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Briefs

Carpenter Days set for this weekend

Carpenter Days will be held on August 25 and 26.

This Friday night they will be serving walking tacos at 5 p.m.

Half SheBang Bang will play from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission is $10.

On Saturday, there will be horse pulls, pedal pulls, pony rides and inflatables, food and beverages at 1 p.m. Cattlemen's Food Truck will be there between 5 and 7 p.m. and a DJ and Open Mic will begin at 6 p.m.

Founders Day set for Sept. 9

The 19th annual Founders Day event has been set for Saturday, September 9.

This year's Founders Day events will include a variety of returning and new activities.

The event will include the annual Aristocrats Car Club show.

Also held on Founders Day will be the Lions Club breakfast, Norwegian goodies, street vendors and downtown stores, the annual Sunset Rest Cemetery walk, Open House tours at a local building and the Hotel Winifred, Artology and an open house and food at the Stromstein Building, trackless "helicopter rides," inflatables for the kids, a visit by Half Pint the Clown, the Worth County Historical Society's main museum, a bags tournament, a horse shoe tournament and a horse show at the fairgrounds.

See more on Founders Day events and activities in upcoming issues of the Northwood Anchor and online at the Northwood Chamber Facebook page.



Education appreciation

Last week the Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual event thanking the staff of Northwood-Kensett schools. Breakfast was provided and served by Farmers State Bank. A variety of prizes were presented by Chamber businesses and members. Chamber members Teresa George-Zenz and Pam Meyer are pictured above presenting prizes at the breakfast event.

Railroad Ag Days set for this weekend

The annual Manly Railroad Ag Days events and activities are set for this weekend, Friday and Saturday, August 25-26.

Railroad Ag Days events begin this Friday, August 25, at the American Legion Post 110, with a supper served from 5-7 p.m., hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary. Available for a free will donation will be pulled pork sandwiches with sides, desserts and drinks.

Also starting at 5 p.m. will be a kids pedal pull, held by the Legion post.

At 6:30, Little Mr. and Miss Manly and Junior Mr. and Miss Manly will be crowned.

From 8-11 p.m. the American Legion Auxiliary will present Little Black

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City/school candidate filing begins Aug. 28

On Tuesday, November 7, voters will choose who will represent them on their school boards and city governments.

City positions up for election in Worth County include the mayor and two city council positions in Fertile, Hanlontown and Manly; the mayor and all council positions in Grafton; the mayor and three council positions in Joice; and three council positions in Kensett and Northwood.

School board positions up for election include one at large seat and those representing District 1, North B and District 2, South B in the Central Springs school district. Three seats on the Northwood-Kensett school board will be up for election.

The first day for candidates to file papers to run for city or school board offices is this Monday, August 28. Forms should be filed with city clerks or school board secretaries.

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Bolan celebrates with early fall event this weekend

The community of Bolan, population 18 including the "suburbs," is hosting its 20th fall event this Saturday, August 26, with a "Back-To-School" theme.

The 100th anniversary of service of the Barton No. 2 School is being celebrated. It served as a two-room country school until 1956, then was moved to the main street and became the Bolan Store until 2007 when the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center nonprofit formed.

To celebrate the century, commemorative Milkhouse Candles will be on sale, along with magnets, and watercolor artwork by Sue Cowell of "The Seasons of Barton No. 2" on notecards and postcards. Wine glasses from previous fundraisers will also be on sale.

The United Women in Faith are hosting their traditional Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Bolan Schoolhouse.

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Council discusses tree permits, grant options

The Northwood city council discussed updates to city tree planting rules and grant considerations at their recent regular meeting.

Following on discussion from their previous meeting, the council returned to the topic of planting new trees in the city.

At the previous meeting, several members of the community came to the council as they wanted to replace trees that had been removed as a part of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Highway 65 resurfacing project.

At the meeting, the council decided that the City's tree ordinance needed to be updated. Between that meeting and the August 14 meeting, the City committee set up to review ordinances took a look at the city's tree laws.

At the August 14 meeting, the council reviewed and refined the ordinance based on the recommendations of the committee.

The updated ordinance includes a new planting restrictions section, which provides a process and rules for when residents of the city want to plant trees in parking areas, including the area between sidewalks and streets.

The ordinance sets an application process and distance restrictions for where the trees can be placed, including trees that are no more than 12 feet wide or 16 feet where there is no sidewalk, centering trees between curbs and sidewalks, planting 20 feet from intersections, trees planted 30 feet apart from each

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Art Farm Iowa opens first exhibit, 'Iowa Fresh' Sept. 1

Art Farm Iowa, the blending of artistic endeavors and a working farm, will have its official opening art exhibit on September 1.

The opening exhibit is called "Iowa Fresh: New regionalist art from Lucretia Torva and Anthony Martin."

An opening reception has been set for Friday, September 1, from 6-10 p.m.

The exhibit features the art of painter Lucretia Torva and chainsaw sculptor Anthony Martin.

Torva is an artist/painter based in Phoenix, Arizona, that paints in oils and acrylics as well as murals.

Torva was born in Peoria, Illinois, and grew up in Scotland and France because her dad worked for Caterpillar Tractor Co. This served as a great foundation for being an artist as Lucretia was able to see and experience some of the greatest art and architecture in the history of Western Art.

Torva is a realist painter, fascinated with surfaces, textures and reflections. She hopes her work inspires viewers to look at the world with greater care and amazement.

Torva received her MFA from the University of Illinois in 1982.

Martin, retired Army,

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other, no closer than 10 feet from driveways and fire hydrants and no closer than six feet from sidewalks.

The proposed section also prohibits certain tree types, including fruit-bearing trees and cottonwoods, poplars, box elders, Chinese elms, evergreens, willows, ash, nuts and black walnuts.

At the meeting, council member Gary Nerlien made a couple of suggestions, primarily to prevent damage to underground wires and cables.

While the application has a reminder to contact Iowa One Call, the ordinance and the application do not make that a requirement.

It is state law that people call Iowa One Call before digging at least 48 hours in advance, not counting weekends or holidays. Nerlien was concerned that not insisting on the step could leave the City liable.

It was agreed that a requirement to contact Iowa One Call would be a part of the application process. It would also be added to the list of things people agreed to when applying with the City.

Nerlien also suggested that the application should include references to the City code, which requires property owners to maintain trees on their property.

That includes requirements to trim trees to eight feet above sidewalks and 15 feet above streets.

Noting that requirement and the City code in the application would make people aware of their responsibilities and help the City better enforce the code if the trees aren't maintained.

The discussion at the meeting was to review the proposed changes to the City's tree ordinance. Before the changes take affect, the City will publish notice of the change and hold hearings and readings before passing the new tree rules.

In other business at the council meeting, plans for potential WCDA grant applications led to discussions of two ongoing City projects.

The first of those is to increase the solar energy project built near the city's sewer treatment facility on the south side.

The panels in place are the first of what had been planned as a three phase project.

The City has applied for additional WCDA grants for the next phase, but have so far been unsuccessful.

With that in mind, the City has discussed dividing the remainder of its project into more phases to make grant requests less substantial.

Another potential grant request discussed was for funding for city streets.

Mentioned at the meeting were changes made following the most recent legislative session, which city officials expect may have a limiting impact on funds available to the City, including for things like road infrastructure.

As costs increase, and funds may be more limited, the potential challenge of finishing the City's resurfacing project, including Highway 105, was mentioned.

This year's street resurfacing plans were scaled back due to expected cost increases. City officials expect that to happen again in future years. The potential legislative impact on funding and increased costs were a concern at the meeting.

A report to IDOT approved at the meeting showed that in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, the City spent $756,477 on city street projects. Revenue from local and State sources decreased in the year, totaling $617,374, meaning the City spent $139,103 more than it received for street projects, with potential less taxing capacity in the future to increase funding.

The City of Northwood has so far not turned to the WCDA for street surfacing needs, but it was noted that other communities have.

Based on the financial unknowns, the council supported looking at its road projects as another potential grant request.

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Dress night. Music will be provided by the Mockingbirds.

On Saturday, events begin in Bosworth Park with the Panther Prowl 5K Fun Run. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. and the run begins at 7 a.m.

From 7:30-10:30 a.m., Dad's Belgian Waffles will be served as a fundraiser at the Manly Senior Center.

The Railroad Ag Days parade begins at 11 a.m. Those taking part in the parade can line up on Dahl Street beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The parade route travels north on Grant Street, then west on Harris Street then south on Linden Street.

A number of events begin at 11:30 a.m. in Bosworth Park.

That includes the raffle for prizes that will be on display in the shelter house. The drawing for the winners will be held at 5 p.m.

Vendors will be offering their items in the Ag Days Market.

A number of food trucks will be in the park.

Kids games and face painting will be available. A DJ will also be providing music.

A bags tournament will begin at 1 p.m. Check in will take place from 12-12:45. Registration is $30 per team.

A magic show will begin at 1 p.m.

Saturday night entertainment will be the Hepperly Band, from 7-10 p.m.

More information on the Railroad Ag Days events can be found on the Manly Development Facebook page.

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The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center is hosting a free will donation pancake breakfast fundraiser from 8–10:30 a.m.

A few additional vendors will be along Tulip Lane and will be selling products from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 23nd annual Bike Ride will travel from Bolan though the neighboring communities of Grafton, Carpenter and St. Ansgar.

This year's ride is being dedicated as a special memorial tribute to Linda Kenison Lindsay, who passed away earlier this year. She enjoyed bicycling and participated in 15 out of the last 22 Bolan rides, usually doing the Grafton loop. Ride registration begins at 8 a.m., with a group departure at 9 a.m., following the welcome and National Anthem. Riders pay a $10 donation, which provides participants with route support and a coupon for homemade pie with ice cream upon return.

