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Briefs



Clocks 'spring ahead' Sunday

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

The Anchor reminds readers that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m. and clocks should be set ahead one hour at that time, or before going to bed on Saturday night.

Legislative forum set for Saturday

A local legislator representing Worth County will take part in a forum to speak with and answer questions from the public this Saturday, March 9.

Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale will be at the Manly City Call, 106 South Broadway, Manly. The forum will be held at 9 a.m. this Saturday.

The forum is sponsored by Winn-Worth Betco and is open to the public.

Elk Creek Women host soup supper Sunday

The Women of Elk Creek Lutheran Church will again be making soups for the annual soup supper, which will be held this Sunday, March 10, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church in rural Kensett.

This year, they will serve homemade chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato soups.

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The Week's WEATHER

from National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Feb. 27	74	29	
Wed. Feb. 28	52	2	0.03
Thurs. Feb. 29	24	1	
Fri. March 1	57	14	
Sat. March 2	56	27	
Sun. March 3	65	28	
Mon. March 4	75	30	

Northwood native fighting cancer gets wish to meet Clark

For one Northwood native fighting cancer, a wish was recently granted. The result brought Kayla Thirnbeck and her family to meet the most famous record-setting athlete in college sports.

Thirnbeck is the dauthrer of Rob and Bess Eiltertson and a 2009 Northwood-Kensett gradute.

Before her wish was granted, a little over a year ago, in the fall of 2022, Thirnbeck noticed during a self-exam that a lump in her breast had started to feel different. A follow up mammogram found another lump and Thirnbeck sought a biopsy to find out the status of the tissue. It was cancer.

Since then, Thirnbeck has been undergoing a variety of treatments and therapies. That started with IVF, which would provide options should other cancer treatments affect her ability to get pregnant in the future.

Thirnbeck had a double mastectomy, chemotheraphy and is still undergoing hormone therapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

As she was undergoing treatment, a nurse introduced her to the Dear Jack Foundation. The group acts like a Make a Wish for adults. The group grants wishes to patients that have been diagnosed within the past year who are still in treatment.

For Thirnbeck, the wish-granting process was not new. She was a longtime supporter of the Make A Wish Foundation, playing a part in helping grant the wishes of children as a volunteer and supporter. Unfortunately, in order to focus on her battle with cancer, Thirnbeck had to pause her involvement with Make A Wish.

So, while she has helped many others' wishes come true, hers was granted this time.

When the Dear Jack team asked her what her wish was, she told them that she wanted to meet Caitlin Clark.

For Thirnbeck, her initial diagnosis and start of treatment coincided with the 2023 Iowa Hawkeyes basketball schedule. Being able to watch Clark and the Iowa Hawkeyes in their previous season was a big part of her treatment and recovery.

"I would go to games with Marissa Nitcher. I followed the season with friends and family. It was something nice to focus on throughout a tough time."

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Kayla (Eilertson) Thirnbeck, Caitlin Clark, Parker Thirnbeck and Dawson, Kayla's son.

Supervisors approve ambulance support, facilities plan

At a recent meeting, the Worth County supervisors officially approved funds to the ambulance providers serving the county, as well as set a hearing that would begin the process of borrowing against wind turbine taxes to pay for the renovation and construction of new county facilities in Northwood.

Last year, following the failed vote for a countywide ambulance tax, two entities came to the County to ask for funds to continue providing ambulance or paramedic service in the county.

In the western side of the county, including a portion of Danville, along with Fertile, Bristol and Silver Lake townships and the cities of Joice, Fertile and Hanlontown, the Forest City Ambulance Service (FCAS) has asked for $40,000 to support rapid paramedic response.

In the southeastern part of the county, including Lincoln, Union and a portion of Danville townships and the cities of Manly and Grafton, the Mason City Fire Department (MCFD) is asking to be reimbursed for $500 per ambulance call.

The remainder of the County has ambulance coverage provided by the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company (NVFC), which established its EMS service in June 2023, asking for no additional funds from the County or the areas it serves.

While officials in the western and southern areas of the county are working to establish EMS districts, which would allow them to levy for up to $1 per $1,000 of taxable valuation on property, with the exception of agricultural land.

However, those levies require voter approval and the soonest a special election can be held is in September. If approved, the levies and funds for

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Supervisors continue hiring policy discussion in closed session

Over the course of several meetings, the Worth County supervisors have set, implemented and questioned a new policy for hiring, which was set amidst concerns that budgets will be restrictive in coming years.

Last year the Iowa legislature passed changes to the local tax levying process. For the County supervisors, that led to concerns that county property tax revenue could be increasingly limited in the next few years.

Earlier this year the supervisors met with county departments to discuss their proposed budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1. Questions were raised about whether funds would be available for proposed new hires and pay increases in coming years.

That led the supervisors to change the hiring process for

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Council discusses transferring museums to historical society

The Northwood City Council discussed changing ownership of historical property at their recent regular meeting.

The Worth County Historical Society has several properties that serve as museums in the city of Northwood. That includes the machinery museum, Pixley Log House, Old Creamery Museum, Stromstein Building, Hotel Winifred, Swensrud School and Main Museum.

Of those, the WCHS owns all but two of the properties. The latter two, the Swensrud School and the Main Museum, are owned by the City of Northwood. Those museums sit on the block that

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Primary election candidate filing underway

The election to decide who will represent political parties for county, state and federal offices will be held this June. Filing is underway for candidates for the primary election.

The primary election asks voters in each political party to chose who will represent them in the November general election.

Those that would like to

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POPS performers

This past Friday, the Northwood-Kensett Elementary auditorium was packed with an audience eager to view the annual POPS concert. POPS LVI "Back to the 80's" brought a variety of music from the decade, along with skits, sketches and other student showcases.





Seniors on the job

Last week, two Northwood-Kensett seniors could be seen learning more about potential careeers as they took part in job shadowing opportunities. In the left picture, Topher Madsen learned more about running a coffee shop while working with Jon Back at Carpenter Coffee Company. Meanwhile, back at N-K High School, Madalynn Hanson was in the classroom of Mrs. Samantha Hunt, learning more about what it is like to work on the other side of the educational experience.

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County department heads.

Previously, the departments would either budget ahead if they planned to add employees, or replace workers when others leave or retire from the County.

The departments would go through the hiring process and then come to the supervisors to get approval to have an employee added to the county payroll.

During discussions, the supervisors shared concerns that the funds may not be available for new employees as budgets tighten in the next few years.

With that in mind, the supervisors set a policy that would have them involved before the hiring process begins.

The supervisors asked that county department leaders present requests to hire to the supervisors before they begin looking for employees.

At the meeting after the hiring change was passed, two departments, the treasure and public health offices came to request permission to hire new staff.

The treasurer's office was looking to replace a departing employee.

WCPH was looking to hire a part time nurse. The department also sought to raise the wages of the other WCPH nurses to match the new employee.

Supervisors objected to the pay raises, noting that a part time nurse does not have the same benefits as the full time staff. They approved hiring a part time nurse without the pay raises for other nurses.

However, that may not have been within the authority of the supervisors.

It was suggested at that meeting that the supervisors' authority over other county departments was to set the bottom line dollar amount that they can spend in a given fiscal year. It was up to the departments to decide how those funds are spent, including on employees and their wages.

At the next meeting, the supervisors were presented with salary changes, including the other nurses. The supervisors could acknowledge but not alter the salary changes as presented.

With questions about their authority, the supervisors consulted with an attorney, to ask what they could require in the hiring process.

Before beginning the discussion, the supervisors asked the attorney about whether they could or should hold the meeting in an exempt session, meaning that the public and all but invited County officials were not allowed to be a part of the meeting.

The attorney told the supervisors that they had the option to close the meeting. However, they were not required to close the meeting.

The supervisors chose to close the meeting. They could only discuss the situation in their exempt session. Any action would have to be held in open session.

No action on the hiring policy was taken following the closed session.

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also includes other City properties, Central Park and the Northwood Library.

At their regular meeting on February 26, the Northwood City Council considered an agreement that would transfer ownership of the remaining two properties to the WCHS.

Mayor Doug Moehle said that the City is working with the WCHS to sell the property, to make all the museums in the city consistent.

Besides ownership of the properties, insuring the properties is also a concern, as both the city and WCHS have had the schoolhouse and main museum on their insurance coverage.

Transferring the property to the WCHS would allow the city to remove the museums from their coverage.

The City would sell the property to WCHS for $1. As a part of the transfer, the City would agree to not charge for water/sewer service. The City would also agree to continue taking care of mowing, trimming and leaf, brush and snow removal.

Before the sale/transfer can take place, the City is required to hold a public hearing for any sale of property, including the museums.

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ambulance coverage would not begin until July 2025.

Since the initial requests came in, the supervisors have discussed using a portion of remaining pandemic relief funds to cover ambulance service in the county until other funding options, like the EMS levies, are in place.

At recent meetings, questions were raised about how to provide funds on the western side of the county, which is served by Lake Mills and the Forest City ambulance services.

It was determined that the $40,000 request from the FCAS would ensure that a paramedic would respond with or before ambulance response from providers in Worth County.

With that question answered, at their February 26 meeting, the supervisors officially approved using $240,000 of pandemic relief funds, with $80,000 each going to the Mason City Fire Department, Forest City Ambulance Service and Northwood Volunteer Fire Company.

In other business at the February 26 meeting, the supervisors set a public hearing to update the County's urban renewal plan. The plan is a document that outlines where tax increment funding (TIF) can be collected and where it can be spent.

Worth County can use TIF to borrow against future property tax valuation increases. That has primarily been used to borrow against wind turbine property taxes for County projects.

The public hearing set for the March 18 supervisors meeting would add the storage building and nearby farmland in the northeast corner of Northwood that Worth County recently purchased to the urban renewal plan. Also added would be the current Worth County Conservation buildings.

At a previous meeting, the supervisors approved plans to borrow up to $6 million for projects that include renovating the storage building for Conservation department use; constructing facilities for new conservation, secondary road and engineering offices; secondary road buildings; and renovating the existing conservation property to be used by sheriff's office, EMA and public health departments.

