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Briefs

Makers Market meeting Monday

Makers Markets are planned for Thursdays this spring and summer, from 4-6 p.m., starting on May 2.

The market will include seeds, starter plants, outdoor plants, house plants, many types of handcrafted goods, homebaked goods, vegetables and more.

Those interested in signing up may text Ruth at 641-512-8696.

A meeting for vendors and interested vendors will be held this Monday, April 8, at 6 p.m. in Swensrud Park.

Northwood polling place changes

Many that vote in the city of Northwood recently received a notice that their polling place has changed.

With a primary and general election set for this year, the place to cast ballots will be the Timbers event center, located at 500 Central Avenue in Northwood.

Those with questions about voting and elections in Worth County may find more information online at <https://elections.worth-countyiowa.gov>.

Questions may also be directed to the Worth County Auditor's office in the courthouse, or by calling 641-324-2316.

WCSO sets new hours starting July 1

The Worth County Sheriff's Office has announced that beginning on July 1 it will reduce its open office hours for non-emergency or criminal purposes.

Starting on July 1, the WCSO lobby hours will be from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

This is for those that

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The Week's WEATHER			
From National Weather Service information			
Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. March 26	55	34	0.84
Wed. March 27	34	19	0.15
Thurs. March 28	35	18	
Fri. March 29	46	19	
Sat. March 30	60	31	
Sun. March 31	56	35	
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Twelve students were inducted into the Northwood-Kensett chapter of National Honor Society on Monday, March 25. They were recognized for their character, service, scholarship and citizenship. Students inducted at last Monday's ceremony included (front row, from left) Macy Thorson, Sophie Rye, Merrin Hanson, Dagen Peterson, Weston Willand, Peyton Wilder, Emma Hengesteg, (back row) Alec Ducommun, Zachary Heiken, Breyden Hoeppner, Kooper Julseth and Damon Reyerson.

Northwood-Kensett National Honor Society inducts 12 in 2024

Recently, 12 students at Northwood-Kensett High School were inducted and granted membership in the National Honor Society in a ceremony held on March 12.

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

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

"I pledge to maintain my high scholastic standing

"To hold as fundamental and worthy

"An untarnished character

"To endeavor intelligently and courageously

"To be a leader

"And to give of myself freely in service to others

"In so doing, I shall prove myself worthy

"Of a place in the National Honor Society"

Students inducted at the ceremony were Alec Ducommun, Merrin Hanson, Zachary Heiken, Emma Hengesteg, Breyden Hoeppner, Kooper Julseth, Dagen Peterson, Damon Reyerson, Sophie Rye, Macy Thorson, Peyton Wilder and Weston Willand.

Existing National Honor Inductees, see Page 2

Legislature passes bill to alter AEA funding, raise teacher salaries

Last week a bill was signed into law that has raised concerns amongst local educators as it was discussed and developed. House File 2612 makes changes to area education agencies (AEAs) and raises teacher salaries, amongst other education chances and policies.

From the Iowa Capital Dispatch, online at iowacapitaldispatch.com:

"Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds on Wednesday, March 27, signed into law her top priority for the 2024 legislative session: a bill making changes to Iowa's Area Education Agencies.

"The signing marks the end of a long — and contentious — path toward making changes to Iowa's AEAs. The agencies provide special education, media and general education services to Iowa schools in addition to support for families and children with disabilities and special needs from birth through age 21.

"Reynolds originally proposed legislation that would send state and federal special education funding, which currently goes directly to AEA, to public school districts instead. The districts would then have the ability to choose whether to work with AEAs, other ser-

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City considers whether or not recycling should continue

At their recent regular meeting, the Northwood City Council discussed the future of recycling in the city.

In October 2022, the Mason City Recycling Center stopped accepting any items other than cardboard.

Since then, the governments that bring their garbage to the Landfill of North

Iowa have been looking for alternative places to bring their recyclable materials.

That includes the City of Northwood. The City has maintained its twice-monthly collection of recyclable materials. Doing so allows residents to reduce the space that recyclables would take in garbage, reducing the number of bags they need to buy. It

also keeps them in the habit of recycling.

However, the only materials that have been recycled in that time have been cardboard, which can be sold by recycling centers.

A discussion of whether that should continue came as the company that handles the city's garbage and recycling presented an

Recycling, see Page 2

Council continues towards shared parks/rec director

The Northwood City Council continued work on an agreement with Northwood-Kensett schools at its recent regular meeting.

On the agenda was an agreement between the City and the Northwood-Kensett district. The agreement detailed the terms to share an employee that would act as a parks and recreation director for the City and a Vikings Activity Center director for the school district.

As the city's parks and rec director, the employee's duties would include working with the volunteers on the city's parks and rec board to plan, coordinate and oversee youth activities, schedules, games, training camps and tournaments; order youth clothing and uniforms and equipment; recruit coaches and officials; set or recommend fees; amongst other duties.

For the school, the employee would work to promote VAC membership; manage social media; man-

Parks/rec, see Page 2

Hearings set for EMS districts

Hearings will be held the week of April 15, asking residents of several townships and cities whether they would support the formation of districts where levies could be taxed to pay for ambulance service.

The Mason City Fire Department has requested \$500 per ambulance call to the area that includes Lincoln, Union and a portion of Danville townships and the cities of Manly and Grafton.

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, funds are being sought for the Winnebago County Ambulance Service.

To pay for those ambulance services, officials in the townships and cities have been working together to form EMS districts. Districts can levy up to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation to pay for ambulance service. Agricultural land is exempt.

Due to state law, areas in townships can be combined into shared EMS districts. However, cities can not be included and have to form their own EMS districts.

With that in mind, petitions were presented recently to the Worth County supervisors for the two EMS districts encompassing township areas. Petitions were presented to

EMS, see Page 2

Supervisors consider fair beer garden, ownership

A question of alcohol use at the Worth County Fair led the Worth County supervisors to consider their involvement in the fairgrounds itself.

On the agenda at the March 25 supervisors meeting was a beer garden being held during the 2024 Worth County Fair.

The supervisors were asked by the Worth County Fair Board to weigh in with their opinions or advice on having a beer garden at this year's fair.

As far as potential liability, the attorney for the County said that the County could be sued for a slip and

fall accident just as easily as an alcohol accident.

Whoever held the liquor license would also have to have dram shop insurance, which would cover incidents.

Supervisor Mark Smeby said that he didn't have an issue with a fair time beer garden. He said that the fair board and whoever organized the garden would be held responsible.

Supervisors Enos Loberg and AJ Stone agreed, saying they had no issues with a beer garden. They would share their agreement with the fair board.

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Roof leaks close GE schools for several days

A failed vote last year asked Glenville-Emmons residents whether or not they would support a tax to replace district buildings. With no funds approved, the district's buildings continue to deteriorate.

The rain and snowfall that fell during the weekend of March 22 led to issues that closed the school for the following week.

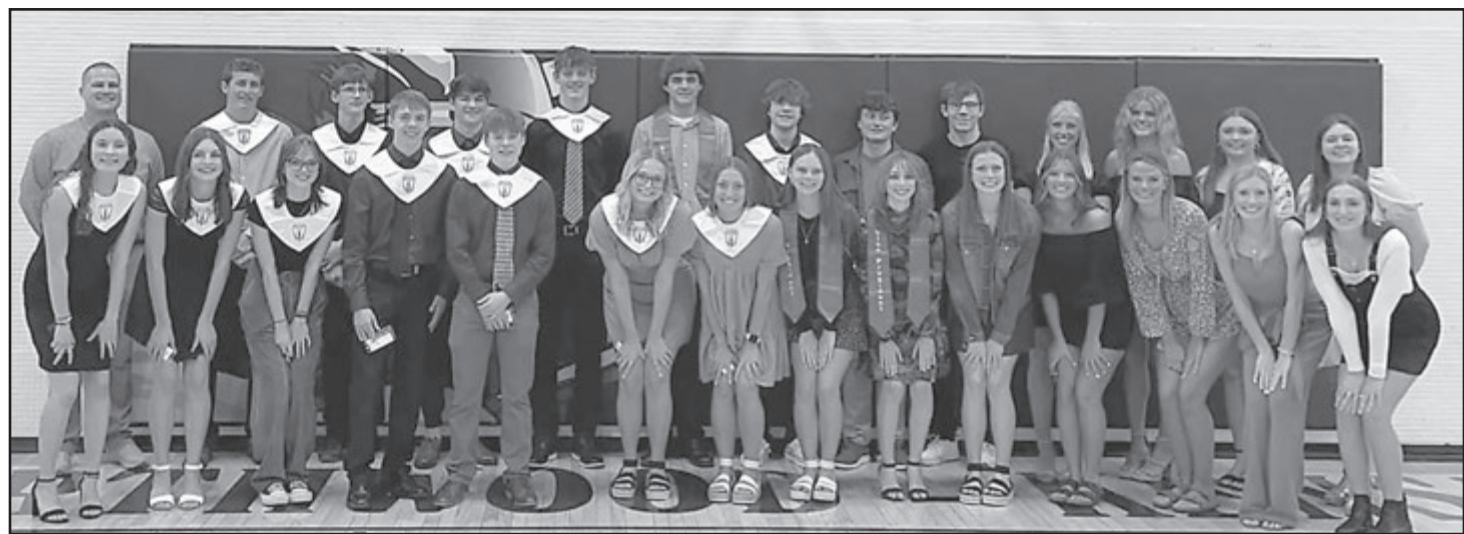
According to a message shared by the school district to start the week before Easter, "Once again Minnesota weather is wreaking havoc on our school. The reason school was not in session today (Monday, March 25) was a direct result of the amount of precipitation we received this weekend.

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A Good Friday ride for a good cause

The local Pony Express Riders group continued an annual Easter weekend tradition with their Good Friday morning ride. The ride sends the group's donation to Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside on its way. Sunnyside provides camp experiences to children with disabilities. Pictured above on the ride are (from left) Krystal Thompson, Cindy Thompson and Greg Thompson.