Keyboard musician Sam Crosser will be playing from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Women will be serving a scalloped potatoes and ham lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the schoolhouse. The meal will include coleslaw, fresh baked bread, homemade jam and a beverage. Take outs will be available, and the building is handicap accessible. The Bolan community will have homemade pie with ice cream from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All former students of Barton No. 2 are to be on the front steps for a group photo at 12:30 p.m. A "Back-To-School" Program will be held at 1 p.m. in the upper level of the Bolan Schoolhouse with former students sharing memories and guest speaker William L. Sherman of Des Moines, a country school preservationist and author of the book "Iowa Country Schools: Landmarks of Learning." He has worked with Preservation Iowa to organize 22 Iowa conferences focusing on the preservation of country school buildings, programs and history. Sherman also helped found the Country School Association of America (CSAA) and currently serves on the CSAA Executive Board. On August 26, he will provide a presentation on: How Country Schools Make Iowa a Leader in Learning.

More information is available by contacting Lori Willert, 4211 Tulip Lane, Kensett, IA 50448, 641-845-2677, 641-903-9472, lwillert@wctatel.net or at the Bolan website, online at www.bolaniowa.com.

Farmland values show signs of stabilizing

Farm Credit Services of America reports smaller increase in values first six months of 2023

While cropland continued to gain value in the first half of 2023, Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) reports signs that the real estate market is stabilizing.

FCSAmerica, a financial cooperative, appraises 63 benchmark farms twice a year to monitor trends in real estate in its four-state territory of Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. FCSAmerica's July 2023 Benchmark Farmland Report was released recently.

Benchmark values in the first half of 2023 remained strong in markets where the availability of land was limited and were steadier in areas with a consistent supply. Higher quality cropland also supported higher values, while average to below-average ground saw smaller increases. This is indicative of a more stable market.

Values on pasture and ranchland were supported by high demand and limited supply. Since July 2022, South Dakota has seen pasture values rise 12.2%, much of the increase happening in the past six months. Wyoming values are up 15.5% year-over-year. Nebraska pasture, by comparison, is down slightly.

For all agricultural land types, values remain at record highs. The steepest gains occurred in the last half of 2020 through 2021. The market has remained resilient in the past year despite successive interest rate hikes and drought in much of the region.

"The other driver in real estate is farm profitability and the overall financial health of agriculture, which has been extremely strong," said Tim Koch, executive vice president of business development for FCSAmerica. "Profitability and optimism in agriculture have more than offset the negative pressures created by the increased interest rates."

Profit margins continue to tighten because of higher input costs and lower commodity prices. Producers generally are planning for 2023 profits near break-even levels. This could result in a flattening of land values, with some areas possibly seeing a slight decline, Koch said.

"There is lots of liquidity on farm balance sheets and overall leverage is down significantly," he said. "So even if profit margins, on average, return to break-even levels, the overall financial strength of producers will lead them to stay in the real estate market. We still could see instances of aggressive bidding for the right farm in the right location."

Below are state-by-state trends in benchmark farmland values for the first half of 2023:

Iowa: Values for 15 of the state's 21 benchmark farms increased by less than 5%, and four declined slightly. The highest increase was 9.1%, the greatest decline, 6.3%. The overall year-over-year gain of 4.0% compares to increases of 37% and 12.8% in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Nebraska: Seven of the state's 18 benchmark farms increased in value by at least 5%, with two experiencing double-digit hikes, including a northeast Nebraska farm with an 18.3% gain. Nine farms saw little to no change and two declined in value. The year-over-year increase of 8.4% statewide compares to gains of 22.1% and 14.3% in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

South Dakota: Values rose by double digits on five of 22 benchmark farms, improving more than 25%. Fifteen farms saw values increase by 5% or less and the remaining two by 5% to 10%. Year-over-year values rose 14% compared to 21% and 17.3% in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Wyoming: The benchmark cropland farm experienced no change in value, while the value on the pasture unit increased 1.5%.

FFA breeding beef exhibitors show their way to the honors

On Thursday, August 10, 160 exhibitors showed 214 animals as they competed for top honors in the FFA Breeding Beef show at the 2023 Iowa State Fair.

That included Austin Foss, Northwood, who earned Champion in the Simmental category.

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was inspired to begin chainsaw carving after being hospitalized for over three years due to injuries sustained in combat.

Martin needed something that provided purpose and meaning so he began to learn everything about the art of carving and founded Logs4Heroes, an organization where Martin and his carvings support veterans, first responders, law enforcement, fire/rescue and their family members.

Martin and his wife live with their three daughters in Meservey, Iowa.

The exhibition will feature regionalist art with a fresh and modern perspective.

The exhibit will be in place September 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Art Farm Iowa is located at 4953 Olive Ave, just north of Northwood.

More information can be found online at www.artfarmiowa.com.

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Candidate nomination papers must be filed by Thursday, September 21 at 5 p.m.

The voter pre-registration deadline is Monday, October 23. The County Auditor must receive all registration forms no later than 5 p.m. unless postmarked on or before Monday, October 23.

Voters may request an absentee ballot at the Auditor's Office at any time. If the ballots are not at the office at the time of request, they will be mailed to the voter as soon as they are available.

Absentee voting begins on Wednesday, October 18.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m. on Monday, October 23.

Voters may request and vote ballots at the Auditor's Office until 4 p.m. on Monday, November 6.

Polls will be open on election day, Tuesday, November 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More information, including sample ballots, links to candidate information and more can be found at the Auditor's Election Website at elections.worthcountyiowa.gov or by contacting the Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

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Replacing lawns

As a part of the resurfacing of Highway 65 in Northwood this year, lawns between sidewalks and the highway were left in need of some care. After initial planting and efforts early in the year, new seed and landscaping took place last week, as pictured here.

Growing and harvesting potatoes

Potatoes are a popular crop to grow in home vegetable gardens. However, there's a lot to know about growing and harvesting potatoes properly. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists have tips on growing, harvesting and addressing common problems sometimes seen on potatoes.

When should I harvest potatoes?

Potatoes can be harvested when the tubers are small and immature, known as new potatoes, or when the crop is fully mature. New potatoes are dug when the plants are still green and the tubers are greater than 1 inch in diameter. New potatoes should be used immediately, as they do not store well.

Potatoes grown for storage should be harvested after the vines have died and the crop is mature. To check crop maturity, dig up one or two hills after the plants have died. If the skins on the tubers are thin and rub off easily, the crop is not fully mature. Allow the crop to mature for several more days before harvesting the potatoes. When harvesting potatoes, it is best to avoid bruising, skinning or cutting the tubers. Damaged potatoes should be used as soon as possible.

Before storing the potatoes, cure the tubers at a temperature of 50-60 degrees Fahrenheit and high relative humidity, about 85-90%, for two weeks. The curing process allows minor cuts and bruises to heal and the skin to thicken. Once cured, store potatoes at a temperature of 40 F and relative humidity of 90-95%.

How can I control Colorado potato beetles?

The Colorado potato beetle is difficult to control. The first line of defense is hand-picking. Remove beetles, eggs and small larvae by hand from infested plants as soon as they are noticed. Removing overwintering beetles that appear on young plants in spring is especially important. Hand-picking can be effective for a few insects on a few plants in smaller gardens but is impractical for larger gardens.

Row covers can be used



to exclude adult beetles from plants in spring and prevent egg-laying. This method is only effective if you are growing potatoes in an area where adults are not overwintering and will not emerge from the soil underneath the row cover.

Control with insecticides is possible but difficult, as Colorado potato beetles have developed resistance to many of the commonly available insecticides. When using insecticides, consider timing, coverage and insecticide choice. Timing is critical. Small larvae are much easier to control. Only use insecticides labeled for use on Colorado potato beetle in the home garden and apply according to label directions. Spray early and spray often. Apart from synthetic pesticides, organic pesticides, such as spinosad and neem, can be used but are only effective on very young larvae.

Why are my potatoes knobby?

Fluctuations in soil moisture levels during tuber development may cause knobby potatoes. Watering regularly, about once a week, during dry periods will help prevent this problem.

Why are my potatoes covered in rough, corky patches?

Rough, corky patches on the surface of potato tubers are due to potato scab. Potato scab is caused by the bacterium Streptomyces scabies. Though unsightly, scabby potato tubers are still edible. Simply peel the potatoes before use.

Potato scab is most common in alkaline soils (soil pH above 7). However, altering the soil pH is difficult and not practical for most home gardeners. The incidence of potato scab can be reduced by planting certified, disease-free potatoes in spring. Choose cultivars that possess good resistance to potato scab. Also, rotate the placement of potatoes in the garden. If possible, plant potatoes in the same garden area only once every three or four years.

Why are some of my potato tubers green?

The potato tubers were likely exposed to light in the garden or storage. The skin on tubers exposed to light turns green due to the formation of chlorophyll. The chlorophyll itself is not a problem. However, higher levels of glycoalkaloids also develop in the green tissue. Green tubers have a bitter taste when eaten. They may also cause an upset stomach and more serious health problems.

Tubers with small green areas can be safely eaten if the green portions are cut off and discarded. It would be best to discard potatoes that are largely green.

When growing potatoes in the garden, hill soil around the base of the potato plants to prevent the tubers from being exposed to light. After harvesting, store potatoes in a dark location.