With the properties added to the URP, the County could use TIF to borrow against future wind turbine taxes to pay for the property purchase, construction and renovation costs.

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appear on primary ballots, including those that would like to represent the Democratic, Libertarian or Repbublican parties for county offices, have until Friday, March 22, at 5 p.m. to do so. Nomination papers are filed in the county auditor's office.

County officials on ballots this year include supervisor representing District 2, auditor and sheriff.

The voter pre-registration deadline is Monday, May 20. The County Auditor must receive all registration forms no later than 5 p.m. unless postmarked on or before Monday, May 20.

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. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Voters may request and vote ballots at the Auditor's Office until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 3.

The 2024 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 4. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More information, including sample ballots, can be found at the Auditor's Election Website at https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov or by contacting the Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

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Homemade pies and french bread will also be on the menu.

A bake sale will also be held in the chapel during the supper.

Proceeds from the supper will be used for LWR projects and the youth trip to New Orleans this summer.

Take out orders are available by calling 845-2386.

N-K Easter Egg-Stravaganza March 23

Northwood-Kensett will host an Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

A number of Easter activities and crafts will be held.

An Easter egg hunt will take place at 11:45 a.m.

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Flood outlooks show drought conditions persist locally, statewide

The National Weather Service recently released its 2024 Flood Outlook report for Iowa. The report shows that there is little chance of flooding as dry and drought conditions persist in the state, and in the Worth County area.

It should come as little surprise that all of Iowa's rivers have a near to below normal risk factor.

With the exception of one river in east central Iowa, near the Mississippi River, all of Iowa's rivers in the report showed that there is a less than 50% chance of flooding this year.

There are six elements of flooding listed in the report. That includes river levels, soil moisture, snowpack, frost depth and monthly temperature and precipitation outlooks. All are neutral or decreased risks this year.

Weather in the last 30 days showed that Iowa, for the most part, was above normal for both temperature and precipitation.

Existing soil moisture was below normal for the majority of Iowa, with Worth County in or near an area that is most below normal levels of soil moisture.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the majority of Iowa ranges in some level of drought.

In Worth County, the northwest roughly half of the county is in a severe drought. The southeast portion of the county was categorized as in extreme drought.

The majority of Iowa, including areas in Worth County, have entered more severe stages of drought since last year.

A map of the U.S. showing water in the form of snow showed that, other than snow that fell in February storms, the only areas with standing snow were in the most northern areas of the country, and in mountainous areas.

Frost depth reports also showed that there was little to no frost in the ground.

Short and long term weather outlooks showed that little relief was expected for Iowa and for North Iowa in particular.

Temperature-wise, for the period through February 24, temperatures were likely to be above normal in Iowa overall. That continued through the month of February. March, on the other hand, had equal chances of being above or below normal. Looking ahead to the spring season, March through May, temperatures in North Iowa were forecast to be above normal.

The outlook report showed that the North Iowa area was expected to have near normal precipitation through February. In the month of March, there were equal chances of above or below normal precipitation.

For the period of March through May, the southern half of Iowa was forecast to have above normal precipitation. There were equal chances of above or below normal precipitation in the northern half of Iowa.

The drought outlook through May showed that in the northern part of Iowa currently under drought conditions, that is expected to persist. In the southern part of the state, drought conditions are expected to improve.



Grassley visits Northwood for discussion with business owners

U.S. Senator Charles Grassley recently paid a visit to Worth County, at Northwood City Hall, to speak with representatives of the area business community.

Grassley visited to meet with representatives of Northwood Foods, the pork processing company located in Northwood. Grassley also spoke with other representatives of the Northwood business community and others at the meeting.

The gathering with Grassley started with an introduction and discussion of the local meat processor by Brian Burkard, president of Northwood Foods.

The company has been in operation for 25 years, with 180 employees. They produce over 500,000 pounds of pork products daily and 140 million per year.

They produce for a number of national and international companies, such as Hormel, Jack Links, Fareway, Boar's Head, Tyson Foods and more.

After the description of the business, Grassley asked Burkard if he still faced hiring issues, and what those issues were particularly.

Alex Burkard, sales manager and Brian's son, said that the biggest hiring issue the company has faced is available housing.

Grassley said that he has heard that from county seat communities and in rural areas around the state. Grassley said that housing developments are more likely to build in bigger cities, where their investments are more likely to have better returns.

Brian Burkard asked Grassley about the status of the current and forthcoming farm bills. He particularly asked that overtime and adequate funding to complete inspections be included again.

Grassley said that, unless something has been controversial it likely would remain in the renewed farm bill.

As far as the next version of the farm bill is concerned, Grassley said that unless it is worked on in March, a new version of the farm bill likely won't be passed until 2025. That means the existing farm bill, passed in 2018, would be extended once again, being in place for 7 years.

Burkard also asked about an EPA lawsuit that would result in changes that would require more wastewater testing and related costs for meat producers.

Grassley explained more about the process that may lead to the EPA changes. He noted that while the changes are the result of lawsuits between environmental groups and meat producers, that does not mean that people in the government agencies weren't involved from the beginning.

Grassley said that sometimes people within the government agencies encourage groups to file lawsuits, with the goal of establishing regulations without involving Congress.

Grassley talked about efforts being made to prevent such "sue and settle" arrangements from occurring in the future.

Grassley was asked about a California law that would prevent outside pork from being sold in the state unless the animals were given specific space and living conditions.

Grassley said that the California rules and labeling laws in other states shouldn't be allowed as they impact interstate commerce.

Responding to many questions about how regulations can be changed, Grassley said that the current environment in Congress makes getting anything done a horrendous process.

Grassley said that Congress spends less time in session discussing legislation than in the past.

Someone at the meeting shared that she had visited Grassley as a young 4-H member, and thanked him for his support and welcoming of 4-H over the years.

Grassley said that he has always been happy to support and meet with Iowa 4-H groups when they visited D.C.

Asked about carbon emissions and programs to support carbon credits, Grassley said that Congress needs to look at formulas that are more favorable for local farmers. He also said that he supports a push for a more environmentally friendly airplane fuel, and ethanol as a major component.

Grassley was asked about his endorsement for giving support to Ukraine.

Grassley said that out of $65 billion pledged to support Ukraine, roughly 80% of the funds are spent in the U.S. on things like defense production, commercial ships and war and defense materials.

From a policy and ideological standpoint, Grassley said that comments from Russian leader Vladimir Putin suggest that he would like to reestablish Russia as a great empire.

Grassley said that the U.S. has commitments to other nations that would force them to become more involved, potentially with troops. He said it is better for America to stop Russia in Ukraine and prevent American blood being shed in other areas where the U.S. would have to become more involved.

Asked about the financial involvement of the European Union, Grassley said that while the EU may not have as much invested as the U.S., there isn't a whole lot of difference.

Grassley also said that the funds being sent to the Ukraine include money to audit the overseas spending. Grassley's office staff are making efforts to track Ukraine spending as well.

Grassley ended the meeting thanking Northwood Foods staff for the chance to hear about the business. He said that he likes to meet with local employees in similar gatherings because they would otherwise not be able to leave during a work day to attend a public forum.

Grassley said that he encourages those that can't attend forums to reach out by email with questions or concerns.

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Celebrating FCCLA Week

February 12-16 was FCCLA Week. At Northwood-Kensett, the chapter of the Family Career and Conumber Sciences group celebrating with a variety of activities, wearing FCCLA attire, recognizing community service and sharing information about the group with their classmates and community. The members of the N-K FCCLA chapter are pictured at top. The week ended with a day to thank educators. For the N-K FCCLA chapter, that meant cooking and serving breakfast for N-K teachers in their kitchen classroom.

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Thirnbeck also appreciates that Clark is the biggest athlete in the lives of young people like her son Dawson, a kindergarten student at Northwood-Kensett.

"When we were younger, we were excited by Michael Jordan. He was the big athlete that everyone watched. And now, for Dawson, that's Clark, a female athlete. For him to have Caitlin be that big role model is pretty special."

So it was no surprise that Kayla wanted to meet the record-setting player.

The Dear Jack Foundation reached out to the team. They invited Kayla and her immediate family to be a part of their Pink Out game, where the teams and those at the game show their support for the fight against breast cancer, and honor those in their lives that have battled cancer.

With the team inviting her family, the Dear Jack Foundation instead directed the $1,500 available to grant wishes towards tickets so other members of her family and friends could attend. With tickets to see the Hawkeyes at a premium, that bought four more tickets.

"We were lucky they were able to get those tickets. And we reached out to some other friends that had season tickets. It made it all the more special that I was able to have everybody there to show their support."

On Sunday, February 25, Thirnbeck was one of five women that had survived cancer to be recognized during the Hawkeyes practice and team gathering.

Thirnbeck arrived at Carver-Hawkeye Arena early in the morning, accompanied by son Dawson, and Parker, her husband since June and her biggest supporter throughout her cancer journey.

They watched the team practice, and then at one point the team sat on the court with the five survivors or their families. One by one they shared their cancer stories with the team.

Following the practice, as they were leaving, Clark took the time to meet Dawson, who shared his sign, which said his mom's hero is Clark and his hero is his Mom. Clark was happy to sign the poster.

Dawson and Kayla also got to bound with Clark about their shared love of Taylor Swift.

At game time, the five cancer survivors were introduced along with the Hawkeyes starting lineup and they ran out with the team.

"I got to run out with Caitlin, and she even gave me a hug."

At half time, Thirnbeck joined the other cancer survivors as they were invited to the court and were met with cheers and applause.

For Thirnbeck, the experience provided a chance to meet the biggest name in basketball today, but also to let Clark know the part she played in her cancer treatment process.

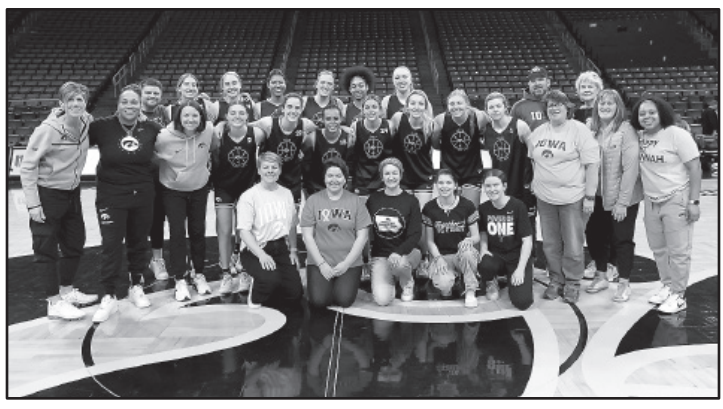
"At some point, Caitlin said that she just wanted to make people proud and bring them some joy. I got the chance to tell her that watching them play brought me joy at the most difficult time in my life."

