and other forms of victimization and threatening behaviors in schools across the state.

The rollout of the Safe+Sound Iowa app was announced and demonstrated in a joint press conference on Tuesday, March 21, with Governor Kim Reynolds joining the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Dike-New Hartford Community School District in providing an update on the progress made to enhance safety for students in school buildings across Iowa.

These enhancements include emergency school radios, vulnerability assessments, critical incident mapping, active shooter response and first aid training, and the new Safe+Sound Iowa

threat reporting platform. All of these efforts are part of a \$100 million investment in school safety improvement initiatives that the Governor announced last June to help protect Iowa’s 500,000 students in nearly 1,500 schools.

“There’s nothing more important to parents than knowing their children are safe at school from the time they arrive each day to when they return home. As Governor of Iowa, and as a grandmother to school-age children, it’s equally important to me,” said Reynolds. “And now we need everyone’s help to make sure students and families are aware of the new Safe+Sound Iowa reporting app. It’s key to helping prevent violence and saving lives.”

The funding builds upon the foundation of the Governor’s School Safety Bureau to support all schools in collaboration with law enforcement partners to provide prevention, training and response strategies. Added Iowa Public Safety Commissioner Stephan K. Bayens, “We have taken seriously our collective charge to strengthen and fortify school buildings, to dedicate experts and resources to training and to build tools that give stu-

dents, faculty, staff and parents a free, easy and anonymous resource to report threats.”

The Governor’s School Safety Bureau is making Safe+Sound Iowa available to students, school staff, parents and concerned community members to help identify students in crisis before they hurt themselves or others. Reports of safety concerns can be made securely and anonymously in one of three ways:

1. Downloading and using the free Safe+Sound Iowa app
 2. Going to SafeandSoundIowa.gov, or
 3. Calling the Safe+Sound Iowa hotline at 800-224-6018
- Trained dispatchers monitor reports made through Safe+Sound Iowa 24/7 and immediately engage in two-way communication with those raising concerns to ensure the information is vetted. Dispatchers then share information with the appropriate local school safety contact, law enforcement or other community partners so outreach and support can be provided to the student in crisis.
- For schools participating in the Safe+Sound Iowa program, a variety of helpful marketing resources are available to help train faculty, staff and students in

using the reporting tool.

“In 80% of school shootings, at least one other person had advance knowledge of what was going to occur. That person with advance knowledge is most likely going to be another student or a teacher. That is why having a tool like Safe and Sound Iowa available in every school is so critical, because it gives every student and teacher a voice for their safety,” said Special Agent in Charge and Governor’s School Safety Bureau Chief Don Schnitker.

Schnitker reiterated that Safe+Sound Iowa is a valuable resource in supporting schools, local law enforcement and other community partners in working together to prevent and protect against acts of violence. Schools may opt-in and introduce the platform at any time.

“This launch is an important milestone for our schools and our state, but we want Iowans to know that our work is really just beginning. We want every school to be a Safe and Sound Iowa school, and we will continue the work to encourage more school participation in training and use of the app because our kids deserve to learn in an environment that values their safety.”

Legion Rocky Mountain Oyster meal April 15

On Saturday, April 15, the Sons of the American Legion of Manly will offer a unique dining opportunity.

The Legion Family will host a Rocky Mountain Oyster meal on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 5 p.m., for a free will donation.

Other food options and desserts will also be available.

Proceeds will benefit the community efforts of the American Legion Family.

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North to Second Avenue North. Second Avenue North will also be closed at the railroad tracks.

Fire hoses will cross Second Avenue. It is a danger and a citable offense to driver over fire hoses.

While it will be a historic sight, no one will be allowed on the Viafield property during the event. Those that would like to observe are asked to do so from a safe distance, such as the Worth County fairgrounds.

While area fire departments will be active on the scene, they will be prepared

to respond to all other fire and EMS calls that may come in during the training fire.

Northwood residents are also advised that once burned, the buildings will continue to smolder for several days. The local fire department will be prepared to respond should wind or weather conditions stir up issues at the site.

This weekend’s training fire will also depend on weather and other conditions, and may be canceled up to the hour it scheduled to begin.

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Lutheran in Joice- Good Friday worship at 7 p.m., Easter sunrise worship at 7 a.m., with breakfast following

Silver Lake Lutheran- Good Friday worship at 3 p.m., Easter Sunday worship at 9 a.m. with communion

Trinity United Methodist in Bolan- Good Friday service at 7 p.m., Easter Sunday service at 9:10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran in Grafton- Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. with com-

munion, Good Friday worship at 7 p.m., Easter services at 9:30 a.m.

Fertile Lutheran Church- Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 7 p.m., Good Friday Prayer Service, at 2 p.m., Easter Sunday Sunrise service at 7:30 a.m., with Easter brunch following at 8:30 a.m. and an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.

Glenville United Methodist- Easter service at 8:30 a.m.

Spring Story Time at Kensett Library on April 15

The Kensett Public Library Children’s Spring Story Time will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

“Everyone is invited to celebrate spring. We will be reading a couple great books. There will be a snack served and we will also do a

craft to take home.”

Interested individuals should RSVP by Tuesday, April 10, at the Kensett Public Library, 214 Fifth Street, Kensett, IA 50448, 641-845-2222 or by emailing kensettlibrary@mchsi.com.

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with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of

operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

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A well-earned retirement

Last week, the employees of Viafield gathered to end their work week as they celebrated over six decades of working with a dedicated employee. Dick Gentz retired for the second time last Friday afternoon, after 62 years working for Viafield in Northwood. Viafield employees gathered to wish him well. Gentz was given a special jacket to remember his time on the job. An annual scholarship was also established in his name, to be awarded to a graduate later this year. And while he will no longer come to the job every day, he was told he would be welcomed to visit his co-workers any time he wanted, to show how he will enjoy his retirement.



Lions program provides new cornea to Moretz

By JoAnn Lower

"I joined the Northwood Lions Club in November and a month later we were in need of their services," said Michelle (Mikki) Moretz.

"It was just a tiny piece of wood that got into my husband Jeff's eye. His eye felt so irritated that he scratched and scratched until his cornea was scratched."

"We went to an eye doctor in Albert Lea where they performed a placental graft on Jeff's eye, but healing was unsuccessful. He had an ulceration that became infected and created a hole in the cornea."

The couple then went to Mayo Clinic in Rochester where a transplant was

planned for the following day, Mayo obtaining the cornea from the Lions Eye Bank.

"The transplant took 30 stitches to attach," Mikki remembers. "We went back twice a week for checkups, and things slowly improved. However, Jeff had an infection that was never pinpointed and because of the severe ulceration and infection, this was not a typical transplant."

Jeff and Mikki live on an acreage near Northwood. Son Derek Varner lives in Belmond and has a six-month-old daughter. Daughter Kaitlyn Varner lives in Ft. Collins, Colorado, daughter Hallie Varner in Ankeny. Their



The Moretz family- Kaitlyn, Aiden, Jeff, Mikki, Hallie, Kolby, Derek, Maya and baby Kinsley

15-year-old son Aiden Moretz is a student at N-K. The couple also has three dogs - Reggie, Stella and Ava.

Jeff is employed at Farmers New Ag in St.

Ansgar. Mikki has worked for Mayo for 29 years and on April 12 started working in OB/GYN as a medical assistant at Mayo Clinic Austin, Minnesota.

"We appreciate the



Mikki Moretz (left) is pictured during her induction into Northwood Lions Club by Nancy Amundson.

Lions Club for all the work they do for fundraising and bringing awareness to communities as well as performing children's eye tests. A thank you is just not enough."

Mikki added, "More than 20 years ago Jeff's father and brother-in-law were organ donors. Organ donors are so appreciated - such a gift."

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Iowa DNR to begin annual spring burning

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting prescribed burns this spring on wildlife management areas managed by the Iowa DNR's Clear Lake Wildlife Unit in Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Franklin, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.

Areas scheduled for prescribed burns are Union Hills and Ventura Marsh, in Cerro Gordo County; Gladfelter Marsh, Eagle Lake Wetland Complex, Lake Edwards and Pilot Knob, in Hancock County; Buffalo Basins, in Franklin County; Buffalo Center Potholes, Good Neighbors Marsh, Harmon Lake and Hogsback Marsh, in Winnebago County; Elk Creek and Hanlontown Slough, in Worth County; and Lower Morse, in Wright County.

used to improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential and vary in size from a few acres to several hundred acres. Burn units are typically on a 4-5 year rotation.