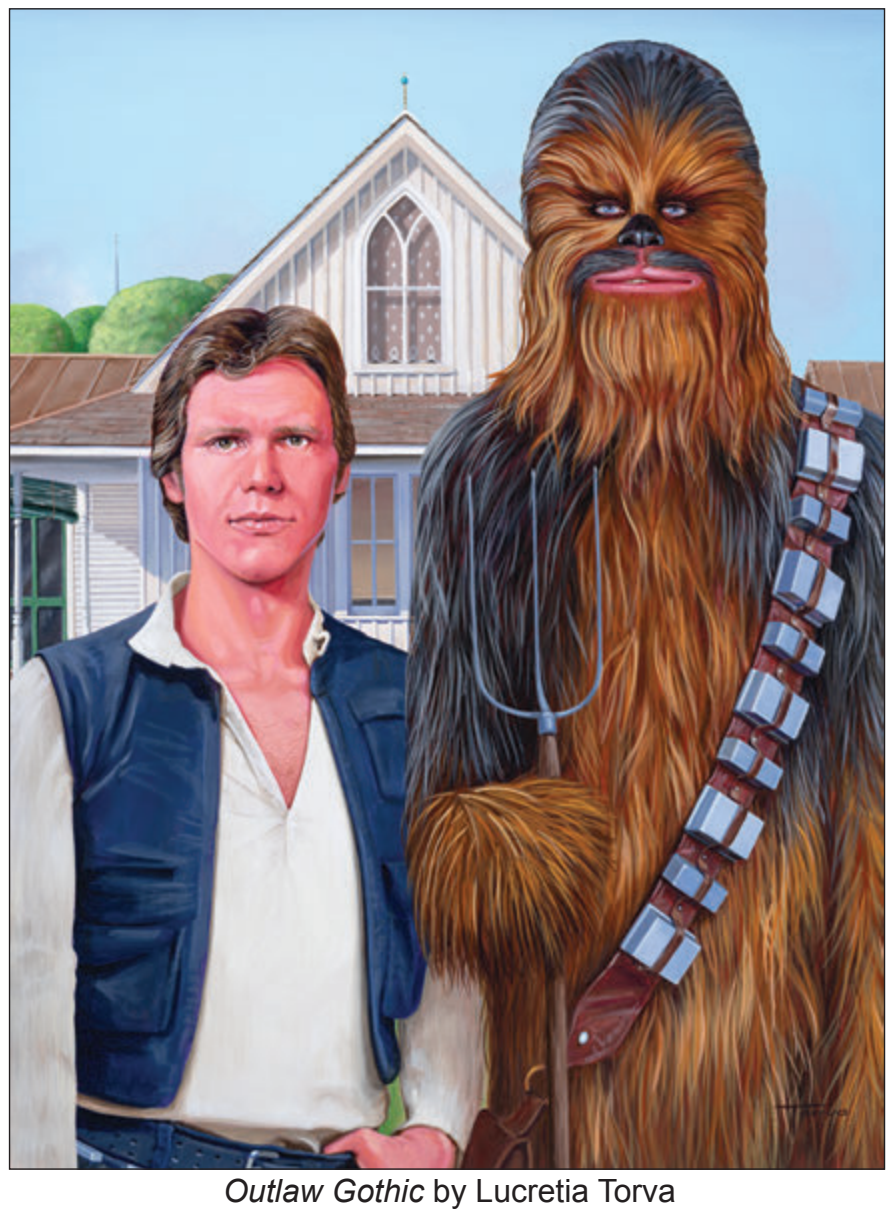
What are the small, round, green objects resembling miniature tomatoes on my potato plants?

The small, round, green objects are the true fruit of the potato plant. Potatoes bloom in late spring, but most flowers dry up, drop from the plant and don't develop into fruit. The fruit that do develop are relatively small and inconspicuous and often go unnoticed by most gardeners.

Potato fruits are not the result of cross-pollination of tomatoes with potatoes. Tomatoes and potatoes belong to the Solanaceae or Nightshade Family. Because they are in the same family, the flowers on tomatoes and potatoes are similar. The shape of the fruit is also similar (albeit smaller).

Potato fruits are of no real value. The small fruit should not be eaten as they contain a poisonous alkaloid (solanine). The fruit are not useful for planting purposes as potatoes don't reproduce true from seed.





Giving multiplied with with school supplies for children overseas

Families in Northwood are transforming empty shoeboxes into gifts of hope by filling them with supplies like pencils, crayons and notebooks, alongside personal care items and fun toys. Operation Christmas Child will deliver the gift-filled shoeboxes worldwide to boys and girls in need. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children.

As the school year approaches, shoebox packers are making use of back-to-school prices to purchase gifts and essential items for children in need around the world. Residents in Northwood are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, to pack in shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

For many children, access to these simple items is essential to an education. This was the case for Justin Thomas, a shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia whose parents could not afford the supplies needed for school. Thomas remembers the specific day he received a gift-filled shoebox from Operation Christmas Child and found it filled with toys and most exciting to him—school supplies!

Growing up with hand-me-down clothes and used items, Thomas used to write with a pencil so short that he held it using a pen cap. Having an entire packet of new pencils and a pencil sharpener all his own was a treasure to him. This simple gift made a life-changing impact for Thomas because it opened the doors for him to receive an education.

More information is available by visiting sa maritanspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week is November 13-20. Participants can donate $10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry!

Northwood named All Star Community



The City of Northwood was named a 2023 All-Star Community by the Iowa League of Cities for its Viking Activity Center. The city will be recognized at an Awards Banquet at the League's Annual Conference and Exhibit, held in Cedar Rapids from September 20-22.

The All-Star Community Award is the most prestigious honor given by the League to cities. Entries are judged by a panel of former city officials and others familiar with municipal government. Judges determine winners based on innovative efforts in areas such as urban renewal, development, preservation, collaborative efforts or quality of life improvements. Northwood was among three of Iowa's 940 cities to garner such recognition.

The Viking Activity Center opened on August 18, 2022 after years' worth of discussions, planning, fundraising and building by city and school leaders. The center provides a much-needed space for school athletic practices and recreational youth programs as well as a place for citizens to become more active, especially in the winter months.

The $5.6 million, 38,554 square foot facility is attached to the N-K Middle School/High School. It consists of two floors decorated with pride in school colors. The bottom level includes two full-sized wooden basketball/volleyball courts, baseball/softball pitching and hitting areas, six pickleball courts, a wrestling room capable of fitting two full-sized mats which can also double as a cheerleading practice room,



a multi-purpose room with a kitchenette, concession stand, golf simulator, men's and women's locker room, two office spaces and a receptionist desk. The upper level contains a three-lane walking/running track, space for cardio machines, treadmills, ellipticals, and a separate area for weightlifting.

The Viking Activity Center is dedicated to providing a wide variety of multigenerational, year-round recreation, health and wellness, social, fitness, and educational programs and activities. It will help make Northwood a better place to live, work and play by offering an assessable facility for health and wellness opportunities for all ages for many years to come.

Congratulations to Northwood and all its residents on its Viking Activity Center. This year's other All-Star Community Award winners are Davenport and Clear Lake.

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Pasture weed control featured in field day

Iowa State University Extension will host a pasture management field day on Thursday, September 21, at 1 p.m. at a pasture located southeast of Forest City.

The pasture's location is 3.5 miles east of Highway 69 on County B14, which is also 330th St. Alternatively this is 1.5 miles east of Taft Avenue or 1.5 miles west of Welch Avenue via County B14. The pasture is rented and operated by Lynn Kluver.

The main focus of the field day will be pasture weed control demonstrating the effects of thistle and weed control using drone applied herbicide on areas that are difficult to navigate in the pasture. A demo of the drone will be featured.

Gentry Sorenson ISU Extension Field Agronomist will discuss general pasture weed control methods and Lynn Kluver, pasture operator, and Adam Stenberg, drone operator, will discuss the weed control methods and effectiveness in the pasture and demonstrate the drone.

Also a discussion of opportunities to graze wildlife management areas will be led by T.J. Herrick, Iowa DNR wildlife biologist, and Lynn Kluver.

Other topics include basic grazing management along with tips on fall pasture care, forage and feed management for fall and winter, and resources available.

More information is available by contacting Russ Euken, ISU Extension Livestock Specialist at Hancock County Extension at 641-923-2856 or reuken@iastate.edu.

Hinson hosts Worth County town hall



Last week Ashley Hinson, representing Iowa's U.S. House Second District, including Worth County, hosted a town hall in Northwood.

Hinson began with some opening statements in front of the small group gathered in the Olson Community Room by the library.

Hinson said that the town halls are part of her efforts to visit every county in her district and share the feedback of Iowa constituents in D.C. while working to make sure rural communities receive the focus they deserve.

She spoke on efforts made to spend taxpayer money wisely, while letting taxpayers keep as much of their money as possible.

Hinson talked about what she characterized as a harmful expansion of regulatory agencies under President Joe Biden.

Hinson also mentioned the U.S. being impacted by the Chinese Community Party, which she said is stealing ideas, infiltrating government systems and she said was responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hinson described efforts being made to protect Americans, such as tracking purchases of land and commodities from outside the U.S.

In terms of government waste, Hinson said that the COVID pandemic is over, yet there are several agencies that have still not returned to using buildings to their full capacity. She said addressing that is part of legislation passed to streamline federal agencies.

Hinson also spoke on energy production, saying that the U.S. needs to unleash the industry.

Hinson said that the focus on green energy cuts off things like biofuels made in Iowa.

Before taking questions, Hinson said Iowans she represents can call any of her three district offices if they need help with federal agencies.

The first question asked about tax cuts for the top wealthiest 1% of Americans and for corporations. They said that everyone should pay their fair share.

Hinson said that there isn't a tax revenue problem, but a spending problem. She said that everyone should have their share in taxation. She said that she is focused on cutting government waste.

Hinson ultimately said that she and the questioner disagreed about how taxes should be raised. She said that the government should go after the tax cheats. Hinson also said the government should not just tax the rich just because they have more money.

Another of those at the meeting mentioned that students like his grandkids should be able to attend private school. He said that more people need to be better educated and well-informed.

Hinson said that she wanted parents to have a choice.