Throughout her battle with cancer, including her time discussing her cancer as a part of her visit with the Hawkeyes, Kayla has made sure that those like her know that it could happen to anyone.

"I was only 31 years old when I was diagnosed. That's 9 years before breast cancer is normally found. It doesn't run in my family. I don't carry the gene for breast cancer. Just because you don't have the risk factors doesn't mean it can't happen to you. Pay attention to your body. If you feel something unusual or notice any changes, tell your doctor right away."













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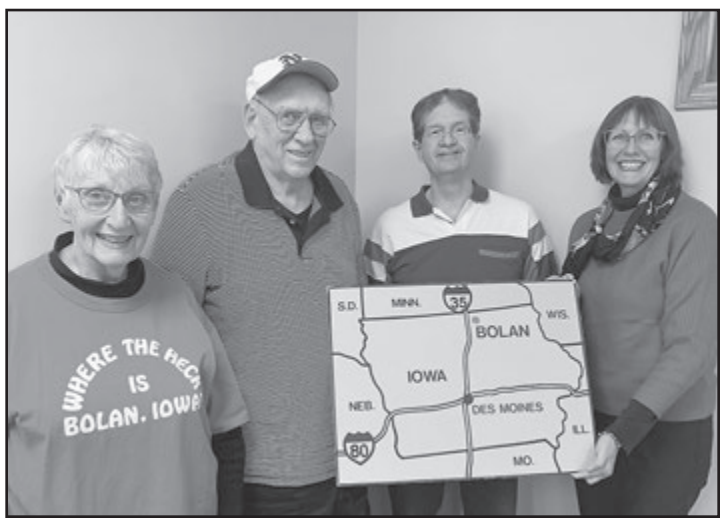


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Bolan celebrates Leap Year

It was a wonderfully fun Leap Year evening! Joe's chili was gone, all the 92 frog cookies and 120 frog sandwiches eaten. Many took the time to watch the six-minute clip of the video upstairs as well. In the picture at left are members of the 16 Bolan residents that were on "Late Night with David Letterman" 35 years ago, including (from left) Linda and Joe Nydegger, Steve McCready and Lori (Nydegger) Willert. Free-will donations went to the Bolan Community Fund.





A new AEA bill, school safety, foreign ownership



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 51

WEEK EIGHT

Just like last week, we spent most of our time on floor debate and passage of legislation. Next week we will resume our committee meetings as we look at bills passed in the Senate and moved over to the House for consideration.

HF 2612 – AEA/Special Education I hope this is my last update to the AEA bill. This is not the Governor's original bill; this is the House bill. An amendment was passed during debate to address additional concerns from our schools and AEAs. The amendment specifies the makeup of the task force. The task force will include special education teachers, superintendents (including one from a nonpublic school), teachers, parents whose children have used AEA services and an AEA director. The focus is on student outcome improvement and efficiency. Professional development will move to the Department of Education in year one. In years two and three, schools can get media services and Ed services from the AEAs or from another source. Nothing in this bill changes special education services, purchasing power of the AEAs, operational sharing agreements or terminates any AEA employee.

A few other bills of interest:

HF 2586 - Improving School Safety- This bill focuses on personnel able and ready to protect students in the event of an emergency. Schools with enrollment over 8,000 shall employ at least one school resource officer or private security officer and a grant program is created to help pay for this position. A school may opt out of this requirement with a vote of their school board. Currently, Iowa code 724.4B allows schools to authorize their employees to carry a gun on school property. This bill creates a new permit for these employees and receive qualified immunity if they meet the standards in this bill. To be issued one of these professional permits, a school employee must undergo extensive training that includes legal training on qualified immunity, annual emergency medical training, annual communication training, annual live scenario training, quarterly live-fire training and passing an annual background check. School districts are not required to participate and no employee can be required to participate. Nothing in this bill is mandated, schools decide what is best for their district.

HF 2165- Swating Penalties Most of us have heard of swating in recent months. Swating is a cyber harassment technique that sends an armed emergency response team to a victim's location, tying up law enforcement and causing duress to individuals affected. This bill raises the penalty for a false report to public safety officials in most instances.

HF 2465 – Agriculture Instruction credit- This bill allows agriculture instruction to be counted for a science requirement and certain CTE courses to count as a math credit.

SF 2204 – Foreign Ownership of farmland

This week the House of Representatives easily passed a bill to strengthen Iowa's laws on ownership of Iowa's agricultural land by nonresident aliens. SF 2204 amends the current law to increase reporting requirements, increase enforcement of current laws, and authorizes the Attorney General's office to investigate reports of potential violations of Iowa's laws concerning foreign ownership.

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



NIACC - Community College Day at the Capitol. Pictured with Jane Bloomingdale are Donna Orton, a student from Northwood – Benjamin Tindall and Dr. Steve Schulz, NIACC president.

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Wednesday, Lent at Bethany, Eve Circle, 9:30 a.m., Leah/ Rachel & Dorcas Circles at R80, 11 a.m.; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Elk Creek WELCA General Meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Bethany, 9 a.m., EC Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m., Lenten Services at the Baptist Church in Manly, 4 p.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

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Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Wonderful Wednesday; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m., Lenten Service at Bethlehem Lutheran, 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Pastor at Care Center/Lenten Study, 10 a.m.

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Errors in Judgement



We are all prone to errors of judgement. Psychologists and social scientists have been investigating the many and various forms of these errors for decades. Some of these are virtually built into the very structure of our psyches. Almost everyone has a self-serving bias. For instance, we simply cannot understand how others could think and feel the way they do when it differs so radically from our own ways of thinking and feeling. At different times in our lives we are prone to particular errors of judgement. Prior to our brains being fully developed, which doesn't occur until the mid-twenties, we are not very good at risk assessment and more likely to be impulsive. Witness the high rate of car crashes among teenagers. At the other end of the age spectrum, older adults often place too much trust in their experience and thus they may fall prey to overconfidence in their judgements. The fact is, errors of judgement are a pervasive fact of life, and we would all do well to leaven our thinking with a moderate dose of humility. We have been wrong in the past and surely we will be wrong in the future, so we should not be too sure that we are not wrong now.

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him. – New K.J.V. Proverbs 26:12

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Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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

In the fall of 1989, Lynda Cabela wrote a cookbook, "Pot Holders and Love Handles" (Morris Press, Kearney, Nebraska). According to her story on the first few pages, Lynda was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease three years earlier. It is a progressive degenerative disorder which lays waste to the nerves that feed muscles and, as a result, the muscle tissue dies. Lynda wrote this book using a computer that was operated by pressing on a pad with her toe! The recipes are her own, her family's and some from friends. Proceeds from the book went to ALS research. The following are adapted from this book written by a most courageous woman.

Tomato Rice Soup

2 quarts tomato juice
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
8 slices bacon
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1 cup chopped yellow onion
1 cup uncooked instant rice
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 cup water

In a deep heavy skillet, cook the bacon until crisp. Crumble and set aside. Leave about 2 tablespoons of the drippings in the skillet and add the onion, celery, green pepper and water. Cook over low heat until tender. Heat the tomato juice in a large soup pot. Add the vegetables from the skillet along with the garlic salt and bacon. Let this simmer on low, for about 30 minutes. Ten minutes before serving, add the rice and let it stand, covered. Serve hot.

Egg Casserole with Beef Sausage

2 pounds lean ground beef
8 oz. shredded Colby Jack
2 teaspoons salt
8 large eggs, beaten
2 teaspoons ground sage
1 1/2 cups milk, not skim
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
Paprika
1 package (10 oz.) frozen broccoli
1/2 teaspoon sugar

Cook and drain the broccoli according to package directions. Chop into bite-sized pieces. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Brown the ground beef, draining off any grease. Mix in the salt, sage, nutmeg, pepper and sugar. This makes a breakfast sausage from the beef. Spread this meat mixture in the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Spread the broccoli on top of the meat layer. Sprinkle the cheese on top of the broccoli. Stir the milk and dry mustard into the beaten eggs. Pour this over the cheese layer. Sprinkle some paprika on top for color. Bake for 30 minutes or until the eggs are set. Let it rest for 5 minutes before cutting and serving. Delicious served with toast or hot biscuits slathered with real butter.

Cheesecake Mince Pie: 2 Holiday Favorites in One

3 packages (3 oz. each) cream cheese
2 large eggs
2 cups prepared mincemeat
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup real sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons grated orange zest
1/2 teaspoon real vanilla
1 tablespoon orange juice
2 tablespoons sugar
1 10-inch baked pie shell

NOTE: the cream cheese needs to be softened ahead of time. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Beat the cream cheese, eggs, the 1/2 cup sugar, the orange juice and zest until smooth. In a small bowl, mix the mincemeat and walnuts, blending well. Spoon this mixture into the pie shell. Pour the cream cheese mixture evenly over the mincemeat layer. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven but leave the oven on. Mix the sour cream, vanilla and the 2 tablespoons of sugar. Spread evenly over the baked pie. Return to the oven for 10 minutes. Let cool to room temperature and then chill for at least 6 hours. If desired, garnish with orange segments.

It is difficult to imagine the determination of Lynda Cabela to create and complete this book. She writes, "The old toe is smoking but the gathering of these recipes has been a labor of love. In fact, I'm sorry I'm finished!" The courage she exhibits is a lesson on how the human spirit sometimes refuses to be crushed. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Putting to battle cancer

This past Saturday, the third annual event that invites people to putt around the area was held. The Putt Putt Golf Tournament had teams travel to area bars, where miniature golf holes were set up. After putting they would move on, hitting each of nine holes in the area. They ended up at the Timbers in Northwood. Food was served by the Green Banner 4-H Club (at left). They also had a chance to bid in a silent auction and enter a raffle for donated prizes. Teams were also entered to win a variety of prizes based on their team scores and more. Putt Putt organizers and volunteers are pictured below. See more pictures in next week's Anchor.