Prescribed burns typically begin mid to late morning and are completed by late afternoon or early evening between mid-March and mid-May. Burns will be conducted on a day that meets the objectives and weather conditions defined in the burn plan. Any prescribed burns that are not able to be completed this spring will be considered for the burn schedule next fall.

Contact Iowa DNR wildlife biologist TJ Herrick at 641-425-2814 with any questions or concerns.

Prescribed burns are



Pictured are (from Left) Matt Fox, NCI owner/partner; Jim Ringham, NCI-Mason City service manager; Ryder Lestrud; and Nate Meier, NCI service director.

International Trucks and Navistar present \$3,000 scholarship to Ryder Lestrud

North Central International (NCI) recently presented North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) student Ryder Lestrud of Kensett with a \$3,000 scholarship on behalf of Navistar and International Trucks.

The scholarship is part of Navistar/International Trucks' partnership with the TechForce Foundation, a non-profit that is committed to career exploration and workforce development in the technical educa-

tion space. TechForce has awarded over \$18 million in scholarships and grants since 2007, by partnering with businesses and industry in the technical career space.

"I completed my automotive mechanic degree and now I am in the diesel tech program," said Lestrud. "I wanted to do more mechanical work with the engines. I've been working to get enough scholarships to apply for my college education so that way I can use

additional dollars towards the tools I will need as a mechanic."

The International Trucks scholarship provided to Lestrud will help with his tuition while he continues his schooling at NIACC.

"We are always looking to work with the next generation of diesel technicians and support them in their educational endeavors," said Nate Meier, NCI Service Director. "We offer additional tuition and tool reimbursement incentives

for new service technicians who join our team."

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Ag in the Classroom program recognized by IDALS

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recently recognized organizations and individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the state's agriculture community.

Naig presented Ag Leader Awards to Agriculture in the Classroom, Central Iowa Shelter & Services, John Mortimer and Dr. John Lawrence at the 11th Annual Iowa Ag Leaders Dinner held at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny on March 21.

"The Ag Leader Award recognizes the inspiring individuals and outstanding organizations positively impacting all aspects of Iowa agriculture," said

Secretary Naig. "This year's Ag Leader awardees have demonstrated tremendous leadership in many areas, including conservation, livestock production and promotion, agriculture education, workforce development and community betterment."

2023 Iowa Ag Leader Awardees:

Leadership in Agriculture Education - Agriculture in the Classroom

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC), which is part of a nationwide network, educates Iowa Pre-K through high school students about all aspects of agriculture. AITC presently works with approximately

3,000 teachers to reach nearly 150,000 Iowa students across hundreds of schools. Their important work seeks to inspire well educated students who understand agriculture and become the leaders of tomorrow.

In Worth County, Ag in the Classroom offers a variety of learning opportunities, including classroom activities, interactions with farmers and the annual Ag Fair held each year.

Leadership in Community - Central Iowa Shelter and Services

Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS) performs an essential role in our community by provid-

ing emergency shelter, food and other services to people facing homelessness. In addition, through its agrihood, CISS is finding creative ways to educate and empower individuals by teaching them valuable life skills and giving them hope - all with a focus on agriculture. By providing education, training and opportunity, CISS is positively changing lives.

Outstanding Service in Agriculture - John Mortimer

Nearly 40 years ago, John Mortimer had a vision for the Iowa Cattlemen's Beef Quarters at the Iowa State Fair. He poured his time and energy into the

restaurant, which quickly grew from one tent to a huge and iconic enterprise. John's innovation, perseverance and leadership benefited many, including Iowa consumers and Iowa's cattle farmers. As he retires from running the long-standing restaurant, John has left an indelible mark on the world's greatest fair.

Outstanding Service in Agriculture - Dr. John Lawrence

Dr. John Lawrence has held various leadership roles at Iowa State

University over the past three decades. From teaching students and assisting beef producers to helping develop the Nutrient Reduction Strategy and serving as Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Dr. Lawrence's dedication to Iowa agriculture and conservation is unmatched. As he retires this spring, he will long be remembered as one of the state's most influential agriculture and conservation leaders.

The Ag Leaders Dinner is hosted and funded by the Iowa Economic Development Foundation.

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Calendar of Events for April 2023

April 5—Worth County 4-H Day at the State Capitol at Des Moines, Iowa, 7:30 A.M. Departure with Dennis Johnson, Extension Education Specialist and Kimberly Bode, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator

April 6—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Coordinator

April 8—Worth County 4-H Hockey Game Night Out at North Iowa Hockey Arena, Mason City with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

April 11—Fertile Garden Club Meeting at Fertile Community Center, 6:30 P.M. with Twyla Kragel, Fertile Garden Club President

April 11—Private Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 9 A.M. with Lacey Waller and Dennis Johnson

April 12—Private Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 1 P.M. with Lacey Waller

April 13—Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Chad Nelson, Worth County Fairboard President

April 15—Worth County Fair 4-H Lamb Weigh-in at Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 9 to 11 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

April 16—Golden Banner 4-H Club Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly, 1:30 P.M. with Michelle Hill and Jean Schilling, Golden Banner 4-H Club Leaders

April 16—Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Meeting at TBD, 6 P.M. with Mary Buren, Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Leader

April 17—Worth County Fair Livestock ID's Due at Worth County Extension Office, 4 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

April 20—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller

April 20—Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Kimberly Bode, Lacey Waller and Sarah Merrifield, Region 4 Extension Education Director

April 22—Worth County 4-H Beef Clinic YOCA Livestock Training at Worth County Fairgrounds Show Arena and Community Room, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

April 23—Deer Creek Wohelos 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, TBD with Gina Solberg and Anneke Urbatsch, Deer Creek Wohelos 4-H Club Leaders

April 27—Regional Extension Professional Development Day at Landfill Education Center, Mason City, All Day with Dennis Johnson, Lacey Waller, Kimberly Bode

Mid-May—Worth County Fairgrounds 4-H Garden Planting Day at Worth County 4-H Garden at Fairgrounds, Northwood with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist and Worth County Extension Master Gardner's

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Wildlife Wednesday- Hawk-eyes
 The Worth County Conservation Board has been sharing a look at North Iowa wildlife with Wildlife Wednesday posts, like this one of an impressive area resident raptor. “Did you know that Red-Tailed Hawks are one of Iowa’s most common hawk species? They live in Iowa year round and are commonly seen soaring through the air or perching on fence posts. Have you spotted any Red-Tailed Hawks recently?”

Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA, SECTION 6-6-9 WATER RATES, TO IMPLEMENT RATE INCREASE.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA:
 Section 1. That 6-6-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kensett, Iowa, which currently reads:
 6-6-9 WATER RATES. Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per building within the city limits: 1. The first 3,000 gallons or less \$15.80, 2. All gallons over 3,000 \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons be amended to read as follows:
 6-6-9 WATER RATES. Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per building within the city limits: 1. The first 3,000 gallons or less \$16.50, 2. All gallons over 3,000 \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons.
 Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.
 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of Kensett, Iowa on the 13th day of February 2023.
 Corey Pulju, Mayor
 Attest: Krystal M Thompson, City Clerk

Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA, SECTION 6-6-11 SEWER RATES, TO IMPLEMENT RATE INCREASE.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA:
 Section 1. That 6-6-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kensett, Iowa, which currently reads:
 6-6-11 RATE OF SEWER RENT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT. The rate of sewer rent for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer utility based upon the amount and rate of water consumed shall be as follows: 1. The first 3,000 gallons or less \$20.80, 2. All gallons over 3,000 \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons be amended to read as follows:
 6-6-11 RATE OF SEWER RENT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT. The rate of sewer rent for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer utility based upon the amount and rate of water consumed shall be as follows: 1. The first 3,000 gallons or less \$21.50, 2. All gallons over 3,000 \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons.
 Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.
 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of Kensett, Iowa on the 13th day of February 2023.
 Corey Pulju, Mayor
 Attest: Krystal M Thompson, City Clerk

Bolan

Recently Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the “Choir All-Sing” at the Mt. Vernon Community School held at the Performing Arts Center. This featured choirs from sixth grade through high school.
 Ben Nydegger was in the High School Concert Choir and Clare was in the High School Select Women’s Choir. This past Thursday evening Joe and Linda and Lori Willert ate supper at the Loren and Renee Nydegger home before attending the Mount Vernon Java Jazz Showcase at the Performing Arts Center. Ben and Clare took part in the

instrumental jazz performances with Ben on drums and Clare on trumpet. The jazz chorus was also featured.
 Visitors at the home of Roger and June Erdmann of Northwood are their daughter Susan Erdmann Dougherty from Kristiansand, Norway,

and their grandsons, Peter Erdman Dougherty of Copenhagen, Denmark, and Terry Erdmann Dougherty of Oslo, Norway. Peter shared his special talents on the violin during the Bolan Trinity UM Church service by performing Bach Partita II.

