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Tegan's wish takes Trenhailes to Disney World

By JoAnn Lower

Tegan Trenhaile is a happy seventh grader at Northwood-Kensett. He plays all sports and does everything any other 13-year-old does. He looks just like any other kid, except he takes medication. Tegan has cystic fibrosis (CF).

His mom remembers when he was first born the doctors saying he wouldn't live through high school and would probably need an organ transplant. "Thankfully, he's doing well."

"Luckily, Tegan isn't as bad as others with the disease," she said. As a tiny infant, Christa and Colby took him to Iowa City every month; now it's every three months.

"Ever since he was a small child, we've been reminded that Tegan was eligible for Make-A-Wish. Because he's been in good health, we waited until he was older so he could choose for himself."

Tegan chose Walt Disney World in Florida. "All five of us went over spring break – from the 8th of March to the 14th, and we had an absolutely amazing time."

The Trenhailes stayed at Give Kids the World Village and were "treated like royalty." In five days they visited seven different theme parks and met other families with CF kids. They were given special lanyards to wear that told those with CF to keep their distance, as anyone with the disease could easily transmit germs to another.

"We were so moved by the people we met and the stories we heard. We also saw a lot of homeless people while we were there, includ-

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CHRISTA, CAMDEN, TEGAN, COLBY AND LOGAN TRENHAILE

County budget calls for 14.02% increase in taxes

At their regular meeting on Monday, April 22, the Worth County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to discuss their proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025.

The local government's budget includes increases in levy rates and in the total to be collected in property taxes in the coming fiscal year. The County's projected fund balance will decrease by the fiscal year's end.

Budgets for Iowa counties rely on two different sets of tax levies to compute how much they plan to ask in property taxes. Those levies are applied to urban and rural areas separately. In the proposed budget, both rates

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Property taxes up 5.95% in Northwood budget

At the second meeting in April, the Northwood City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025.

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

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

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Briefs

Worth County Fair set for June 19-23

Those looking forward to the kick off to summer fun will be able to do that during the Worth County Fair, set a week later than in recent years.

This year's Worth County Fair will begin on Wednesday, June 19, and continue through Sunday, June 23.

The annual Livestock Ribbon Sale will be held on Monday, June 24.

The 2024 Worth County Fair will include the traditional livestock shows, meals, entertainment and other favorite fair activities.

Other additions to this year's fair that have been announced include Agri-golf, a light up educational mini-golf course; Lew-E's Comedy Circus; Space Adventures stunt show; Pompeyo's Ranch dog show; and more.



The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. April 2	42	33	0.75
Wed. April 3	41	32	0.12
Thurs. April 4	51	30	T
Fri. April 5	50	27	
Sat. April 6	54	26	
Sun. April 7	57	30	
Mon. April 8	50	41	0.31

Water Update shows persisting but improving drought conditions in Worth

After the second driest February on record, above-normal rainfall in March helped improve some drought conditions across Iowa, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

The Update shows that drought conditions in Worth County had improved since reports issued in February.

March's preliminary precipitation was 2.50 inches, or 0.51 inches above normal. At the end of March, Iowa's Drought Plan showed overall conditions have improved in the state, with areas of northeast and southern Iowa maintaining a drought watch designation. Recent rainfall amounts indicate conditions may continue to improve throughout the spring.

March showed an average statewide temperature nearly five degrees above normal. Four of the last six months have been wetter than normal, which has led to improved streamflow and soil moisture.

"March begins a stretch of normally wet months in Iowa, so a wetter than normal March is a good thing. Four years

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N-K offers free summer lunches

Northwood-Kensett schools will offer students in the district free lunches again this summer.

The Summer Food Service Program provides opportunities for school districts to provide meals during the summer to support young people who rely on schools for meals during the school year.

Free lunches are available to any children ages 1-18. There are no family income requirements and those participating in youth and community activities and groups are welcome.

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Property taxes to increase 6.83% in N-K budget

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, to discuss the district's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025.

Property tax levies and taxes levied on property in the district will increase from the re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year.

Half of the equation used to determine property taxes is the property tax levy, which will

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EMS hearings next Monday and Tuesday

This Monday and Tuesday, hearings will be held to ask residents of several townships and cities whether they would support the formation of districts 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.

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Piece of Nothwood Anchor history found

A treasured artifact of Northwood Anchor history was recently found in the midst of some home construction.

A trophy recognizing the Northwood Anchor's 1934 designation as "Iowa's Best Weekly Newspaper" was recently found during a home remodel.

Kevin Spring, of Springer Construction, was working at the home of his son Jake, at 701 11th Street North. The Springers were working on running heating ducts for a remodeling project when they made the unexpected discovery.

"We were up above in the floor joists when I found something wrapped in an old T-shirt with twine," Kevin said.

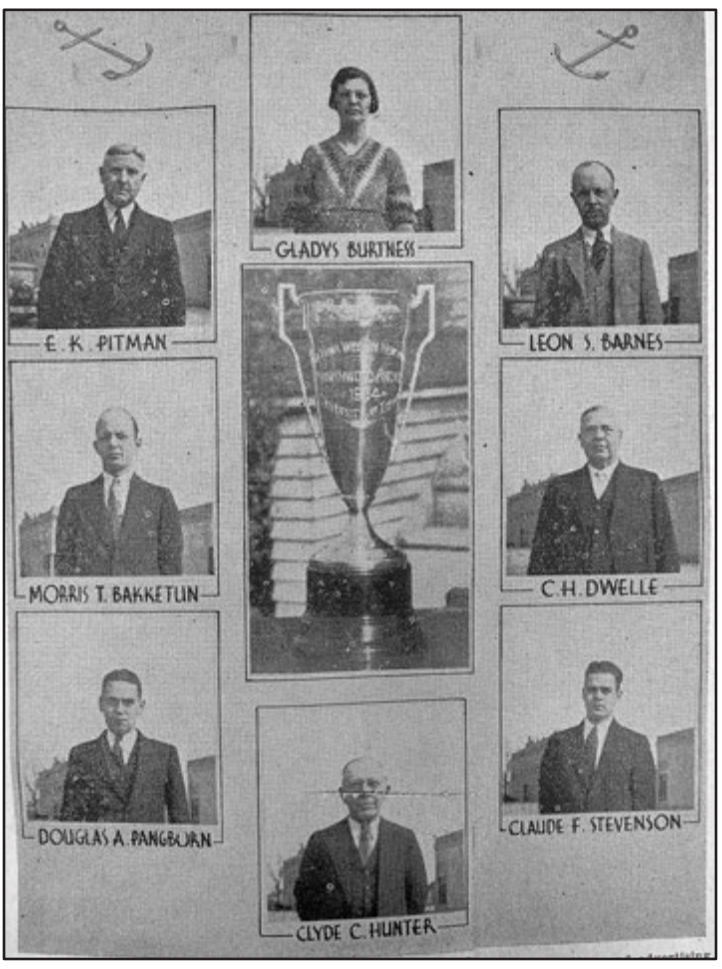
They unwrapped the twine and set aside the T-shirt to find the trophy.

The trophy reads: "Best Iowa Weekly Newspaper, Northwood Anchor, 1934, University of Iowa."

The trophy was awarded to the Anchor by the Iowa Press Association in conjunction with the

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University's School of Journalism.

Following is the announcement that appeared in the November 1, 1934, issue of the Northwood Anchor:

"After winning second place in 1933 in a similar contest, last week The Northwood Anchor was selected as the best weekly newspaper in Iowa published in a town of over 1,500 population and a silver loving cup was presented as material evidence of the award. The cup is now on display in The Anchor front windows.

The contest, held at Iowa City by the school of journalism of the State University of Iowa, was entertained by county seat and other weekly newspapers from all parts of Iowa. The Anchor entered in the Class A division, which was for towns over 1,500 population. With its population of 1,542 Northwood is the smallest town ever to receive this high award, which makes the recognition even more gratifying.

Award Made Saturday

The award was made Saturday morning at the close of a two days' newspaper conference held in the Memorial Union building by the school of journalism in cooperation with the Iowa Press Association. Dr. F.L. Mott, dean of the school of journalism, made the presentation. Dr. Mott and three others of the journalism faculty, served as judges in the contest.