Pictured are the past and newly inducted members of the N-K National Honor Society chapter, along with ceremony keynote speaker Leo Frost (back row, left).

Inductees
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Society members at N-K include president Madalynn Hanson, vice-president Megan Ocel, secretary Kenneth Conlin, Kamryn Backhaus, Chloe Costello, Marisa Halbach, Haddie Hanson, Ella Leonard, Christopher Madsen, Lindsey Moore, Mallory Rheingans, Trent Tiedemann, MacKensy Tomlinson and Morgan

Wallin.

The induction ceremony featured Leo Frost, N-K English teacher, as the keynote speaker. NHS officers led the induction ceremony. Language arts teacher and NHS advisor Alison Clark opened and closed the induction program.

The Northwood-Kensett High School Chapter has

been active since November 1960.

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

National Honor Society is a prime organization created to recognize high

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

AEA
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vice providers or hire their own employees needed to meet needs outlined by a student's Individualized Education Program.

The new law still makes some funding changes to Iowa's AEAs, but keeps 90% of school district's special education funding going to AEAs after first being allocated to school districts, beginning in the second year of implementation. Districts would have control over 10% of special education funds, and in the same time frame, would gain full control over general education and media services funding that currently goes to AEAs.

Some Republican lawmakers defended the law during floor debates as not denigrating AEAs' work or an attempt to defund the system. But Reynolds emphasized that there is a need for improvement in AEAs, citing the disparity in testing scores between Iowa students with disabilities and the larger Iowa student population, as well as the disparity between Iowa's scores and the national average on certain tests for students with disabilities.

The U.S. Department of Education also labeled Iowa

as "needs assistance" in the area of special education in a 2018 report...

Critics of the legislation argued that a consultant's report commissioned by the governor's office cited misleading information about Iowa special education students' performance and program spending comparisons with other states."

For local schools, the general services that the AEA provides include training for teachers, resources for students with other special needs, career and technical training resources, design and printing needs. AEAs also save local districts money by acting as purchasing agents with the cost of larger orders for materials and food split amongst districts. AEAs have media libraries that save money by sharing between the districts instead of each having to pay for those resources.

The Central Rivers AEA serves 71 public and private school districts, including Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs in Worth County.

Central Rivers shared the following statement following the passage of the bill:

"The signing of HF 2612

will forever change Iowa's Area Education Agency (AEA) system and how it delivers services to the children, families and educators of Iowa. We are deeply grateful to the thousands of advocates who worked tirelessly to educate both the public and legislators about what was at stake in these discussions. So many more Iowans now understand the value we bring to education because of these conversations.

"Throughout this process, we have been steadfast in our commitment to collaborate with legislators while protecting our core programs and services on behalf of those we serve. We have grave concerns around the feasibility of many of the provisions in the bill both for our public and non-public school partners including timeline, the realities of implementing many of the changes, and ultimately the loss of jobs and services to students over time.

"Today, we continue to feel disappointment with the signing of this legislation, but we know that we must shift our collective focus to the next phase of the process which includes crafting a vision for how our

services will look going forward. We will work diligently in partnering with our local school districts in that process."

In addition to the AEA changes, the bill increases salaries for Iowa teachers.

Current starting salaries in the state are \$33,500. That would increase to \$47,500 in the next fiscal year and \$50,000 in the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2025.

More experienced teachers, those that have served for at least 12 years, will have minimum salaries increased to \$60,000 in the next year and \$62,000 in the following year.

The law also sets a 2.5% state supplemental aid rate, providing funding for Iowa public schools for the upcoming school year.

The bill passed largely along party line votes, with the exception of one local legislator.

Republican Representative Jane Bloomingdale, Northwood, voted in favor of the bill. Republican Senator Waylon Brown, St. Ansgar, who also represents Worth County, was one of three Republicans in the Senate to vote against.

Parks/rec
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age and schedule classes and instructors for group sessions, classes, etc.; teach classes; organize youth tournaments working with the parks and rec and with the school's athletic department; help greet and answer VAC member questions; along with other duties.

The school district would be the employer. The employee would be paid and be eligible for insurance and other benefits offered to school district employees. The salary, proposed at \$40,000, and benefits would total \$59,801.96. That would be split between the City and the school, for

\$29,900.98 each.

As written, the employee would be recruited by the district's superintendent and the city administrator. Compensation would also be set by a committee.

The council proposed changes, including having a representative of the Parks and Rec committee involved in the hiring process, making the employee available to report to the council upon request and to review the agreement each year.

The council also questioned their ability to hire or fire the employee. According to the agreement, as the director would be employed

by the school district, the school would have the authority to hire or fire the employee, with input from

the City.

The employee is expected to be hired in May.

GE
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"We have come to expect leaks each spring and do our best to prepare for them. But this weekend, the sheer weight of the slush from the melting snow combined with steady rainfall has caused many areas of our roof to leak.

"As this message is being sent out, water continues to leak into the majority of our high school classrooms.

"With the expectation of more rain and snow this evening we have decided to start our Spring Break early. Therefore, Spring Break for Glenville-Emmons Public School will begin immediately with all students returning to school on Tuesday, April 2, 2024."

GE's original spring break was set for March 28-April 1.

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city councils for city EMS districts.

The next step in the process is public hearings allowing people to weigh in on the formation of the EMS districts.

To maintain a timeline for a special election in the fall, hearings have to be held by April 16.

Worth County will hold hearings on Monday, April 15, at 9 a.m. for the EMS district that includes Union, Lincoln and portion of Danville (Jonquil Avenue to the east) townships.

A hearing for the area of Silver Lake, Bristol, Fertile and a portion of Danville (Jonquil Avenue to the west) townships will be held at 9:30 a.m.

The City of Hanlontown will hold a hearing on

Monday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

The City of Joice will hold a hearing at 6:30 p.m. on April 15.

Hearings for EMS districts in Fertile, Grafton and Manly will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in each of those cities.

Following the hearings, the Worth County supervisors and respective city councils will decide whether or not the districts should be formed.

That is followed by consulting with an engineer to officially set the boundaries and properties in the districts.

If the process, a special election would be set for September 10. The ballot will ask voters if they would support the maximum \$1 levy.

Recycling
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update on potential options.

Other recycling destinations are being looked into. However, a change may mean more restrictive rules, higher prices and even fines for those that don't recycle per the new rules.

At the meeting, the council was asked, in a letter from Northwood Sanitation owner Mike Brunsvold, about whether the City should continue looking at options that may be more complicated, restrictive or expensive or end its recycling program altogether.

Council member Annika Schrieber said that she didn't think it was responsible for the City to just stop recycling. She said the City should keep looking for ways to make it work.

Council member Teresa George-Zenz said that one proposal from Absolute Waste in Clear Lake was too complicated with too many recycling rules.

With fines involved if recycling isn't handled correctly, those that don't comply would have their recycling left behind after the regular pickup.

Absolute Waste is the most cost effective alternative option that was presented at the meeting, with other options still being investigated. The council was largely opposed to the recycling rules that were presented by the company.

If the City went with the company, it could mean increased costs for Northwood Sanitation, the company that handles garbage and recycling collection and transportation.

Those costs would likely mean that Northwood Sanitation would increase the amount of its current contract with the City, which expires in December 2025.

Other aspects and options for garbage and recycling pickup were also mentioned in the discussion.

Another alternative suggested was to end plastic and glass recycling but to still collect paper and cardboard.

Also suggested was ending recycling collection alto-

gether along with the purchase of blue and yellow bags. Instead residents would have to purchase or rent garbage containers.

George-Zenz owns Shade Tree Liquors, one of the businesses that sells the required garbage bags. She said that she hears lots of complaints about being required to purchase bags to dispose of garbage. She also has dumpsters used by renters and has seen people that throw garbage in them to avoid buying bags.

Council member Dan Reeder said that the bags are the best way to have people pay for what they use. Instead of a single fee paid by all residents, no matter how much garbage they dispose of, the bags are a fee based on usage.

Council member Mike Bode worried that the City may see a backlash if they tried to change recycling policy too much.

Schrieber noted that the only options are to change recycling policy or to stop recycling.

Brunsvold had also suggested that a survey be used to find out how residents felt about continuing recycling and whether that would change if it meant a price increase.

Mayor Doug Moehle said that the decision before the council was whether or not to continue recycling. After that decision it will be a matter of looking at options and what they would cost for the city and residents.

The council opted to wait for more information on recycling options.

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Last chance Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction course set for next week

Worth County Extension will offer a “Last Chance” Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for private pesticide applicators at 1 p.m. this Tuesday, April 9, and Friday, April 12 at 9 a.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room at 1206 Third Ave. N. Northwood, Iowa. This program is shown in cooperation with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP). Applicators must pre-register at least 24 hours in advance pri-

or to the training. The course runs for approximately 2 1/2 hours. The registration fee is \$30. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lacey at the Worth County Extension office at 641-324-1531. The course will fulfill 2023 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include equipment calibration and safe application techniques, drift reduction, phytotoxicity, pesticide stewardship, and pest management and pesticides.

Rep. Hinson visits with local law enforcement

Last week, U.S. Representative Ashley Hinson, of Iowa, visited the Worth County Courthouse to meet with local law enforcement. Meeting with Hinson were county supervisor Mark Smeby, EMA director Mark Tomlinson, Special Agent Steve Peterson with the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation, Sheriff Dan Fank and deputies Jesse Luther, Dennis Paulson and Justin Bruns.

Following the meeting, Hinson shared what she discussed with the local law enforcement and emergency responder representatives.

“We hit on a couple of key topics,” Hinson said. “There’s a crisis on the southern border that makes every state a border state.”

Hinson said that they discussed the impacts of drugs coming in and human trafficking.

Sheriff Dan Fank said that they talked about what Worth County deals with as an area impacted by casino and interstate traffic, involving drug problems and human trafficking through the area.

Between the discussion in Worth County and with Mason City’s police chief recently, Hinson said that she’s learned that drug deals are being done in higher volumes. At the same time she was told that drugs are more



readily available in North Iowa communities, including a problem with vape pens making it into Worth County schools.