Supervisors

March 27, 2023 Thirteenth Day
 The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg and Mark Smeby present, A.J. Stone absent. All members voting “AYE” unless noted.
 Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today’s agenda and minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the Certificate of Completion and Final Acceptance of Agreement Work for FM-C98(82)—55-98 and BHOS-SWAP-CO98(83)—FB-98. Motion carried.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$254.80 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.
 Hudson Law Firm, DD #72, Prof Services.....\$254.80
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of \$182,756.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.
 Alliant Energy
 Service-Eng 11,768.41
 Andrea Myli, Reimb-Asr..... 54.32
 Dlt Solutions, Llc
 Service-Eng 1,234.80
 Elderbridge Agency On Aging
 Fy23 Appro-Org..... 3,149.00
 Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 2,801.62
 Fertile Public Library/City Of Fertile, Fy23 Appro-Lib..... 9,500.00
 Gardiner + Company
 Service-Ndp 25,500.00
 Grafton Public Library/City Of Grafton, Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
 Healthy Harvest Of No Ia
 Fy23 Appro-Org..... 1,307.50
 I35/105 Welcome Center Inc.
 Fy23 Appro-Org..... 7,500.00
 Icap, Service-Sup..... 1,290.45
 Iowa Emergency Management Association, Edu-Ema 155.00
 J&L Autobody And Customs Llc
 Service-Shf..... 400.00
 Joice Public Library Payable To The City Of Joice
 Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
 Judy Stevens
 Reimb-Asr 235.90
 Kensett Public Library/City Of Kensett, Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
 Kinney Memorial Library/City Of Hanlontown
 Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
 Lawson Products Inc
 Supplies-Eng 175.52
 Manly Public Library/City Of Manly, Fy23 Appro-Lib... 9,500.00
 Marco Technologies Llc
 Service-Dap 88.88
 Mediacom, Service-Gsr 274.90
 Nasso Inc., Supplies-Gsr .. 244.24
 Northwood Meals On Wheels
 Fy23 Appro-Org..... 1,050.00

Northwood Public Library/City Of Northwood
 Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
 Nsb Bank, Supplies-Trs..... 60.62
 Peopleservice Inc
 Service-Wat & Wwt..... 17,115.00
 Rsvp, Fy23 Appro-Org 2,250.00
 Staples Credit Plan
 Supplies 71.55
 State Election Administrators
 Training, Dues-Aud 200.00
 Trading Post
 Supplies-Eng 179.52
 Verizon Wireless
 Service-Eng 186.15
 Visa, Service-Con 1,802.38
 Worth County Engineer
 Fuel-Con 785.64
 Worth County Extension
 Fy23 Appro-Org..... 20,000.00
 Worth County Fair
 Fy23 Appro-Org..... 16,000.00
 Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng..... 374.60
 Grand Total 182,756.00
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve payroll eligibility verification for August Branstad at \$11.00/hour as submitted by the recycling center and Katrina Neve at \$16.77/hour as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the Class C Retail Alcohol License for Diamond Jo Worth, LLC. Motion carried.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the request by North Iowa Regional Housing Authority to Waive the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Motion carried.
 Chairperson Loberg recessed the regular session at 8:57 A.M.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open the Public Hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried. There was no public comment.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to close the public hearing at 9:01 A.M. Motion carried.
 Chairperson Loberg reconvened the regular session at 9:01 A.M.
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2023-06, a resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement and to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000. Roll call: Smeby – Aye; Loberg – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the Auditor’s Office).
 Motion Smeby/Second Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:05 A.M. Motion carried.
 Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
 Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA, SECTION 6-6-10 GARBAGE RATES INCREASE.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENSETT, IOWA:
 Section 1. That 6-6-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kensett, Iowa, which currently reads:
 6-6-10 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES. The collection and disposal of solid waste as provided by this article is declared to be a benefit to the property served and there shall be levied and collected fees therefore in accordance with the following: 1. 32-gallon cart is \$15.00/month 2. 64-gallon cart is \$18.50/ month 3. 96-gallon cart is \$21.50/month.
 be amended to read as follows:
 6-6-10 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES. The collection and disposal of solid waste as provided by this article is declared to be a benefit to the property served and there shall be levied and collected fees therefore in accordance with the following: 1. 32-gallon cart is \$15.75/month 2. 64-gallon cart is \$19.50/ month 3. 96-gallon cart is \$22.50/month
 Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.
 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of Kensett, Iowa on the 13th day of February, 2023.
 Corey Pulju, Mayor
 Attest: Krystal M Thompson, City Clerk

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 3/27/23 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:
 Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold, Absent: George-Zenz
 Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous.
 Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023; Worth Brewing Co., LLC -Class C Retail Alcohol License (L.C.). Unanimous.
 Motion to adjourn. Unanimous.
 Doug Moehle, Mayor
 Amber Julseth
 City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Worth County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell and convey the interests of Worth County in the following described real estate, to-wit:
 Lots One (1), through Lot Eleven (11) of the Top of Iowa Second Addition, Worth County, Iowa, for the following prices:
 Lot 1: \$111,033.00
 Lot 2: \$141,255.00
 Lot 3: \$275, 940.00
 Lot 4: \$223,380.00
 Lot 5: \$262,800.00
 Lot 6: \$343,242.00
 Lot 7: \$91,980.00
 Lot 8: \$72,270.00
 Lot 9: \$75,555.00
 Lot 10: \$78,840.00
 Lot 11: \$42,705.00
 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing on the foregoing proposal shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2023, in the supervisors’ chambers of the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, and that notice of hearing shall be published as required by law.
 ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2023
 Enos Loberg, Chairperson
 Worth County Board of Supervisors
 ATTEST:
 Jacki A. Backhaus,
 Worth County Auditor

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N-K performs at State Speech Contest

The Northwood-Kensett Speech Team traveled to Starmont High School on Saturday, March 11, to compete at State Individual Speech Contest. Six performers represented Northwood-Kensett.

Senior Ellie Ehrhardt performed in two categories. She read "A Mouthful" by Paul Jennings in the category of Prose and earned ratings of I, I, II, for an overall Division I rating, and she performed in the category of Individual Improv and earned ratings of II, II, II, for an overall Division II

rating. Senior Jadynd Beland performed in the category of Prose, reading "So God Made a Farmer's Daughter" by Whitney Turek and earned ratings of I, I, I, for an overall Division I rating.

In the category of Poetry, Luisa Bremer, a junior, read three poems written by herself and earned ratings of I, I, I, for an overall Division I rating.

Sophomore Nyx Mayberry read "Alone" by Edgar Allan Poe in the category of Poetry and earned

ratings of II, II, II, for an overall Division II rating.

Also in the category of Poetry, sophomore MacKensy Tomlinson read poems written by herself and earned ratings of II, II, II, for an overall Division II rating.

Freshman Addyson Runde read "Charles" by Shirley Jackson in the category of Prose and earned ratings of II, II, II, for an overall Division II rating.

Beth Butler is the Northwood-Kensett speech coach.



ELLIE EHRHARDT



MACKENSY TOMLINSON



JADYND BELAND



NYX MAYBERRY



LUISA BREMER



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Week 12: Second Funnel

The Second Funnel deadline was Friday and most of our work the last two weeks was committee work. Bills that have passed on the floor of either the Senate or the House must pass out of committee in the opposite chamber to stay eligible for floor debate this year.

A few bills of interest from State Government

SF 516 - A bill relating to management of open space property.

This bill did not pass out and an interim committee will meet with interested groups to discuss maintenance and acquisition of public property.

SF 478 - Information Obtained by State Auditor Clarifies and defines personal information protected from audits when deemed unnecessary to the audit or examination.

SF 315 - Sale of Raw Milk

Allows for the sale of raw milk, raw milk products and raw milk dairy products from producers on a raw milk dairy with no more than 10 dairy animals. Several restrictions and licensing require-

ments were included in this bill. Raw milk and associated products are not allowed to be used for retail food processing or home-based goods.

House Releases Budget Targets

We have hit the point in session when we start to shift our focus and conversations around the state budget and tax policy. Late last week, Iowa House Republicans released our budget target for Fiscal Year 2024.

Our big budget target is \$8.58 billion. This number is roughly \$90 million above the Governor's and the Senate's number. There are two main reasons for this.