An award similar to that received by The Anchor went to the Graphic at Lake Mills for the best weekly newspaper published in Iowa in a town of less than 1,500 population. Th Graphic is an outstanding paper judged by any standard and was disqualified from enter the Class A group because of Lake Mills' population of a few under 1,500…

It is not too much to say that The Anchor has been of inestimable help to Northwood and Worth County in the past. It has acquainted many in far parts of the state with the value and worth of this portion of one of the greatest states of the union. It has consistently upheld the ideas of the community. It has supported the churches, its schools, its other public institutions and it has spoken out on behalf of what it has believed to be right even when to do so has meant threatened loss of patronage and prestige…"

Correction: WCSO office hours

Last week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal shared incorrect hours of operation for the Worth County Sheriff's Office, starting on July 1. Additional information is also included in the updated article below:

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 3 p.m. daily.

This is for those that come to the lobby for gun permits, finger printing by appointment, for keys to certain buildings in Northwood, to access the Neighbor in Need fund in person, to get copies of accident and crime reports, for certified driver's licenses and to have documents notarized.

Those that need to report a crime, talk to a deputy or turn themselves in will still be able to come to the WCSO at any time. The WCSO may also be contacted 24 hours a day by calling 641-324-2481. In emergencies, people may always dial 911.

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will increase.

The urban tax rate in the proposed budget is $6.82621 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. The rate for the current fiscal year was $6.30000. That is an increase of $0.52621.

The rural tax rate in the proposed budget is $9.68543 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. The rate for the current fiscal year was $9.24500. That is an increase of $ 0.44043.

Tax levies are combined with tax valuations to determine the amount the County collects in property taxes every year.

Taxes to be levied on rural areas only, in the proposed budget, would total $1,707,869. The current fiscal year's budget called for $1,635,675 in rural only levies. That is an increase of $72,194 or 4.41%.

Taxes levied on property countywide in the proposed budget would total $5,078,448. The budget for the current fiscal year included countywide taxes of $4,316,188. That is an increase of $762,260 or 17.66%.

The total of taxes to be levied on property in the county in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be $6,786,317. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year called for total property taxes to be $5,951,863. That is an increase of $834,454 or 14.02%.

In the proposed budget, revenues for the coming fiscal year would total $17,319,327. The re-estimated budget figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues of $15,920,992. That is an increase of $1,398,335, or 8.78%.

Expenditures and other uses of funds in the proposed budget total $18,473,752. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year's budget show total expenditures of $22,181,499. That is a decrease of $3,707,747, or 16.72%.

The largest change in expenditures comes primarily in the capital projects fund, which will decrease from $5,320,000 in the current fiscal year to $2,220,000 in the proposed budget.

The proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2024, includes spending of $1,154,425 in excess of total revenues. The proposed budget includes a beginning fund balance of $10,794,353. The County's ending fund balance, at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2025, would then be $9,639,928. That would be a fund balance decrease of 10.69%.

The Worth County Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing to discuss their proposed budget at their regular meeting on Monday, April 22, at 9 a.m. at the Worth County Courthouse. Find the agenda on the county's website, at www.worthcountyiowa.gov.

See the proposed budget in the legals section of last week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal. Budgets and other legal notices can be found online at iowanotices.org.

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

The City of Northwood's levy rate will decrease from $11.89926 per $1,000 of valuation during the current fiscal year to $11.63865 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1. That is a decrease of $0.26061 per $1,000 of taxable valuation.

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

Re-estimated figures for the City's budget for the current fiscal year called for $716,785 in property taxes. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes property taxes levied of $759,442. That is an increase of $42,657, or 5.95%.

The largest source of revenue for the city comes in charges for fees and service. This includes water and sewer fees, along with garbage and transit charges. This category will increase $9,204, or 0.71% in the coming fiscal year, to $1,310,804.

When combined with other sources of revenue, the City of Northwood has budgeted for total revenue for the next fiscal year to be $4,875,492, which is an increase of $604,109 or 14.14% over the current year's re-estimated budget revenues of $4,271,383.

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

Expenditures in the proposed fiscal year budget will total $4,137,080, up $478,397 or 13.08% from $3,658,683 in the current fiscal year.

The City's proposed budget projects that at the start of the fiscal year, on July 1, 2024, the City of Northwood will have a beginning fund balance of $3,021,228. The budget shows an estimated ending fund balance on June 30, 2025, of $2,934,640. Over the course of the year, according to the coming fiscal year's proposed budget, the city will have a fund balance decrease of $86,588.

The Northwood City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget at its regular meeting on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m.

More on Northwood's proposed budget can be found in this week's Anchor. Budgets and other legal notices can also be found online at iowanotices.org.

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increase, according to the proposed district budget.

The proposed property tax rate for the coming fiscal year is $12.03381 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. That is a an increase of $0.02994 from the current year's tax levy of $12.00387.

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

The end result of the increased levy and the increased valuations means an increase in taxes levied on property, from $3,431,014 for the current fiscal year, based on re-estimated figures. The budget for the coming fiscal year shows taxes levied on property totaling $3,665,439. That is a increase of $234,425, or 6.83%.

Total revenues and other sources of income for the district for the coming year will increase compared to total revenues for the current fiscal year.

Total revenues and other funding sources for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1 were budgeted at $9,980,819. Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total revenues and other income of $9,395,804. That is a difference of $585,015, or 6.23%.

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

The budget for the coming fiscal year includes total expenditures of $10,522,046. The re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year show total expenditures of $10,463,953. That is an increase of $58,093, or 0.56%.

The district's fund balance will decrease between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. The beginning fund balance for the coming fiscal year that begins on July 1, according to the proposed budget, will be $3,470,509 and the ending fund balance will be $1,989,882 on June 30, 2025. That is a decrease of $1,480,627, or 42.66%.

Re-estimated figures for the current fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 2024, show that the district's fund balance will have decreased from $5,464175 to the beginning fund balance mentioned above. That is a decrease of $1,993,666, or 36.49% over the course of the current fiscal year.

The public hearing for the coming fiscal year's budget will be held at the next regular meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education on Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

More on N-K's proposed budget can be found in last week's Anchor. Budgets and other legal notices from local communities can be found online at iowanotices.org.

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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.

Petitions were presented to city councils for city EMS districts. The Worth County supervisors received petitions for districts that include the townships. 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 next week.

Worth County will hold a hearing 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 proceeds, a special election would be set for September 10. The ballot will ask voters if they would support EMS levies.

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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.

My name is Kendall. My favorite classes are gym or art. My favorite teachers are Mr. Davidson or Ms. Ebbas. My favorite thing to do outside of school is listen to music. If I had a million dollars, I would give some to family, donate some, feed the homeless and my needs before my wants.

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Thankful it's not Thanksgiving

Anchor reporter JoAnn Lower spotted this scene recently. "I was thrilled to have my camera with me one day driving on 4th Street South. When I spotted this male turkey with his fluffed-up feathers, I stopped the car. Putting the window down to take the picture, the three females quickly surrounded him - probably to protect him."

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ing a woman and her young daughter that we'll never forget. It was so heartbreaking, something we talked about every day."

"On our last day in Orlando, one of the things we did to give back and pay forward was to pack two bags of food and deliver them to the homeless we saw on our way to the airport. It felt good, and the people were very appreciative. Something we'll always remember is when we gave a man a big bottle of water. He was so thirsty and tried to drink it so fast that the water was spilling out of the bottle."

"We are incredibly grateful to Make-A-Wish for this experience. The Village is run almost completely by volunteers. So, in order to give back, we'll be volunteering and raising money for them. The Iowa chapter is out of Mason City."

Tegan and his brothers, 17-year-old Camden and 12-year-old Logan love life on the farm outside Northwood. They have chickens, dogs and farm cats; in the house are their turtles, fish and lizards.

"Even though Tegan is well aware that his life could be cut short by this invisible illness, he does so well with it. His brothers are a good support system for him; he just doesn't like them reminding him to take his pills."

"Our school is so amazing," his parents say. "Tegan's not the only one with CF. The staff makes sure those with the disease are always at least six feet apart so they don't share germs."

"The doctors at the University of Iowa are amazed at how well our son is doing. Not only does he go cheerfully to his appointments, he has also volunteered for a study where laboratory technicians are working to discover what people are carriers of CF."



"Adding fun is an important part of every trip we make to the University. Tegan loves to try all kinds of foods, so we visit a different restaurant every time. The University staff knows this and enjoys recommending new places for us to eat. Tegan's favorite place, the place we stop on every trip, is Nothing Bundt Cakes."

To say the least, the Trenhailes are a wonderful family, and a busy one. Christa is office manager at Northwood's First Lutheran Church. Colby owns North Iowa Wall Systems and also farms with his family.

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of drought will not be eliminated in just a month or two," said Tim Hall, the DNR's Hydrology Resources Coordinator. "March through June are critical months for water resources in Iowa, and a wetter than normal start to this time period is encouraging."