Fank said that Worth County has seen larger drug deals, but also had to deal with marijuana crossing the state border with Minnesota, after it was legalized there last year.

Possible solutions could be financed with settlements from opioid companies.

“We talked about looking at other ways to use opioid settlement dollars to respond to the crisis here at home,” Hinson said.

Fank said that it would help to have more options with settlement dollars. “Budgets are becoming tighter. We’re working on ways to fund things that aren’t a requirement but are definitely a necessity, things like our canine program.

That also includes our educational programs.”

Hinson said that they also discussed difficulties with officer recruitment. Part of that comes with ways to support the wellbeing of officers and first responders.

“When people put their lives on the line for a long time, we want to make sure they have the resources to take care of themselves,” Hinson said.

“We would definitely benefit from a first responders health care bill,” Fank added, though he wasn’t optimistic it would happen soon.

Technology built in China was another issue, as the U.S. House has considered legislation that would ban the use of drones built in China.

Hinson said, “It’s concerning to have a straight ban on a product without a

plan to have something else to use in its place.”

In regards to the visit from Hinson, Fank said, “Representative Hinson has been fantastic working with us. She makes it a point to be here and sit down to talk with us once or twice a year. It’s good knowing we’re not forgotten.”

As Hinson prepared for other discussions set throughout the day, she said that her goal was to look at what’s actually happening “on the ground” and how policies at the southern board are having impacts at home in North Iowa.

She said that she expected to hear more about escalating drug impacts and crime incidents due to illegal immigrants in some parts of the state, and how that is affecting local communities.

Gardiner + Company released an audit on Worth County, Iowa

The County’s governmental revenues totaled \$19,622,570 for the year ended on June 30, 2023, a 15.78% increase from the prior year. Expenses for County operations for the year that ended on June 30, 2023, totaled \$13,773,870, a 10.20% increase from the prior year.

Gardiner + Company reported several findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on

pages 85 through 90 of the report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties and material amounts of revenues, expenditures and accounts receivable not properly recorded in the County’s financial statements. Gardiner + Company provided the County with recommendations to address each of these findings.

Seven of the findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year.

The County Board of Supervisors have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the County’s operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the “watchful and responsible care” a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State’s website at Audit Reports -Auditor of State.

Worth County 4-H lamb, goat and swine field day set for April 6

The Worth County Extension Service will be hosting a 4-H Lamb, Goat and Swine Workshop at the Chad and Jamie Nelson farm seven miles west of Northwood at 877 Highway 105 this Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m. to noon.

The 4-H’ers must attend the full two hour program

to become YQCA certified. All area 4-H and FFA lamb, goat and swine project members and their parents are invited to attend.

This workshop will cover information about judging, feeding, showing, fitting and grooming and recommendations about how to keep their sheep, goats and

swine healthy. All 4-H and FFA livestock members are invited to receive their YQCA certification.

For more information contact Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist at 641-324-1531 or djohn@iastate.edu.

Worth County Fair 4-H lamb weigh-in set for April 20

The 2024 Worth County Fair 4-H Sheep Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, April 20, at the Worth County Fairgrounds in Northwood.

The weigh-in will take place from 9 - 10:30 a.m. All market lambs and breeding ewe lambs that will be exhibited at the Worth County Fair on Sunday, June 23, must be weighed in.

Those wanting further information about the lamb weigh-in are asked to call Worth County Extension

Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or email djohn@ia state.edu.

Fair
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What was an issue for supervisor Enos Loberg was that the County supervisors had no authority over this or other fairgrounds decisions.

Worth County owns the fairgrounds. The Worth County Fair Board manages the use of fairgrounds facilities and buildings. The County covers insurance, utilities and other costs.

Loberg shared his frustrations that while the fairgrounds are owned by the County, the supervisors have no vote or authority over how they are used.

Supervisor AJ Stone said it was good that the board reached out for the supervisors’ thoughts and opinions.

Loberg said that if the

supervisors had no authority over the fairgrounds, then they should transfer ownership to the fair board to deal with the use and other costs involved with the fairgrounds’ use.

Loberg suggested that the County should look at deeding the fairgrounds to the fair board, with the understanding that if the fair ever stops or the fair board disbands, the ownership would revert to the County.

The supervisors planned to consult with the Worth County attorney about the option.

The supervisors planned to contact the fair board to ask if they would be interested in taking ownership and related responsibilities for the fairgrounds.

Northwood City Clean Up Days April 25-27



The City of Northwood will provide Dumpsters for Northwood Residents to Discard Unwanted Items at the Northwood City Yard

Located at 1611 Central Avenue

Open Thursday, April 25 from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Open Friday, April 26 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The City does NOT authorize the public to remove dis-



RULES: Regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted. Following items will not be accepted: Computers & Accessories; Construction Debris; Tires; Batteries; Paint; Hazardous & Flammable Items; Fluorescent tubes/bulbs.

Appliances will be accepted with the purchase of a \$20 sticker.



My name is Piper. My favorite class is Math. My favorite teacher is Ms. E. My favorite thing to do outside of school is to play sports. My favorite food is pizza. If I had a million dollars, I would go on a shopping trip.

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.

Asset:

Youth programs—
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No one is a good distracted driver

From the Iowa Department of Public Safety:

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. April 1-8, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is partnering with law enforcement across Iowa to curb the alarming and unsafe trend of distracted driving. To deter multitasking while driving, GTSB is launching a new campaign targeting overconfident drivers and reminding everyone: No One is a Good DISTRACTED Driver.

Distracted driving is a primary law in Iowa, meaning law enforcement can stop any driver who is texting (reading, writing, or sending) or using any portable electronic, device unless

the motor vehicle is at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the road.

In a 2023 GTSB State Fair survey of over 1,450 Iowans, 51% admitted to always or sometimes driving with a cell phone in hand. Based on the number of registered drivers in Iowa, that translates to over 1.2 million distracted drivers. Law enforcement is cracking down on distracted driving. In 2023, over 9,000 drivers were issued citations for illegal use of an electronic device while driving compared to 1,438 in 2022.

"When talking with Iowa drivers, a common sentiment is believing they can manage many things behind the wheel," says GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes. "During one focus group, a

participant said they drive better when texting because it forces them to pay attention to the road. This is ridiculous and not true. Driving requires our full attention. The reality is, No One is a Good DISTRACTED Driver."

Beginning April 1, motorists will see increased law enforcement efforts to educate those found illegally using an electronic device. To limit distractions, GTSB encourages drivers to enable the 'driving' focus feature on their phone and use hands free features.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau works with city, county, state, and local organizations to develop and implement strategies to reduce deaths and injuries on Iowa's roadways using federally funded grants.

Farm custom rate survey shows what Iowans are charging and paying in 2024

Farmers who depend on custom work or provide custom services can review rates charged by others across the state in the latest Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey.

The 2024 report was published in the March edition of Ag Decision Maker and includes 130 responses and 2,805 custom rates provided by Iowa farmers, custom operators and farm managers.

Harvesting silage. Farm tasks in the report include everything from planting to harvest, with cost data that reflect the average, median and range for each task.

The rates in the report are expected to be charged or paid in 2024, and they include fuel and labor (unless otherwise noted). The average price for diesel fuel (highway-retail including taxes) was assumed to be \$3.92 per gallon (as projected by the U.S. Energy Information Administration in early February 2024). Rental rates for some machinery items are shown in the last section of the report, along with a worksheet for estimating rental rates for other items.

specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and editor of Ag Decision Maker, said this year's numbers seem more in line with the current farm economy.

"We've seen increases in rates the past two years (3% to 10% and 10% to 15%)," said Johanns. "The steady to slight decline in rates generally seen across the 2024 survey is closer to changes observed prior to the last two years."

While the projected fuel price increased, production challenges and crop prices seem to have impacted custom rates as well.

Johanns said it's important for custom operators to know the market for custom farming and to know their costs.

"If the custom operator isn't covering their costs, they are operating at a loss," she said. "If they don't have a good handle on their cost to operate, there are helpful resources on Ag Decision Maker."

New for 2024 is additional insight into who responded to each operation shown. Of the 2,468 who responded with usable rates: 48% are service providers, 32% are

service users, 8% are both service providers and users, and 12% are unknown. The sources of the 69 rates reported for machinery rentals are: 38% machinery owners, 35% machinery renters, 11% machinery owners and renters, and 12% unknown. The sources of the 108 rates reported for wages are: 81% employers, 7% employees, 2% employer and employee, and 9% unknown.

The rate survey is intended only as a guide. Actual custom rates may vary according to availability of machinery in a given area, timeliness, operator skill, field size and shape, crop conditions and the performance characteristics of the machine being used.

"Ultimately, the Custom Rate survey is a starting point in discussions, but any custom rate charged, or paid, should cover the operator's cost of owning and operating the machinery being used," said Johanns. "Just using the results of the survey alone might not be the right answer for an individual operation."

Past publications of the Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey are also available online.



From a land company to a coffee company

This picture was recently shared on the "Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures and Thoughts" Facebook page. It shows a building located in downtown Northwood. At the time, the building was the home of the Butler Land Company, as well as the M.H. Kepler Law Office. Today, much of the structure remains, with the exception of the of the upper facade. The lower level of the building is now the home of the Carpenter Coffee Company.

State 4-H Conference and Animal Science Roundup to be held at the end of June

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

The State 4-H Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, to Thursday, June 27, on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames.

The Animal Science Roundup will also take place

on June 25 - 27 for horses, sheep, swine, beef, dog, poultry and dairy.

Those wanting to participate are asked to contact Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, Lacey Waller,

Worth County Extension Office Manager, or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 to get signed up.