Connecting over coffee

Every Tuesday, the Reconnect 720 senior center in downtown Northwood hosts a chance to enjoy some coffee, treats and conversation. Coffee Connections is open to those 60 and over and begins at 8:30 a.m.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

March marches along toward spring! OK, that was hokey but it DOES happen every year that we look forward to March going out like a lamb and remember that each day is one day closer to April. Until then, however, we need to keep warm, keep busy and count our blessings. Living in Iowa is one of them; living in the Northwood area is even better.

Reconnect 720 continues to remain a gathering place for men and women over 60 to "connect" with friends, have fun, enjoy good food and get out of the house. For those who live alone, it can get lonely unless you invite people over OR go somewhere people are. For those who do not enjoy entertaining at home, Reconnect 720 has your back! For March, we continue to have Fun Bingo (free to play, prizes and fun) on Monday, March 11 and Monday, March 25. Games begin at 12:30 p.m., right after lunch, so come to enjoy both. The Northwood Bookworms will meet at the Public Library on Monday, March 4 at 2 p.m. Emily gets the books for us so no purchase is necessary and the discussion is always lively, both pro and con about what we are reading. Amy from ISU will present her usual very interesting..and tasty...Fresh Conversations on Tuesday, March 19 at 12:15 p.m. AND….speaking of Tuesdays, our Coffee Connection at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday has become the place to be for a free cuppa and delicious sweet treat. Join Lorri and the gang for a great way to start the day. You'll leave happy! Tuesdays are also card and game days so being your friends and use the large tables at no cost.

We will have a special guest on Tuesday, March 26. Laken Rodemaker, Prevention Specialist at Prairie Ridge in Mason City, will be here at 12:15 p.m. She will talk about how to make sure we're taking the right medication, knowing what we are taking and why and using our medicines as they were intended to keep us well. This is very important for older men and women who are often confused by the number of prescriptions we are given. We sometimes don't think to ask our doctors or pharmacists many questions. Don't miss this opportunity.

Keep Marching toward spring and toward Reconnect 720. It can be your happy place all year long.

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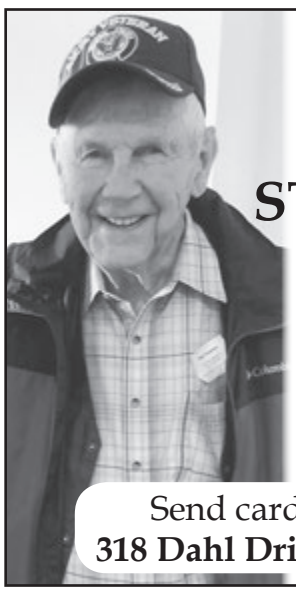
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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to get 'extra help' paying for prescriptions

Dear Savvy Senior,

Does Medicare offer any financial assistance programs to help seniors with their medication costs? I recently enrolled in a Medicare drug plan, but I take some expensive medications that have high out-of-pocket costs and need some help.

Living on a Shoestring

Dear Living,

Yes, there's a low-income subsidy program called 'Extra Help' that assists Medicare beneficiaries on a tight budget by paying for their monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments related to their Medicare (Part D) prescription drug coverage.

And, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act that was passed by Congress and signed into law in late 2022, this program has expanded and gotten easier to qualify for in 2024. Even if you've applied and didn't qualify before, you may be eligible now.

The Extra Help benefit is estimated to be worth about $5,300 per year. Currently over 13 million people are receiving this subsidy, but there's around 3 million more who may qualify for it but don't realize it.

The amount of financial assistance you would receive depends on your income and assets. If you qualify, you'll pay no premium or deductible (unless receiving a partial subsidy), and no more than $4.50 for each generic drug or $11.20 for each brand-name drug your plan covers in 2024.

To get the subsidy, your resources must be limited to $17,220 or $34,360 for married couples living together. Bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and IRAs count as assets, but your home, vehicle, personal belongings, life insurance and burial plots do not.

Also, your annual income must be limited to $22,590 for an individual or $30,660 for married couples. If you support a family member who lives with you, or you live in Alaska or Hawaii, your income can be higher. In addition, the government won't count any money if you receive help for household expenses like food, rent, mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes.

How to Apply

There are three ways to see if you qualify and apply for Extra Help: online at SSA.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help; by calling Social Security at 800-772-1213; or by visiting your local Social Security office.

The application form is easy to complete, but you will need your Social Security number and information about your bank balances, pensions and investments. Social Security will review your application and send you a letter within a few weeks letting you know whether you qualify.

If you don't qualify for Extra Help, you may still be able to get help from a state pharmacy assistance program or a patient assistance program. Visit NeedyMeds.org to search for these programs.

Other Medicare Assistance

If you're eligible for Extra Help, you may also qualify for help with your other Medicare expenses through your state's Medicare Savings Program.

State Medicaid programs partner with the federal government, so income and asset qualifications vary depending on where you live. Medicare Savings Programs will pay your entire Medicare Part B premium each month. And in some cases, they may also pay your Medicare deductibles, coinsurance and copayments, depending on your income level. To find out if you qualify, contact your state Medicaid office.

You can also get help through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. Visit ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675 to locate a counselor 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

I left my job today. I couldn't work for my boss after what he said to me.

What did he say?

He said, "You're fired."

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I didn't see the groundhog on Feb. 2 and I missed seeing the Super Bowl. All I know is Taylor Swift kicked a field goal to win it. It's the neither season–neither winter nor spring. Spring is just around the corner, but it might not be the corner our mothers want us hanging around. The weather has been quirky. A muttering visitor was like cranky wind chimes as the wind howled about him. He suffered from paralyzing weather vagaries as our incredibly gentle winter temperature dropped 70 degrees in 36 hours and brought snow with it. I'd received a phone call from a wonderful couple who live in New Jersey that I'd met 30 years ago in Des Moines when we shared a ride. We didn't talk about the weather. It was a most pleasant interlude.

I talked to a fellow at church. He was wearing Hey Dude shoes. His wife said he got them because their grandson looked good wearing them. I got those shoes because I wanted to be as cool as a grandson. They're lightweight, the same weight as air. As far as making me look cool, they're not working. I heard from an old friend who lives near the Canadian border. I shared a room with him during a conference where I learned he was a world-class snorer sawing invisible logs in his sleep. I put bits of Kleenex in my ears, but the snoring shredded the paper. I wish I'd had those Hey Dudes then. I'd have stuck them in my ears.

Years ago, my wife and I took my mother and Aunt Ingeborg on a dinner train. The meal had seven courses and the train was slow-moving to give us time to eat. What international catastrophe could occur when a server drops a platter? The downfall of turkey, the overthrow of grease and the destruction of china. In this case, a platter of alcoholic drinks fell upon my mother and Ingeborg—two strict teetotalers. My mother laughed. Ingeborg huffed. Life moved to where my wife and I sat in the same seats at every one of our granddaughter Joey's college basketball home games. A former teacher of ours and her friends arrive before us and save our seats, which aren't on the floor. They are up high. Their ours. They fit us and we've learned to appreciate those who gather with us—friends, family and fans. And Joey knew where to find us.

Bad jokes department

The umbrella was going to be called a brella, but the inventor paused.

Is my cloak of invisibility working? Do I make myself clear?

I'm doing lunges to stay in shape. That's a big step forward.

Mr. Rogers didn't adequately prepare me for the people in my neighborhood.

What do you call a broken can opener? A can't opener.

What word becomes shorter when you add two letters? Short.

The man fell down the wall because he couldn't see that well.

Nature notes

March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. March brings the vernal equinox and daylight saving time. Dec. 1 is the start of meteorological winter, which makes March 1 the beginning of meteorological spring, June 1 introduces summer and Sept. 1 brings fall. Blizzards were once common at the time of the March basketball tournaments. I hope March has gotten over that. No month has an exclusive on bad weather.

My wife has been feeding her Peeps habit. She prefers the Peeps candy confections made of a soft marshmallow rolled in colored sugar in either yellow, pink, blue, lavender or green and shaped like baby chickens. I don't eat them, but I'm fond of saying, "Oh, for Peeps' sake."

Me, I feed the birds. That joyful task brought two quotes to my mind. "If you can hear the birds singing, you're in the right place," by Benny Bellamacina and "I don't feed the birds because they need me; I feed the birds because I need them," by Kathi Hutton.

I watched a red-tailed hawk mantling prey. Mantling involves the hawk spreading its wings and covering its prey to hide it from the eyes of other animals. This hawk was giving a dirty look at several crows standing nearby as if they were jackals at a lion kill.

Meeting adjourned

Spread kindness like wildflowers.

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Fit to print...

A bit of spring break history

Next week is spring break. That will have many taking special trips. Some will travel with family, some with friends. Some will take part in school trips.

That includes the semi-annual Worth County 4-H trip to Washington, D.C. net week. The Anchor will e along fo rthe ride and share information and photos once we're back.

But no matter what your plans, or lack of plans for this year's spring break, many may be unaware of the history of spring break.

According to the How Stuff Works website, the history of the seasonal break from school and work life may date back to Ancient Greece.

"Apparently, it could get stressful inventing democracy and Western philosophy all day, so the Greeks liked to blow off some steam each spring with a three-day 'awakening' dedicated to Dionysus, the god of wine and fertility."

It was a bit more recent when the modern spring break, with its reputation of spending a week of spring in warmer destinations, can be traced to the 1930s.

A swimming coach at Colgate University in New York took his team to Florida for early training at a brand new Olympic size swimming pool in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Other swimming coaches across the country were inspired by warmer weather training and followed suit in following years, becoming an annual swim team tradition.

Of course, the students didn't only swim, but partied in their time off. The swimmers returned home to tell the tales of their parties and inspired other non-swimming students to enjoy the chance to travel and party in warmer weather around their Easter vacation times.

That led to increasing numbers of springtime beach travels through the 1940s and 1950s.