Over the past year, precipitation in Iowa stands at 7.5 inches below normal, and the state has now seen 204 consecutive weeks of dry or drought conditions. While recent rains have improved conditions, it will take a much longer period of above-normal rainfall in the state to eliminate drought conditions.

Average statewide precipitation levels usually increase from two inches in March to over five inches in June. The next few months are key to reducing drought conditions across Iowa. A dry spring would likely result in quickly deteriorating conditions and increased drought.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, visit www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.

According to the Water Summary Update, Iowa Drought Region 2, which includes Worth County, improved to a normal drought watch level.

In terms of streamflow, the measure of water flow of water in an area's rivers, Region 2 showed decreasing numbers and had the region in Drough Watch conditions.

According to a map of drought conditions in the state, much of Worth County remained in a severe drought, with the northwest corner in a moderate drought area.

The Seasonal Drought Outlook, released on March 31 and predicting conditions through the end of June, forecast that the area that includes Worth would like remain under drought conditions, but showing improvement.

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

Radon levels low at N-K MS/HS

Northwood-Kensett schools continued on their regular radon testing earlier this school year, with the middle/high school tested.

Radon is an invisible, odorless gas that can't be smelled or tasted. It spreads from the soil into homes and buildings through cracks and openings in the foundations of buildings. In the U.S. it is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among non-smokers.

While the home is the primary risk of radon exposure, for students and staff, school buildings are the second highest exposure risk.

According to superintendent Mike Crozier, in a report in the April Viking Dispatch, radon testing was done on the building by staff trained through the School Radon Training & Support System (SRTSS).

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets levels at which point mitigation efforts are recommended. According to Crozier, the preliminary tests conducted by school staff showed that the entire building was below that level.

The State of Iowa requires radon testing at least once every five years. N-K has placed its buildings on a rotating multi-year testing schedule.

In his report, Crozier recommended that families test their own homes and take action if high levels are found.

More information on radon testing at N-K schools is available by contacting Crozier.

More information on radon in the home can be found online at epa.gov/radon.

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Adults may also participate for a cost of $4.85 per person.

Meals will be served at the N-K Elementary cafeteria Monday through Friday, starting on Tuesday, May 28, through Friday, July 26. Lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Those taking part in meals should enter through the bus drop-off door.

Anyone with questions about the program and participation may contact nutrition director Amy Hennigar at 641-324-2142, extension 137.



Making the cut - State Line Works

This past Saturday, an open house was held at State Line Works, owned by Emily Thorson, located at 612 Central Avenue. The business offers graphic design and printing services. Thorson is pictured above holding the scissors for her official ribbon cutting. She is pictured with friends, family and members of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce.

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WCAT shares information on vaping risks in March update

The Worth County Asset Team recently shared some statistics on substance use in Worth County, along with efforts made to bring awareness to the community.

In March 2024, the group released "Facts Worth Sharing."

According to the information shared, 20% or students, nearly 1 in 5, are regularly vaping by their junior year in high school, according to the 2023 Iowa Youth Survey.

According to school officials and local law enforcement, vaping is the most common issue in Worth County schools, when it comes to substance abuse.

That's a concern as the content of nicotine in most e-cigarettes is higher than in traditional cigarettes. One popular brand of e-cigarette has over 41 mg of nicotine, the same as 41 cigarettes.

For kids, the use of nicotine and other addictive substances carries a greater risk, as developing brains are more likely to form long-lasting addictions.

Nicotine is highly addictive, particularly for teenage brains. Not only do e-cigarettes deliver higher concentrations, they also deliver the impacts to the brain faster than traditional cigarettes.

Another issue is the availability and increasing use of THC and marijuana in vaping devices.

With marijuana use legalized in Minnesota and increasing availability of THC available in Iowa, local law enforcement have found an increase in marijuana product use in confiscated vaping devises.

The Worth County Asset Team recommends the most effective form of prevention, educating young people.

Parents and families are encouraged to discuss why vaping, nicotine, THC and marijuana are dangerous for young people.







Supporting attitudes of gratitude

Worth County Public Health nurse Shana Butler has been working with Mrs. Hill's third grade classroom at Northwood-Kensett Elementary. Butler has been helping teach the students about being grateful. The students recently created collages of pictures that represent things they liked, things that make them happy and things they are grateful for.

Emerald Ash Borer now found in all but one Iowa county

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed the presence of the emerald ash borer (EAB) in Palo Alto County for the first time.

Insect samples were collected in March from an ash tree in Basswood Recreation Area outside of Emmetsburg. Department staff noticed woodpecker damage in an ash tree, which is a symptom of an EAB infestation. The sample was then submitted to USDA for analysis and test results confirmed the presence of EAB.

EAB is a non-native, wood-boring insect threatening all species of ash trees. The adult EAB beetle is approximately one-half inch long and metallic green. The larval stage of this insect tunnels through the wood just beneath the bark of ash trees, cutting off the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The cumulative damage typically kills a tree within two to four years after becoming infested. Indicators of an infestation may include canopy thinning, leafy sprouts shooting from the trunk or main branches, serpentine ("S"-shaped) galleries under the bark, bark splitting, woodpecker damage, and 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes.

EAB was unknown to North America until its discovery in southeast Michigan in 2002. The invasive, ash tree-killing insect from Asia has now been found in 36 states. In 2010, EAB was first discovered in Iowa in Allamakee County. Emmet County is now the only remaining county in Iowa without a detection.

Landowners with ash trees on their property should begin to consider a course of action for at risk trees, which are generally those within a 15-mile radius of a known infestation. Landowners and managers can wait and see what happens, remove declining ash trees and replace them with other species, or use preventive insecticide treatments to preserve and protect valuable and healthy ash trees. The best time to treat for EAB is in the spring, from mid-April to mid-May. Insecticides are most effective when the ash tree is actively growing, and uptake is at its peak. Tree service companies can apply insecticide trunk injections through the summer if soil moisture is available.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has produced a publication about EAB treatments. For more information, download Emerald Ash Borer Management Options.

While EAB travels only short distances on its own, people aid in its long-distance movement. Since this insect can unknowingly hitchhike in firewood, people are reminded to use locally-sourced firewood where it will be burned to keep it from being transported to new areas.

The State of Iowa continues to track the spread of EAB on a county-by-county basis. Before a county can be declared positive, a life stage of the insect must be collected and confirmed. Anyone who suspects an infested ash tree in Emmet County is encouraged to contact one of the following:

- Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, State Entomologist Office, 515-725-1470
- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Entomology, 515-294-1101
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-8200

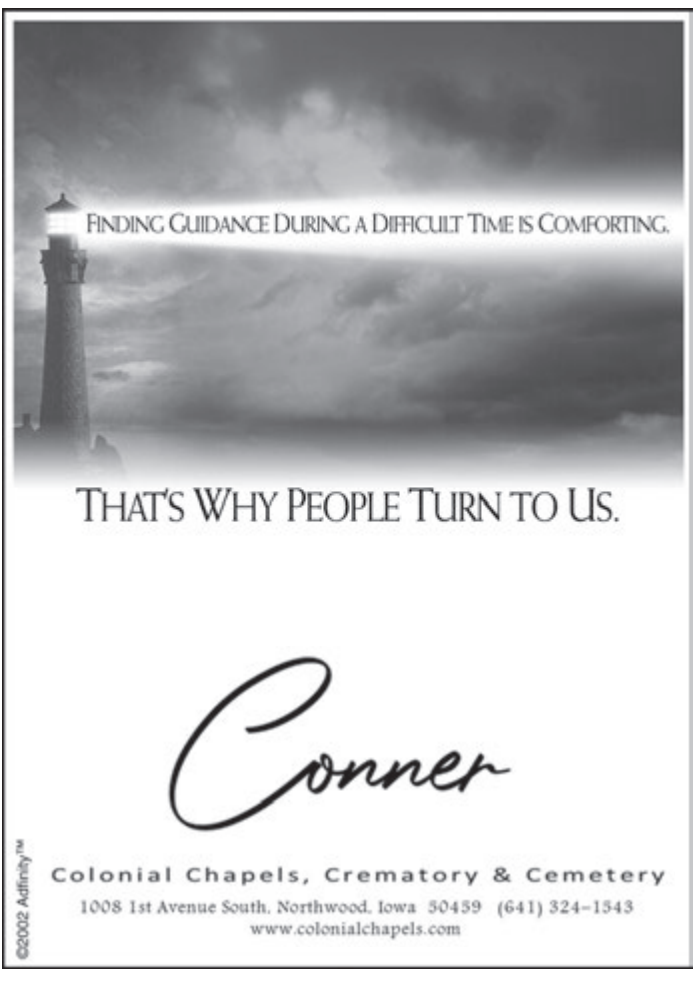
More information about EAB, including detection maps, is available at iowatreepests.com.