Our number includes the appropriations we've already passed this session that the Governor had not considered when her

budget was released. This includes money for the property tax rollback fix and increased funding for public schools to 3% SSA.

Our number also includes about \$50 million more to address a few priorities that we know are important to Iowans.

Examples of budget priorities for Iowa House Republicans that make our number higher include:

- Raising the Medicaid reimbursement rate for nursing homes, helping our

nursing homes hire and retained employees.

- Funding increase for the Department of Corrections to help with the retaining and recruitment of corrections officers.

- More resources to expand Iowans' access to quality, mental health care across the state.

This week, the House also released our individual targets for each budget subcommittee. Now, we wait for the Senate to release their numbers so negotiations can begin.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns. My email is jane.bloomington@legis.iowa.gov.



Jane Bloomington
Iowa House
District 51

Northwood Anchor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Grace Worship, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Eve Circle, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, Maundy Thursday at Grace, 7 p.m., Manna Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Good Friday, Bethlehem, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Friday, Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Easter Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship

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

Northwood United Methodist Church
Friday, Bible Study at Northwood, 10 a.m., Good Friday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service Followed by Brunch, 7 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee

Church

House, 10 a.m. Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish

Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 11 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366; 8 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills; 9:30 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Confirmation, 5:15 p.m., Choir, 5:30 p.m., SH Youth, 7:50 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, LRRH Service, 10 a.m., Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Service with H.C., 9 a.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
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It is generally good advice to not take our fears and anxieties too seriously. What we fear the most usually doesn't happen and thus we're worried and fretted for nothing. Moreover, the worry and fretting isn't usually very productive unless it leads to constructive action. But, what should you do when the worst actually happens, when the job loss you feared actually happens, or the test results are positive, meaning you have the disease or condition you feared the most? When this occurs, it helps to have a strong faith and a good support network. I saw this in action recently when the school where I taught closed its doors. We had very little advance notice that this was going to happen, and so the last week was spent in trying to wrap things up in the best way possible, for students, teachers and staff. There were a lot of tears, some gnashing of teeth and other emotional outbursts, but mostly people expressing their faith that God would work things out for all of us. Perhaps even more inspiring than the expressions of faith were the many concrete offers of help and support, usually given with a hug or a warm handshake. When the worst actually happens, we have two considerable sources of support, God and our fellow man. Don't be too proud to ask for help. - Christopher Simon



And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. - John 14:13-14

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Wednesday: Ham Loaf, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Lettuce/Spinach Salad, Pears, Tapioca Pudding

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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.
Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

I've been digging into my Best of the Best Cookbook collection. I have them from many states and some of the recipes are very familiar. The ones from New York State are an example. "Best of the Best" from New York Cookbook: Selected recipes from New York's favorite cookbooks (2001, Quail Ridge Press, Brandon, MS) is edited by Gwen McKee and Barbara Moseley. They have winnowed out the tastiest recipes from church, community, family and fund-raiser cookbooks across each state for their book series. New York is no exception. The following are adapted from this thick spiral-bound treasure.

Reuben Baked Potatoes

- 4 large russet baking potatoes*
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 2 cups finely diced cooked corned beef*
- 1 tablespoon horseradish
- 1 can (14 oz.) sauerkraut, drained*
- 1 teaspoon whole caraway seeds
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese*
- 3 tablespoons sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan
- Sweet paprika for garnish

* You can use deli corned beef for this recipe but ask them to slice it fairly thick so you can dice it into nice cubes. For the cream cheese, use Philly® brand; it gives the best flavor and blends easily with other ingredients. If the drained sauerkraut is too tart for your taste, rinse it briefly under cold running water before using it. Try to find large potatoes with no blemishes or dark spots or spade cuts from digging.

Scrub the potatoes well but don't peel them. Bake at 425 degrees F. for about 45 minutes or until tender. Remove from the oven but leave it on. Let the potatoes cool enough to handle, then slice them in half lengthwise. Scoop out the insides carefully, leaving the shell intact with about 1/2-inch of potato inside. In a bowl, combine the corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, onions, garlic, horseradish and caraway seed. Mash the removed potato with the cream cheese. Stir in the corned beef mixture, combining gently but well. Mound this mixture into the potato shells. Sprinkle with the Parmesan and some paprika for color. Return them to the oven for 25 minutes or until heated through and the cheese is a bit brown. Makes 8 servings.

Real Beef Goulash (No hamburger in this dish)

- 2 pounds boneless beef chuck
- 2 teaspoons caraway seed

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1 can (14oz.) beef stock/broth
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 cup chopped yellow onion
 - 1/3 cup cold water
 - 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
 - 3 tablespoons flour
 - 2 tablespoons tomato paste
 - 12 oz. broad egg noodles
 - 2 tablespoons sweet paprika
 - Real sour cream, full fat
- Trim the beef and cut into 1-inch cubes. Heat the oil in a large heavy saucepan and brown the beef cubes. Add the remainder of the ingredients except the flour, noodles and sour cream. Blend the flour with the cold water, mixing well. Stir this into the beef mixture, cover and simmer over low heat for 1 1/2 hours, until the meat is tender. Peek occasionally to make sure it's not burning to getting dry. If so, add a bit more broth. When the dish is almost finished, cook the egg noodles in boiling salted water until done but not mushy. Drain the noodles and put into a large serving bowl. Pour the goulash mixture over the top. Pass sour cream at the table for people to add a dollop to their own plate or bowl. Serves 8.

Sweet Potato Custard Pie

- 1 pound sweet potatoes
 - 1 3/4 cups evaporated milk
 - 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon butter, melted
 - 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon real vanilla
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 unbaked 9" pie shell
 - 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- Wash and cook the sweet potatoes in boiling water until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain, peel and mash. OR you can use an 18 oz. can of sweet potatoes but rinse the syrup off them. Mash them. Either way you need 1 1/2 cups of mashed potato. Combine the sweet potatoes with the sugar, nutmeg and salt. Stir the beaten eggs, milk, butter and vanilla into the potato mixture. Combine gently but well. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Spoon the potato mixture into the pie shell and bake for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 375 degrees F. and bake for an additional 40 minutes. Serve warm or cold with real whipped cream...not C'Whip!

New York is a true melting pot of immigrant ancestors from all over the world. This cookbook just scratches the surface of the wonderful food you can find both in "the city" and upstate where I was raised. I learned to love steamed clams, anchovies and sausage of all kinds. And...that's all she wrote.

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Society

Holstads celebrate 60th Anniversary

Duane and Sharon Holstad will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on Friday, April 7.

They were married at Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown, Iowa. The couple have three children, Pam (Pete), Mark (Mary) and Carol (Joe). They have eight grandchildren, Maindy, Alicia, Courtney, Tyler, Brittany, Brandon, Gabe and Owen, and one great-grandchild, Ryder.

To help them celebrate cards may be sent to 704 Sixth Ave. N., Northwood, IA 50459.



DUANE AND SHARON HOLSTAD

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte Library Director

April showers let you read for hours! So come on in and check out the library!

I'd like to give a huge shoutout to some of our Northwood area businesses who have already given their donation to the library's Summer Reading Program. We have had donations from Agri-Sales, Dewey Kruger Music Center, Fallgatter's, FSB, Brian and Connie Kenison, NSB, Shade Tree Liquors, Worth Brewing Co., and Worth Mutual and Olson Insurance. Thank you for caring about Northwood's kids and the Northwood Public Library's Summer Reading Program. We still have time if you'd like to help fund our Summer Reading Program. You can email me at emily@northwood.lib.ia.us, call us at 324-1340 or of course, just stop in and see us!

This month's Friday morning story times will be on April 14, 21 and 28, starting at 10 a.m. These are geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies

are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and play with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! Please pay attention to the library's Facebook page for more information.

One thing to put on your calendar is that Heaven Walker from Worth County Conservation is going to come do an Earth Day program here at the library. More details to come, but mark Thursday, April 20 from 5-6 p.m. as "Earth Day at the Library!"

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

New at the library this month:

Adult Fiction books: "Dark Angel" by John Sanford, "The Last Heir to Blackwood Library" by Hester Fox, "Lone Women" by Victor Lavalle, "Collater-

al Damage" by J.A. Jance, "My Heart Will Find You" by Jude Deveraux, "On the Line" by Fern Michaels, "The Only Survivors" by Megan Miranda, "Simply Lies" by David Baldacci and lots more.

Large Print Fiction books: "Fields of Bounty" by Lauraine Snelling, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt, "Things I wish I Had Told My Mother" by Susan Patterson, "The Divine Doughnut Shop" by Carolyn Brown, "Unbridled Cowboy" by Maisey Yates and more.