From howstuffworks.com:

'Where the Boys Are'

But the uncontested landmark moment in spring break history was the publication of a little book originally titled "Unholy Spring," but smartly changed to "Where the Boys Are." In 1958, Glendon Swarthout was an English professor at Michigan State University who tagged along with his students (not creepy at all) to witness their Beatnik-era shenanigans in Fort Lauderdale.

Back then, hooking up was called "playing house" and Swarthout witnessed enough house-playing, beach cruising and beer-chugging in Fort Lauderdale to fill his breakout novel, published in 1960. MGM quickly turned "Where the Boys Are" into a blockbuster romantic comedy that made spring break in Florida seem like paradise -- or at least a version of paradise where you sleep 20 people to a hotel room but the cute guy has a yacht.

After "Where the Boys Are," the spring break floodgates were officially wide open. Seemingly overnight the numbers of college students visiting Fort Lauderdale over Easter vacation went from 20,000 to 50,000. By 1985, an estimated 350,000 students mobbed Fort Lauderdale during spring break. In response, the town passed tougher public drinking laws and the mayor even went on "Good Morning America" to tell spring breakers to take their balcony-diving, drunk-driving antics somewhere else.

Which they did. Other Florida beaches had already begun to pick up the overflow from Fort Lauderdale, including Panama City Beach and Daytona Beach.

So, while the idea of spring break began as a tradition of traveling to warmer areas and time on th beach, it has become a time that schools, college level and earlier, take a break before the final weeks of the school year.

Some families take the time to travel to some special destinations. Some go to spend time with family. Some do both.

Locally, school trips like band and choir travels to New York or Spanish class trips to destinations where the language is spoken often take place during spring break.

Spring break is the time when the Worth County 4-H trip takes young people to see the sites, monuments, memorials, shows and more in Washington, D.C. That packed week of sightseeing and learing about our nation's history is set for next week again.

The Anchor has once again been invited to be along for the ride. We'll have pictures of the trip in the Anchor and Signal later this month.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

February 27, 1924

About 20 lady friends of Mrs. John I. Peterson, dropped in on that lady unannounced and gave her a most pleasant surprise. The affair was in the nature of a farewell party as Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are moving soon to their farm southwest of Kensett.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Roisen, of Scarville, have moved to Worth County and will occupy the Nels Hove farm, southwest of Northwood, formerly occupied by Ole A. Stalheim. Mrs. Roisen, who was formerly Miss Fenney, will be among her general neighborhood friends and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Fenney.

A farewell party was given at the August Luth home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wolff, who are going to move to a farm near Myrtle. The evening was happily spent in dancing and card playing, and at a late hour a supper was served, which was brought by the guests.

On Friday the 15th, a party of ladies and gentlemen numbering 17 with well-filled baskets containing all the essentials for a bountiful dinner, drove out to the beautiful modern home of Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Wright, taking that worthy couple completely by surprise. Needless to say, a very happy and pleasant day was spent and all left voting Mr. and Mrs. Wright splendid entertainers.

The high school basketball team added Owatonna to their list of cities when they downed the fast Minnesota team by a 24 to 21 score. It was not until they had put up one of the greatest games of basketball ever seen by local fans that they turned the trick, however.

The first baby beef club meeting ever held in Worth County was held at the courthouse when about 15 club members were present. Leader H.D. Backhaus and Arne Luckason were present and also W.H. Pangburn, Kensett, and C.I. Butler, Northwood. Gaylord Kuhlmann of Northwood was elected president; Arnold Tue, Northwood, vice president; and Lester Luckason, Kensett, secretary-treasurer.

75 years ago

March 10, 1949

Worth County's allotment of funds for the agricultural conservation program, $28,800 last year, has been nearly doubled, to $56,000, for 1949 the country AAA committee announced this week. The 1949 allotment is thus about the same as the 1947 figure.

Funeral services were held for John H. Rademaker, Sr., 81, who died at his home in Grafton.

Four independent cage aggregations-Grafton, Northwood, Forest City and Lyle — will enter the semi-finals round of the Gold Medal independent cage tournament in Northwood Friday night.

The Northwood bakery, operated by George Thompson and John Anderson for a year, this week was purchased by E.F. Koeder and Robert Schachterle of Ackley. The new operators took over the business Monday.

Cash and pledges in the First Lutheran church building fund reached $86,300 this week. Of the total, $41,735.06 has been received in cash, Harvey Gaarder, church treasurer, reported.

The question of building storm sewers in the city of Northwood, turned down by the city council in 1947 after a protest petition was circulated in town, was revived Tuesday night at the regular council meeting.

Duane Crossley, son of Rev. And Mrs. William Crossley and a graduate of the Northwood high school, class of 1935, is now singing in major roles with the American Opera company of Philadelphia, according to word received of Pennsylvania instructor, also formerly of Northwood.

Northwood's Cub Scouts were officially installed at a Cub pack Tuesday evening at the First Lutheran church. Horton Bolin, field scout executive from Mason City, spoke and had charge of the installation. Sixteen Cubs, parents and other relatives were present.

50 years ago

March 7, 1974

Spring-like temperatures over the weekend and extending into this week melted much of the snow covering Worth County. The Shell Rock River was bank-high with large ice flows threatening the river bridge. It was reported that the Shell Rock was four feet over flood stage at down-river points. A new "lake" just south of N-K high school prompted comments like, "Now we can have a swimming team." Experience has proven that spring probably is not here to stay.

Members of the cast of "Rest Assured," to be presented by Northwood-Kensett drama students, review their lines, taking advantage of spring-like temperatures. They are Steve Hanson, Glenda Emmons, Amy Ringham, Chad Sietsema and Darrel Kelly. Productions will be presented at 7:30 p.m. both evenings at the West Elementary Auditorium.

Dan Robb, Viking forward, was unanimous choice for first team in the balloting. He is a senior and is 6'3". Robb was ranked fifth in the NIC in scoring with 14.6 points per game and second in rebounding with 12 per game. Frank Orth is one of two juniors named to the first team and averaged seven points per game throughout the season.

Having jumped to a fine 8 and 3 start, a series of crucial inquires and illness problems hampered the girls at the end of the season. Even with key personnel missing, the team proved to be competitive as five of the eight losses were by margin of four points or fewer. In the year, the young Viking squad outscored their opponents by 70 points as they averaged nearly 25 points per game.

Richard E. Garnas, Kensett, received a bachelor of arts in industrial administration at Iowa State University, Ames, February 23.

25 years ago

March 10, 1999

Worth County American Cancr Society president LaVon Lindflott and longtime ACS volunteer Dianne Johnson got an early start on Daffodil Days by arranging a handful of the bright yellow flowers in a vase while visiting in Lindflott's home last week.

Twenty Northwood-Kensett Elementary School Students took a break from their normal noon-hour routine, and learned a thing or two about community service in the process. The students accompanied N-K Elementary principal Julie Lines and Myra Greve on their Meals on Wheels deliveries to retired Northwood residents. Lines, Greve and other members of Inter Se came up with the idea of incorporating the school kids in the process during the study club's February meeting.

Michael Godfrey, President of the Northwood Lions Club, presents Northwood Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee member Jane Podgorniak a $5,000 check at the Lions' March 1 meeting. The money covers the pledge the Lions Club made to the new pool. The Lions raised the money through various fundraisers, including soup and pie and waffle suppers during the past two years in the community.

Jesse Butler, a Luther College junior of Kensett, has been awarded a $5,000 Glenn and Delia Bergland Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. He is the son of Van and Margie Butler of Kensett and is pursuing a major in biology.

This quartet of dancers promises to step lively this coming Friday and Saturday, March 12-13, when Northwood-Kensett High School students stage "Pops XXXI" at the West Elementary auditorium. Dancers Kyle Hagen, Calsee Robb, Mary Bloomingdale and Shana Mathahs will perform "River-dance" and "Titanic" during the event, which begins at 7 p.m.

10 years ago

March 5, 2014

Larry Hovey's interest in tractors began when he was just a youngster. "Dad made my first tractor," he said. "It had a John Deere engine, and the frame and steering box came out of a Volkswagen." Larry's fascination with tractors and all-things John Deere has, over the years, evolved into one of this area's most successful family businesses - Hovey Lawn and Garden Service, LLC. Now with the help of their three children - Nicholas, Isaac and Sarah - they are in charge of the care and keeping of five cemeteries, as well as parks and recreational areas and community local properties.

After numerous hours fighting the fire that led to the evacuation of Northwood, the local fire fighters were forced to abandon their normal fire gear, as a safety measure, in case they were contaminated. Fortunately, they remained in good spirits, as seen above, after completing the decontamination process, done in the Northwood-Kensett locker rooms.

Northwood-Kensett's Algebra II class recently took a field trip to Grain Millers, Inc., to learn about how math plays a part in taking grains from North American farmers and turning them into ingredients used by several international food customers.

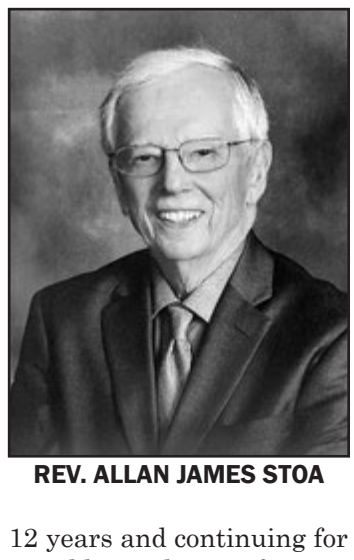
While it seems like winter may never end, those anticipating the change of season and warmer weather will get a slight jump on the arrival of both this weekend as clocks "Spring ahead" just 11 days before the official arrival of spring.

At its first regular meeting in March, to be held on March 11, the Northwood City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the City's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2014, and ends on June 30, 2015. The City of Northwood's tax levy will increase, while the amount budgeted for property tax revenue will decrease, in the proposed budget, compared to re-estimate figures for the current fiscal year's budget.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Rev. Allan James Stoa



REV. ALLAN JAMES STOA

Rev. Allan James Stoa, a devoted servant of God, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2024, at St John's Lutheran Community in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

He was born in Austin, Minnesota, to Bernard and Alberta (Brighton) Stoa on April 27, 1937. He spent his formative years basking in the simple joys of rural life and spending summers at his grandparents' farm in Moscow, Minnesota. Cultivating a strong work ethic at the young age of 10, he tended to a paper route, amongst many other jobs, while pursuing his education. He would later instill these same work ethics in his children and grandchildren. After graduating from Albert Lea High School in 1955, Al dutifully served his country in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany before returning to cherished home soil, where he embarked on a shared journey of faith and learning.