Quodlibet '24 coming to the NIACC Auditorium on April 13 and 14

The 47th annual Quodlibet variety show presented by North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) will take place on Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. in the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus. This year's theme "Millennium Music" is a tribute to 21st Century Pop Rock.

"There will be music for the entire family and all ages to enjoy. The production will feature a wide variety of ensembles and performing acts, including show choirs, dancers, vocal soloists and comedy sketches," said Joel Everist, NIACC Choir Director. "Our students take great pride in continuing the tradition of excellence for Quodlibet and are excited to share their talents with the community."

Tickets for this year's Quodlibet are $10 for adults and $5 for students and available at either Mason City HyVee location, the NIACC Box Office and at the door. NIACC students get in for free when they show their NIACC ID.



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Linda Nydegger represented the Bolan Trinty United Women in Faith at the Camp Clear Lake District Education and Interpretation Study entitled "FEASTING WITH JESUS: Turning it all upside down" led by Lorna Leavitt, CCLD E&I Coordinator, which was held at the First United Methodist Church in Mason City on Saturday.

Ben Nydegger is part of the Ritterchor Choir at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Ritterchor, the Knights Choir, is a tenor/bass ensemble named in honor of the Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther once lived disguised as a knight. Under the direction of Dr. Lee Nelson, the group performs choral literature of various styles at events on and off campus and hosts the annual RitterSing tenor/bass festival. Linda Nydegger joined Loren and Renee Nydegger at the concert on Sunday afternoon.



Frosty footing

Before the recent warmup and rainfall, these pairs of birds could be seen in a nearby waterway, alternately floating and walking amongst the retreating ice flow.

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Supervisors

April 1, 2024
Fourteenth 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 at 8:30 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-11 to Cancel Public Hearing and Auction Sale on April 1, 2024. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at auditor's office).

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $1,930.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Dan Moretz, DD #1, Beaver Trapping.....$600.00
Dan Moretz, DD # 46 Main, Beaver Trapping.....$600.00
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc, DD #4 Main, Beaver Trapping.....$730.00
Grand Total.....$1,930.00

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve work order in DD #2/ Lat H2 to remove beaver dams in open ditch on ground owned by Carol Abbey and Russel Tenold, Sections 4 & 9 in Brookfield Township. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve work order in DD #11/ Main F Open Ditch requested by Doug Meyer to repair/replace rusted 15" outlet pipe and animal guard in Section 8, Barton Township. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve B & W Control Specialists quote for tree and brush control in the following open ditches in Worth County in 2024: DD #2 Main - $6,000.00; DD #2 Lower H - $6,000.00; DD #2 Upper H - $3,000.00; DD#2 Lat A – $1,500.00; DD #17-54 - $5,000.00(includes Winnebago County Portion); DD #72 - $2,000.00; DD #72/Lat 1B - $1,000.00; DD #72/Lat 1A - $1,000.00; DD #5 - $5,000.00; DD - #7 - $5,500.00; DD #7/L-9 - $1,500.00; DD #7/L-4 - $1,500.00; DD #10/Lower - $3,500.00; DD #10/L-A-1 - $1,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Diamond Jo Worth, LLC d/b/a Diamond Jo Worth Casino. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan updates for C.B. Neel and Sons #63839 & #63840. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2024-12 Resolution Setting Dates for Public Hearing and Bid Letting – Top of Iowa Water Main Extension Project. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at auditor's office).

Motion Loberg /Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 10:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOP OF IOWA WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT FOR WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

At a Board of Supervisors meeting starting at 8:30 A.M. on the 29th day of April 2024, the Board of Supervisors of said County will, in said Board of Supervisors Chambers, hold a Public Hearing and said Board of Supervisors proposes to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the TOP OF IOWA WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT.

At said hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project, the same now being on file in the office of the County Auditor, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete description of the proposed improvements, and at said time and place the said Board will also receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications and form of contract or to the estimated cost of said improvements made by any interested party.

The location and description of the work to be done and the kinds and sizes of materials proposed to be used are as follows:

TOP OF IOWA WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT

The Project is located at the intersection of Wheelerwood Road and 475th Street.

The Project includes all labor, materials and equipment necessary to construct approximately 3,100 LF of 12" water main, seeding and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup.

The method of construction of all improvements shall be by contract in accordance with the plans and specifications and general stipulations for said improvements approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC. of Mason City, Iowa, said plans and specifications and the prior proceedings of the Board of Supervisors referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of this notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith.

Copies of said plans and specifications and form of contract are now on file in the office of the County Auditor and may be examined at the Worth County Court House. The ENGINEER shall make available and distribute plans and specifications in accordance with Code of Iowa. Complete sets of the plans, specifications, and bidding documents may be obtained from ENGINEER at the ENGINEER'S office located at 2800 Fourth Street SW, Suite 9, Mason City, Iowa 50401 upon request and payment or electronically in pdf format.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa.

WORTH COUNTY
AJ Stone, Chairperson
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
County Name: WORTH COUNTY County Number: 98

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/22/2024 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors' Room, Worth County Courthouse
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 County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request. County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals
Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget"amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available): worthcountyiowa.gov
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		Budget 2024/2025	Re-Est 2023/2024	Actual 2022/2023	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,786,317	5,951,863	6,045,304	5.95
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	42,381	37,835	42,381	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	562,440	262,136	562,440	
Net Current Property Taxes	4	6,181,496	5,651,892	5,440,483	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	1,329	6	1,329	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	26,042	29,606	26,042	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,467,721	3,996,649	4,531,671	-0.71
Intergovernmental	8	4,462,761	4,137,620	5,325,265	
Licenses & Permits	9	21,545	24,100	22,215	
Charges for Service	10	424,158	347,641	424,158	
Use of Money & Property	11	198,312	203,402	198,312	
Miscellaneous	12	0	114,111	1,285,421	
Subtotal Revenues	13	15,783,364	14,505,027	17,254,896	
Other Financing Sources:					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	5,997,696	
Operating Transfers In	15	1,510,301	1,415,965	3,090,149	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	25,662	0	25,662	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	17,319,327	15,920,992	26,368,403	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,103,486	3,016,573	2,631,136	8.61
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,231,270	1,257,298	1,092,747	6.15
County Environment and Education	21	1,161,550	1,123,768	992,534	8.18
Roads & Transportation	22	4,868,963	5,486,135	4,244,909	7.10
Government Services to Residents	23	588,631	554,534	480,981	10.63
Administration	24	2,927,601	3,060,353	2,168,174	16.20
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0	
Debt Service	26	861,950	946,873	3,326,726	-49.10
Capital Projects	27	2,220,000	5,320,000	352,318	151.02
Subtotal Expenditures	28	16,963,451	20,765,534	15,289,525	
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,510,301	1,415,965	3,090,149	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	18,473,752	22,181,499	18,379,674	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-1,154,425	-6,260,507	7,988,729	
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	10,794,353	17,054,860	9,066,131	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	7,978,220	9,482,938	13,903,717	
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,170,996	1,311,415	1,311,415	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	490,712	0	1,839,728	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	9,639,928	10,794,353	17,054,860	

Proposed property taxation by type:	Proposed tax rates per $1,000 taxable valuation:
Countywide Levies*: 5,078,448	
Rural Only Levies*: 1,707,869	Urban Areas: 6.82621
Special District Levies*: 0	Rural Areas: 9.68543
TIF Tax Revenues: 2,657,020	Any special district tax rates not included.
Utility Replacement Excise Tax: 207,616	

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:

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Kensett Public Library

By Lisa Lestrud
Library Director

Greetings from the Kensett Public Library. April has arrived and with it hopefully more sunshine and warm weather. Our Easter party was a fun event for those who came. They got lots of treats and prizes.

We have purchased quite a few new adult fiction books, children's series chapter books and some fun easy reading for younger kids. The library also has some new DVDs for adults and children. Come see our selection.

April is national garden month, so we will be doing that theme for our story time on Saturday April 27, 2024, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. We will read a story, plant some seeds for you to take home and have a snack. The seed library is growing as patrons have brought in seeds for you to take and plant. We are still looking for donations of seeds to add to our collection.

The summer reading program will be in June starting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, and will be every Tuesday for the month. I have not decided on a time yet but will be in the afternoon.

Be sure to follow us on our Facebook page for upcoming events. Also contact us by email kensettlibrary@wctatel.net or come see us at the library.









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Iowa House
District 51

Week Thirteen

Although most of our work last week was on budgets, we still have policy bills being amended and moving from one chamber to the other before final passage. I am continuing to work with the Senate and the Governor's office on a bill to reduce the number of boards and commissions in the State and we hope to bring that bill up for debate this week.