Iowa State University Extension Worth County Office 641-324-1531 Calendar of Events for April 2024

April 6—Worth County 4-H Sheep, Goat and Swine Livestock Workshop at Chad and Jamie Nelson farm 877 Highway 105, Northwood, 10 A.M. to Noon with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
April 7—Worth County 4-H Share N'the Fun at Northwood-Kensett Elementary Gym, 3 P.M. with Teresa Butler, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson
April 9—Private Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 1 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager and Dennis Johnson
April 10—Worth County 4-H Day at the State Capitol and Iowa Historical Museum, Des Moines, Iowa, 8 A.M. Departure with Dennis Johnson and Teresa Butler
April 11—Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Chad Nelson, Worth County Fairboard President
April 12—Private Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 9 A.M. with Lacey Waller
April 14—Worth County 4-H County Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 6 P.M. with Teresa Butler and Dennis Johnson
April 18—North Iowa Area Community College student signing day at NIACC Campus, Mason City, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 20—Worth County Fair 4-H Lamb Weigh-in at Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 9 to 10:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 20—Worth County 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Workshop at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 21—Golden Banner 4-H Club Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly, 1:30 P.M. with Michelle Hill and Jean Schilling, Golden Banner 4-H Club Leaders
April 23—Worth County Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting at "Woodfire Grill" at Welcome Center, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 25—Regional Extension 4-H Cluster Meeting at 4-H Learning Center, Mason City, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Teresa Butler
April 26—County Extension Director Zoom Meeting, Virtual, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
April 27—Worth County 4-H Beef Clinic YQCA Livestock Training with Worth County Fairgrounds Show Arena and Community Room, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
April 27—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids at Kensett Town Hall, 10 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Program Coordinator
April 28—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller
April 29—Worth County Fair Livestock ID's Due at Worth County Extension Office, 4 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
Mid-May—Worth County Fairgrounds 4-H Garden Planting Day at Worth County 4-H Garden at Fairgrounds, Northwood with Dennis Johnson and Worth County Extension Master Gardner's

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Savvy Senior

Recommended vaccines for Medicare recipients

Dear Savvy Senior,
My husband and I recently turned 65 and would like to find out which vaccines are recommended and covered by Medicare?

New Beneficiaries

Dear New,
All recommended vaccines for adults, age 65 and older, should be covered by either Medicare Part B or Part D, but there are some coverage challenges you should be aware of. Here's a rundown of which vaccines are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and how Medicare covers them.

COVID-19: Even though COVID-19 is no longer a public health emergency, it can still cause severe illness, particularly in older adults. Because the COVID virus continues to mutate, new vaccines are being developed to keep pace, so the CDC recommends that all seniors stay up to date with the latest COVID vaccines, including booster shots.

All COVID-19 shots are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B.

Flu: Considered an annual vaccination, most people of all ages receive flu shots in the fall when flu season begins. The CDC recommends seniors, 65 and older get a high-dose flu shot for extra protection beyond what a standard flu shot offers. The Fluzone High Dose Quadrivalent, FLUAD Quadrivalent and FluBlok Quadrivalent are your three options.

Annual flu shots are covered under Medicare Part B.

Pneumonia: These vaccines help protect against pneumococcal disease, which can cause pneumonia, meningitis and other infections. The CDC recommends everyone 65 and older get a pneumococcal vaccine. There are several different vaccine options available, so talk to your doctor or pharmacists to find out which is best for you or visit the CDC's Pneumococcal Vaccination webpage at [CDC.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/public/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/public/index.html).

Medicare Part B covers both single dose and two-dose pneumococcal shots once in your lifetime.

Shingles: Caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox, shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that affects more than 1 million Americans every year. All people over age 50 are recommended to get the two-dose Shingrix vaccine, which is given two to six months apart, even if you previously received Zostavax. In 2020, Shingrix replaced Zostavax, which is no longer available in the U.S.

All Medicare Part D prescription drug plans cover shingles vaccinations, but coverage amounts, and reimbursement rules vary depending on where the shot is given. Check your plan.

Tdap: Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) are diseases caused by bacteria that can lead to serious illness and death. Therefore, a one-time dose of the Tdap vaccine is recommended to all adults. If you've already had a Tdap shot, you should get a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster shot every 10 years.

All Medicare Part D plans cover these vaccinations.

RSV: Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) can lead to pneumonia or bronchiolitis and can worsen other chronic conditions common among older adults, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The CDC recommends all adults, age 60 and older, talk to their doctor about getting one of the RSV vaccines (either Arexvy or Abrysvo), usually in the fall and winter months when the virus is most prevalent.

Most Medicare Part D plans cover the RSV vaccine, but not all. If your plan doesn't cover it, you can ask for a coverage exception. You can also pay for the shot out of pocket and then follow-up with your plan to get reimbursed. If you pay for the shot upfront, your plan must pay you back.

Other Vaccinations

There are other vaccines you may need depending on your health, lifestyle or travel plans. To help you get a handle on which ones are appropriate for you, take the CDC's What Vaccines Do You Need? quiz at www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched. Also, talk to your doctor during your next visit about what vaccinations you should get.

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

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Ponderings from
the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers’ Club Meeting

Do you always stir coffee with your right hand?
Yes, I'm right-handed.
Try using a spoon next time.

Driving by Bruce’s drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. When the sun rises and sets, it makes my day. Bright sunlight makes me sneeze three times. I have photic sneeze reflex. It's pepper on the sun. Achoo represents the sound of a sneeze and is an acronym for Autosomal Dominant Compelling Helioophthalmic Outburst (ACHOO) Syndrome, characterized by uncontrollable sneezing in response to sudden exposure to bright light, typically intense sunlight.

I exchanged pleasantries with a fellow traveler in Bethany, Missouri. She was from Goshen, Indiana. She asked where I was from. I told her. She said the winter weather here might be too much for her. I told her our weather wasn't as bad as she'd heard, and it was worse than she'd heard. She mulled that over for a minute and left. She was a hurrying Hoosier.

When I was in school, I formed the Al Club. I was in it because I started it. Others shared the lovely name: Routh, Waldhauser, Morstad, Loe, Tappe, Hanson and Berkvam, to name a few. Al Berkvam was a teacher and a coach. I told him he was a member. I was afraid he'd get all weepy on me, but he didn't. Those who had Allen, Allan, Alan or Allyn as middle names were awarded trial memberships. El Kabong was an

honorary member. In the "Quick Draw McGraw Show," Quick Draw spent cartoon time as his alter ego, the masked El Kabong, who used a guitar (a Kabonger) to bash bad guys into submission. In the Al Club, there were no dues, no secret handshakes, no mission statement and no meetings. The first rule of Al Club was: there are no rules.

I was in a large store in Missouri because it was handy to buy some drinking water to put in the cooler in my car. I stumbled around a bit before locating my prey. As I grabbed a 12-pack of water, a man thanked me. I replied, "You're welcome," out of habit. His young son told me I was a hero and then they left. I was confused. When I got to my car, I grabbed my hat from my head. It said "Kiester Fire Department" on it. The city was named for state senator and judge Jacob Kiester. The Kiester Fire Department, which is made of heroes, had given me the hat. If I could have found that man and his son, I'd have told them so.

I've learned

I use a level only in the evening.
The lady who lived next door to me in the Twin Cities was 80% Irish. Her name was Iris.

Most conspiracy theories are mythunderstandings.

I like a banana that's a little green and firm. "No brown bananas" could be my shopping motto, although banana bread is great. Why are most banana-flavored things yellow? We don't eat the yellow part.

Bad jokes department

What is yellow, delicious and dangerous? Shark-infested lemon meringue pie.

If you've never tried blindfolded archery, you don't know what you're

missing.

If he left a voicemail, would you call Johann Sebastian Bach?

I got a job at the chess factory. I work knights.

Welcome to IKEA. Come in and make yourself a seat.

I cut a log in half with my vision. I saw it with my own eyes.

Nature notes

Terri Guillemets wrote, "My favorite weather is bird chirping weather." Anonymous wrote, "Spring has sprung. The grass is riz; I wonder where the birdies is." The birdies are here or on the way. I believe in the miracle of birds each time one swings into my field of view. If I'm fortunate, I might get to enjoy the terpsichorean talents of sandhill cranes. Reason number 397 why I like birds: just because.

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

If the inside of a house window hosts flies that resemble house flies, they are cluster flies. They don't harm people or property and don't reproduce indoors. They are parasites of earthworms.

Birds need to transfer and preserve heat to eggs and nestlings via brood patches, bare areas of skin on the belly that lose their feathers toward the end of the egg-laying period. Most birds shed automatically, but some pluck their brood patch and use the plucked feathers to make an insulating lining for their nests.

Meeting adjourned

"Kindness is always fashionable, and always welcome."—Amelia Barr.

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Fit to print...

By Jane Burns
Iowa Writers Collaborative

When Kathy Bresnahan attended a Title IX celebration at the University of Iowa last year, various Hawkeye women's teams and athletes were there too. But it was one athlete in particular who made the biggest impression on the crowd.

Basketball star Caitlin Clark was rushed by those in attendance, who wanted to pose for photos or just meet her.

"She was swarmed the whole night," said Bresnahan, the former Iowa City West volleyball coach and author of "The Miracle Season." "I thought, 'Oh come on you guys, stop it.' It was like they were around Taylor Swift."

These weren't the little girls for whom Clark is Taylor Swift in gym shorts, they were women in their 60s and 70s. So maybe it was more like they were seeing a Beatle or Donny Osmond than Taylor Swift, but the thrill was much the same.

A lot of attention – rightly – has been paid to the young fan base that the Iowa star has cultivated everywhere she goes. But there's another generation that Clark and her teammates have wowed – older women. Some of those women never got much of a chance to play sports, some played and understand the struggle it took to get to this point and some suddenly discovered there's this cool thing called women's basketball.

It's women like Bresnahan, 65, a longtime girls' and women's sports advocate who has been moved to tears to see the crowds at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and women's basketball TV ratings that top the NBA's. It's women like longtime fan Mary Lou Gallagher, 67, of Des Moines, whose reaction after the Hawkeyes' Final Four victory last year against South Carolina was captured in a photo that ran on the cover of the Des Moines Register and doesn't look unlike Beatlemania photos from the 1960s.