That being said, Hinson noted that she is a product of public schools and that her children attend public schools. She said that those schools should respond to concerns of parents, but that funding for public schools should not be cut in the process.

She also said that providing options for parents is important, including private school choices.

Hinson said that the state of Iowa is doing a good job of supporting education. But, she said, what works for one state doesn't work for all and that's why federal overreach doesn't work.

Another question returned to U.S. energy policy. While saying that solar and wind energy are positives, they are not full time options and others like nuclear and hydrogen power need to be considered.

Hinson said that the EPA is closing coal plants without replacing their energy impact, creating vulnerabilities.

As to wind and solar, she said that weather creates some vulnerabilities, as do issues with storage.

Hinson said that she agreed that nuclear options should be a part of the conversation and efforts should be made to better inform the public on all the options for energy.

Hinson also said that energy regulations in the U.S. are "atrocious." She gave examples of environmental studies that take too long and don't have any impact on projects.

Asked about the issues of drugs coming from Chinese sources, Hinson described issues with Chinese companies and their efforts to thwart FDA inspections. She said that as much medicine needs to be made in the U.S. as possible.

A comment was made about the environmental impact of chemicals used in farming, and the need for regulations.

Hinson responded that there is waste in the EPA and cutbacks are needed. She also said that more support needs to be given to precision agriculture that will limit the excess of chemicals. She said that she doesn't want there to be no rules, but that there shouldn't be rules that hold farmers back from doing their jobs.

Asked about legalizing marijuana, Hinson said she supports medical marijuana programs. She noted an aunt with terminal cancer that was only able to eat because of medical marijuana.

However, she said that a lack of a way to test for recent marijuana use is a job safety issues if workers in dangerous jobs or using dangerous machinery are high on the job.



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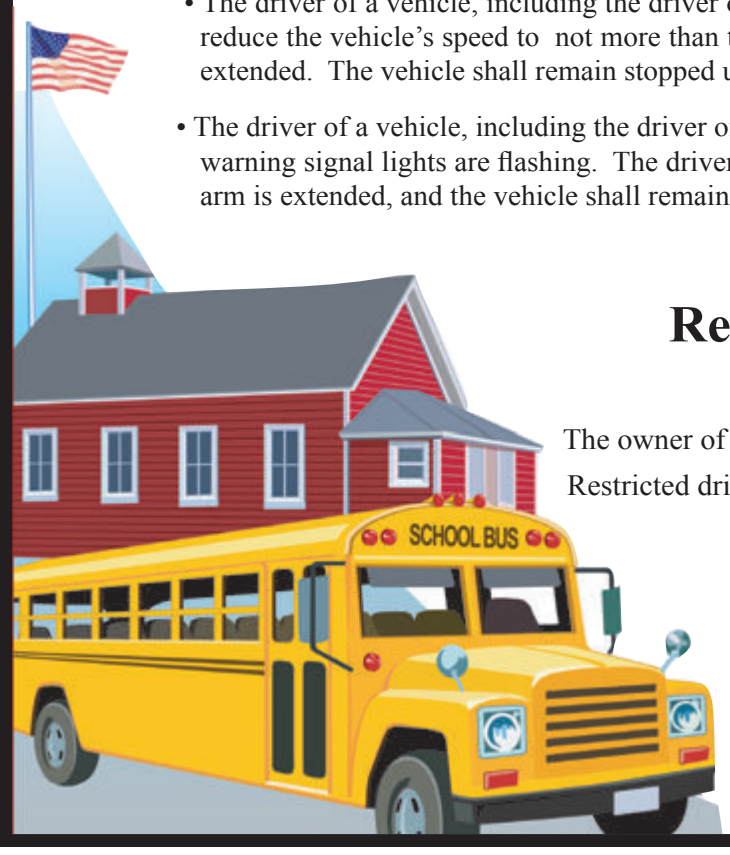
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Dan Fank, **Worth County Sheriff**

New state logo and slogan: 'Iowa, Freedom to Flourish' unveiled

By Jay Waagmeester
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced recently that her planned realignment of state government, included in a bill passed in early April and which became effective July 1, is now operational.

A new marketing campaign, "Iowa, Freedom to Flourish," will accompany the realignment and was announced in the Capitol rotunda on Tuesday. A blue logo features the tagline, which is intended to attract businesses, expand the workforce and grow the state's population, according to the governor.

A design inside Iowa's 'O' shows a landscape and a road to the horizon, representing "a journey to opportunity," Reynolds said.

On Tuesday, state websites began displaying the new branding, which will also be featured on 68 welcome signs located on highways at entry points around the state's border.

"Freedom to Flourish" will be shown on 68 signs along Iowa's borders, welcoming drivers crossing state lines. (Logo courtesy Iowa Governor's Office)

"State departments will be adopting this logo as their primary brand identity, one that unites us as one team and makes us more recognizable to Iowan's that we serve and aspiring Iowans that we want to attract," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said over the coming weeks and months existing budgets will be used to phase in the branding as inventories of existing materials are replenished.

In addition to a journey to opportunity, Reynolds said the logo signifies unity as a government, something the governmental departments and agencies started to feel during the realignment process.

The nearly 1,400 page bill laying out the alignment was passed by the Legislature in April. Reynolds said she is proud of state employees for how quickly the alignment process was executed, reaching functionality within three months.

"It's difficult to grasp the size and scope of this undertaking, especially with such an aggressive timeline," Reynolds said. "Most people would say it couldn't be done. But our team was fully committed, and I am deeply grateful for their exceptional work that made it possible."

Although there is more to be done to fully integrate the various departments, Reynolds described the alignment as operational.

"There's always going to be fine tuning and things that we're working on," she said. "There's other things that this alignment will drive, that's part of it, just a natural next step … But for the most part, we have people where they need to be, they're getting paid in the agency that they're in, things are aligning."

Reynolds said the creation of space for collaboration among some departments is "a little bit delayed, but we're working on it."

The alignment reduced the number of state departments from 37 executive-level cabinet agencies to 16, and changes some of the powers of the governor and the attorney general.

The realignment shifted 2,600 employees to different departments and eliminated 500 vacant positions. The vacant positions had been empty "for a long time," according to Reynolds.

Reynolds said a conservative estimate of the savings generated by the realignment is nearly $215 million over the next four years. The cost to plan and implement the realignment strategy with the assistance of the Virginia-based consulting firm Guidehouse was nearly $1 million. That savings estimate was drafted by Guidehouse and includes strategic personnel alignment, consolidating common technology and land sales as the three of the biggest cost-saving measures.

A Legislative Services Analysis report listed the total savings of the realignment to be just over $12.62 million per year.

The departmental realignment changes include:

Iowa Department of Administrative Services has assumed operational management of the State Historical Society of Iowa programs, research centers and attractions, including the State Historical Museum and historic sites; and the State Library of Iowa.

Iowa Department of Corrections now has oversight of Community Based Corrections.

Iowa Department of Education now includes Iowa College Aid, the Governor's STEM Advisory Council, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners, the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, which was created with the earlier alignment of the Departments of Human Services and Public Health, now also includes the Department of Aging, Department of Human Rights, Early Childhood Iowa, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services, Child Advocacy Board, and consumable hemp registration.

Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing now includes a number of licensing and regulatory functions from other state departments, including Division of Banking, Health and Human Services, Public Safety, and Workforce Development. The Division of Labor, Division of Workers' Compensation, and Civil Rights Commission have also become a part of DIAL.

Iowa Department of Insurance and Financial Services, a newly-formed department, includes the Iowa Insurance Division, Iowa Division of Banking, and Iowa Division of Credit Unions.

Iowa Department of Public Safety now includes the Office of Drug Control Policy and Motor Vehicle Enforcement.

Iowa Department of Revenue now includes the Iowa Lottery and Alcoholic Beverages Divisions.

Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs will now include the Iowa Veterans Home as part of the continuum of services it manages for Iowa veterans.

Iowa Economic Development Authority now includes the Iowa Arts Council, Produce Iowa, and the State Historic Preservation Office programs.

Iowa Workforce Development now includes Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Adult Education and Literacy Programs.

Elderbridge receives Aging Achievement Award

Elderbridge Agency on Aging has announced that its CommUNITY Kindness Project received a 2023 Aging Achievement Award from USAging, one of the highest honors presented by USAging to its members.

CommUNITY Kindness Project, which is a volunteer project that does outdoor chore for seniors, was among 50 local aging programs to receive honors during USAging's 48th Annual Conference and Tradeshow, July 16-19 in Salt Lake City, UT.

"The Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards are a timely reminder of the evolving role USAging members play in the planning, development, coordination and delivery of aging and other home and community-based services in nearly every community in the United States," said USAging CEO Sandy Markwood. "The AAAs and Title VI programs we honor today have set a standard for innovation and creativity in helping vulnerable older adults live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities," Markwood added. "USAging is inspired by the example they have set for others in the Aging Network."



The CommUNITY Kindness Project is dedicated to helping aging adults, served by Elderbridge, to receive outdoor chore services from volunteers.

Staff members recognized a significant need for individuals to receive assistance with yard work, beyond available funding. The program launched in the fall of 2021, with 16 aging adults that were provided yard work by Elderbridge volunteers, individuals from a local bank, along with students from a local community college. Community and intergenerational involvement have resulted in approximately 75 volunteers assisting with raking, cleaning up debris, trimming, weeding, laying mulch, edging, putting away outdoor summer equipment, etc.

"The Elderbridge Volunteer Program is essential to meeting the needs of the aging population in rural Iowa. Community support and intergenerational projects help older adults remain in their beloved homes and community. It teaches the younger population and community members the value of volunteerism and appreciation for those older members who have helped to establish their great community!"