Bills of interest that I supported on the floor last week included:

House File 2618 Early Literacy Bill

Reading is the foundation of learning. Students in Iowa are holding steady in reading scores, but we can do beter. We are the only state in the country that does not require competency in early literacy instruction for teacher licensure. This bill would require students in teacher prep programs to take the Foundation of Reading assessment. It also states that schools must report to parents if their student is not reading proficiently in grades 1-6 and parents will have the option to retain their child in the current grade level. Schools must provide students in grades 1-6 with a personalized reading plan until the student is reading proficiently. This bill passed the House with near unanimous support.

Senate File 2391 Meat Integrity Act

This is a bill to establish fair labeling standards on the sale of protein products. It is quite simple—if it is not meat, it should not say it is meat and if it is not an egg, it should not be labeled as an egg. As new products such as "lab-grown meat" come on the market accurate labeling has become extremely important. The goals of the bill are to define meat products, cultivated-protein, insect-protein, and plant-protein products, create fair labeling standards, and ensure transparency in the marketplace.

The bill additionally seeks to proscribe how lab-grown proteins are purchased through federal SNAP and WIC programs. It curtails schools from purchasing lab-grown proteins for school meals and restricts the Regent Institutions and community colleges from purchasing lab-grown proteins.

House File 2674 Rural Development Tax Credit Program

H F 2674 creates tax credits awarded by the IEDA for specific capital contributions made to certified rural businesses growth funds for investment in qualified businesses. Through these tax credits, this bill will incentivize investment into new or expanding businesses in Iowa's 88 smallest counties. It allows up to $27 million in tax credits for investors in projects that will reap at least $45 million in economic activity. This bill passed with unanimous support.

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.



The Clear Lake First Tech Challenge Team. Good to have time to visit and discuss their projects, even when it was a little out of my arena.

Northwood Anchor Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, 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, Bethany Circle, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Services, 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
Thursday, Pub Theology at Worth Brewing, 7 p.m.; 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

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

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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

We have discussed Phyllis Good's cookbooks before; she is the master of the slow cooker and the "Fix it and Forget it" style of food preparation. "Fix-It and Forget-It New Cookbook" (2013, Good Books, Intercourse, PA) is another excellent collection of low-stress but high-flavor meals. This is a woman after my own heart as I love my slow-cooker work horses and use them all year as she does. The following are adapted from this 10 year old cookbook because, as we all know, recipes may need adjusting over the years because of ingredients or procedures but good cooking never goes out of style.

Creamy Ham and Scalloped Potatoes

6-8 slices of good ham, about 1/4" thick, cut into cubes and divided
8-10 medium russet potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced and divided SANDY'S NOTE: If you slice a lot of vegetables for different recipes, think about investing in a good mandolin. It is an amazing piece of equipment but extremely sharp so you need to use it with care and with the included finger guard!
1 large yellow onion, sliced and divided
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese, divided
1 can (10.5 oz) cream of mushrooms soup*
1/4 cup half and half or whole milk
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste, divided

Using a large slow-cooker, 5-6 quart size0 spray the inside pot with cooking spray or use a plastic liner made for this use. Put half of the potatoes, the onions and the ham into the pot. Sprinkle with salt and pepper if desired. This might depend upon how salty the ham is; taste it and decide. Repeat with the second half of the ingredients. Pour the soup into a small bowl with the half and half and beat it until it is creamy and smooth. Spoon this on top of the ingredients in the cooker and put on the cover. Cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or until the potatoes and onions are the tenderness that pleases you. Just before serving, sprinkle with a bit of smoked paprika for color. Makes 12 servings.

***Homemade Cream of Mushroom Soup**

3 tablespoons real butter
1/4 cup chopped white button mushrooms
1 tablespoon minced fresh onion
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk, whole is best but you can use 2%

Melt the butter in a small heavy saucepot and sauté the mushrooms and onion until tender. Stir frequently so the onion does not brown. Add the flour and stir until smooth. Cook this over low heat for a minute or so to eliminate the raw flour taste. Gradually add the milk, stirring or whisking the entire time to avoid lumps. Keep cooking on low heat until the soup bubbled, stirring continuously to keep it smooth. It should thicken to a good substitute for one can of cream of mushroom soup if you dislike using the commercial product.

Easy Mac 'n Cheese

1 tablespoon real butter, softened
1 1/2 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
3 cups whole milk
3 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese OR a combination of cheeses you like best that have a robust flavor
1/3 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard

Rub the softened butter all over the inside of the crock to grease it. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Cover and cook on LOW for 2-3 hours or until set and the macaroni is tender. Remove the lid and set the cooker to HIGH. Cook for another 20 minutes if there is liquid around the edges and you want it gone. Otherwise, serve it and enjoy. Makes 4-6 servings.

Cozy Dried Beef Casserole

2 cups frozen peas, still frozen
1/4 cup diced yellow onion
1 1/4 cups homemade cream of mushroom soup
1/4 pound dried beef, shredded
3 cups thinly-sliced russet potatoes, scrubbed but unpeeled
Salt and pepper to taste
2/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs

Stir together all the ingredients except the potatoes. Grease the inside crock of the cooker or use a liner. Lay the potatoes on the bottom. Sprinkle with some salt. Pour the dried beef mixture over the potatoes in an even layer and sprinkle the bread crumbs over the top. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-6 hours or until the potatoes are done through. Makes 4-6 servings.

This cookbook will take you through almost a year of delicious recipes. There are suggestions for all three meals and the slow-cooker does the heavy lifting. It's a must-have in most kitchens. And… that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Julseth recognized as a master Gardener

Amongst the many ways in which he contributes to and support Worth County 4-H'ers and other Exntension programs, Peter Julseth enjoys leading workshops and programs to share and support a love of gardening. For those efforts, Julseth was recently recognized as a Worth County Master Gardener. Julseth is pictured with Worth County Extension President Curt Shaub, who presented Julseth with the award.

April is National Safe Digging Month: simple to dig safely

As Iowans are planning for spring or to celebrate Arbor Day or Earth Day with a new tree, Black Hills Energy has numerous helpful tips to make sure you're not the neighbor that knocks out the power – or worse – when doing spring projects like planting trees.

Simple rules for safe digging at home and for contractors:

Call 811 before digging. This quick call will notify all utilities in the area of the plans to dig. Individuals can also submit an online request. Make sure to do this at least two full business days before digging. On average, seven utility operators are notified for each request.

Pre-mark where the plan to dig using white paint, stakes or flags. Marking the site will help utility locators understand the plans and reduce the chance of project delays if the locator must return to locate additional areas.

Respect the marks. Carefully hand dig with a shovel within the tolerance zone of 18 inches or greater depending on the pipe size rather than use heavy equipment.

Don't rely on old line-locate marks. If individuals do not dig within 20 business days of having utility lines marked, contact Iowa 811 again. Line locators will return to remark the lines within two days at no charge.

"Whether you're a homeowner planting a tree or a contractor using a backhoe, safety should always be the priority," said Brad Henningsen, Iowa damage prevention coordinator. "Any time of year, you must dig safely and always call before you dig. Buried utility lines may be out of sight but they should never be out of mind."

Failure to comply with "Call Before You Dig" laws can result in civil penalties or the cost of expensive repairs to utilities and private property. More importantly, hitting an underground utility line can cause widespread service outages, or grave injury to everyone within a wide area.

If a natural gas line is damaged accidentally, or you smell the distinctive rotten-egg odor associated with natural gas, immediately leave the area and first call 911 and then Black Hills Energy at 888-890-5554. Do not operate any machinery or equipment that might cause a spark or create an open flame.

Visit blackhillsenergy.com/811 to learn more about 811 and safe digging practices. You can also follow Black Hills Energy on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for safe digging resources.



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Let Us Talk

As April showers seem to be happening we all need to start thinking about Spring Clean Up. This spring it is going to happen in Northwood from April 25 thru April 27. This is an opportunity for ALL Northwood residents to tidy up their property.

The following ordinances apply:

51.01 Definitions.
For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Inoperable Vehicle" means any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat, snowmobile, trailer, or semi-trailer which lacks a current registration or component part which renders the vehicle unfit for legal use or is unable to propel itself. All motor vehicles that can be operated upon a highway of this State shall have proof of financial responsibility.

2. "Junk" means all old or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other non-ferrous metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste or unused lumber, or salvaged wood; dismantled or inoperable vehicles, machinery and appliances or parts of such vehicles, machinery, or appliances; iron, steel or other old scrap ferrous materials; old or discarded glass, tinware, plastic or old or discarded household goods or hardware. Neatly stacked firewood located on a side yard or rear yard is not considered to be junk.