It's women like my friend Betsy, who had never seen a women's basketball game in her life, even on TV, until last year and now wants just one thing for her 65th birthday next month – a Caitlin Clark #22 shirt.

It's women like my friend Christine, 65, who also had never seen a women's basketball game 'til last season and now sometimes wants to watch alone because she's too nervous to be around other people.

They're everywhere at Carver-Hawkeye, white-haired and older women in black or gold shirts with 22 on the back, or maybe a Raygun shirt celebrating Kate Martin, Gabbie Marshall or declaring "I Played 6-on-6" or "I Watched Women's Basketball Before It Was Cool."

In some ways, all of this attention, all of this love for these women on the court, is their moment, too.

"I think it's because we didn't have anything," said Bresnahan, who grew up in Wisconsin where her school didn't begin offering basketball and volleyball for girls until she was a high school junior. "I'm shocked and awed when I watch Iowa women's basketball. All the sellout crowds, they're making these athletes legitimate."

And it's not just Iowa. Top-ranked South Carolina led the nation in attendance this season with 16,067 per home game. Sellouts dotted the national landscape, from the Pac-12 (God rest its soul) to the Ivy League. Attendance for the NCAA tournament's first and second rounds set a record of 292,456 fans, up 60,779 from last year. Iowa's second-round game on March 25 drew 4.9 million viewers on ESPN, 6.4 million at peak, making it the highest-rated women's basketball ever that was not in a Final Four.

Nicole M. LaVoi, director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women's Sport based at the University of Minnesota, says she understands just why this moment means so much to older women, particularly those who were in school before Title IX or played sports in the years shortly after.

"They've always been ardent sport fans but they've sort of remained invisible," she said. "And now because it's popular, they feel seen and they feel validated."

Indeed, Gallagher describes her basketball fandom dating back to "before Iowa was famous." She went

'They feel seen and they feel validated'

to high school in Grinnell, which didn't offer girls' basketball until her senior year, but was a big sports fan anyway.

"It's about time women got some recognition," she said. "For so long we didn't get anything."

Not only did Gallagher go to the Final Four in Dallas last year, she scored tickets right down front because her son works at the arena where the games were held.

"I just sat down and I started crying," she said. "I thought, 'I can't believe this.' It was amazing."

Marketers are beginning to take notice of this fan base, too, LaVoi said, even if it took them a while.

"For years and years, until the last year and a half, women as sport fans have been completely ignored because the target was always 18- to 34-year-old men," she said. "Brands are finally getting savvy that they've been missing the boat on a whole demographic – like maybe half."

LaVoi said that for so long, female sports fans and fans of women's sports were so ignored by media and marketers that they just found their own way – through websites, blogs, streaming channels and niche or social media. They've made themselves known now, and the money is beginning to follow.

"[Brands] are starting to realize there's money here and a return on their investment," she said. "You're starting to see a shift in the respect for the purchasing power of women in the marketplace."

Bresnahan said she often reflects about the administrators who worked so hard in the 1960s and 1970s to pave the way for female athletes, particularly those at Iowa such as Christine Grant, Peggy Burke and Bonnie Slatton. She knows that what's happening at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and beyond is their doing, whether people know it or not.

"It's just such an amazing feeling to see this for the girls and the women," Bresnahan said. "I don't know if they realize what they have but all of us know what they have. I'm proud for them and I'm happy for them. It's just an amazing transformation."



College cooking

Students in Northwood-Kensett Foods and Viking Cafe classes recently traveled to Iowa Central Community College's culinary department. The N-K students joined the college's students and Chefs Michael and Goeffrey making pastries and prepping soup, potatoes and chicken for a meal, as well as practicing plating skills.



Moving from policies to budgets

Week Twelve
The focus at the Capitol is shifting from policy bills and floor debate to budgets. Our 100th day of session is April 16, and it is encouraging to see the House has set budget targets. The House is moving forward with a state budget of \$8.955 billion, that is an increase of \$402 million from our current fiscal year's spending. The Senate's total budget number is about \$80 million less and the Governor's proposed budget targets are about \$34 million less. Budget committees will now start working on the details of their respective budgets.

House File 2662 (previously HSB 731) is one step closer to becoming a reality. I ran HF 2662 on the floor this week, and it passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. This bill recreates a film production incentive program and fund, it is a rebate equal to 30% of gross qualified expenditures. Economic input statistics from other states show that every dollar invested generates between \$6 and \$8.50 locally. Economic impact may be seen for years after production finishes with film tourism. Movies like Field of Dreams or Bridges of Madison County have creat-



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House District 60

ed tourist destinations that continue to boost local economies with visitors year-round. This is a good bill and good for Iowa.

A few other bills of interest that I was glad to support:

House File 2661: Supporting our Law Enforcement Officers

This bill passed unanimously off the House floor this week. The bill did three major things to support our men and women in law enforcement:

- The bill makes changes to IPERS for Sheriffs and Deputies. It allows them to retire at up to 80% of their salaries and includes a 1.5% cost of living adjustment.

- It ensures that a person charged with murder or felonious assault of a peace officer or corrections officer is not eligible for bail.

- It creates a tax credit up to \$2,000 for moving expenses for public safety officers relocating to Iowa.

House File 2537: Treasurer Department Bill

This bill increases the tax-deductible contribution to an Education Savings Plan Trust (529 plan) to \$5,500 per beneficiary and ties the annual increase to the higher education index. This also allows transfers of unused money from a 529 plan to a Roth IRA in compliance with federal tax code. These transfers would be tax free. The bill would allow the Treasurer to use state tax information to assist in identifying owners of unclaimed property.

House File 2668: Biomarker Insurance Requirement

This bill passed with strong bipartisan support. HF 2668 will help improve the quality of healthcare requiring insurers to provide coverage for biomarker testing when the testing has proven clinical benefits for better results for patients. Biomarker testing is often used for patients with cancer or rheumatoid arthritis to better tailor treatment and improve outcomes. Over time, this bill will save lives and save money.

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



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The foregoing is a summary of Ordinance No. 192. Said ordinance may be inspected in its entirety in the City Clerk's Office, City of Northwood, 627 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA, between the hours of 8 am-4pm Monday-Friday. Ordinance No. 192 was passed and approved by the Northwood City Council on March 25, 2024 and will become effective on April 3, 2024 date of publication as provided by law.

Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood held a public hearing on the proposed property tax levy for FY25 at City Hall on March 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on March 25, 2024 at 6:00 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 March 11, 2024 Council Meeting; Set FY 25 Budget Adoption Hearing for Monday April 22nd at 6 pm. Unam.

Motion to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 192 Amending Provisions pertaining to Truck Parking Limited. Unam.

Motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 192 Amending Provisions pertaining to Truck Parking Limited. Unam.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 192 Amending Provisions pertaining to Truck Parking Limited. Unam.

Peterson left meeting at 6:42 pm.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

March 25, 2024 Workshop
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg, A.J. Stone and Mark Smeby, present. Meeting called to order by Stone at 9:30 A.M.
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
The Board continued to discuss the FY25 Budget with Jacki Backhaus, County Auditor.
Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 12:04 P.M.
Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 1:00 P.M.
Mike Galloway, Attorney/Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., was present for a discussion with department heads regarding how HF718 will affect the FY25 Budget and future budgets.
Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 P.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 in the Administrative Office at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Bradley Christianson, Cindy Pangburn and Jami Nelson

Absent: Susan Kliment and Shana Brunsvoild

Also present: Superintendent Mike Crozier and Board Secretary Kim Hengesteg

(3-0) Approve the Agenda for March 25, 2024

Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments: None

2024-2025 Tax Levy Public Hearing

President Christianson opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm

Comments: No written or verbal comments

(3-0) approved to close the Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:03pm

Adjournment

(3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm

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

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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Eve Circle, 9:30 a.m., Dorcas & Leah/Rachel, 11 a.m., Confirmation at Bethlehem; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Elk Creek Worship, 9 a.m., Elk Creek Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Bethany Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Rebecca Circle, 2 p.m., MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship Services/Communion, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Diner, Wonderful Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Friday, Discipleship Journey; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House LM, 10 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service with H.C., 9 a.m., DCV with H.C., 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Worship Meeting, 6 p.m., Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study and Children's Sunday School following service.
Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Manly

Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor
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Pastor Kent Otterman

Despoiling the Earth

While there may be legitimate differences of opinion about how much environmental degradation we are wreaking on our planet, there is little doubt that we are causing harm when half a million people can't drink the water in their area, as happened last summer in Ohio. I remember as a child in the 1960s when Lake Erie "died" and when the Cuyahoga River caught on fire. We brought Lake Erie back from the brink, but we have short memories. The Chesapeake Bay regularly suffers from fertilizer runoff and last year the Gulf of Mexico had an oxygen-deprived dead zone that was the size of New Jersey. Surely we can take better care of our planet, and should remember that the air we breathe and the water we drink is essential to our survival. In the late 1960s when environmental concerns came to the forefront in this country the earth's population was approximately 3.5 billion people. We now have double that number, with over 7 billion people inhabiting our planet. Surely this calls for some careful thought about our impact on the planet. The earth is a gift from God and we have a duty as stewards of creation to take care of it. We should do what we can personally to be more environmentally conscious, and also to consider getting involved in efforts to persuade businesses and government leaders to take better care of our environment.



— Christopher Simon
The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land. — Leviticus 25:23-24

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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

Soups, Stews and Chowders are all first cousins, related but definitely not identical. We are quickly coming out of the season of warm comfort foods but there is nothing to say we can't be warmed and comforted during unpredictable spring weather. I remember snow in late April! "100 Favorite Soups & Stews" (1999, Meredith Publishing, Des Moines) is one of the Better Homes and Gardens cookbooks. It even includes salad and bread recipes to round out the meals. I've found many different types of "bowl foods" in this cookbook: no chicken noodle this time around!