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

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

Annual spring wildlife spotlight survey underway

Staff with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources are currently conducting their annual nighttime spring spotlight surveys across the state, collecting information on Iowa's deer and furbearer populations.

The annual survey is conducted from mid-March to mid-April in each county, beginning an hour after sunset, preferably on nights with low wind, good visibility and high humidity. The routes cover different habitats from river bottoms, to farm fields, prairies, woodlots, pastures and timber stands.

The 50-mile routes - two per county - are driven below 20 miles per hour with staff

shining spotlights out of both sides of the vehicle, recording the number of deer and furbearers seen along with the habitat type, at different points along the way. Staff are careful to avoid shining homes and livestock while on the survey and contact the county sheriff ahead of time in case they receive any calls.

"This survey produces really valuable information on our deer and furbearer populations, both locally and at the state level, allowing us to see population trends over time," said Jace Elliott, state deer biologist with the Iowa DNR. The survey began in the late 1970s as a way to collect information on the rac-

coon population, but was expanded to include deer and other furbearers.

"It's an important index that is combined with other data and surveys we use that gives us the most complete picture for these species and guides our management decisions to benefit the resource," Elliott said.

The survey report will be posted later this summer to the Iowa DNR's website at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Population-Harvest-Trends>.

Aid sought for family fighting cancer

As a young girl battles cancer, the community is once again reaching out to support a family in need.

According to information shared on the online giving platform Gofundme, Cayleigh Pepper has recently been diagnosed with a bone cancer called osteosarcoma. She has begun treatment in Rochester, Minnesota.

Cayleigh is the daughter of Christina and Chris Stromley and the family lives



CAYLEIGH PEPPER

in Northwood.

Donations can be made to

the Cayleigh's Support Squad account at NSB Bank in Northwood. A fundraising campaign can also be found online at www.gofundme.com//stromley-family.

Funds support the family's expenses involved in traveling and staying in Rochester, Minnesota, as they take Cayleigh for medical care. that includes fuel, hotel stays, daycare for their other children and other bills.

Happy 60th Anniversary



Duane & Sharon Holstad on April 7

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Savvy Senior

Fun part-time jobs ideas for retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
As a 68-year-old retiree, I'm interested in finding a fun part-time job that can occupy some of my time and generate a little extra income. Can you write a column on low-stress part-time jobs that are popular among retirees?

Part-Time Retiree

Dear Retiree,
Working part-time in retirement can be a terrific way to occupy your time and earn some extra income. The key, however, is finding the right gig that's fun and satisfying for you. While there are literally hundreds of different part-time job opportunities out there for retirees, here are a few possibilities to explore.

Pet Sitters: If you love animals, consider pet sitting and/or dog walking. Pet sitters, who attend to a pet's needs when their owner is away, can earn \$15 to \$40 per visit. Dog walkers can make \$10 to \$30 for a 30-minute walk.

To find these jobs, advertise your services in veterinarians' offices or online at sites like Craigslist.org or Care.com. Or, if you'd rather work for an organization that offers these services, visit Rover.com.

Teach or Tutor: Depending on your expertise, you could substitute teach or tutor students privately on any number of subjects. Substitute teachers typically make between \$75 and \$125/day, while tutors can earn between \$15 to \$30 per hour.

To look for substitute teaching positions, contact your local school district to see if they are hiring and what qualifications they require. To advertise tutoring services, use websites like Wyzant.com and Tutor.com.

Or, if you have a bachelor, master or doctoral degree, inquire about adjunct teaching at a nearby college or university.

Drive: If you like to drive, you can get paid to drive others around using Uber or Lyft apps, or become a food delivery driver through Instacart or Uber Eats. Drivers make around \$15 per hour.

Babysit: If you like kids, babysitting can be a fun way to put money in your pocket. Hourly rates vary by location ranging anywhere from \$10 to \$40 per hour. To find jobs or advertise your services, use sites like as Care.com and Sittercity.com.

Tour guide: If you live near any historical sites or locations, national parks or museums (anywhere that attracts tourists), inquire about becoming a tour guide. This pays anywhere from \$10 to \$40/hour.

Write or edit: Many media, corporate and non-profit websites are looking for freelancers to write, edit or design content for \$20 to \$60 per hour. To find these jobs try FreelanceWriting.com, FreelanceWritingGigs.com and Freelancer.com.

Consult: If you have a lot of valuable expertise in a particular area, offer your services as a consultant through a firm or on your own through freelancer sites like Upwork.com, Fiverr.com, Freelancer.com or Guru.com.

Translator or interpreter: If you're fluent in more than one language you can do part-time interpretation over the phone or translate documents or audio files for \$20 to \$40/hour. Try sites like Translate.com, ProZ.com or Gengo.com to locate translation jobs.

Public events: Sporting events, festivals, concerts and shows need ticket takers, security guards, ushers, concession workers and more. The pay is usually \$10 to \$20/hour. Contact nearby venues to apply.

Tax preparer: If you have tax preparation experience or are willing to take a tax prep course you can find seasonal work preparing tax returns at big-box tax firms like H&R Block or Jackson Hewitt for around \$17/hour.

Bookkeeper: If you have a finance or accounting background you can find freelance bookkeeping gigs at sites like Upwork.com and Fiverr.com, or through firms like BelaySolutions.com.

Librarian assistant: If you love books, public libraries hire part-time workers to shelve books, send out overdue notices, help patrons, etc. Contact your local library to see what's available.

If you don't find these options appealing, try FlexJobs.com, which lists thousands of flexible work-at-home jobs from more than 5,700 employers. Membership fees start at \$10.

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.



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

You live in a really small town.

I know that.

What do you do for excitement?

We try not to get excited.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I tried to avoid potholes deep enough to demand statehood. The weather couldn't make up its mind. Many people, not all of them wearing aluminum foil hats, believe it's bad luck to put winter coats away in April as it brings another storm of the century.

I'd polished my shoes by rubbing the soft inside of a banana peel over them. We had assigned pews. My wife and I sat behind an above-average bachelor farmer. He wore hearing aids that whistled. When they whistled, he was the only one in the church who couldn't hear them whistling. One Sunday, it occurred to me that the devices whistled only when the pastor's sermon had run long.

My mother worked for a grocery store in Algona, Iowa. She told this story. A little boy and his father visited the grocery store. As the two prepared to leave, the owner of the store offered the good customers candy from a large jar. "Get a handful of candy", the merchant said to the boy. The boy stood there, looking up at his father. The owner repeated himself, "Son,

take a handful of candy; it's free." Again, the boy didn't move, continuing to look up at his father's face. Finally, the father reached into the candy jar and grabbed a handful of candy and gave it to his son. As they walked home, the father asked his son why he hadn't taken a handful of the free candy. The boy, with a big grin on his face, replied, "Because I know your hand is much bigger than mine."

I worked at Birds Eye. I wore an impressive hardhat and pretended to know what I was doing. A fellow I shared a lunch table with brought pickled peppers his wife had put in a jar for his culinary pleasure. We watched a woman refuse to eat the crusts of her sandwich, calling them bread bones. He twisted off the lid of the jar, releasing a little smoke, and offered me a pepper. I didn't want one because I'd grown up in a household where ketchup was a hot sauce and the jar appeared to be melting from the heat of the peppers, but he was a good guy and I didn't want to offend him or his wife. I've forgotten what kind of pepper it was, but eating it was like shooting my father's shotgun when I was the same size as the shotgun. It had a kick. Once I figured out it hadn't killed me, I turned down the opportunity to eat a second one. I've raised a lot of peppers in the garden. I like peppers, but I don't need to sweat while eating one.

Nature notes

Terri Guillemets wrote, "My favorite weather is bird chirping weather." Anonymous wrote, "Spring has sprung. The grass is riz; I wonder where the birdies

is." The birdies are here and on their way. I believe in the miracle of birds each time one swings into my field of view. If I'm fortunate, I might get to enjoy the terpsichorean talents of sandhill cranes. Reason number 397 why I like birds: just because.

House finches are permanent residents of Minnesota, but some undergo a short-distance migration south. It might be to avoid paying taxes.

Three mammals feast upon grapevines. A meadow vole girdles trunks. Deer find new shoots appetizing. Rabbits chew and remove the bark, and clip off branches of young vines. They feed on trunks of established grapevines in the winter.