51.02 Parking and Storage. No person shall park, place, keep or store or permit the parking, placing, keeping or storage of a stock car, racing car, inoperable vehicle, vehicular component parts or miscellaneous junk and debris on any public or private property within the corporate limits of the city unless it is within a completely enclosed building. This section does not apply to legitimate businesses operating in a lawful place and manner on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, provided, however, that any business which begins, enlarges, or otherwise extends business operations after such effective date shall screen outside areas from the public view. If a violation of this section occurs upon private property, the owner or person in control of said property shall be prima facie liable for said violation.

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

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood Iowa

PUBLIC NOTICE
RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
NOXIOUS WEEDS
2024 CROP YEAR

Be it resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Worth County, Iowa, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such time in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming into maturity and shall keep such lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, or otherwise destroyed.

Primary noxious weeds, which shall include: quack grass, bull thistle, perennial sow thistle, horse nettle, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, perennial pepper-grass, European morning glory or field bindweed, Russian knapweed, buckthorn and palmer amaranth

Secondary noxious weeds, which shall include: butterprint annual, wild carrot biennial & perennial, sour dock perennial, multiflora rose, teasel biennial, cocklebur annual, buckthorn perennial, smooth dock perennial, wild sunflower annual, shattercane annual, wild mustard annual, sheep sorrel, poison hemlock and puncture vine annual

2. That all weeds on county trunk and local county roads and between fence lines thereof will be taken care **of by the county**.

3. That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any lands in Worth County fail to comply with the forgoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and that the expense of said work, including costs of serving notices and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate.

4. That the county auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the forgoing order by publication in each of the official newspapers of the county by request of County Weed Commissioner, Mike Bode at 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA (641) 390-0268.

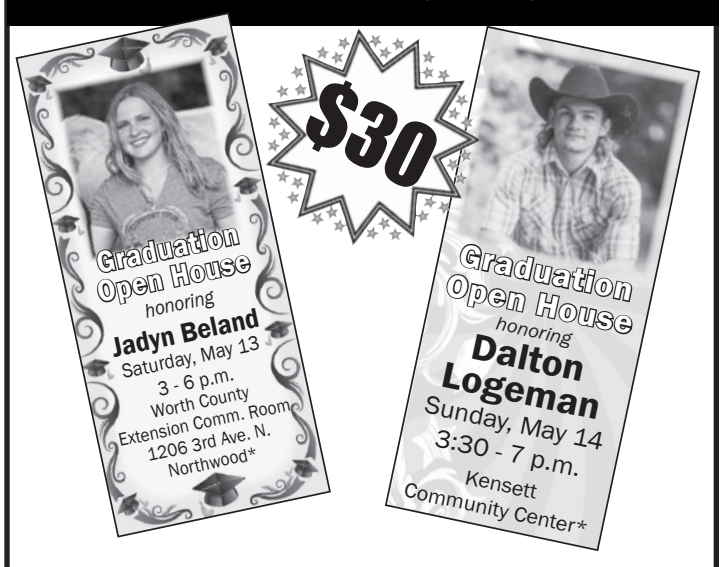
5. The Weed Commissioner be given full authority and power to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Choosing a senior community that offers all levels of care

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you help me identify some good senior living communities that offers all levels of housing and care from independent living to nursing home care? I am in my late seventies and know I need to downsize from my current house, but I want my next move to be my last.

One Move Mary

Dear Mary,

If you want your next move to be your last, an all-inclusive retirement community – also known as a continuing-care retirement community (or CCRC) – is a great option to consider. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you locate one.

What are CCRCs?

CCRCs are different from other types of senior housing because they provide all levels of housing, services and care in one convenient location.

While the appearance and services of CCRCs can vary greatly, most provide apartments or sometimes single-family homes for active independent seniors. In addition, they also offer onsite assisted living for seniors who require help with basic living tasks like bathing, dressing or going to the bathroom, and nursing home care for residents when their health declines.

CCRCs also provide a variety of resort-style amenities and services that include community dining halls, exercise facilities, housekeeping, and transportation, as well as many social and recreational activities.

But be aware that all these services come at a hefty price. Most communities have entry fees that range from less the $100,000 to more than $1 million, plus ongoing monthly fees that generally range from $2,000 to $5,000 for singles ($3,000 to $6,000 for couples) depending on the facility, services and the contract option you choose.

With more than 2,000 CCRCs in operation throughout the U.S, finding a facility that fits your lifestyle, needs and budget will require some legwork. Here are some steps that can help you proceed.

Make a list: To find CCRCs in the area you want to live go to MyLifeSite.net and Caring.com, which provide online lists. Once you've located a few, call them to find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services you want.

Take a tour: Many CCRCs encourage potential residents to stay overnight and have a few meals in their dining hall. During your visit, notice the upkeep of the facility and talk to the current residents to see how they like living there. Also, check out the assisted living and nursing facilities, and find out how decisions are made to move residents from one level of care to another.

Do some research: While on your tour, find out who owns the CCRC and get a copy of their most recently audited financial statement and review it. Also find out their occupancy rate. Unless it's a newer community filling up, occupancy below 80 percent can be a red flag that the facility is having financial or management problems.

To investigate the CCRC's long-term care services call your state long-term care ombudsman (see LTCombudsman.org) who can tell you if the assisted living and nursing care services had any complaints or problems. You can also use Medicare's nursing home compare tool at Medicare.gov/care-compare.

Understand the contract and fees: Most CCRCs offer three types of contracts: Life-care, or Type A contracts, which have the highest entry fee but covers all levels of long-term care as needed; Type B, or modified contracts that have lower entry fees but limits long-term care services in the initial fee; and Type C, or fee-for-service contracts, which offer the lowest entrance fees but requires you to pay extra for long-term care if you need it.

You also need to find out what yearly price increases you can expect? How much of your entry fee is refundable to you if you move or die? And what happens if you outlive your financial resources?

To help you sort through all this, consult with your financial advisor or lawyer before committing.

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

Long time, no see. How are you doing?

I'm sorry, but I've forgotten your name. You'll need to tell me.

I can't believe you don't remember my name. How soon do you need to know it?

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The wind was pushy. Rocks blew past me as I went hither and thither. The wind wasn't that strong, so I doubt any of them weighed more than a pound. My faithful automobile and I hadn't had a single quarrel. I like my car. I've had vehicles that when one door closed, another door opened. This one behaves. I pulled into a hotel parking lot. It was no Potemkin Village. The façade wasn't impressive. I decided not to rise above my station. I turned on the room light and they scattered. They were cockroaches. They are found in every state. I paid for a bed and a shower, and got complimentary cockroaches. It wasn't as if I'd stepped on a cobra. In college, I lived in a condemned building unfit for human habitation, but I was a college student, so they could rent it to me.

At the Rip Van Winkle Rest Area

I've learned rest areas are everywhere when you don't need one. Each lengthy drive provides a rest area education. I learned this while resting in an area: In 1837, John Deere developed and marketed the world's first self-polishing cast steel plow. The large plows made for cutting the tough American prairie ground were called "grasshopper plows."

I walked around the rest area, remembering when I could go an entire day without taking a photo. Back in my parked car, I sent some online condolences via my phone. When I think about all the people I've lost. I realized I should never have been a tour guide.

I've learned

I'm glad fingernails grow in only one direction.

When I learned the word "plethora," it meant a lot to me.

Chicken fried steak isn't steak fried by a chicken.

April 12 is National Licorice Day, so take a licorice to lunch. Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and Napoleon Bonaparte used licorice for its health benefits, primarily for digestive disorders. Many "licorice" products don't contain actual licorice and use anise oil instead.

Bad jokes department

Why does it cost so much to repair my roof? It should be on the house.

I bought a "Ventriloquism for Dummies" book. It said to let the other guy do all the talking.

If you get an email about reading maps backward, it's spam.

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes? The remorse code.

Irish dancers are the best dancers, hands-down.

What do you call a paper airplane that can't fly? Stationery.

Polarized sunglasses—people either love them or hate them.

The population of the capital of Ireland is growing rapidly. Every day, it's Dublin.

Nature notes

If you see swans nesting here, they are trumpeters. Trumpeter swans are larger than tundras, but the difference in size is apparent only if the two species are near one another. A fluffed tundra might look bigger than a trim trumpeter. I listen to calls. Trumpeter swan calls are trumpet-like, which sound like a junior high French horn player warming up to me. Lewis and Clark, during their expedition, provided the first written description of tundra swans, where the birds' whistle-like calls prompted Meriwether Lewis to dub them "whistling swans." Trumpeters sound remarkably low-pitched and nasal in comparison. If you hear something whistling the theme song to "The Andy Griffith Show," it will be a TV and not a tundra swan. Tundra swans stay in flocks except when on breeding territory in the arctic. If you see a pair, they're likely trumpeter swans.