In September of 1957 he joined his high school sweetheart, Nancy Skinner, at Luther College. Al and Nancy exchanged vows on December 28, 1957, at Christ Episcopal Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota, setting the foundation for a life enriched with purpose and dedication. Together, they welcomed their daughters Kirsten and Kari, navigating the challenges of academic pursuits with grace and unity. Following their college graduation in 1961, Allan and Nancy chose to return to their roots in Albert Lea, where Allan began a career at Skinner's and reconnected with their spiritual home at First Lutheran Church.

Through moments of reflection and service, Al discerned a divine calling to ministry, immersing himself in theological studies at Luther Seminary. Alongside his fulfillment of his Clergy Internship as an assistant Chaplain at Deconess Hospital, they also welcomed daughter, Maren and son, Kirk into their growing family. Following his ordination on June 8, 1968, at First Lutheran Church, Al's unwavering commitment to spreading the teachings of Christ led him to pastoral positions across northern Iowa for the Iowa Synod, beginning at Buck Creek Sumner for 12 years and continuing for 24 additional years for various other parishes; shaping the lives of countless congregants with his compassionate guidance and unwavering faith. In 1971 they welcomed another son, Leif, into their now family of seven. In conjunction with his parish ministry, Al was also the Chaplain at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, Iowa, for 15 years, between 1984-1999. His retirement in 2003 marked the transition to a new chapter of voluntary ministry, culminating in his esteemed role as Visitation Pastor at First Lutheran Church, where his spiritual journey had commenced.

Revered for his selflessness and humbleness, Pastor Al devoted five decades of his life to the ministry, embracing each individual with the same unyielding love and respect; and in June of 2023 he was honored with a commendation from the Bishop. A man of steadfast principles and unwavering dedication, Al's legacy transcends the boundaries of time, leaving an indelible mark on those blessed to have known him.

His love for his family was evident in the cherished memories they created together, from family road trips across the U.S. to wonderful days spent fishing, swimming, and skiing at the family cabin on Lake Roosevelt in Outing, Minnesota. One memorable road trip took them to California with Grandma and Grandpa Stoa along with their young family; a true testament of Al's patience. His passion for woodworking bore witness to his meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail, reflective of the care and love he poured into everything he did. His pockets were always full of shiny quarters which he graciously shared with the children of his congregation and his grandchildren. Winters were filled with many trips to surrounding churches to relish in the annual Lutefisk dinners.

Nancy recently shared with Al, her love and devotion for him by thanking him for 70 years of knowing and loving him. He was a man of great warmth and kindness, deeply loved by his children and grandchildren. A reflection from his grandchild states that "everyone was someone to Grandpa Al." We take solace in the knowledge that his spirit will continue to guide and inspire us. Rest in peace, Pastor Al, your work on Earth is done, but your light will forever shine bright in our hearts.

Al will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Nancy of 66 years; children, Kirsten (Russ) Meyer, Kari (Randy) Balk, Maren (Mike) Bartlett, Kirk (Kari) Stoa and Leif (Lisen) Stoa; grandchildren, Nicole (Kevin) Knudson, Natalie (Luke) Plagge, Emily (Erik) Nelson, Jordan (Hailey) Balk, Josie (Jake) Burg, Anna (Dylan) Smallwood, Zachary, Hannah and Josiah Bartlett, Taylor (Joel) Barclay, Nick (Kayla) Stoa, Jana (Jackson) Petersen, Joshua (Menah) Stoa and Emma, Andrew and Aaron Stoa; great-grandchildren, Lane, Ella, Reese, Riley, Kinzley, Kase, Karlie, Nora, Judah, Nolan, Quinn, Ryker, Brecken, Kale, Stella, Oletta, Beau, Landon, Kenley and Remi; sisters-in-law, Jane (Mike Jensen) Peck, Marilyn Ireland, and Aroon Stoa; brother-in-law, Rick (Carole) Skinner; and many nieces and nephews.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marilyn Stoa; and brothers, Joel (Judy) Stoa and Dennis Stoa.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 1, 2024, at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota; Pastor Joy Knoppel and Pastor Jordan Balk officiated. Interment will be at Graceland Cemetery in Albert Lea, Minnesota at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be given to Peace and Power at First Lutheran Church, 301 W. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN 56007 or St. John's Lutheran Community in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Kay Reyerson

Kay J. Reyerson, 87, of Mason City and formerly Northwood passed away on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood.

Kay J. was born on November 17, 1936, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the daughter of Arnold and Ruth (Lomen) Talle. She grew up in Northwood, attending and graduating from Northwood High School.

In 1954 she married Roger Reyerson and together they were blessed with three children, Lauri, Alleen and Brian. In 1955, the couple moved to California. In 1970 they moved to Arkansas, before returning home to North Iowa in 1975 where Kay managed the motel.

Kay illuminated the world with her talent for working with leaded glass. With deft hands and a creative spirit, she crafted stunning pieces that captured the imagination and stirred the soul. Beyond her artistry, Kay's heart overflowed with love for animals, finding solace and joy in the company of her cherished dogs and the gentle creatures of the farm. Her days were filled with hard work, but it was the love for her family that fueled her every endeavor. With grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kay's legacy of warmth and devotion continues to shine bright.

She was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church, Northwood.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Brian Reyerson of Northwood, and Allee (Michael) Laitinen of Hanlontown; her grandchildren, Brenda Reyerson, Brian Nichols and Zachary Laitinen; her great-granddaughter, Aleigha Haase Reyerson; as well as many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Reyerson in 1993; daughter, Lauri; parents; brother, Dennis Vold; sister, Marilyn Hanson; and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

James Dahle

James C. Dahle, 75, of Northwood died on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Arrangements are with Conner Colonial Chapel. 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, IA 50459. 641-324-1543. ColonialChapels.com

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009381
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARLENE A. KNUDTSON, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ARLENE A. KNUDTSON, Deceased, who died on or about October 17, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 9, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Arlene A. Knudtson, deceased, bearing date of December 20, 1990, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Gary Knudtson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 date of 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 November 13, 2023.

Gary Knudtson
1354 390th Street
Kensett, IA 50448
Executor of Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: AT003086
Greve Law Office
736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 13th day of March, 2024.

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in work session at City Hall on February 26, 2024 at 5:30 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.

The purpose of the work session was to work on the FY25 Budget.

No action taken.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
EQUITY NO. EQCV012907
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JACOB J. WALL; SPOUSE OF JACOB J. WALL; and PARTIES IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants: JACOB J. WALL; SPOUSE OF JACOB J. WALL; and PARTIES IN POSSESSION

You are notified there was on December 1, 2023 filed in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court a Foreclosure Petition, which prays for foreclosure of a mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described herein and judgment in rem in the amount of $112,755.22 plus interest at the rate of 5.625% per annum from March 1, 2023, such amount equaling $17.38 per day, the costs of the action including title costs of $235.00, and reasonable attorney fees and that said sums be declared a lien upon the following-described premises from April 14, 2022, located in Worth County, Iowa, to-wit:

Lots Sixteen (16), Seventeen(17) and Eighteen (18), in Block Eight (8), of Mitchell's Addition to Manly, Worth County, Iowa

that the mortgage on the above-described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew E. Laughlin, whose address is The Davis Brown Tower, 215 10th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3993, Phone: (515) 288-2500, Facsimile: (515) 243-0654.

NOTICE

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL SIX MONTHS (THREE MONTHS IF THE PETITION INCLUDES A WAIVER OF DEFICIENCY) FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS YOUR RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 26th day of March, 2024, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Worth County, Iowa. You are notified that Worth County District Court utilizes the Electronic Document Management System. You are directed to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and, in particular, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 641-421-0990. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (18007352942.) Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

Date of Third Publication the 6th day of March 2024.

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Supervisors

February 26, 2024
Ninth Day

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

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

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from February 20, 2024, meetings. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the final construction progress voucher for project BRO-SCHBP-CO98(79)- -GA-98 for project closeout through the DOT.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $147,836.38 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf..... 221.43
Access Systems Leasing Service-Dap 98.50
Agri Sales & Bldg Supply Inc Supplies-Eng 26.00
Agvantage Fs Inc Fuel-Eng 3,709.83
Alliant Energy Service-Eng 10,603.87
Aramark, Service-Eng 441.71
Austin Office Products Supplies-Shf 17.09
Batteries Plus Supplies-Eng 135.00
Black Hills Energy Inc Service-Eng 1,125.36
Carquest Auto Parts Inc Supplies-Shf 1.73
Cemstone Concrete Materials, Llc Rock-Eng 613.35
Centurylink, Service-Gsr... 163.98
Certified Laboratories Supplies-Eng 910.90
Cintas Corporation Supplies-Eng 547.76
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio Service-Shf..... 9,815.45
D & L Equipment Parts-Eng..... 933.57
Daniel Horning Reimb-Eng..... 10.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co Supplies-Aud 17.00
Drivers License Guide Company Supplies-Shf 33.95
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 1,556.18
Fastenal Company Supplies-Eng 419.75
Five Star Cooperative Fuel-Eng 89.63
Freeborn County Coop Oil Fuel-Eng 3,443.12
Gardiner + Company Service-Ndp 26,525.00
Hogan Bremer Moore Col Chapels Service-Mex 753.00
Ia Dept Of Agriculture Edu-Eng..... 15.00
Icap, Service-Sup..... 7,599.56
Iowa Emergency Management Association, Edu-Ema..... 155.00
Isac, Edu-Aud..... 420.00
Jessica Reyerson Reimb-Phd..... 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc Service-Shf..... 86.61
John Mclaughlin Safety-Eng..... 150.00
Johnson Controls Fire Protection Lp, Service-Gsr..... 4,833.51
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc Service-Sdp..... 214.06
Lawson Products Inc Supplies-Eng 90.00
Liberty Tire Recycling Llc Service-Sdp..... 919.32
Marco Technologies Llc Service-Dap 92.82
Mediacom, Service-Gsr 294.90
Menards Inc Supplies-Eng 1,376.98
Mercyone Pharmacies Supplies-Phd 11.56
Napa Auto Parts Supplies-Eng 128.72
Niacog, Service-Tra..... 1,883.54
North Central International Parts-Eng..... 168.68
Northwood Anchor Inc Service-Ema 216.78
Northwood Sanitation Llc Service-Eng 160.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc Parts-Eng..... 357.77
Peopleservice Inc Service-Wat & Wwt..... 21,007.00
Pinnacle Quality Insight Service-Phd..... 183.22
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc Service-Gsr 121.52
Richard Brumm Reimb-Eng..... 257.60
State Hygienic Laboratory Service-San..... 322.00
Tazewell County Sheriff's Office Service-Juj..... 20.50
Thrifty White Pharmacy Supplies-Shf 16.18
Trading Post, Supplies-Eng512.87
U S Postal Service Postage-Aud 174.00
Vander Haag's Inc. Parts-Eng..... 34.99
Verizon Wireless Service-Eng 416.72
Visa, Service-Eng 12,416.36
Wahltek Inc Service-911 ..... 4,337.90
Whks & Co Service-Eng 10,972.56
Winn-Worth Betco Fy24 3rd Qtr-Org 13,662.50
Worth County Sheriff Service-Juj..... 46.08
Worth County Treasurer Taxes-Con 263.00
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng..... 1,633.41
Grand Total 147,836.38