A killdeer is so noisy it was called a chattering plover and a noisy plover by early naturalists. While leading a birding trip in North Dakota, I heard a participant call one a meadow plover. When foraging for insects or other invertebrates, killdeer move in fits and starts. When they pause, invariably they bob their heads up and down as if they have a severe case of the hiccups. They are pumping their tails and their heads follow along. This may be a strategy to make the birds appear larger than they are to an intruder or a perceived predator.

Meeting adjourned

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."—Leo Buscaglia.

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Letter to the Editor: Medical director on benefits of NVFC ambulance

I am Dr. Brian Kuchay, Medical Director for Northwood Volunteer Fire Company and Worth County as a whole. I am also an Emergency Room physician at Mercy One in Mason City. I have been in this position since asked by the Director of Worth County EMS in 2017. Over that time, I have worked closely with the staff at all the departments in the county. I am also the director of surrounding services in Plymouth and Lake Mills. While I am not there for the day-to-day operations of the agency, I am in regular contact with Blake (Blake Severson, NVFC chief), and regularly review run reports. Based on this, I have every confidence in Northwood being able to support a transport ambulance service. I have helped them become a conditional Paramedic based service via the last inspection with the State of Iowa. NVFC already operated at a conditional Paramedic level service, which means they are a fully equipped paramedic level service and are able to provide paramedic level care when they respond with a paramedic if paramedic level treatment is needed.

What needs to be realized, is that for the most part, service to Northwood and its residents and its rural townships will actually be enhanced by a change to a transport service. As of now, transport is required to come via helicopter or Mason City Fire Department. For a call that is

received now, Northwood Fire responds, at minimum with EMT providers. These providers are well trained and skilled and are able to provide the care that has been shown to correlate best with patient outcome. Depending on traffic, weather and the other services' call volume, these skilled providers care for the patient for 15-30 minutes on average before another ambulance arrives. Under the proposed service, this time would be spent on the road to the hospital, where the patient ultimately needs to get in the safest and most time efficient manner possible.

If the EMT providers feel that the patient requires greater care than they can provide, currently those providers must make do, and wait for the higher level of care provider to arrive. Once again, something that could take 20-30 minutes. The time currently spent waiting can be detrimental in certain cases. Under the new proposed transport service, they could contact an ALS service to meet up with them en route to the hospital. When they meet up, usually the paramedic will transfer over to the Northwood ambulance and provide patient care. This could cut time to the hospital in half from call to arrival.

As I stated above, EMTs can provide care that has been proven to save lives. For instance, in cardiac arrest, early defibrillation and compressions have been shown to save lives, while med-

ications have not been shown to have a definite survival benefit. EMT providers can attach a patient to an EKG machine and transmit to the hospital, while also doing chest compressions and defibrillation via an AED if indicated. In the case of respiratory arrest (patient not breathing) they can place an airway to breathe for the patient. For the most critical scenarios, like cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, allergic reactions, shortness of breath, unconsciousness from an overdose, trauma -- EMTs can provide the skills and interventions most likely to improve the patients' condition. Keep in mind, discussing what EMTs can do and NVFC does have paramedics with advanced providers in the works.

If you have additional questions or concerns and would like to speak with me, please contact fire chief Blake Severson and he will get us in contact. I have full confidence in the ability of the providers at Northwood Fire to provide excellent care for the patients in this community. This decision was not made lightly by them, and I have attended multiple meetings where becoming a transport service was discussed. This was not a decision reached lightly, but one that the crew as a whole felt was necessary to provide the best care for this community and rural townships in which they currently respond.

Sincerely,
Brian M. Kuchay, MD

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Early Files

100 years ago

April 4, 1923

The first big appropriation bill passed at this session of the legislature was by the Senate on the 27th when the Mead bill was passed providing for an appropriation of \$450,000 annually for five years to meet the requirements of a gift of \$2,250,000 by the Rockefeller Foundation to aid in building and equipping a medical school and hospital in connection with the State University at Iowa City.

Misses Agnes Torgerson, Margaret Stehn, Lucille Torgerson and Alice Gul-

lickson, students in State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, spent Easter Sunday with their parents in and near Northwood.

Mrs. S.O. Thompson and little daughters, Fern and Wilma, spent Easter Sunday with the lady's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Allanson, at their home in St. Ansgar returning home on the train by way of Glenville and being met there by Mr. Thompson.

Just about 24 hours after he was stricken with appendicitis Eddie G. Ellingson, west of town, passed away at an Albert Lea hospital. At noon the day before Mr. Ellingson was at home visiting with his wife and children, when he was taken violently ill.

At the March meeting of

the council Dr. C.W. Sanders was appointed health officer for Northwood to succeed the late Dr. E.H. Dwelle. Dr. Sanders will no doubt prove worthy successor to Dr. Dwelle. There is vacancy in the council also but Mr. Fosholdt's resignation had not been received at the time of the March meeting.

The farm women of Grove Township have rented the Scammon building formerly occupied by the Index office and will on April 14 hold a market sale of home made and home prepared country foods. There will be five stalls in the market with Mrs. Conrad Olson in charge of meats; Mrs. Nieland, the delicatessen; and Mrs. Fred Aase, J. Dralla, canned and fresh vegetables.

to turn north from Central Avenue on Highway 65. Gasoline escaping from the overturned truck flowed over the curb and several feet into the walk but fortunately there was no explanation or fire.

Mrs. Roy Bergan, a well known resident of Bristol Township, died suddenly Wednesday at Oakdale, Iowa, where she had been under treatment at the sanitarium since the first of the year. She had been up and around each day and her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Ingri Oyer, 80, died at her home in Silver Lake Township. She had not been in good health since she suffered a stroke two years ago and suffered a second stroke the day before her death.

Carl Mikkelson, 64, a life long resident of Worth County, was instantly killed Saturday night at about 8:45 p.m. when he was struck by a car as he was walking on the pavement a half mile south of Kensett.

Temperatures the past week were from 70 to 20 degrees. Precipitation totaled .62 of an inch, including one inch of melted snow. The week ending on March 31, 1947, recorded temperatures from 47 to 18 degrees, with precipitation of .55 of an inch, which included four inches of snow.

Fire, which it is believed may have started from spontaneous combustion in the coal bin, caused considerable damage at the home of Mrs. Amy Willing.

and the residential site in the possession of the Holtans. Harris has an option on the remaining parcel. Of the original 147 acres in the property, sections have been sold to the Cemetery Association, Northwood-Kensett School, and 120 acres to Harris five years ago.

Linda Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hanson, Northwood, was named queen of the Hayseeders Ball. Other candidates were Nancy Bloomingdale, Cinda Hengesteg, Debbie Roppe, Kathy Garnas and Rosalie Anderson.

Mrs. Ken (Becky) Logemann, rural Northwood, took the first leg of the Pony Express ride for Camp Sunnyside from the Minnesota line to a point south of North-

wood. The group met at the State House in Des Moines to turn in contributions for Iowan's crippled children. About \$220 was collected in Worth County and over \$67,000 statewide. More than 6,000 volunteers took part in the ride.

University of Northern Iowa basketball star Brian Bestul has been selected for inclusion in the 1973 edition of "Outstanding College Athletes of America." Bestul was a three-year letterman at UNI and was twice among those receiving mention on the All-North Central Conference team. He finished his career by averaging 10.4 points per game, becoming the No. 16 all-time scorer at UNI with 791 career points.

Keaton Higgins was one of the youngest participants in the Easter egg hunt in Central Park. But he did just fine, thank you, when it came to tracking down the candy eggs and other goodies the Northwood Jaycees "hid" on the lawn west of the county historical museum. Keaton is the son of Dean and Dawn Higgins of Belmont and the grandson of Larry and Marge Olson of Northwood.

Steve and Kim Julson are parents of new twins, Hunter and Hannah, born on March 24 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center in Mason City. Hunter weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and Hannah weighed 4 lbs. 6 oz. They join brother, Tyler, 5, at home. Grandparents are Don and Jo Moretz

and Keith and Shirleen Julson, all of Northwood, and great-grandmothers are Arlene Tenold of Northwood and Martha Knutson of Lake Mills.

Mike Reindl heads into his first year as Northwood-Kensett head girls track coach with improved numbers and hopes of steady improvement over the course of the season. Reindl, assistant Ron Dodd and 26 N-K High girls are focusing their energies toward their April 14 season-opener at Osage. Returning letter winners include seniors Pam Schipull and Cheryl Woolm, juniors Sarah Hanson, Joyce Songstad and April Stayner and sophomores Kristen Bendickson, Lindsey Kenison and Theresa Stotts.

begins on July 1, 2013, and ends on June 30, 2014. Taxes levied on property in the district will increase 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.