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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Saturday, Bolan Fall Event, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., UW in Faith Bazaar & Luncheon, 100th Anniversary of the Bolan Schoolhouse Program; Thursday, UW in Faith (UMW) at the Church, Hostess: Mary Wendt, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Thursday, Circuit Meeting, 10 a.m.; Saturday, Bolan Fall Festival; Sunday, Bethel Worship Service, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Thursday, Northwood Council, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, FLC with N.O., 9 a.m., DCV with H.C., 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

That fictional kitchen maven, Betty Crocker, will probably "live" forever unless someone becomes offended by the idea of a woman in the kitchen. Until that unknown time, we see Betty's name on kitchenware, food products, books and magazines. One of those is New Slower Cooker Meals, a supermarket check-out lane offering. At this point, "new" is a relative term as the book was published in 2003 by General Mills in Minneapolis. Slow cooker recipes never go out of style although some of them need to be modified for today's way of eating. Slow cookers themselves never go out of style either; I'm using a harvest gold Rival Crockpot® from around 1973 in addition to my newer and fancier models. Slow cookers are perfect for summer days when you don't want to heat up the kitchen. The following recipes are adapted from Betty's kitchen.

Beef Sandwiches with Twice the Onions

3 large cloves fresh garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
1 3-pound beef rump roast (eye round roast can be used too)
1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
1 package dry onion soup mix (shake it to combine the ingredients)
1/3 cup water
8 crusty rolls, round or oblong

Mix the garlic, Worcestershire and pepper. Rub this onto both side of the beef roast. Cut the beef in half or thirds to fit into the slow cooker. Place the onion slices in the bottom of the cooker, lay the beef pieces on top and sprinkle with the onion soup mix. Add the water and cover the cooker. Cook on LOW for 8-10 hours or until the beef is tender. Remove the beef and cut into thin slices…or shreds. Skim off any fat in the slow cooker and return the beef to the juice to warm back up. Slice the rolls in half, fill with the cooked beef and serve with the au jus alongside for dipping. Makes 8 sandwiches with leftovers.

Harvest Pork Roast with Fall Veggies

2 1/2 – 3 pound boneless pork sirloin roast
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
2 small acorn squash, washed and each cut into 8 wedges
4 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
1/2 cup apple butter
1/4 cup apple juice
1 tablespoon corn starch
1/2 teaspoon EACH black pepper and allspice
1/4 cup dark raisins

NOTE: pierce the squash all over with a fork. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes each. This will make them much easier to cut into wedges.

Heat the vegetable oil in a heavy skillet and brown the pork roast on all sides. Place in a 6-quart slow cooker and place the squash and sweet potato pieces on top of the pork. Mix the apple butter, juice and spices and pour into the slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 7-9 hours or until the pork is tender. Remove the meat and vegetables from the cooker and keep warm. Stir the raisins into the sauce and warm. Serve this alongside the meat and vegetables. Makes 8 servings.

Up-North Wild Rice Soup

2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced carrots
6 oz. smoked turkey, diced (get this from the deli counter and ask the butcher to have it in one thick slice so you can dice it up. The thin smoked turkey in a package won't work.)
1/2 cup uncooked wild rice, washed
1 teaspoon dried tarragon
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) chicken broth
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup frozen green peas, thawed

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet and sauté the onions until tender. Place the onions plus the vegetables, wild rice, turkey and spices into the slow cooker. Pour broth over the top. Cover and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or until the rice and vegetables are tender. Mix the milk and flour; stir into the soup. Cover and cook for an additional 20 minutes or until the soup is thickened. Stir in the peas during the last 15 minutes of cooking. Serves 6.

A slow cooker is a kitchen workhorse. I have been using them since they came on the market about 50 years ago. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



More N-K staff appreciation

Last Thursday's Northwood Chamber of Commerce school year kick off appreciation event included a morning meal to start off the day. Farmers State Bank staff are pictured above making sure that N-K employees had some rolls, fruit and refreshment.

Let Us Talk



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Now that school is starting again we all need to help protect our young people by driving defensively and SLOWING DOWN. The speeds on ALL of our City streets seem to be getting faster and faster. Help make our community a safe one by being a good and courteous driver. Driving is a FULL TIME job. NO distractions!

With the State finishing up on their projects in town, the City will continue working on downtown by replacing the sidewalks in front of City Hall and putting on some other finishing touches before winter. Speaking of winter I want to remind everyone that got new sidewalks that salt is very hard on new concrete; please try to use NO salt this winter. There are plant based ice treatments available.

I also want to let you know that Northwood again has been named an "All-Star Community" by the Iowa League of Cities. Only three communities in the state are recognized each year by the league, a large city, a mid-sized city and a small city. I'll let you guess which one we are. Northwood was chosen for its collaboration with the Northwood-Kensett Community School District in the building of the Viking Activity Center. Last year Northwood received the same award for assisting with the building of the Timbers. Congratulations to all of those who worked hard to make our community an "All-Star Community" two years in a row.

The appearance of our community is vital not only for those of us that live here but especially important for those that visit. We will never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better.

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, IA

WCTA hosts its first member Appreciation Day on September 6

WCTA will hold its first Annual Member Appreciation Day and invite its members to join for a free meal, activities for all and more.

This event will take place on Wednesday, September 6, from 4-7 p.m. at the Leonard Fjelstad Memorial Sports Complex in Lake Mills.

"While we will continue to hold our Annual Meeting each year, we want to put more emphasis on Member Appreciation Day to celebrate our valued members."

With this shift in focus, attendance gifts and giveaway prizes will be moved away from Annual Meeting to offer them at Member Appreciation Day. Along with giveaway prizes, they will have a pulled pork meal, and activities for all ages. They will be giving a special Fiber Splicing Demonstration and will have playground equipment available for the kids!

"Our members should keep an eye on their mail for their Member Appreciation Day Postcard to bring with them to the event to receive a member gift! This postcard will also allow you to enter our prize drawings. Don't miss out – we will have over $4,000 of prizes."

WCTA board candidates announced

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association's (WCTA) Nominating Committee members Peter Brattrud, Sara Innes, Darryl Klukow, Robert Michaelis, Daniel Reindal and Lynn Wasmoen met on Wednesday, August 9.

The Committee nominated a slate of candidates to fill the expiring terms of WCTA Directors Shanan Redinger and Curt Helland.

The Nominating Committee named the following members to be on the 2023 ballot: Michael Nissen of Hanlontown, Iowa; and Colin Wittmer of Conger, Minnesota.

WCTA is a member-owned cooperative providing a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services and products to communities in north central Iowa and south central Minnesota.

WCTA members will receive ballots and notices prior to the September 21 Annual Meeting. Members can vote by mail.

The September 21 meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Mills High School Auditorium.

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· Pony Rides & Inflatables · Food and Beverages - 1 p.m.
· Cattlemen's Food Truck 5-7 p.m.
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20th Annual Bolan Fall Event
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Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8-10:30 a.m. FREE WILL DONATION
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8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bake Sale, Produce, Crafts & White Elephant Sales
Lower level of schoolhouse, Handicapp Accessible
MUSIC
Sam Crosser of Osage
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Homemade Pie with Ice Cream
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Registration - 8:30 a.m. Leave - 9 a.m.
12, 26, 40, 52 Mile Options
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$10 donation to community
Includes homemade pie & ice cream
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Barton No. 2 School 100th Anniversary
12:45 p.m. All-School Photo
1 p.m. County School Program
With former students and guest speaker William L. Sherman
UWF Lunch • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Coleslaw, Fresh Baked Bread, Homemade Jam
Handicap accessible, Take-outs Available

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Retirement planning tips for single women

Dear Savvy Senior,

What retirement planning tips can you recommend to single women? I'm a divorced 58-year-old women with a teenaged son and have very little saved for retirement.

Financially Vulnerable

Dear Vulnerable,

It's an unfortunate reality, but many single women – whether they're divorced, widowed or never married – face much greater financial challenges in retirement than men.

The reasons behind this are because women tend to earn less money – about 82 cents for every dollar that men make, on average, and they have shorter working careers than men due to raising children and/or caring for aging parents. And less money earned usually translates into less money saved and a lower Social Security benefit when you retire.

In addition, women live an average of five years longer than men, which requires their retirement income to stretch farther for living expenses and healthcare costs. And, according to some studies, women tend to have less confidence about financial issues than men, which means they don't always manage their money as well as they should.

Because of these issues, it's very important that women educate themselves on financial matters and learn how to save more effectively. Here are some tips and resources that may help.

Start Saving Aggressively

If your employer offers a retirement plan, such as a 401K, you should contribute enough to at least capitalize on a company match, if available. And if you can swing it, contribute even more. In 2023, you can save as much as $22,500 in a 401(k), or $30,000 to those 50 and older, due to the catch-up rule.

If you don't have a workplace plan, consider opening a Traditional or Roth IRA. Both are powerful tax-advantaged retirement savings accounts that let you contribute up to $6,500 annually, or $7,500 when you're over 50. And if you're self-employed, consider a SEP-IRA, SIMPLE-IRA and/or a solo 401(k), all of which can help reduce your taxable income while putting money away for retirement.

Also, if you have a high-deductible health insurance policy (at least $1,500 for self-only coverage or $3,000 for family coverage), you should consider opening a health savings account (HSA). This is a triple tax advantage tool that can be used to sock away funds pre-tax, which will lower your taxable income; the money in the account grows tax-free; and if you use the money for eligible medical expenses, the withdrawals are tax-free too.

Pay Off Debts

If you have debt, you need to get it under control. If you need help with this, consider a nonprofit credit-counseling agency that provides free or low-cost advice and solutions, and can help you set up a debt management plan. To locate a credible agency in your area, use the National Foundation for Credit Counseling website at NFCC.org (800-388-2227), or the or the Financial Counseling Association of America FCAA.org (800-450-1794).