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve payroll eligibility verification for Emily Eilertson at $47,131/year as submitted by the treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-06, A Resolution to Approve Disbursement of Funds for the American Rescue Plan Act. Roll call: Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to set the date for the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY25 Property Tax Levy on March 25, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the bid from Northwood Electric Inc. for electrical upgrades requested by the Clerk of Court at $2,540.00. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the estimates from Larsen Plumbing & Heating, Inc. to repair the boiler backflow device assembly for $408.00 and the boiler pump bearing assembly for $1,967.00. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 9:04 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open exempt session per Iowa Code 21.9 at 9:04 A.M. Roll call: Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried.

Present for the session were Enos Loberg, Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, supervisors; Jacki Backhaus, auditor; Theresa Van Sabben, payroll clerk; Dan Fank, sheriff; and Mike Galloway, attorney. A discussion was held on County Employment.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to close the exempt session at 9:54 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 9:54 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg, carried to adjourn at 10:21 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 2/26/24 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Minutes of February 12, 2024 Work Session; Minutes of February 12, 2024 Council Meeting; Set Special Meeting on Monday March 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm for Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Levy; Mayor Appointment to New Business/Commercial Development Committee– Dan Reeder. Unam.

Motion to approve the Worth County Urban Renewal Joint Agreement. Unam.

Motion to approve transferring and 80 feet x 124 feet of lot 79, Original Town of Northwood, Worth County Iowa where the museum and school house sit to the Worth County Historical Society pending approval by the WCHS Board and following a public hearing. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON DESIGNATION OF EXPANDED WORTH COUNTY CONSOLIDATED URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AND ON PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Notice Is Hereby Given: That at 9:00 a.m., at the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, on March 18, 2024, there will be conducted a public hearing on the question of designating an expanded Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, by the addition of the property (the "Property") situated in Worth County, Iowa more particularly described as follows:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 100 North, Range 20 West of the 5th P.M., Town of Northwood, Worth County, Iowa, said part also being a part of Parcel H as shown and described in Plat of Survey of record filed May 9, 2014, in Fee Book 20140422 in the Office of the Worth County Recorder, and said part described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence S 89° 35' 18' E, 297.83 feet (recorded as S 89° 35' 18" E, 297.83 feet) along the Southerly line of said Southeast Quarter to a point of intersection with the centerline of 17th Street North, in said Town of Northwood; thence N 00° 06' 24" W, 661.29 feet (recorded as N 00° 06' 24" W, 661.29 feet) along said centerline to the Southwest Corner of said Parcel H; thence continuing N 00° 06' 24" W, 176.12 feet) along said centerline and along the Westerly line of said Parcel H to a point on the Northerly right of way line of 2nd Avenue North in said Town of Northwood, said point also being a Corner of said Parcel H and said point also being the Point of Beginning; thence N 89° 09' 52" W, 253.87 feet (recorded as N 89° 09' 52" W, 253.87 feet) along said Northerly right of way line and along the Southerly line of said Parcel H to a point on the Easterly right of way line of 16th Street North in said Town of Northwood, said point also being the Southwest Corner of said Parcel H; thence N 00°19' 25" W, 395.02 feet (recorded as N 00° 19' 25" W, 395.02 feet) along said Easterly right of way line and along the Westerly line of said Parcel H to the Northwest Corner of said Parcel H; thence S 89° 32' 26" E, 255.35 feet (recorded as S 89° 32' 26" E, 255.35 feet) along the Northerly line of said Parcel H to a Corner of said Parcel H; thence S 00° 06' 24" E, 109.50 feet (recorded as S 00° 06' 24" E, 109.50 feet) along the Westerly line of said Parcel H to a Corner of said Parcel H; thence S 89° 32' 26" E, 214.50 feet (recorded as 89°32' 26" E, 214.50 feet) along the Northerly line of said Parcel H to a Corner of said Parcel H; thence N 00° 06' 24" W, 214.50 feet (recorded as N 00° 06' 24" W, 214.50 feet) along the Westerly line of said Parcel H to the Northwest Corner of said Parcel H, said point also being 16.50 feet Northerly, measured at a right angle, from the Northerly line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence S 89° 32' 26" E, 390.76 feet (recorded as S 89° 32' 26" E, 390.76 feet) along the Northerly line of said Parcel H to the Northeast Corner of said Parcel H; thence S 00° 14' 3 7" E, 492.19 feet (recorded as S 00° 14' 3 7" E) Along the Easterly line of said Parcel H to a point 185.36 feet Northerly, measured along said Easterly line, from the Southeast Corner of said Parcel H; thence N 89° 14' 49" W, 606.48 feet to a point on the Northerly extension of said centerline; thence S 00° 06' 24" E, 12.59 feet along said centerline to the Point of Beginning; said Lot 1 of Parcel H containing 8.08 acres subject to any easements of record;

AND

The North One-half (N½) of the West Eleven-sixteenths (W 11/16) of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), in Township One Hundred (100) North, of Range Twenty (20), West of the 5th P.M., Worth County, Iowa, except that portion included in Depot Grounds of Northwood; Also One (1) rod in width off the South end of the West Eleven-sixteenths (W 11/16) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-eight (28), except that portion included in Depot Grounds of Northwood; Both of said tracts also described as follows: Commencing Eighteen (18) rods East and Forty (40) rods North of the Southwest Corner (SW Cor) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), in Township One Hundred (100) North, of Range Twenty (20), West of the 5th P.M., Worth County, Iowa; running thence East Thirty-seven (37) rods; thence North Forty-one (41) rods; thence West Thirty-seven (37) rods; thence South Forty-one (41) rods to the place of beginning; excepting therefrom the following: Beginning Eighteen (18) rods East and Eighty (80) rods North of the Southwest Corner (SW Cor) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-eight (28); running thence North One (1) rod; thence East Thirteen (13) rods; thence South Thirteen (13) rods; thence West Thirteen (13) rods; thence North Twelve (12) rods to place of beginning. Excepting therefrom that part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) in Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred (100), Range Twenty (20) West of the 5th P.M., Worth County, Iowa, as described and depicted in a Warranty Deed dated May 23, 2014 and recorded in the office of the Worth County Recorder on May 28, 2014 in Document No. 20140476;

AND

Lot One (1), and the North Thirty-four (34) feet of Lot Two (2), in Block Sixty-eight (68), in the Town of Northwood.

The general scope of the proposed urban renewal plan, as more specifically described therein, includes the following: The proposed amendment to the urban renewal plan brings the property described above under the plan and makes it subject to the provisions of the plan. The amendment also authorizes the undertaking of a new urban renewal project in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of using tax increment financing to pay the costs of the 2024-2025 County Facilities Improvements Project, including acquiring a portion of the Property, renovating certain buildings situated thereon and constructing new buildings thereon for use by the County's Secondary Roads and County Conservation Departments; and renovating existing County facilities currently used by the County Conservation Department for future use by the Sheriff, EMA and Public Health Departments.

At the hearing any interested person may file written objections or comments and may be heard orally with respect to the subject matter of the hearing.

Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

2/27/24, 12:08 PM — Local Government Property Valuation System

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Assessing Jurisdiction: WORTH COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/19/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Worth County Courthouse 1000 Central Ave Northwood, IA 50459
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.
Contact Name: Cindy Thompson Contact Telephone Number: (641) 324-1198

	FYE June 30, 2023 Actual	FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2025	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2025	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be RaisedBy Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	528,631	352,082	376,183		369,056	369,056	10,800	0	365,383
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
7. TOTAL	528,631	352,082	376,183	0	369,056	369,056	10,800	0	365,383

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.49113
Virtual Meeting Information:

Northwood Anchor
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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009404
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE M. KRUGER, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Maxine M. Kruger, Deceased, who died on or about January 3, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 19, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Maxine M. Kruger, deceased, bearing date of August 13, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Neil Kruger was appointed Personal Representative of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 date of 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 February 19, 2024.

Neil Kruger
Personal Representative
of the Estate
314 4th Avenue
Grafton, IA 50440

Mark L. Walk
ICIS#: AT0008231
Attorney for Personal Representative
Walk, Prichard, Baresel & Murphy, PC
515 State Street
Osage, IA 50461

Date of second publication the 6th day of March, 2024.

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Janet Dahlby

Janet Clair Dahlby, 78, of Northwood, Iowa, died on Friday, March 1, 2024, at the Lake Mills Care Center surrounded by her family.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Schroeder Funeral Home, Northwood, with burial following at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood. Visitation will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024, at Schroeder Funeral Home. After the service and Jan's burial, please join the family for a meal and fellowship at Signature's Supper Club in Northwood.