American crows hide their nests in a crotch near the trunk of a tree or on a horizontal branch toward the top third of a tree, preferring to nest in evergreens, but will nest in deciduous trees when evergreens are unavailable. Both members of a breeding pair build the nest and the young from the previous year might help. The nest is made of medium-sized twigs with an inner cup lined with pine needles, vegetation, bark and/or animal hair.

People don't think of owls as scavengers, but do they eat carrion? The behavior is more widespread than believed, according to University of Illinois researchers. Most of the carcasses fed upon were mammals, especially those with hooves. I've seen an owl on a dead deer.

Meeting adjourned

No person looks better than when being kind to another.

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Fit to print...

Colder winters in Iowa actually prove that global warming is a reality

Iowa is positioned to play a special role in helping to reduce carbon in the atmosphere, which is the root cause of climate change

By Arnold Garson
Iowa Writers Collaborative
Linking Iowa readers and writers.

The No. 1 argument climate-change deniers use to "prove" that global warming is not happening is the fact that there have numerous examples of historically low winter temperatures in the United States in recent years. How can our planet be warming if the winter temperatures are falling? Read on.

This past January, the lows at Okoboji included -17 on Jan. 13 and 14; then -21 a week later. The windchills were stunning. Unfortunately, the numbers do not appear to have been preserved in a readily accessible way.

In Des Moines, however, the windchill hit -36 on the night of the Iowa caucuses. It was the coldest weather ever recorded for a caucus night by a wide margin.

Across the Upper Midwest, it was one of the coldest weeks ever recorded with temperatures not suited for human exposure.

Mary Skopec, the executive director of the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory and one of the state's leading environmental scientists, said these temperatures actually prove the reverse of what climate deniers contend. They support the fact that our planet is getting warmer.

Huh?

The reason we are having temperatures like this, Skopec said, is because the polar ice caps are melting and are no longer able to contain the arctic weather within the Arctic Circle. The cold is spreading south into places like Iowa.

"It's 50 below zero or something crazy like that, and [people] are like, well, that's evidence that climate change isn't happening," she said. "Actually, the reverse is true."

"If you go back 100 years, the polar ice and temperature around that polar ice was well contained. As the globe warms, what happens is that it becomes unstable and you get these outbreaks of polar air that plunge further down" from the polar ice cap, Skopec said. The cold "can't all be contained at the poles because the poles are warming."

An unstable atmosphere translates to more extreme weather events, including stronger tornados, heavier rains, and more severe blizzards.

There have been times in recent years when Okoboji has been colder than Fairbanks, Alaska or even places further north, she said.

Other unseen factors account for certain weather changes.

One is the El Niño that set up in the Pacific Ocean this past winter. "People often forget that the circulation of the oceans is very instrumental in what is happening with our climate and weather," Skopec said.

Basically, the oceans drive our atmosphere, and as the oceans continue to warm, there is a concern among environmental scientists that we may see ocean circulation slow or even stop, she said.

What happens then?

"Uncharted territory," she said. No one knows for sure.

But the discussion could begin with this fact: The only reason the temperatures in Europe are warm enough to grow crops is because of ocean circulation. The Gulf Stream takes warm water from Florida all the way up to Europe. "If that stops, Europe is no longer able to grow crops," she said.

The population of Europe is about 750 million.

Think about it.

Uncharted territory also could mean that temperatures around the world would be more even rather than having extreme cold at the polar cap with warmer weather as you move toward the equator.

"The things we've depended on won't be dependable anymore," she said.

Preventing all of this comes down to just one thing: Bringing down the level of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. "We need to stop pumping so much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere," she said.

But that, as the saying goes, is easier said than done.

"Everybody has got to get into the canoe and row in the same direction" to make this happen, she said. "Everybody" means that the U. S. and Russia and China and India and everybody else has to go along with the plan. "We need to get serious about reductions in carbon dioxide emissions," Skopec said.

She also warned that we may have to more broadly accept some of the imperfect solutions that have been created – such things as wind turbines, solar energy, and electric vehicles. There is a lot of pushback on electric vehicles, she said, and using coal-fired plants to build them or to generate electricity does not help. We need to build sources of electricity that are not coal-fired – otherwise, she said, we are just moving around the deck chairs on the Titanic.

We cannot wait, however, until our solutions are perfect. We have to think of them as bridges to get to solutions that will be even better, Skopec said.

A special opportunity for Iowa

One promising carbon solution involves the soil and provides an excellent opportunity for Iowa.

The opportunity is to plant as much of the state's cropland as possible with certain perennial cover crops after the main crop is harvested. That will pull carbon out of the atmosphere and put it back in the soil, which has suffered from carbon depletion resulting from conventional farming practices.

Cover crops used for this purpose have deep roots, which help the soil store more carbon. Examples of such crops include clover, alfalfa, beans, peas, and oats. There are dozens more.

The process also allows farmers to do less tilling, another plus for the atmosphere because tilling releases a lot of stored carbon into the atmosphere.

Finally, cover crops can reduce fertilizer runoff into waterways because they improve the health of the soil and prevent erosion.

Soil-based carbon storage and sequestration, thus, is a three-way win: Better soil, better atmosphere, better water quality in rivers and lakes.

It is an amazing combination.

Cropland, however, accounts for only 10% of the land on planet earth. Iowa's place in this equation thus could be substantial.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

April 2, 1924

"A Nautical Knot," the operetta given at the Northwood Theatre by the Boys and Girls Glee clubs of the local high school, is pronounced by far the best effort yet in spite of the excellence of the two previous productions, "Pinafore" and "O-Hara San," the offerings of 1921 and 1922.

A heavy wet snow set spring back a few days and again put the country roads in bad conditions.

A beautiful home wedding was consummated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Mostrom when they, on March 19, gave their only daughter, Esther Caroline, in marriage to Mr. Herman Levorson. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Levorson.

The annual Northwood picnic or reunion in southern California is becoming as much of an institution as the Iowa State picnic; the chief difference being that the latter counts its attendants by the thousands, while the local Northwoodites usually number about 50. They are always held in the City Park at Monrovia, where perhaps the majority of our ex-patriots live.

Mrs. Nora M. King, who is completing her fourth year as superintendent of schools in Worth County, will be a candidate for re-election by the county school board, which meets on April 6. Mrs. King has made a wonderfully efficient and faithful superintendent. She has driven nearly 15,000 miles in pursuance of her duties during incumbency.

As a partial return for previous courtesies members of the Northwood Retail Men's Association served the lunch last evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Grove Township Farm Bureau held at Dwelle Hall. Bad weather and roads did not have the deterring effect predicted and many were in from the country; some bringing old Kate and Jim or Dobbin and Nell instead of the motor car.

75 years ago

April 14, 1949

Members of the Northwood Golf and Country club began tearing down the old clubhouse to make way for the new building, which was authorized the previous week at a club meeting. Members are doing the work and saving the lumber for use in the new structure.

The last of the frost went out of the ground during the week and the sun rapidly dried the fields to make them suitable for working. In the southwest part of the county some farmers finished seeding oats, but otherwise this work was just getting started, or would within a few days.

The Iowa State Highway Commission called for bids on culverts, brides and grading on Highway 105 between Northwood and Lake Mills.

The barn on the Walter Bublitz acreage at Grafton was razed by fire. Faulty wiring was thought to be the cause of the blaze. The fire department was unable to save the building. Livestock was saved, however.

Herbert Dykstra, head coach at Northwood High School, has been engaged as 1949 summer playground and recreation director in Northwood, it was announced by C.O. Christianson, chairman of the school board.

Arnold Talle, Worth County cancer drive chairman, announced the names of town and townships chairmen for the annual fund campaign.

Kentucy Jack died at the county home in Kensett, and his funeral was held at Manly.

Eugene Bliton and Lloyd Fedge, Northwood bowling doubles team that won the VFW national postal bowling tournament, drove to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to take part in the national VFW bowling tournament there.

Worth County independent baseball will get underway on May 8 with the first series of scheduled contests in the North Iowa Borderline league, W.W. Hudson, secretary of the local ball club said.

50 years ago

April 11, 1974

Several white whistling swans were observed last weekend in various parts of Worth County. These were feeding on a pond on the Leonard Bliton farm northeast of Northwood last Friday.