Find Help

To help you educate yourself on financial matters like retirement planning, saving and investing, health care, annuities and more, a top resource is the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement at WiserWomen.org.

And to help you get up to speed on Social Security, visit SSA.gov/people/women. This web page, dedicated to women, provides helpful publications like "What Every Woman Should Know," along with links to benefit calculators and your personal Social Security account to help you figure out your future earnings at different retirement ages.

You should also consider getting a financial assessment with a fee-only financial advisor. Costs for these services will vary from around $150 to $300 per hour, but this can be very beneficial to help you set-up a retirement plan you can follow. See NAPFA.org or GarrettPlanningNetwork.com to locate an advisor in your area.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Do you have mosquitoes around here?

Big ones. See that eagle over there?

I do.

Well, that's no eagle.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Everything was nearly copacetic except the treads of my sandals tend to pick up pebbles when I walk our driveway. They remain lodged in the treads until I get in the house. Then they seek freedom on the floor. Gary Hanson, who was our coach/banker/city clerk, had Little League players remove rocks from a rocky ballfield before practice.

I plucked a pebble from the treads of my sandal and chucked it outside. It will be back. It might beat me into the house.

The father of one of my classmates was the city constable in Hartland during my formative years. He was a nice man who had lost a leg to cancer. He later owned a resort in Hackensack. Because he had only one leg, it should have been easy for any mischievous kid to outrun him, and it was, but it didn't matter. It was a small town. He recognized each miscreant and the boy's yellow dog.

Bless you, whether or not you sneeze

We ate at a customer appreciation event and talked about movies, mostly Barbenheimer, when one of the Loafer's hands covered his mouth.

I sprang into action and said, "Bless you."

I thought he was going to sneeze. He yawned instead. I told him he could keep the "Bless you."

I've learned

No one wants to hear a story about something we know is true because a friend's friend's cousin's neighbor's employer's dentist knew it was true.

We want life to be like it used to be even if it never had been.

When I'm in a grocery store, it's common for someone to ask me to grab an item from the top shelf. I'm happy to oblige, thereby keeping an unfortunate from having a diet made up of foodstuffs from the lower shelves.

We all make mistakes. Some tattoos advertise that fact.

In the headlines

Brace yourself, orthodontists are going out on strike.

Local team, excellent at choosing opponents, finishes undefeated.

Round down your bill at Furry Murray's Store to support your own cause.

The school board says everyone is giving 110% except for the math teachers.

Solve all your lawn problems. Call Pauly's Paving today.

If you have sticky buns, please don't sit at the bakery.

The Coincidence Café is where everyone orders the same thing.

Senior Center offers a spin class where everyone stands up quickly and becomes dizzy.

A heel breaks on the Achilles statue in the park.

Nature notes

The Carolina grasshopper is a banded-winged grasshopper with black hindwings and could be mistaken for a mourning cloak butterfly when fluttering. It's also called the Carolina locust or butterfly grasshopper and is commonly seen on the bare ground of school playgrounds, ballfields, dirt roads, gravel driveways and vacant lots where its coloration allows it to blend in. It crepitates, making a crackling sound as it flies.

The yard's feeders were busy. In the movie "Field of Dreams," Iowa farmer Ray (Kevin Costner) hears a mysterious voice in his cornfield saying, "If you build it, he will come." Despite taunts of lunacy, Ray builds a baseball diamond on his land, supported by his wife, Annie (Amy Madigan). The ghosts of great players came from the field to play ball, led by Shoeless Joe Jackson. When it comes to birds, if you feed and water them, they will come.

Opossums gather twigs, leaves, grass and trash with their mouths and pass the items through their front legs and pack them into their curled tail for transport to their dens.

In September, Minnesota's adult loons travel to their winter homes along the Atlantic coast from North Carolina to Florida, or on the Gulf of Mexico. The parents leave before the chicks can fly and the young loons follow about a month later. Mid-October marks the peak of migration. The bones of most birds are hollow and light, but loons have solid bones and the extra weight helps them dive as deep as 250 feet for food. They can stay underwater for five minutes. Because their bodies are heavy relative to their wing size, loons need a long runway to take flight from a lake. Minnesota supports the largest U.S. breeding population south of Alaska.

Meeting adjourned

"Treat everyone with politeness and kindness, not because they are nice, but because you are."–Roy T. Bennett.

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Fit to print...

Kansas newspaper raid draws attention, but journalists defy threats across U.S.

By Clay Wirestone, Kansas Reflector

After Kansas Reflector reported on the ignominious and unconstitutional raid of the Marion County Record on Aug. 11, news outlets and commentators from across Kansas and the nation followed suit throughout the weekend. The voices of those who value a free press and free expression were overwhelming in their force and intensity.

Eight days later, with the Record's equipment returned and reporters digging into circumstances surrounding the raid, it can be tempting to think that justice has been done. Time to pack up, nothing more to see here. Freedom has won, and we can all sail into the sunset.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

We still need answers and consequences in the case itself. More broadly, the egregious overreach in Marion and the good faith of journalists at the Record made this a perfect national story. Few would think that authorities got this one right. The problem — as journalists across the States Newsroom network told us — is that attacks on a free and fair press are not rare at all. Indeed, such attacks have become distressingly commonplace.

When powerful people go after journalists and news outlets, they go after everyone. They go after publications' readers. They go after voters who use information reported to make decisions. They go after other politicians who may have opposing messages or interests.

Ultimately, they go against the constitutional order of this country, which guarantees First Amendment rights to everyone.

Or as national president of the Society of Professional Journalists Claire Regan said: "By all accounts, the raid was an egregious attack on freedom of the press, the First Amendment and all the liberties we hold dear as journalists in this great country."

Make no mistake: Popular speech seldom requires government protection. Officials in Russia don't worry about cute cat calendars or a lifestyle magazine promoting Vladimir Putin as the sexiest man alive. Speech that many would consider offensive or outrageous or simply impolite would be easy to shut down without the protections inscribed in our founding documents.

Aggressive journalism and pointed commentary doesn't always feel good. It's not supposed to. Those who would shut it down might claim they're trying to restore civic peace or look out for the common welfare. Ultimately, however, they are harming the Constitution and country they claim to love.

Editors from other States Newsroom outlets sent their own accounts.

[A few states' examples are included, including Iowa's.]

Georgia

Georgia Record editor John McCosh highlights the jailing of a reporter seven years ago:

From July 2016: "Mark Thomason was arrested, handcuffed, put in the back of a police cruiser, booked, had his mugshot taken, was strip searched, made to pee in a cup in front of male witnesses, made to shower with other inmates and spent 24 hours in a jail cell.

"His crime?

"According to the rural north Georgia journalist, he simply made open records requests that made people in powerful positions angry."

"From November 2016: "All charges were dropped against Mark Thomason and his attorney, Russell Stookey, who was jailed on that fateful day. Thomason's open record requests were granted."

Iowa

Iowa Capital Dispatch editor Kathie Obradovich writes:

In Iowa, a reporter from the Des Moines Register was pepper-sprayed and arrested by Des Moines police during a May 2020 protest of George Floyd's death at the hands of Minneapolis police. Although Andrea Sahouri identified herself as a reporter who was covering the protest, she was put on trial for failure to disperse and interference with official acts. A jury acquitted her in 2021.

Other attacks on press freedom have come in the form of violations of the open records act and new restrictions in media access to state and local government. The Republican-controlled Iowa Senate permanently removed media from press seating on the chamber floor in 2022 after more than a century. A group of journalists and open-records advocates, including Iowa Capital Dispatch, sued Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds and members of her staff for violations of the open-records law, including failing to respond to requests for public records for as long as 18 months. The suit was settled earlier this year after the Iowa Supreme Court affirmed that the governor's office was subject to the law and that its response time was unreasonable.

Missouri

Missouri Independent editor Jason Hancock writes:

In Missouri, few elected officials have had a more combative relationship with the press than Gov. Mike Parson. He regularly lashes out with baseless attacks on the media, and during his tenure in office he cut the number of statehouse parking spaces designated for reporters and revoked Capitol building passes for the press.

But all that pales in comparison to his push to prosecute a St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter who uncovered a security flaw in a state website.

Top officials in Parson's administration initially wanted to thank the reporter. But instead, Parson convened a news conference to call the reporter a hacker, accuse the Post-Dispatch of trying to embarrass a Republican governor and to push for the reporter to face a criminal investigation.

Even after prosecutors and local law enforcement concluded no crime was committed, Parson refused to accept reality and continued to insist the reporter engaged in wrongdoing.

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Early Files

100 years ago

August 22, 1923

What might easily have been a fatal accident occurred when little Russell Clagett, who lives five miles east of Northwood, fell from the top of the hay-mound through a hay chute to the floor of the barn below, a distance of 18 feet and struck his head. The little fellow regained consciousness on the way to the doctor. He was forced to stay in bed several days.

Commander John S. Veenker, of the Wm. T. Smith Post American Legion, of Northwood, is in receipt of a communication from the department of war notifying him that any honorably discharged soldiers' graves within this jurisdiction will be supplied with a headstone by the government free of charge. The offer applies to any solider who served in the American army, from the Revolution down.

Recently a petition signed by many citizens of Northwood was presented to the city council asking that body to purchase the real estate and brick building, known locally as the old school property and add it to the city park system. The council decided the matter was of too much importance to be acted upon without authority of the voters and the mayor has issued a call for a special election to be held on September 11.