Julie Hagen Robb, Broker Associate with Century 21 Preferred, recently earned the Diamond level Century 21 Masters Award for her 2012 sales success. Diamond level status is awarded to an agent who has met minimum sales production for 46 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. Julie was also recognized with the 2012 Quality Service Producer Award.

Northwood Pines residents Roy and Mabel Welch recently celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary. Mabel is 99 years old and Roy will be 98 years old in May.

N-K's Mary Bjorklund ran in the shuttle hurdle relay last season. Bjorklund, a senior this year, will play a big role in any success the Lady Vikings hope to enjoy this season.

Although it increasingly looks and feels like spring, for many in the N-K family, one of its favorite winter sports is just now coming to a close. The N-K AAU Acers, a team made up of seventh graders, just finished its season, a season that ended with a trip to AAU State tournament held March 23 in Ankeny.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Caren Bartz

Caren Kay Bartz of Grafton, Iowa, was called home to God on March 30, 2023, at Mayo Clinic Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, with her family by her side after a hard-fought battle against sarcoma cancer.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton, Iowa, with Pastor Paul Weeg officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, April 7, at Schroeder Funeral Homes in St. Ansgar, Iowa. Burial will take place at St. John's Cemetery of Rock Township.

Caren was born on February 11, 1959, to George and Twila (Cooper) Kroneman in Mitchell County, Iowa, the fourth of four daughters. She was baptized on April 19, 1959, and confirmed on June 10, 1973, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Caren was raised to be a hard-working woman on her family farm. She and her sisters spent many days helping their dad sort pigs and cattle, mowing lawns and baling hay with cousins as well as helping their mom in the garden. She developed her love for farming from her dad and gardening from her mom at an early age. When the sisters weren't hard at work, they spent many hours playing in the creek and put many miles on their bicycles riding around the country and to Osage to get a shake from A&W.

Caren attended Grafton, Carpenter and St. Ansgar schools, graduating in May of 1977. In high school, she began working at the Gobbler's Roost in Grafton,



CAREN BARTZ

where she later met her husband, Curtis Lee Bartz.

Caren and Curt were married on April 23, 1983, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Together they built up their family farm north of Grafton. They were blessed with two daughters, Courtney and Caylee.

Caren devoted her life to her family and the farm. She taught her daughters the importance of hard work and they knew she would do anything for them. Spring, the start of a new season, meant running for parts, hauling seed and fertilizer and running the field cultivator. It also meant many trips to the greenhouses. It seemed like she got more and more flowers every year. All summer, she spent countless hours mowing the lawn and working with her flowers, ensuring the yard always looked its best. Fall was her favorite time of year, unloading semis as she ran the corn dryer with Charlie, ripping fields and hauling anhydrous tanks.

Before their daughters came along, Caren and Curt spent many weekends traveling to truck pulls and vacations to Yellowstone, Hawaii and New York. She loved to go dancing and spending time up at the

Roost. Throughout her life, Caren always enjoyed going to auctions and antiquing, looking for her next project. As they built their family, she always supported her daughters, attending every event they were involved in. Caren loved to go camping and on vacations, spending time with her sisters and friends, and her Busch Light.

More recently, Caren had spent many hours wedding planning with Caylee to welcome her son-in-law, Hayden, to the family, but her biggest joy was spending time with her grandson, Ellis. Whenever she saw him, she made sure she always had presents for him. She spent a lot of time traveling around North Carolina with her family, visiting Biltmore and the birthplace of Pepsi, lying on the beach and climbing lighthouses.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Curt Bartz of Grafton, Iowa; her daughters, Courtney Bartz of St. Ansgar, Iowa, and Caylee Hubbard (Hayden) and grandson Ellis Hubbard of Iwakuni, Japan; sisters, Carla Benson (Bob Grimes) of Rosemount, Minn., Chloe Ann Stumo (Scott) of Northwood, Iowa, and Cheryl Ginder (Jerry) of Mason City, Iowa; brothers-in-law, Fred Hardwick (Sylvia) of Mason City, Iowa, and Dennis Bartz (Barb) of Grafton, Iowa; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, George and Twila Kroneman; father and mother-in-law, Harold and Leona Bartz; and brothers-in-law, Tom Benson and George Hardwick.

State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa celebrates 66 years

Junior and senior high school students from across the state geared up to compete for prizes, awards and scholarships during the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa on March 30-31.

SSTFI holds the Governor's STEM Seal of Approval. The event is the largest STEM competition for youth in grades 6-12 and was hosted in person at Hilton Coliseum on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

Research experience is core to the mission of SSTFI and allows students to gain critical scientific skills needed for postsecondary work, said Alexa Groff, Iowa 4-H STEM coordinator and director of SSTFI. Through participation in the event, students learn about science and engineering processes, problem-solving, and the importance of communicating and defending those findings to others. To compete, participants are asked to prepare a research poster detailing their findings and the data collected.

Students, teachers, families and members of the public were invited to view the exhibits and ask youth researchers questions about their projects on Thursday or Friday.

In addition to the exhibits, youth-led educational seminars were conducted throughout both days in the biological science and physical sciences categories. Students submitted a paper on a STEM topic of their choice and the top eight in each category had a chance to present to com-



pete for cash prizes sponsored by Meta.

The 15 award categories are animal science, biochemistry, behavioral and social sciences, biomedical and health sciences, cellular and molecular biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and environmental sciences, engineering, mathematics, energy and transportation, microbiology, physics and astronomy, plant sciences and robotics and intelligent machines.

"SSTFI is an exceptional way for Iowa youth to participate in active learning and develop skills necessary for postsecondary work by applying the principles of the scientific method," said Groff. "These experiences are critical for engaging students in STEM and potentially inspiring them to pursue STEM careers in the future."

More than \$200,000 will be awarded at this year's fair, including over 20 new scholarships to winners and scholarships from Iowa State University, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Loras College, Iowa Wesleyan University, Northwestern College and Buena Vista University.

This year's competition will see the return of "Lunch with a Scientist," sponsored by Colorbotics, for all senior high and junior high youth. Students were able to ask a panel of STEM professionals about their experiences in their field and potential career options. Another innovative addition to this year's event is STEM-led educational outreach opportunities put on by different programs at Iowa State University.

The State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa is organized through ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development with support from the following sponsors: Alliant Energy, Broadcom Foundation, Colorbotics, Corteva Agriscience, Iowa 4-H Youth Development, Iowa State University, ISU College of Engineering, Loras College, University of Northern Iowa, Cargill, ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, ISU College of Human Sciences, NASA Iowa Space Grant Consortium, Foundation Analytical Laboratory, ISU College of Veterinary Science, ISU Program for Women in Science and Engineering, ITC Holdings, Northwestern College, University of Iowa College of Public Health, Ernest Schiller, ISU Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, and Meta.

More information on the SSTFI, is available by visiting <https://sstfi.org> or by contacting an ISU Extension and Outreach county office.

75 years ago

April 1, 1948

Funeral services for O.B. Ball, 93, a former resident of the Kensett vicinity and later living near Albert Lea, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, of which he was a member.

A major disaster was narrowly escaped in Northwood at about 6:30 p.m. when a Wessel Transportation Co. gasoline transport truck, bearing a cargo of about 4,000 gallons of gasoline, overturned on the pavement near the west curb of north Eighth Street as it attempted

50 years ago

April 5, 1973

Carl Hanson, executive director of the Worth County ASCS, was named "Friend of Conservation" at the annual Farmer Merchant Banquet in Northwood. The Goodyear Award was presented by Douglas Carnes, manager of Worth County Coop Oil Company, to Roger Peterson, rural Northwood.