Hearty Brat & Potato Soup

1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1 cup whole milk
1/2 cup shredded carrot
2 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon real butter
3/4 cup frozen peas
1 1/2 oz. fully-cooked bratwurst
Dash of bottled hot sauce
2 medium potatoes
1 1/2 cups chicken broth
Peel and slice the potatoes, keeping them covered in water so they don't turn brown. Slice the bratwurst into 1/2-inch slices. In a heavy 3-quart saucepan, cook the onion and carrot in the butter until the onions are tender but not browned. Add the drained sliced potatoes and broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cover. Simmer for about 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. With a fork of potato masher, slightly mash the potatoes. In a small bowl, stir the milk into the flour until smooth. Add to the potato mixture along with the bratwurst, peas and hot pepper sauce. Stir well but gently and cook until bubbly and heated through. Makes 4 main dish servings.

Spicy Noodle Soup with Shrimp

1 pound medium shrimp, in shells
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cups chunks salsa, medium
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1 can (15 oz.) black beans
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1 can (8.75 oz.) whole kernel corn
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup snipped fresh cilantro
1 green onion, sliced
2 packages (3 oz) shrimp-flavored ramen
3 cups water
Optional: shredded Cheddar, fresh

cilantro for garnish.
Thaw the shrimp if frozen; peel and devein them, rinsing well. Drain and rinse the black beans and drain the corn. In a medium bowl, combine the lemon juice, chili powder, cumin and pepper. Add the shrimp and toss to coat them well. Let them marinate for 20 minutes at room temperature. While they are marinating, bring the water to boil in a large saucepan. Add only 1 of the flavoring packets from the ramen noodles to the water. Break up both packages of noodles and add them to the pan. Return to boiling and cook 1 minute. Add the shrimp and cook for 1-2 minutes; too long with make them tough. The shrimp should just turn pink. Stir in the salsa, beans, corn, snipped cilantro and green onion. Heat through. If desired, top each serving with some shredded Cheddar and a sprig of fresh cilantro. NOTE: you can use oriental-flavored ramen if you can't find the shrimp version. Taste the soup and adjust for seasoning. If you find it too bland, you can add half of the second seasoning packet from the ramen.

Smoky Cheese Chowder

1 package (10 oz.) frozen whole kernel corn
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup shredded smoked Cheddar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
2 1/2 cups whole milk
1 tablespoon diced pimiento, drained
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules
Optional: fresh chives, chopped, red bell pepper, chopped.
NOTE: You will find smoked Cheddar in a block in most stores. Shred it yourself to get the required amount.
In a heavy saucepan, combine the corn, onion, water, bouillon granules and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 4 minutes or until the corn is tender. Do Not Drain! Stir together the milk and flour in a small bowl until smooth. Whisk this into the corn mixture and cook/stir until it is bubbly and thickened. Add the cheese and pimiento. Heat and stir until the cheese is melted. Ladle into bowls and top with any of the optional garnishes. You can also use canned baby corn, cut lengthwise and heated, as a garnish.
Sitting down to a simple supper of soup with crisp crackers or chewy bread, a small salad and a dessert satisfied both body and soul. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Amongst the Iowa Farm Bureau members traveling to Washington, D.C., were (from left) Dean and Mary Alice Berte of Livermore, Kody and Vanessa Trampel of Klemme, Andy Burton of Williams and Allix Braun of Northwood. (Photograph from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.)

Iowa Farm Bureau county leaders meet with lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

Two dozen Iowa Farm Bureau members representing 18 counties met with Iowa's congressional delegation last week in Washington, D.C., to discuss policy issues important to the sustainability of their family farms.

The group of Iowa farmers met with Iowa Senators Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst along with Representatives Ashley Hinson, Randy Feenstra, Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Zach Nunn. They also visited with representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Mexican Embassy and National Pork Producers Council (NPPC).

The Farm Bureau members stressed the urgency of passing an updated farm bill and shared challenges related to the uncertainty of waiting another year

for congressional action. Since the last farm bill was passed in 2018, farmers have faced volatile markets related to the COVID-19 pandemic, record-high inflation and costs to raise a crop as well as global unrest and volatile markets. The farmer delegation urged lawmakers to make critical updates to the farm safety net, which are needed to help farmers manage risk of today's prices and provide certainty for long-term planning.

Other important topics and issues raised by members included protecting interstate commerce, expanding biofuel markets and extending expiring tax provisions that are crucial for farmers. The farmers emphasized the importance of protecting interstate commerce to prevent individual states from regulating agri-

cultural production in other parts of the country. Members shared how regulations like California's Prop 12 and Massachusetts' Question three are already having negative impacts for farmers and consumers. The group said if similar arbitrary laws are passed by other states, it could affect virtually every product raised by farmers. The group also sought support for biofuels markets and year-round E15 legislation to expand availability to other states. Members also shared the importance of opportunities for future generations and keeping family farms in the family as they urged support for a tax bill to extend key provisions that impact farm families transitioning to the next generation.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

April showers let you read for hours! Come in and check out our new (or old) books!
We had a great turnout for our two Paint with Carolyn classes, thank you to all who took the time to learn something new or do something you already enjoy! Also, a great big thank you to Carolyn Reeder for taking the time to teach people how to do something that you love!
We will continue to have Story Time on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. The dates for April are the 12th, 19th, and 26th. Story Time is geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too!

Please pay attention to the library's facebook page for more information.
The library is already looking forward to our Summer Reading Program, it'll be time for that before too long! Donation letters have gone out but if you're interested in helping to fund the library's Summer Reading Program stop on in to see us, call us at 324-1340 or email me at emily@northwood.lib.ia.us.
The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to reach out at the library!
Coming to the library this month:
Adult Fiction books: "A Calamity of Souls" by David Baldacci, "Darling Girls" by Saly Hepworth, "Funny Story" by Emily Henry, "It Had To Be You" by Mary Higgins

Clark, "Lost Birds" by Anne Hillerman, "Lucky" by Jane Smiley, "Midnight Harbor" by Davis Bunn, and lots more.
Large Print Fiction: "Meadow Falls" by Carolyn Brown, "Love, Unsripped" by Denise Hunter, "One Last Shot" by Susan May Warren, "Becoming Madam Secretary" by Stephanie Dray, "Only The Brave" by Danielle Steel and more.
I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month.
Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have via e-mail emily@northwood.lib.ia.us or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

Green Thumb Garden Club meets on March 25

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on March 25 in the Olson Room with nine members present. Nancy Amundson was the hostess and the program was given by Julie Robb on vertical line design. She handed out information and created a design using the information and dried plant material.
The minutes were read from the February meeting and an adjustment was made.
Unfinished business included a discussion with the Tour Committee as to whether we would like to stay local for another prairie tour or go visit a place further away. There is interest in travelling to DM to see the Botanical Gar-

densand the Better Homes & Gardens display. Mary will check into these places for a trip this summer.
In old business; Theresa has secured six judges for the fair flower show. We will have two groups of judging happening at the same time. Donated ribbons were collected and a Penny for Pines box was introduced and change was collected. The Plant it Pink committee will have a sign-up sheet at our April meeting for the plantings that we will be doing. The "What is the Flower Show?" informational night has been scheduled at the Worth County Extension Community Room for Tuesday, April 30 at 6 p.m. This qualifies as a President's

Project submission to the FGCA. Members signed up to design a table and present information. The flyers will be brought to our next meeting. A discussion on door prizes suggested giving a fair entry button, potted house plants, and potted annual plants. The ones that qualify to possibly be entered in the flower show.
In new business, Penny is working on writing a grant for our 2025 Paint it Pink project. The District meeting is on Saturday, April 20 at Marshalltown. Penny, Theresa and possibly Mary and Angie will be going. Cost is \$15 per person, pd by the individual.
The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed.

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NOTICE
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Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 17
5:30 p.m.



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Saturday, April 13
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Supervisors

**March 25, 2024
Thirteenth 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 the March 18, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$4,366.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc, DD #49 etal, Prof Services \$125.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #11 Main A, Prof Services ... \$2,641.00
Dan Moretz, DD #48, Beaver Trapping \$200.00
Dan Moretz, DD #10 Lower Main, Beaver Trapping... \$200.00
Dan Moretz, DD #23, Beaver Trapping \$700.00
Dan Moretz, DD #23, Beaver Trapping \$500.00
Grand Total..... \$4,366.00
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve repairs in DD #17. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to authorize board chair to sign contract with Rogness Bros. Excavating Inc., to complete tile improvements in the amount of

\$926,008.50 for DD #14. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to authorize board chair to sign contract with Rogness Bros. Excavating Inc. to complete tile repairs and improvements in the amount of \$680,770.00 for DD #34. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of \$131,830.47 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Access Systems Leasing Service-Dap 152.18
Albert Lea Seed House Inc Supplies-Con 92.00
Alliant Energy Service-Gsr 8,181.29
Amazon Capital Services Supplies 1,986.21
Aramark, Service-Gsr 825.10
Austin Office Products Supplies-Shf 68.98
Baycom, Inc. Supplies-Dap 1,240.00
Brian Wallin Safety-Eng 150.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc Supplies-Sdp 114.99
Centurylink Service-Gsr 163.98
Cindy Thompson Reimb-Asr 188.94
City Of Fertile, Service-Eng 74.38
D & L Equipment Supplies-Eng 56.36
Diamond Mowers Inc Parts-Eng 2,847.99
Digital Ally Inc

Service-Dap 13,848.00
Dsi Medical Services, Inc. Service-Tra 187.00
Eilertson Repair Service-Con 618.72
Electric Pump Inc Service-Wat & Wwt..... 2,202.50
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng... 140.72
Five Star Cooperative Fuel-Eng 50.27
Frank Dunn Company Supplies-Eng 949.00
Freeborn County Coop Oil Fuel-Eng 3,686.18
Grafton Welding Service-Eng 880.00
Hart Brothers South Llc Supplies-Shf 550.00
Heartland Business Systems, Llc Service-Dap 10.00
Hm Cragg, Service-Ema ... 383.75
Hogan Bremer Moore Col Chapels Service-Mex 753.00
Hotsy Equipment Supplies-Shf 99.00
Ia Dept Of Public Safety Service-Shf 1,813.50
Ia Dept Of Transportation Supplies-Eng 25,600.91
Ia Prison Industries Supplies-Eng 1,300.00
Ia Secretary Of State Notary-Trs 60.00
Ia State Sheriffs & Deputies Assn Edu-Shf 250.00
Ip Pathways Service-Dap 5,019.12
Jacob Hanson Reimb-Trs 392.08