The Northwood public schools will open on September 3, for the 1922-23 school year, with 19 members of the faculty, an increase of one over last year. However, that does not mean increased expense, for the budget for the coming year has been reduced by $5,000 through economy and good management on the part of the board of education and Superintendent B.E. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rone will leave for the state fair with the exhibit the Farm Bureau women of Worth County have prepared. The exhibit will be out in place with 17 other county exhibits to be judged. Those appointed by sections of the work were Mrs. H.H. Douglass, Mrs. Fred Aase, Mrs. John Sime, Mrs. A.O. Grandokken, Mrs. Glen F. Scott and Mrs. C.R. Doebel.

75 years ago

August 19, 1948

Messrs. Sexauer and Wardlow of the Civil Aeronautics Administration were in Northwood to inspect available sites for the local airport. This is in connection with the $10,000 government allotment to Northwood for airport construction.

Fifty baby beeves sold for $17,558.93 at the auction sale held in connection with the county fair. The average of $351.18 per head of $35.50 per cwt. was the highest in the history of local 4-H calf sales. The total sales however, were short of the $25,876 brought for 93 head sold last year.

Larry Olson, aged 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Olson, underwent his seventh operation at Rochester, Minnesota, for correction of the face and head injuries suffered a few weeks ago when he was over by a combine.

All Worth County young men between the ages of 18 and 25 will be required to register for the draft for military service between the dates of August 30 and September 18. The dates for registration were announced by the local board. It is estimated approximately 500 will register in Worth County over the period scheduled below.

An unofficial estimate of the attendance at this year's Worth County Fair places the total for the four days at approximately 20,400 and undoubtedly sets a new record for the local fair.

Jens P. Sorenson, 39, who fell while painting at the Speltz elevator at Glenville about two weeks ago, died at the Naeve hospital in Albert Lea of a broken neck, suffered in the fall. Funeral services were held at First Lutheran Church at Glenville, the Rev. A.C. Korsrud officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Glenville.

The death of Martin A. Aasgaard, publisher of the Lake Mills Graphic for nearly half a century, brings a lump to the throats of many an Iowa newspaperman. He served his community well, and gave of his talents freely.

50 years ago

August 23, 1973

Preparations are complete for the opening of Northwood-Kensett Community schools on August 29, according to Superintendent Francis Peterson. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the opening day will be a full day session, according to Peterson.

Site preparation has begun at the new town hall with several hundred loads of fill hauled in during the last few weeks. The building is located at the Central Avenue entrance to Swensrud Park and is designed to overlook the Shell Rock River and park. A crane was brought to Northwood last Thursday to lift pre-formed cement beams at the site of the new Randall apartments on First Avenue North.

Mrs. Albert Leidal, rural Northwood, celebrated her 90th birthday on July 29. She received many cards and messages of congratulations - one of the highlights being a message of congratulations from President and Mrs. Nixon.

Navy Fireman Lawrence A. Bonker Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Bonker of Northwood, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center at Orlando, Florida A 1971 graduate of Northwood-Kensett, he attended Wartburg College, Waverly, and is scheduled to report to Machinist Mate "A" School, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Approximately 40 4-H boys and girls, 4-H Council members and Extension staff participated in the annual Worth County 4-H Junior Day Camp held at Ochee Yahola Park on August 16. They made krafts, took nature hikes and prepared their own evening meal over the campfire stoves and did group signing. Mrs. Grace Johnson, Worth County 4-H Aide, was coordinator of the Junior Day Camp. Assisting were Mary Gordon, Amy Ringham, Mark Iverson, Carol Schneider and Jim Kuhlman.

25 years ago

August 26, 1998

Northwood-Kensett fifth grader Tyler Trenhaile, 11, found himself daydreaming of summer fun on Wednesday during the parent-teacher conferences that opened the school year at N-K Elementary. He is the son of Eric and Patty Trenhaile of rural Kensett.

Carpenters Travis Hommereing and John Bergstrom stayed busy framing a wall in the new office complex at Northwood-Kensett High School Monday afternoon.

Fallgatters Market store manager Rich Davis presented Bess and Rob Eilertson with the new Weber Genesis gas grill they won in the store's 50th anniversary drawing recently. Northwood's home-owned grocery store gave away approximately $3,000 worth of prizes and merchandise during the week-long celebration.

Jessica Madson, Northwood, has been awarded an Iowa Academic Scholarship and a Presidential Freshman Scholarship at Drake University in Des Moines, beginning in the fall 1998 semester.

National Junior Olympics Tae Kwon Do sparring champion Jonathan Weitzel showed his gold-medal-winning form during a recent demonstration at Northwood Health and Fitness Center.

Brenda Steinman doesn't know her way around the North Iowa Conference yet, but she knows talent when she sees it. And she's seen a lot of that commodity in the Northwood-Kensett High School gym in the past week-and-a-half. "I'm excited about the talent level of this team," said N-K's new head volleyball coach. "From what I've seen, the strength of this team is hitting. We've got a bunch of good hitters who can hit the ball hard and down. We've got seniors who can hit, juniors who can hit, all the way down to freshman who can hit. Steinman has changed the Viking offense to reflect that wealth of setters and hitters, switching from last year's 5-1 to what she calls a "6-2."

10 years ago

August 21, 2013

With the summer winding down, the staff of the Northwood Swimming Pool took some time to enjoy themselves last Tuesday. Scott Hengesteg, Timen Moretz, Jordan Wright, Jenna Jorgenson, Terran Haberman, Jenna Schaefer, Ashlyn Schaefer, Justin Read, Sammy Butler, Erica Heideman, manager Dedra Harris and assistant manager Sydney Harris were in the group that enjoyed some swimming, sliding and playing in the pool, just the same as all those swimmers that they have lifeguarded and watched over throughout the summer.

Jacob Krull, son of Doug and Jennifer Krull, graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa on May 11, 2013. Jacob earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health Promotion. Jacob has recently competed his internship in Minnetonka, Minn.

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce welcomed Northwood-Kensett faculty and staff to the new school year with the reception held last Friday morning. The annual event gives Chamber members a chance to thank the N-K staff for the work they do, and invites them to support the business that are a part of the N-K community.

Lady Vikings new head coach Heather Rheingans runs some laps during practice with sophomore Shelby Low. Rheingans is a 1999 graduate of N-K, where she was a three time volleyball letter-winner. She is a lifelong resident of Northwood and has been married for nine years and has two children, ages seven and five.

The 10th Annual All Veterans picnic was held at the Worth County Fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon. All United States veterans and their families were invited to attended to gather with new and old friends. The Worth County Cattle Producers provided grilled sirloin tip beef and those attending brought salads, side dishes, desserts and snacks for everyone to enjoy.

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Obituaries

Lori McNally

Lori Jo McNally, 63, of Kensett, Iowa, died on Wednesday, August 17, 2023, at the at her home in Kensett.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Schroeder Funeral Homes in Northwood. Burial will be at Kensett Cemetery on Friday, August 25, at 10 a.m.

Lori was born on August 30, 1959, in Mason City, Iowa, to Lloyd H. and Donna Mae (Johnson) Larson. She attended Northwood-Kensett High School, graduating in 1977.



LORI MCNALLY

She met Mike McNally in 1977 and they married on September 1, 1979.

Lori was known for her canning, especially her pickles, and made a lot of lefsa, continuing her mother's tradition. She was an avid card player, enjoyed the casino and bowling.

Lori and Mike loved traveling together. Their most memorable trips were to Las Vegas, Nevada, and attending many Minnesota Vikings and Twins games. They also helped with many auctions.

Lori is survived by her husband, Mike; brothers, Larry Larson and Lonny Larson; cats, Socks, Sammy and Gray; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Lane, Kay Yezek, and Mary Kamish; brother-in-law, Pat (Cindy) McNally; and cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and special cousin, Peggy Julseth.

Lucille Hanson

Lucille M. Hanson, 92, of Austin, Minnesota, passed away on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at Sacred Heart Care Center in Austin.

Lucille Mary Schaefer was born on April 22, 1931, on the family farm in Taopi, Minnesota, to Matthew and Mary (Heimer) Schaefer. She attended Rose Creek country school.

On January 16, 1954, Lucille was united in marriage to Harry Hanson at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Austin. The couple was blessed with six children. In addition to being a homemaker, Lucille also worked for 22 years at Hormel. She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Austin and a past member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, where she served on the rosary council.

Lucille loved going for walks, riding bike, traveling, reading, baking and was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. She cherished time spent with family and enjoyed getting together with her sisters. Lucille will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her children, Keith (Sue) Hanson of Austin, Minnesota,



LUCILLE HANSON

Ken (Glen Sue) Hanson of North Port, Florida, Jim (Ruth) Hanson of Northwood, Iowa, Julie (Joe) Michel of North Mankato, Minnesota, and Ann (Dave) Forland of Austin, Minnesota; son-in-law, Greg Denisen (Jenny Bumgarner) of Austin, Minnesota; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother, Duane (Jan) Schaefer of Rose Creek, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Mary Schaefer; husband, Harry Hanson; daughter, Amy Denisen; four brothers, Richard (Joyce) Schaefer, Donovan (Liz) Schaefer, David (Corrinne) Schaefer and Orin (Marge) Schaefer; and three sisters, Florence (Russ) Lee, Bernice (Al) Malaczewski and Addie (John) Hanson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Austin. Visitation took place from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, August 21, at Mayer-Hoff Funeral Home in Austin, and continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the American Red Cross. Mayer-Hoff Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mayerfh.com.

Patricia Deen

Patricia 'Pat' Ann Deen passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, August 13.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW in Northwood on Sunday, September 3, at 5 p.m.

Elderbridge Agency bringing awareness to meal programs

Elderbridge Agency on Aging wants to bring awareness to the congregate and home-delivered meal programs and how the community can help sustain this valuable meal service.

The meal programs provide a hot, delicious and nutritious meal and offer fellowship and social interaction at the same time. Homebound people appreciate the home-delivered meal option, allowing them to get a healthy meal at home and interact with whoever is delivering it. These programs and the senior centers that help provide the service are crucial partners in meeting the Elderbridge mission of supporting older adults to pursue independent and healthy lives. Elderbridge funding is not intended to fully fund senior center activities.