Ralph Harris, Northwood farmer, has purchased all but three acres of the O.H. Holtan property in northwest Northwood. The latest purchase was for approximately 30 acres, leaving three acres

25 years ago

April 8, 1998

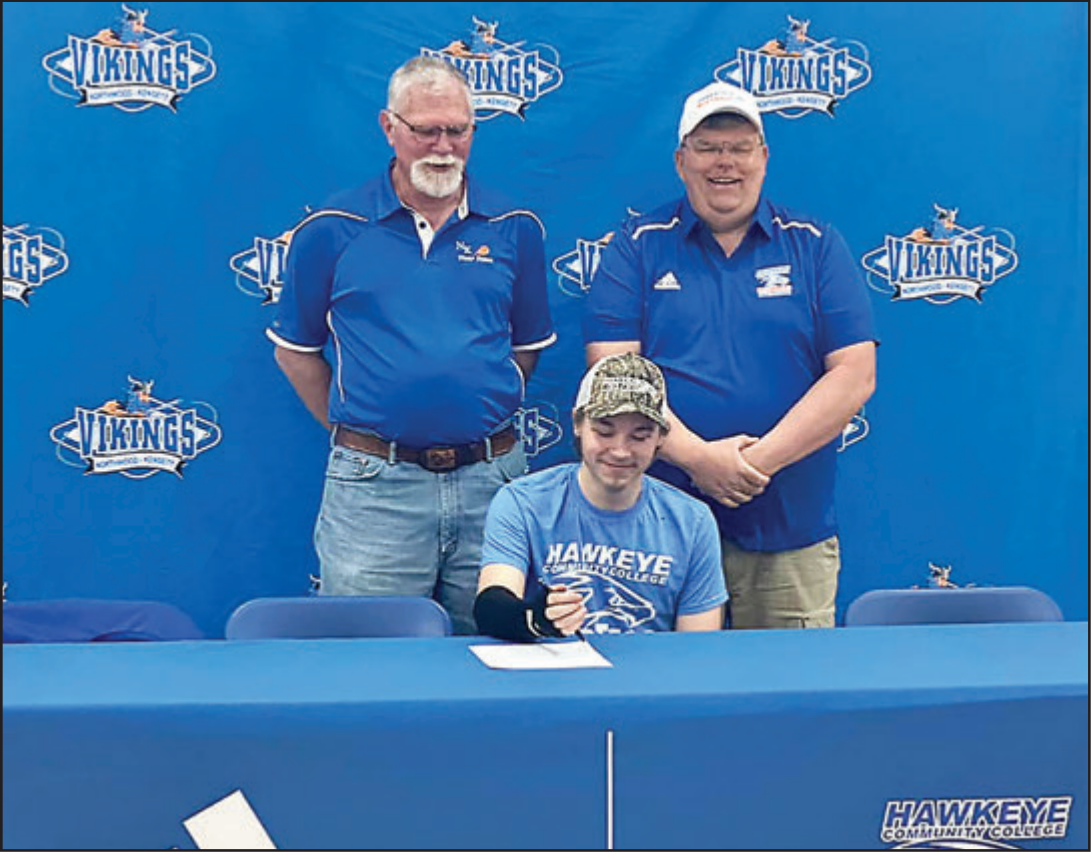
Northwood's annual spring "clean-up week" will run from April 20-24 this spring. As in past years, the city public works crew will spend the week picking up the hauling away items placed on the berm between residential sidewalks and streets. City workers will haul away most items, according to city superintendent Craig Toft. But they will not touch any containers of gasoline, oil, paint, solvents or other poisonous materials.

10 years ago

April 3, 2013

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce and the Worth County Jaycees sponsored the annual Northwood Easter Egg hunt on March 30, at the Worth County Fairgrounds to the delight of many children and parents. Participants gathered eggs in the 0-4 age group. The Easter Bunny hid over 2,000 eggs for the children.

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on April 11, to discuss the district's proposed budget for the fiscal year that



Haydan Pectorious signs letter of intent to shoot at Hawkeye Community College.

Vikings start 21st trap season

By Dean Mueller
N-K Trap Coach

The Northwood-Kensett Viking trap team started their 21st season this week-end by attending the Charles City Invitational.

There were seven teams competing in the tournament with a total of 130 athletes.

New Hampton won the shoot with a score of 231. Second was Charles City with a score of 217 and third was Cedar Valley Conservation with a score of 208.

The Viking team post-

ed a score of 181 that put them in the middle of the pack.

Scores for the Viking team were Collin Houg -44, Haydan Pectorious -42, Will Tindall -35, Iver Girouard -33 and Aiden Moretz -27. Also shooting was Kaeden Malli in his first appearance as a Viking with a score of 27.

There was a five way tie for men's champion with a score of 47. The woman's champion was also a two way tie at 47. Sorry, I did not record the shoot off results.

Members of this year's

Viking team are Haydan Pectorious, Will Tindall, Loghan Nelson, Iver Girouard, Aiden Moretz, Collin Houg, Kaeden Malli, Dominick Authier, Trinity Vandiver, Ivey Toresdahl and Keenen Jacobs-Davidson.

Another first for the team this week was Haydan Pectorious signing a letter of intent to attend Hawkeye Community College and shoot as Red Tail. Haydan is receiving a scholarship for being on the Red Tails team.

Vikings earn fifth place finish at Saint Ansgar Coed Relays

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys track team, which usually relies on its relay teams to fuel its success on the oval year after year, instead had to rely on a few individual performances to squeak out a fifth place finish in last Tuesday afternoon's opening track and field meet of the spring season, the Saint Ansgar Coed Relays.

The Vikings scored 64 team points in Saint Ansgar but the usually reliable relays, while still very competitive, were left out of the first place medals and instead had to settle for a top finish of second in the 4x800, ending the race in 4:15.75.

Other top relays for the Vikings include the 4x400 (3rd), the sprint medley (4th), the distance medley (5th), the shuttle hurdle (5th), the 4x200 (6th) and the 4x100 (7th).

every field event is huge in the Vikings' success and the team took full advantage of their wide range of talents. Trent Tiedemann took home a third place medal in the shot with a throw of 36.07 while teammates Justin Mills and Nolan Senne placed fifth and eighth in the discus.

Kooper Julseth scored some huge points in an event the Vikings have long left empty, the high jump, where the talented junior placed fifth. While over in the long jump pit, another event the Vikings have had problems filling in the past, Ben Yezeck placed sixth with a best leap of 16-05.75.

It was in the individual running events though where the Vikings racked up most of their team points with Julseth taking home top honors in the 800-meter run, finishing the race with a time of 2:15.40.

Senior Treycen Rollene made the best of his first

meet of the young season with second place finishes in both the long-distance events, the 1,600 (4:54.03) and the 3,200 (10:33.22).

Rounding out the scoring for the Vikings at Saint Ansgar were Aden Bice with a solid fifth place finish in the 3,200 and Christopher Madsen, who placed eighth in the hardest event of any high school track meet in Iowa, the brutal 400-meter hurdles.

The Vikings were set to be in action twice this week, spring weather permitting, including Monday at West Hancock and Thursday, while the girls are at Hampton-Dumont, the boys will be competing at Clarion-Goldfield.

Team Standings at Saint Ansgar Coed Relays - Nashua-Plainfield 141, Saint Ansgar 138, Osage 121, North Butler 76, Northwood-Kensett 64, West Fork 24, Riceville 16, Newman Catholic 8.



N-K Wrestling Banquet

The Northwood-Kensett wrestling team celebrated their season with the annual banquet held on Sunday, April 2, at Strike Zone in Northwood. The wrestling season wrap up recognized the student athletes with letters for first year wrestlers and recognition for others that had added another season to their N-K wrestling careers. Pictured at top are (in front, from left) Alex Tiedemann, Linca Scarlett, Weston Willand, Dagen Peterson, (back) Aden Bice, Trent Tiedemann, Treycen Rollene, Dalton Logeman and Michael Janssen. Wrestlers receiving additional recognition included (bottom picture, from left) MVP Treycen Rollene, Newcomer Award Alex Tiedemann and Coaches Award Dalton Logeman.

Lady Vikings secure fifth place finish at annual SA Coed Relays

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

An unusual occurrence to be sure, the first scheduled spring track meet went on without a hitch last Tuesday in Saint Ansgar, where the Lady Vikings secured a fifth place finish, scoring 48 team points in the annual Saint Ansgar Coed Relays.

And while Northwood-Kensett had plenty of fine individual performances, including Lindsey Moore's first place finish in the 100 hurdles, freshman Annalisa Coyle's fifth place finish

in the 100, or Maddie Berry's sixth place finish in the relays where the Lady Vikings made their mark.

After the 4x100 team placed sixth, the Lady Vikings went on an incredible streak where they placed in the top four in all the remaining relays, including the 4x400 (4th) and the 4x800 (4th).

Scoring 20 of the team's 48 team points, the 4x200 and the shuttle hurdle relay teams both took home first place medals in the opening meet of the sea-

son.

Spring weather permitting of course, the Lady Vikings were set to compete in two meets this week, including Monday at West Hancock and while the boys are away at Clarion-Goldfield on Thursday, the girls will be at Hampton-Dumont.

Team Standings at Saint Ansgar Coed Relays - Saint Ansgar 137, Osage 130, West Fork 82, Nashua-Plainfield 75, Northwood-Kensett 48, North Butler 40, Newman Catholic 25, Riceville 20

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