Jessica Reyerson Reimb-Phone 50.00
John Deere Financial Supplies 2,635.07
Judy Stevens, Reimb-Asr .. 118.49
Liftoff, Llc, Service-Dap.. 1,600.00
Mail Services Llc Service-Trs..... 382.95
Manly Junction Signal Service-Sup 441.43
Marco Technologies Llc Service-Dap 252.69
Mason City Ford Lincoln Inc Service-Eng 94.99
Mediacom, Service-Gsr 294.90
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr.. 992.00
Niacc, Edu-Phd..... 40.00
Niacog, Service-Tra 1,599.38
Northwood Anchor Inc Service 1,665.91
Otis Elevator Company Service-Gsr 886.92
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City Service-Eng 122.00
Peopleservice Inc Service-Wat & Wwt..... 21,160.15
Performance Food Service Supplies-Shf 992.17
Pinnacle Quality Insight Service-Phd..... 183.22
Seat Treasurer, Edu-Aud .. 180.00
Shred Right, Service-Phd 51.98
Site Services, Inc. Service-Eng 2,450.00
State Hygienic Laboratory Service-San..... 412.00
State Medical Examiners Office Service-Mex 2,047.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy Supplies-Shf 5.89

Trading Post Supplies-Eng 973.61
Verizon Wireless Service-It/Gis..... 68.89
Visa, Service-Phd 6,066.65
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc Service-Sdp..... 2,200.00
Worth County Engineer Fuel-Con 589.73
Wsp Usa Env & Infrastructure Inc., Service-Ema 2,723.70
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng..... 5,612.60

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve hay lease between Worth County and Mike Stevens at \$50.00/acre. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve service agreement between Worth County and Aramark. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to set the date to hold the Public Hearing concerning the Establishment of the Southeast Worth County EMS District on April 15 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to set the date to hold the Public Hearing concerning the Establishment of the West Worth County EMS District on April 15 at 9:30 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:11 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 03/18/2024 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Bratrud, Kauffman and Dakin.

Absent: Douglas
Visitors: R. Bauer
Pulju called meeting to order.
Motion to approve agenda by Woltzen, 2nd by Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by Dakin, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve consent agenda by Dakin, 2nd by Woltzen, carried by Woltzen, Dakin & Bratrud, Kaufman abstained.

Maintenance did not have much to discuss other than he had flushed the hydrants last week.

Clerk mentioned IMFOA conference April 17th, 18th & 19th and that WCTA installed a Wifi router in the Community Center.

Visitors: Mike Thompson, Matt Stading and ... brought up concerns with the firework ordinances around the 4th of July and New Years. It was agreed upon to investigate other City Ordinances and possibly updating our Fireworks Ordinance.

Old Business: Was proposed to investigate one other vendor to service our generator, otherwise we will renew the contract with Pioneer Critical for generator services.

New Business: Peg Legs is not renewing their liquor license at the Community Center. How to proceed was discussed. It came to the conclusion that it will be BYOB, if one wants a keg, they need liability insurance and if one wants to sell alcohol they need to acquire their own liquor license.

The Max Levy Hearing is for April 8th.

Hazardous Waste Removal date is set for May 6th from 3:30-5:30pm in the City Park.

City Cleanup is set for May 4th with a back up date of May 11th.

Randy Bratrud and Devon Reckner confirmed that they will continue to mow the Cemetery this year.

Treasurer's Report: February 2024 Revenues by Fund: General 7267.28, Utilities 6177.96, Special 5658.55 Total Revenues: \$19,103.79. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by Woltzen, 2nd by Dakin, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 6658.73, WCTA 282.32, B. Luckason 453.54 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 606.00 (net) R. Bauer 1101.30(net), K. Thompson 1,156.61 (net), Federal & SS 967.71 (payroll), IPERS 668.64 (payroll), Water Service Tax 143.83 (water), Visa 381.17 (stamps), AgSource 27.50 (service-sewer-testing), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Kensett Water Works 109.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1503.41 (garbage & recycling), Nelson Septic 135.00 (Portapot), Central Lock 108.50 (locks), Olson Insurance 125.00 (bond renewal), State Auditor 800.00 (exam fee), Peterson Excavating 2640.00 (snow removal), Tom Dakin 210.00 (sexton), Culligan 10.70 (water), Baker & Taylor 72.87 (supplies), Ebseo 10.99 (supplies), Northwood anchor 26.40 (publication), Arlys Bergdale 84.00 (cleaning), Staci Andrea 30.00 (book), Kensett Library 200.00 (petty cash).

Disbursements by Fund: General 6886.27 Special 3062.92, Utilities 1165.23, Payroll 5184.67 (gross)

Total Disbursements: \$16,299.09.

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

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009406
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARLENE B. RODEGHERO, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Arlene B. Rodeghero, Deceased, who died on or about January 6, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on March 15, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Arlene B. Rodeghero, deceased, bearing date of December 21, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Judith C. Palm 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 March 16, 2024.

Judith C. Palm
7562 Stonedale Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588
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 3rd day of April, 2024.

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Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN L. COATES, Deceased

Probate No. ESPR009394
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John L. Coates, Deceased, who died on or about October 27, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of January, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of John L. Coates, deceased, bearing date of the 14th day of May, 2006, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that John S.A. Coates 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 this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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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 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 this 21st day of March, 2024

John S.A. Coates
3478 Nettle Avenue
Manly, Iowa 50456
Executor of Estate

Katlyn B. Downs
ICIS Pin No. AT0015703
Laird Law Firm
11 Fourth Street NE
P.O. Box 1567
Mason City, IA 50402-1567
Attorneys for Executor

Date of second publication the 3rd day of April, 2024.

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CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF KENSETT - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 98-945				
KENSETT Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows: Meeting Date: 4/8/2024 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Kensett City Hall At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.				
City Website (if available) kensettia.com	City Telephone Number (641) 845-2388			
Iowa Department of Management	Current Year	Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service		6,627,575	6,886,353	6,886,353
Consolidated General Fund		61,022	61,022	62,163
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit		0	0	0
Aviation Authority		0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance		9,506	9,506	17,142
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.		0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement		0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement		0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)		7,830	7,830	7,838
Other Employee Benefits		0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)		0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service		6,627,575	6,886,353	6,886,353
Debt Service		0	0	17,963
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX		78,358	78,358	105,106
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE		11.82325	11.37874	15.26307
Taxable Value for City Ag Land		630,157	670,105	670,105
Ag Land		0	0	0
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE		0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed				
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year 2023/2024	Certified	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Resident	646		707	9.44
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year 2023/2024	Certified	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	646		707	9.44
Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.				
Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: Need to plan for an increase in insurance for the year that was not planned for in the past.				

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed NORTHWOOD-KENSETT School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025					
Location of Public Hearing: 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA 50459		Date of Hearing: 04/16/2024		Time of Hearing: 06:01 PM	
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 24/25 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.					
		Budget 2025	Re-est. 2024	Actual 2023	Avg % 23-25
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,665,439	3,431,014	3,633,448	% 0.4
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	74,977	77,987	80,716	
Income Surtaxes	3	167,327	178,687	171,941	% -1.4
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	351,962	344,299	345,297	
Earnings on Investments	5	45,209	53,423	52,879	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	166,508	164,225	161,994	
Student Activities and Sales	7	165,549	164,588	189,252	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	632,943	651,715	933,087	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	3,632,810	3,617,852	3,259,946	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	11,229	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	69,285	68,262	753,645	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	0	0	0	
Title I Grants	14	101,023	101,023	90,754	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	441,632	515,890	546,136	
Total Revenues	16	9,525,893	9,368,965	10,219,095	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	427,712	0	477,019	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	490	490	59,322	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	26,724	26,349	154,119	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	9,980,819	9,395,804	10,909,555	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	3,470,509	5,464,175	5,247,674	
Total Resources	23	13,451,328	14,859,979	16,157,229	
*Instruction	24	4,813,578	5,170,941	4,934,555	% -1.2
Student Support Services	25	331,014	251,027	236,892	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	471,440	477,728	477,441	
General Administration	27	337,270	314,361	298,740	
School Administration	28	491,074	478,526	456,456	
Business & Central Administration	29	192,672	187,913	174,138	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	1,190,436	1,088,345	833,129	
Student Transportation	31	557,294	489,316	453,912	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	3,571,200	3,207,216	2,930,708	% 10.4
*Noninstructional Programs	32	367,385	361,956	356,606	% 1.5
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	647,559	637,988	872,373	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	832,367	827,445	836,865	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	289,957	258,407	245,536	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,769,883	1,723,840	1,944,774	% -4.6
Total Expenditures	36	10,522,046	10,463,953	10,166,643	
Transfers Out	37	492,828	485,545	477,019	
Other Uses	38	446,572	439,972	49,392	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	11,461,446	11,389,470	10,693,054	
Ending Fund Balance	40	1,989,882	3,470,509	5,464,175	
Total Requirements	41	13,451,328	14,859,979	16,157,229	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		12.03381			