About 50 four-and five-year-olds reported to the East Elementary building for the annual kindergarten roundup. Parents and teachers' aides assisted in familiarizing the children with the new surroundings.

The Viking trackmen came up with a big victory by winning the Class A title at the Rockford Relays Tuesday. They amassed 77 team points to easily defeat St. Ansgar with 47, Newman with 43, Riceville with 37 and Rockford with 17. A total of 18 teams competed in three different classes. Coach Bob Weselmann singled out Al Hove for an outstanding performer of the meet.

A campaign is underway by the committee of the Meals on Wheels organization, which plans to be in operation by May 1. A total of $500 is needed and organizations are asked to contribute. Meals on Wheels is a program which will provide a hot, nutritious meal once a day, five days a week, for ill, elderly and shut-ins in the city limits of Northwood. The meals will be delivered by volunteers.

Honored at the Jaycee Recognition Banquet were five Northwood residents. They are Lloyd Madson, Boss of the Year; William Draheim, Distinguished Service; David Peterson, Outstanding Young Educator; Dr. Stilaf Anderson, Distinguished Citizen; and Clair Hengesteg, Outstanding Young Farmer.

Almost 360 area residents attended the Worth County Pork Producers banquet Thursday night at the N-K high school Featured speaker was Bernard Ebbang, director of livestock procurement at Rath Packing Company, Waterloo.

25 years ago

April 14, 1999

The Northwood and Kensett Volunteer fire companies spent more than 12 hours battling flames and breathing smoke as they fought to control the Conner Colonial Chapel blaze. Northwood firemen Roger Harris and Mike Lee had to end a short breather and race for the firehose after flames broke out in the structure's driveway portico. Northwood firemen were discussing the situation with chapel officials Gary Nerlien and Dave Moore.

Four pieces of heavy equipment were busy as work got underway on construction of Northwood's new community swimming pool. In the foreground, Universal Contractors employees demolished and carted off concrete from the old pool shell, while Abrams Construction employees moved dirt to make way for the new bathhouse's footings in the background. General contractor Bud Kragenbrink expects the footings to be poured this week so the masonry work can begin.

Luther College senior Beth Steinmetz of Northwood will be inducted into the Luther chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on April 11. Steinmetz is the daughter of Terry and Joanne Steinmetz of Northwood. She is pursuing a major in biology.

William and Esther Gentz will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 15, 1999. A family gathering will be celebrated at a later date.

Northwood-Kensett High sophomore Gabe Vargas put the first meet of the season to good use. Vargas tossed the discus 123 feet, two inches to win the event at the Early Bird Relays in Charles City Monday. "I was pleased with Gabe's discus throw," said Viking head coach Dave Capitani.

Kristi Mittag of Northwood will join 34 other NIACC students at a luncheon. The North Iowa Area Community College Alumni Association will host "Pathways to Success" on Friday, April 23.

10 years ago

April 9, 2014

N-K students once again have artwork displayed in the annual Corn Bowl Conference Art Show at NIACC. Students with art in the NIACC Art Gallery are Chelsey Stromley, Jordan Wright, Talon Krachmer, Jaden Lafferty, Samantha Dokken, DeeDee Dokken, Mady Lloyd and Devon Grahn.

Lauren Severson, soprano, was recently awarded the 2014 Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumni Chapter Scholarship, as well as being a 2013 Schubert Club Bruce P. Carlson Scholarship Competition Finalist. Severson will sing in the 15th annual benefit concert for music in the public schools of Minneapolis and Saint Paul on April 14, at 3 p.m. in the Mindekirken.

On April Fools Day, Dave Tenold and Bruce Rheinfels finally found Santa where he had been hiding under the snow. Santa took off for the North Pole shortly after this picture was taken.

On Saturday, April 26, the City of Northwood will begin its annual spring clean up week. On the same day the Northwood Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual day of citywide garage sales. On April 26, Northwood residents are encouraged to start the spring garage sale season off by having their sales along with others throughout the city.

A couple of snowy owls have taken up residence on Partridge Avenue, also known as the airport blacktop, in Northwood. Ann Low, who lives nearly, provided this picture of the male owl sitting on a fence post. According to Ann, he is frequently seen with his female mate and hopefully some babies.

Joseph Nydegger and Linda (Koppen) of Bolan, Iowa, were married on April 19, 1964, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakota, Iowa. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a family gathering at a later date.

Northwood Anchor Oldies



IN 1920 — Here's how Central avenue in Northwood looked in the year 1920. Note the old-fashioned, 5-ball street lights. The building at right was the Whitcomb Abstract office, shortly thereafter moved around the corner on Tenth street to make way for the present Thoen gas station.



Historic highlights

In the newspaper clipping at the top is a view of downtown Northwood in 1920. The building at the right is where the R80 gas station is located today. In the picture below is a scene further to the west, which shows downtown Northwood 120 years ago. The pictures were shared on "Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures and Thoughts" on Facebook.

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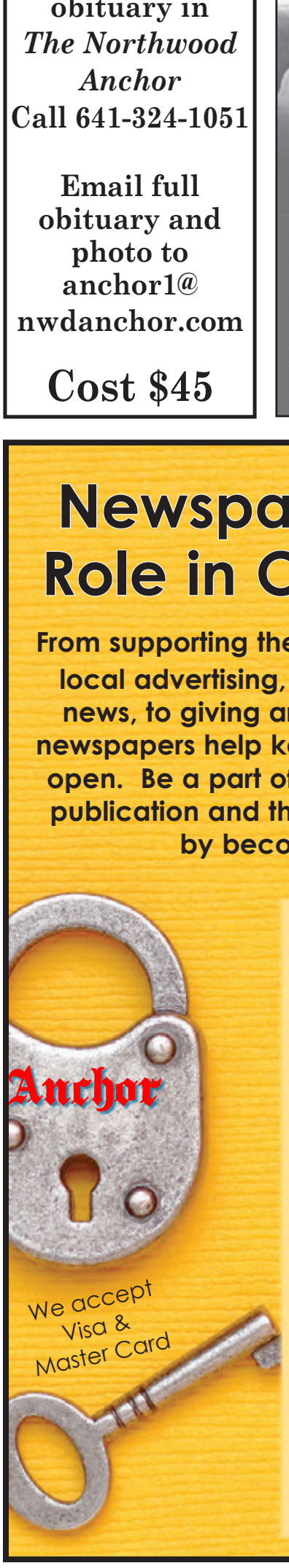
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Naig comments on detection of Avian Influenza in Texas and Kansas dairy cattle

From the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship:

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recently commented on the announcement made by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding the detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cattle in Texas and Kansas:

"Our team is actively monitoring this evolving situation regarding the news that dairy cattle in Texas and Kansas have tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. We are communicating with USDA, other states and industry stakeholders while we learn more and as there are new developments. Protecting Iowa's livestock farmers from foreign animal disease has been and will continue to be one of my top priorities as Secretary."

Report Sick Cattle

We are strongly encouraging industry partners, farmers and veterinarians to report cattle illnesses quickly to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at 515-281-5305 so that we can monitor any potential cases.

Food Safety

At this stage, USDA believes that there is no concern about the safety of the commercial milk supply or that this circumstance poses a risk to consumer health. Dairies are required to send only milk from healthy animals into processing for human consumption. Milk from impacted animals is diverted or destroyed so that it does not enter the food supply. In addition, pasteurization has continually proven to inactivate bacteria and viruses, like influenza, in milk. Pasteurization is required for any milk entering interstate commerce.

Annual spring wildlife spotlight survey underway

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

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

"Keeping the routes and conditions consistent provides more reliable data," said Jace Elliott, state deer biologist with the Iowa DNR.

The 25-mile routes – two per county - are driven below 25 miles per hour with staff shining spotlights out of both sides of the vehicle, recording the number of deer and furbearers seen along with the habitat type, at different points along the way. This is one of the only surveys that provides an index on elusive furbearer species, like badgers and otters. Staff are careful to avoid shining homes and livestock while on the survey and contact the county sheriff ahead of time in case they receive any calls.

"This survey produces really valuable information on our deer and furbearer populations, both locally and at the state level, allowing us to see population trends over time," said Elliott. The survey began in the late 1970s as a way to collect information on the raccoon population, but was expanded to include deer and other furbearers.

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







Caring containers

Last week nurses Lexee and Shana from Worth County Public Health visited Northwood-Kensett with personal care bags. The bags included shampoo, conditioner, body wash, loofas, deodorant, toothpaste, a toothbrush, Q-tips, bandaids, hand sanitizer, a notebook and a pencil. The bags were made possible by a grant from the Janssen Family Foundation grant.

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