"Elderbridge has experienced an increase in the need for nutrition services, like the congregate and home-delivered meal program, in all 29 counties that we serve. However, the state and federal funding for meal programs has not increased to meet the growing demand for older Iowans' nutritional needs. We are asking communities to reach out to their local senior centers and support them financially during this tough economic time. Donations and support from other funding sources besides Elderbridge are going to be necessary to sustain and grow these important sites where Elderbridge meals and opportunities for social interactions are provided."

Elderbridge supports meal programs in all 29 counties. Counties include Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Mitchell, Worth, Winnebago, Hancock, Franklin, Wright, Kossuth, Humboldt, Webster, Hamilton, Greene, Guthrie, Emmet, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Calhoun, Dickinson, Clay, Buena Vista, Sac, Carroll, Audubon, Crawford, Osceola, O'Brien, Lyon and Sioux.

More information is available by contacting Shelly Sindt at ssindt@elderbridge.org or calling 800-243-0678.

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Mitchell Schroeder
Funeral Director

Bolan

The Worth County Historical Society met at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Tuesday morning, August 15.

The United Women in Faith of Bolan Trinity met at the church basement for their meeting on Thursday afternoon, August 17, with hostess being Mary Wendt. Lori Willert had devotions. Final plans were made for the upcoming Bazaar and Scalloped Potato and Ham Luncheon to be held on Saturday, August 26 at the Bolan Schoolhouse. Sunday after worship services the items needed for Saturday were brought to the Schoolhouse. Some set up was done and more will be done on Tuesday.

MUMS HAVE ARRIVED in time for the Bolan Fall Event which is also on August 26. This will include many activities: pancake breakfast, vendors, live music, Linda Kenison Lindsay Memorial Bicycle Ride, homemade pie and ice cream, plus the Barton No. 2 School 100th Anniversary with an all-school photo and a program with former students and guest speaker William L. Sherman.

Legal

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN L. KALVIG, Deceased
Case No. ESPR009372
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Steven L. Kalvig, Deceased, who died on or about May 7, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on August 8, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on August 16, 2023.

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Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT AMENDED SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION Case No. 23-CV-037 Code: 30301

CROSSING RIVERS HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER,
37868 US Highway 18
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Plaintiff,
v.
LINDSAY J. CAMPBELL
PO Box 31
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Defendent

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Dated: August 14, 2023.
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
State Bar #1010642
504 Mail Street, Suite 200
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LaCrosse, WI 54602-1627
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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 08/14/2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Heiken, Douglas and Bratrud.

Absent: Parker

Visitors: R. Bauer

Pulju called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Maintenance discussed that Cahoy came and televised the sewer pump and the flushing of hydrants on Tuesday.

Old Business: Resolution #662- Transfer of Funds, motion by Douglas, 2nd by Bratrud to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #663- Special Assessment for delinquent water bills, motion by Heiken, 2nd by Bratrud to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #664- Special Assessment for delinquent water bills, motion by Heiken, 2nd by Bratrud to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #665- Special Assessment for delinquent water bills, motion by Heiken, 2nd by Bratrud to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Sewer pump build- amount was read for rebuilding the motor or replacing it with a new motor. Motion by Heiken, 2nd by Bratrud for approval of purchase for a new sewer pump motor, carried unanimously.

Cemetery mowing was discussed, along with getting into contact with the cemetery board to get improvements completed.

New Business: Final approval of new State ordinances, motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas for approval, carried unanimously.

Approval by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas to waive 2nd and 3rd readings of new ordinances. Carried unanimously.

Generator bid for repairs was looked at. Tabled for a later time, going to investigate other generator repair companies.

More information on removal of rundown housing was brought up. Looking into a 28E agreement with a law firm.

Treasurer's Report: July 2023 Revenues by Fund: General 9,165.42, Utilities 5,978.38, Special 4,827.58 Total Revenues: $19,971.39. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by Douglas, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 2,645.17, WCTA 275.36, B. Luckason 469.37 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 549.90 (net) R. Bauer 1,523.69 (net), K. Thompson 1,330.37 (net), Federal & SS 962.58 (payroll), IPERS 759.10 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #54/60 321.98 (casino $-general), Visa 141.58 (supplies), AgSource 14.50 (service-sewer-testing), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Central Tank Coating 36,000 (tower painting), Kensett Water Works 109.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1,517.63 (garbage & recycling), Menards 4.21 (supplies), Kelly Hardware 157.42 (supplies), Schmidt Construction 1,405.10 (repairs), Iowa One Call 3.60 (calls), Nelson Septic 125.00 (Portapot), DNR 210.00 (permit), VanWert 32,783.81 (water meter readers), Northwood Anchor 72.00 (renewal), Corey Pulju 46.25 (mileage), Story Kenworthy 417.18 (utility bill paper), Culligan 10.70 (water), Overdrive 353.97 (renewal), Baker & Taylor 158.36 (supplies), Arlys Bergdale 84.00 (cleaning), Ace Professional Cleaning 40.00 (window cleaning).

Disbursements by Fund: General 77,754.50, Special 1,333.95, Utilities 561.31, Payroll 5,825.88 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $ 85,475.64.

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

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Supervisors

August 14, 2023
Thirty-second Day

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

Loberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from the August 7, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve clerk of court and sheriff's monthly reports. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve a salary increase for Zach Hayden to $26.98/hour and payroll eligibility verification for Marcus Majerczyk at $25.97/hour as submitted by the engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the Class E Retail Alcohol License for Diamond Jo Worth, LLC d/b/a The Jo Stop. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 8:47 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 8/14/23 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023; Treasurer Report; Liquor License Renewals – Strike Zone, Shade Tree, Inc.; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH Fee $20.00
IA Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $965.54
IA Dept of Revenue
Water Excise Tac $1,551.90
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $10,176.24
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $655.20
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phone-tr,fd $106.88
Visa
Parts, Conf Reg, Supplies .....
..... $3,810.15
Payroll, Wages..... $22,161.93
Payroll, Pool Wages $10,636.05
Principal, Insurance..... $478.89
Alliant Energy
Services..... $18,405.91
USPS, Mailing-cc $369.24
Payroll, Wages..... $24,238.31
Payroll, Pool Wages $9,018.47
Amanda Schroeder
Lessons Refund-pool $120.00
Amber Julseth
Mileage-cc..... $403.48
Amy Vrieze & Ree Pederson
Lifeguard Training..... $1,040.00
Badger Meter
Services-pw..... $647.50
Betty Goodrich
Water Dep Refund-cc $80.00
Carquest, Supplies-pw..... $323.49
Clear Lake Sanitary Dist.
Testing..... $186.00
Doug Moehle, Mileage $86.46
Eilertson Repair
Repairs-pw..... $353.28
Falkstone, Supplies-pw.... $742.49
Fallgatters
Supplies-pool $121.24
Farmers New Ag
Supplies-pw $90.49
Freeborn Co. Co-op
Dust Control-pw..... $1,958.40
Hawkins, Supplies-pw .. $8,722.54
Heartland Asphalt
Supplies-pw $3,809.85
Huber Supply Co.
Supplies-pw $51.15
IA Dept of Natural Res.
Annual NPDES Permit.. $210.00
Iowa One Call, Services..... $23.50
Iowa Park & Rec
Aquatic CEU-pool $165.00
J & L Autobody
Supplies-pw $1,216.70
Janice Ask
Water Deposit Refund $80.00
John Deere Financial
Freight, Parts-pw..... $252.59
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies $720.26
Knutson Oil Co.
Fuel-pw.tr..... $2,312.50
Larsen Plumbing
Repairs-pool..... $140.00
Lawson, Supplies-pw $263.07
Microbac Lab
Testing-pw..... $823.50
NIACOG, Dues..... $1,968.40
NIACOG, Repairs-tr $962.88
Northern Lights
Supplies-pool $3,918.08
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Subscription $40.00
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Publications..... $241.02
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DATA-tr..... $30.00
Northwood Electric
Repairs..... $126.61
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Repairs-pd $3,860.50
Northwood Sanitation
Garbage Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Sanitation
Dumpster..... $75.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation $800.00
Quality Pump & Control
Parts-pw $6,533.89
Three Oaks Greenhouse
Fertilizer $80.00
Trading Post
Supplies-pw $137.42
Unity Point Clinic
DATA-tr..... $42.00
WCTA, Phone/Internet $810.14
WIN-911, Subscription . $1,200.00
Worth Co. Sheriff Office
28E Law Enforcement .....
..... $32,105.83
Library:
Alliant Energy, Utilities .. $325.23
Visa, Supplies, rental..... $228.02
Baker & Taylor
Materials $543.93
Center Point Large Print
Materials $56.10
Emily Tufte
Pool Party Reimbursement .....
..... $250.00
Iowa Outdoors
Subscription $25.00
North Iowa Lib. Coll
Annual Fee $956.85
OverDrive, Services $735.12
Plunketts Pest Control
Services..... $93.47
Wild Rose Garden Center
Landscaping $60.35

Summary of July 2023 receipts by fund type: General - $54,121.38; Special Revenue-$45,046.22; Debt Service - $2,660.56; Capital Projects-$2,207.39; Enterprise-$103,130.13; Trust & Agency - $484.00.

Summary of July 2023 disbursements by fund type: General - $119,950.00; Special Revenue-$29,926.70; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$101,359.90; Trust & Agency - $0.

Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Discussion was held on Chapter 151.02 Tree Planting Restrictions.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2308-14 Approve the Iowa DOT FY23 Financial Report. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2308-15 Approve FY23 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Unam

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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