JANET DAHLBY

Jan was born on December 24, 1945, in Mason City, Iowa, to C. Donald Gullickson and Cleo Marian (Juhl) Gullickson. She graduated from Northwood High School in 1963 and spent a year at Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She worked for Banker's Life Company in Mason City, then was a homemaker/farm wife for many years before returning to work at Principal Financial Group in Mason City, for 23 years.

Jan married Roger Wayne Dahlby in Northwood, Iowa, on September 25, 1965. They were blessed to celebrate 58 anniversaries together, and to this union two children were born, Darin and Anne. Roger and Jan first met at a lutefisk supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. Four months later, Roger and his best friend dressed up in suits to attend a Lenten service that Jan would attend, and the rest, as they say, is history. They made their home and farmed just outside Northwood. After retirement, Roger and Jan enjoyed several winters in Arizona where they enjoyed time with good friends and family.

Over the years, Jan found enjoyment in church and church activities, and in dear friends, but her greatest enjoyment was found in her faith and her family, whom she loved so much. Her fondness for Snoopy was known to many and was often found in greeting cards she sent.

She is survived by her husband, Roger; their two children, Darin (Teri) Dahlby of Northwood and Anne (Jason) Lundquist of Mason City; four grandchildren, Jami (Cody) Tolzmann and Casey Dahlby of Northwood, Kendall Olson of Mason City and Derek Olson of Sneads Ferry, N.C.; one great-grandchild, Cash Tolzmann; brother-in-law, Richard Tuttle; and sisters-in-law, Gail (Donovan) Dahlby, Marian (Dahlby) Iverson, Diane (Charles) Dahlby, Eileen and Donna Dahlby; and beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, C. Donald and Cleo Gullickson; her sisters, Donna Tuttle and Anne Cooper; Roger's parents, Daniel and Eleanor Dahlby; and brothers-in-law, Donovan Dahlby, Jim Iverson, Richard Dahlby and Charles Dahlby.

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NOTICE
The Worth County Conservation Board will be accepting bids for mowing in the County Parks for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.
Bids are due by March 21 at 4 p.m.
Please call with any questions
641-324-1524.

The Worth County Fair is opening up bids for the calendar year 2024 and 2025
- **Lawn Mowing/Trimming.** May 1-October 1. For specific details please inquire. Job will be paid by the month. Bid must be cost per time cut, including trimming. Normal time frame would be 1 time per week.
- **Cleaning of Community Room and Fair Office.** Weekly as needed. Job will be paid by the month. All supplies will be supplied by the Fair Board. Bid will be cost per time cleaning.
- **Cleaning of ALL bathrooms during the week of the fair.** June 17-24, 2024. Job will be paid for the week. All cleaning supplies will be supplied by the Fair Board.

Please submit your bids to:
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Northwood, IA 50459
If you have questions, contact Chad Nelson 641-390-0675

PART-TIME HELP WANTED
Worth County Recycling Center
Job Announcement
Position Title: Attendant
Job Description: The Worth County Recycling Center has a part time opening for an Attendant. The primary job responsibility is to sign in residents/ customers, collect appropriate fees, and direct them to the appropriate location to dispose of their garbage or recycled goods. Other duties include maintaining a neat and clean facility, educate customers about recycling, and some record keeping.
To Apply: Must submit a standard Worth County Job Application which is available online at worthcounty.org or pick up an Application at the Worth County Recycle Center.
To request more information and Hours, call
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Application Deadline is Tuesday, March 12.
Worth County is an Equal opportunity employer.

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The Worth County Sheriff's Office
1000 Central Avenue
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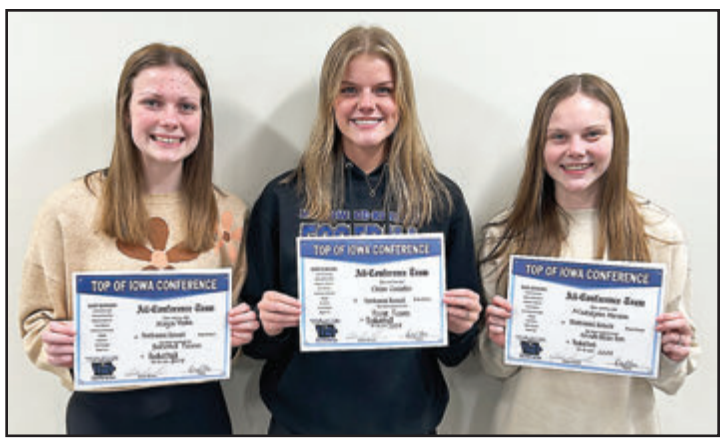
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N-K Basketball Awards Banquet

Northwood-Kensett held its basketball banquets on Tuesday, February 27. Retiring coaches Daryl Love and Marty Cotter presented awards for the final time.



On the girls side plaques were presented for the following awards: Newcomer Award - Lindsey Moore; Most Improved Player - Mallory Rheingans; Most Valuable Player - Chloe Costello; Defensive Player of the Year - Morgan Wallin; and Leadership Award - Madalynn Hanson.



Morgan Wallin received a certificate for being named to the Top of Iowa-East All-Conference Second Team, Chloe Costello for All-Conference First Team and Madalynn Hanson for All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.



Chloe Costello received a certificate for being named to the Iowa Girls Coaches Association Class 1A North Central All-District Team.



Mallory Rheingans received a certificate from the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association for the "Team First Award" and Madalynn Hanson received a certificate from the Iowa Girls Coaches Association for the E. Wayne Cooley "You Can Award." Both awards are for girls that may not be the all-stars on their team according to the stats, but contribute to their team by doing what is necessary to always put their team first.



Four girls were presented certificates for Academic All-State. They were Emma Hengesteg, Lindsey Moore, Madalynn Hanson and Chloe Costello.



N-K Boys Basketball Awards

The awards given out were Utility man- Evan Lorenzen; Defensive player MVP - Kooper Julseth; Sharp Shooter - Carter Anderson and Offensive player MVP - Colby Eskildsen.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m. with Theresa Cooper as hostess and seven members present. Penny Robb shared a mediation arrangement that was a low-profile design. January minutes were read and approved with 1 correction; the club will donate $10 and not $10 per member to the FGCI.

In old business; the "Paint it Pink" Committee asked for $100 to plant pink flowers in some of the tee boxes at the NCC and buy two pink plants for the Flippin' Flamingo Golf Tournament raffle. Mmc to donate the money. Theresa suggested holding a workshop on Tuesday, April 30 named something like - Everything You Wanted to Know About the Fair Schedule but Were Afraid to Ask.

In new business the club was asked to donate to help cover instructor fees for the flower school judges. Mmc to make a donation of $50.

The new Garden Clubs of Iowa website is: garden clubsofiowa.org.

Mmc to adjourn

Heaven Walker from the DNR gave a presentation on Wildlife in Iowa.

Notice

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
JUVENILE DIVISION
NOTICE**

TO: Danielle Hudson, Mother of C.T.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THERE is an ongoing Child in Need of Assistance case in the Juvenile Court for Worth County, Iowa, case no. JVJV000994.

You are further notified that dispositional review hearing has been set in the Courtroom of the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, on the 29th day of April, 2024, at 10:15 a.m.

You are further notified that you have the right to be represented at the hearing by counsel and appear in person; in the event you are financially unable to employ counsel, the Court will, upon application, appoint counsel for you.

If you believe you are the mother of this child, please contact the Worth County Attorney's Office.

Jeffrey H. Greve
Worth County Attorney
Telephone: 641-324-1291
Email: attorney@worthcounty.org

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Supervisors

**February 22, 2024
Special Meeting**

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg, Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, present. Also present were: Jacki Backhaus, auditor

Meeting called to order by Stone at 9:08 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the following topic: FY25 county budget discussion with auditor.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Bolan

The "Leap to the Future" party held at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Thursday evening, February 29, was a huge success! Close to 100 people enjoyed soups and "frog" sandwiches and cookies either before or after seeing the David Letterman clip from 35 years ago when the townspeople of Bolan were guest on his show. A great time was had by all.

Mary Wendt and Lori Willert represented the Bolan Trinity United Women in Faith at the World Day of Prayer service held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday afternoon, March 2.

Coming up next in Bolan will be the Trinity UM Church Family hosting a "Baked Potato Bar" in the church basement on Sunday, March 24 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Watch the papers and look for posters that will give more details.

NCIGS holds discussion on March 9

The North Central Iowa Genealogical Society will hold a Roundtable Discussion on Family History and Genealogy Help Session on Saturday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Genealogy Library – 75 South Georgia Ave., Mason City, Iowa.

Bring problems and new finds to share. Refreshments will be served. Don't forget it is time to pay your dues.

Asset of the Week

Students in Worth County schools and 4-H clubs will highlight one of the 40 Developmental Assets each week. The Assets are ways to help create healthy, educated, ethical and productive citizens.



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5.5 Year PRO lease figured at 300 hours per year Annual Payments of
$9,800
New Deutz Fahr 5110 G Premium with Loader
110Hp 4cyl 3.8L Turbo Power Shuttle 20 Forward 20 Reverse with HiLo, 3 sets of Remotes, 540-1000rpm PTO
$58,300 with 1.99% 84 Months
Cash Price $52,300
KIOTI
New Kioti DK6020SE
57HP Diesel, Cab AC/Heat, Radio, MFWD, 3 Range Hydro, R14 Tires, KL5521 loader 72" Bucket, Kioti 72" front snow blower, hyd chute rotation
$49,000
New Wacker Neuson SW21
74hp Kohler Diesel, Cab AC/Heat, Radio, Backup Camera, EH Controls, 2 Speed, 2,100 lbs. lift, 12x16.5 tires, hyd bucket attach, Air Ride Heated Seat, Becket Leveling, Ride Control, Deluxe Display
$86,000 1.99% for 72 Months
Cash Discount Price $76,500
New Wacker Neuson ST45
74hp, Cab AC/Heat, Radio, Air Ride Heated Seat, EH Controls, 2 Speed w/creep mode, High Flow hyds, Hyd attach coupler, Ride Control, Bucket leveling, Backup Camera, 14 pin, Deluxe Display
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