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET			
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
City of: NORTHWOOD			
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Hall Meeting Date: 4/22/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM			
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.			
City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals .			
The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.			
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property		11.63865	
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is		3.00375	
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.			
Phone Number (641) 324-1075		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Amber Juelteth	
	Budget FY 2025	Re-estimated FY 2024	Actual FY 2023
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 759,442	716,785	703,607
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3 759,442	716,785	703,607
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 225,000	250,000	280,455
Other City Taxes	6 312,680	240,000	295,702
Licenses & Permits	7 29,500	29,500	26,252
Use of Money and Property	8 19,520	11,450	27,318
Intergovernmental	9 635,276	590,928	453,772
Charges for Fees & Service	10 1,310,804	1,301,600	1,161,682
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 758,270	491,120	942,709
Other Financing Sources	13 0	0	0
Transfers In	14 825,000	640,000	640,673
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15 4,875,492	4,271,383	4,532,170
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 458,028	416,520	432,330
Public Works	17 805,380	811,941	767,228
Health and Social Services	18 21,155	16,155	19,795
Culture and Recreation	19 411,263	329,886	372,127
Community and Economic Development	20 712,500	437,500	503,080
General Government	21 294,612	245,617	261,299
Debt Service	22 225,020	226,000	225,960
Capital Projects	23 0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24 2,927,958	2,483,619	2,581,819
Business Type / Enterprises	25 1,209,122	1,175,064	1,136,058
Total ALL Expenditures	26 4,137,080	3,658,683	3,717,877
Transfers Out	27 825,000	640,000	640,673
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 4,962,080	4,298,683	4,358,550
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 -86,588	-27,300	173,620
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 3,021,228	3,048,528	2,874,908
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 2,934,640	3,021,228	3,048,528

Northwood Anchor

100 years ago

March 26, 1924

Monday, March 19, was the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whitcomb, who still live on the old homestead near Bolan where they have spent the past 25 years of their wedded life. Mrs. Whitcomb is quite well for a lady of her age, but Mr. Whitcomb has been in poor health for the past four years and has been confined to his bed the past week.

Two members of Congress, Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, and Representative Gilbert

N. Haugen of Northwood, Iowa, today rounded out 25 years of continuous service in the national legislature. The Iowa delegation and many others called upon Mr. Haugen, who is chairman of the House committee on agriculture, and both Senator Jones and Mr. Haugen received a large number of telegrams of congratulations. Mr. Haugen also received a letter of congratulations from president Calvin Coolidge.

Plans for the organization of the women of Iowa into a body militant with the aim in view of seeking better law enforcement throughout the state, particularly emphasizing prohibition, have been announced by Alice J. Boyer,

secretary of the Iowa Anti-Saloon League.

To have practiced medicine continuously for 40 years in one county is in itself an unusual achievement seldom equaled; but to have assisted during that time in ushering into the world 4,000 babies is a record that probably will stand as the high accomplishment in that line for the entire state. Dr. C.W. Sanders of Northwood has qualified for the above record. On March 6 he completed 40 years of service in Worth County, and on February 13 he played stork for the advent of a young miss, who was no. 4000. The baby is Shirley Ruth Dwelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Dwelle.

75 years ago

April 7, 1949

Funeral services for Mrs. Victor Carlson, 81, were held at the Hopkins Grove United Brethren church near Madrid, Iowa. Reverend O.C. Helleckson of Huxley, formerly pastor of the north Deer Creek Lutheran Church, officiated, assisted by the Hopkins Grove pastor.

Two Northwood couples, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Turvold and Mr. and Mrs. Helge Hove, plan to leave here on April 25 and board the S.S. Stavangerfjord in New York on April 27

for a three-month trip to Norway. Mrs. Turvold and Mrs. Hove are sisters. All four were born and raised in the Vik Sogn vicinity in Norway.

Three Northwood musical groups, the band, girls glee club and mixed chorus, will compete in the preliminary state contest for large musical groups at Clear Lake Saturday. About 84 local musicians, together with A.J. Witham and Miss Virginia Seger, music instructors, will make the trip.

During the year 1948, Worth County spent \$259,483.57 on roads and bridges throughout the county. This fact was revealed in the annual report of the county engineer's of-

fice, released today by John Berry, county engineer.

The Northwood Golf club approved the building a new club house at the golf course north of town by a nearly unanimous vote. Plans for the proposed club house were also submitted.

Carrying the mail, 1949 style, is a lot different from what it was 35 years ago when Herb Satterlee first took a rural mail route — but it's still tough in the wintertime, and he's glad for the opportunity to take it easy. Mr. Satterlee retired April 1 from a career with the postal department, which started in the homestead country out beyond Minot, North Dakota, in 1912.

50 years ago

April 4, 1974

William Lepley, 28, has been named superintendent of the Northwood-Kensett community schools, said William Kragenbrink, president of the N-K school board. He will assume the position on July 1, when current superintendent Francis L. Peterson will take over the superintendency of the Cherokee, Iowa, schools.

Five Northwood area men were honored at the Jaycee recognition banquet, held at the VFW club. Clair Hengesteg was

named outstanding young farmer; David Peterson received outstanding young educator honors; William Draheim was presented the distinguished service award; Dr. Stilaf Anderson, the distinguished citizen award; and Lloyd Madson was named boss of the year.

Carol J. Selvig, Northwood, is among the outstanding high school student who will be admitted to Iowa State University next fall. A recognition and award status has been awarded to her. Carol will enroll in the field of food technology.

Bobbi Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry, Northwood, has been selected to participate in district 4-H interviews as possible

state 4-H officer candidates, according to Jim Kuhlman, Worth County Extension Director. Miss Perry, 17, a senior at Northwood-Kensett school, has been in 4-H for nine years and is on the area 4-H council. She is co-chairman of the Worth County 4-H Council. Miss Perry has won several trips to the State Fair in Des Moines on clothing projects.

Julie Berge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Berge, rural Northwood, was selected queen of the Hayseeders Ball held Friday night at the Northwood-Kensett high school. Other candidates were Vicki Odden, Mary Heagel, Mary Steiger, Marie Medlang and Bonnie Roppe.

choose one place to visit, he'd go to Washington, D.C. Butler, the son of rural Northwood residents MaryAnn and Gary Christianson and the late Carrol Butler, will compete in the Iowa Geography Bee in Johnston.

Lutheran Retirement Home Inc. administrator John Meyer recently presented a plaque of recognition and congratulations to retiring board president Curtis Davis, representative from the Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church in Glenville, Minnesota.

Buck and Bev Pangburn, rural Northwood, recently learned that one of their cows qualified for the American Simmental Associations nationals cow performance awards. Two of the Pangburn Stock Farm cows have earned

Tenold's great-granddaughter Merrin Hanson, Merrin's grandmother Kathy Hanson and Camden Trenhaile look on.

The Lutheran Retirement Home has once again received word of two recognitions that highlight the facility's quality of service and dedication to caring for neighbors and family. The home was also once again named to US News and World Report's list of the best nursing home in the country.

Northwood-Kensett kindergarten students paid a visit to Northwood Dental last week. While there Dr. David Penfold gave a tour of the office, showed some of the equipment used and discussed important dental

“excellent” awards and two have won “superior” awards for 1999.

Jesse Butler of rural Kensett is a member of the 1999 Luther College baseball team. Butler, a 1996 Northwood-Kensett graduate who pitched and played third base for the Vikings, is a junior biology major at the Decorah college. He is the son of Van and Margie Butler of rural Kensett.

The Northwood-Kensett girls track team kicks off its 1999 season in a meet at Osage. Coach Mike Reindl counts nine letter winners among the 26 girls who are out for the team. “Theresa finished one spot out of qualifying for the finals at State last year,” Reindl said, “and we’re looking for her to do good things again.”

hygiene tops for young people. They were all happy to show off their smiles.

Katelyn Jasper and Chandler Capitani became the first Viking cheerleaders to be selected to the Iowa All-State Cheerleading Squad. The talented seniors were the only cheerleaders chosen fro Class 1A. This is the second year that Capitani has earned the honor.

Winter sports banquet award winners include Zach Costello (coaches award), Tom Yezek (most improved), Josh Einertson (most valuable player), Tom Pick (newcomer award), Kayla Branstad (most improved), Chloe Breitsprecher (newcomer award) and Hattie Davidson (most valuable player).

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2014 Buick Encore AWD, 64k.....	\$13,900
2014 Ram Cargo Van Tradesman, 108k.....	\$9,995
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10 years ago

April 2, 2014

Northwood-Kensett readers from Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten and Mrs. Myhre's first grade classes paid a visit to Northwood Pines Assisted Living last Thursday for their monthly reading day. For March the theme was “Read to a Friend.” The students made some new friends in the process, with residents of the Northwood Pines joining the students for a few good books. Gaylis Tenold shared her expertise, with almost 30 years working at the Northwood Public Library, with Kyle Buehrer.

EASTER IN NORTHWOOD



Several community groups combined efforts to help the Easter Bunny host the annual Easter egg hunt at the fairgrounds in Northwood. The Northwood Chamber organizes the event. Residents of the Lutheran Retirement Home fill the eggs. This year the Deer Creek Ribbon Takers and Deer Creek Wohelos 4-H'ers led the hunt.

Bolan

On Thursday evening Lori Willert and Joe and Linda Nydegger joined Loren and Renee Nydegger, Anna and Ben at the Mt. Vernon High School to see the Java Jazz Concert. Clare Nydegger plays trumpet in the Jazz Band.

Providing special music

at the Bolan Trinity United Methodist Easter Service were Mary Wendt playing the organ and Lori Willert at the piano with a beautiful rendition of "The Lord's Prayer." The choir sang "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" with Kelsie Willert having a solo part. A breakfast

brunch was served after the service.

Joe and Linda Nydegger, Scott and Lori Willert, Cole, Kelsie and Reese Drenth joined others at the home of Larry and Michele Nydegger and Evelyn of Ellendale, Minnesota, for Easter Dinner.



Tournament champs

Two teams of young Northwood-Kensett student athletes traveled to North Butler High School in Greene to take part in the Little Bearcats 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament. The Vikings returned home with first place finishes. Pictured at top is the winning seventh grade team, including Avarie Skellenger, Kaylee Franck, Hixton Krambeer and Ivy Urbatsch. Pictured below is the winning fifth grade team of Hadley Anderson, Olivia Urbatsch, Mia Helgeson and Kendall Krull.

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