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Public input requested for hazard mitigation plan

Representatives of local governments and emergency officials have been working to update the county's hazard mitigation plan. The public is now invited to review the plan and give input.

Hazard Mitigation Planning is a process to help local governments. The plans identify potential natural and man-made hazards, ways to prevent certain threats and ways that the local governments can prepare and recover should those events occur.

The plans have to be updated every five years to remain active. The plans help make local governments, including the County, cities and school districts, eligible for federal funds and programs.

The next step is to allow the public to review the mitigation plan.

It is available online at https://virtualconsultation.wsp.com/VirtualSpace/159026.



N-K hosts 'Fabulous' prom Saturday

Students at Northwood-Kensett High School will take part in a the annual prom festivities this Saturday.

This year's prom will feature a theme of a "Welcome to Fabulous." It will be held this Saturday, April 27, with N-K juniors and seniors and their dates taking part in a variety of activities.

That begins with the grand march at 5 p.m. in the high school gym, when students' family, friends and members of the community are invited to view prom attire and decorations.

Following grand march the students will travel to the Timbers events center for a meal catered by Fatty's BBQ.

The prom dance begins at 7 p.m. at the Timbers. From activities include music from DJ Mojo Productions, a photo booth and games and prizes.

Following the dance, students will board a charter bus, which will take them to Grand Slam in Burnsville, Minnesota, which offers laser tag, trampolines, mini-golf, bumper cars, batting ages and more.



TJ Ausborn and Ariana Heiken, juniors at Northwood-Kensett High School, will join their classmates for prom festivities this Saturday.

Supervisors discuss EMS districts, interchange property, selling water service

Progress towards a source of ambulance funding and the potential sale of casino interchange property were discussed by the board of supervisors. That also included a discussion of the interchange utility service and whether the County should continue operating the system.

Since last year county, city and township officials have been working on a way to fund requests for ambulance service.

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.

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.

While the Worth County supervisors have approved the use of pandemic relief funds to fund the ambulance requests for now, those areas will need to have a funding source in place next year.

One option is to form EMS districts, which can levy a property tax of up to $1 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. Agricultural property is exempt.

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Spring clean up begins tomorrow

The annual spring clean up in Northwood begins tomorrow, Thursday, April 25, and continues through this Saturday, April 27.

The City offers a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some spring cleaning.

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

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

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

The City is asking that

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Briefs

Memorial bake/craft sale Tuesday

A bake and craft sale will be held this Tuesday, April 30. The sale is being held in memory of Cristal Sanchez-Nava.

The sale will be held on Tuesday, from 4:30-8 p.m. during the N-K Middle School track meet.

All funds raised during the sale will benefit Cristal's family.



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. April 16	77	41	0.18
Wed. April 17	66	51	1.11
Thurs. April 18	67	44	0.45
Fri. April 19	54	33	
Sat. April 20	47	31	
Sun. April 21	47	29	
Mon. April 22	61	30	

DOT program provides look at County's road project plans

At the April 8 meeting of the Worth County Supervisors, county engineer Rich Brumm shared documents filed with Iowa DOT, which show potential road project plans for the next five years.

The document lets the DOT know how the County plans to spend local, state and federal dollars and the projects that each category will be used on.

Brumm told the supervisors that funding for any planned projects is very much in question in the next five years. He stressed that the DOT five year program is sub-

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WCDA awards $1,230,961.56 in spring awards

On April 15, the WCDA held its spring awards event, announcing the latest recipients of grants for Worth County and regional recipients.

During their spring grants, the WCDA awarded a total of $1,230,961.56.

Of the spring grants, $1,124,982.61 went to groups in Worth County.

The largest grant announced on April 15 went to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. The NVFC received $196,100 toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

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Treasurer's office recognizes donors, recipient during 'Organ Donation Month'



Jake Hanson, treasurer, Callie Flattum, deputy, driver's license, Emily Eilertson deputy, motor vehicle and Amy Jorgensen, deputy treasurer.

April is Organ Donation Month, dedicated to encouraging Iowans to sign up to be organ donors. At the Worth County Treasurer's Office, they are celebrating by sharing the stories of people whose lives were changed or saved by donations and those whose organs were donated to save others.

Amongst the services offered at the Treasurer's Office is the ID and licensing station. It is here where checking a simple box to be an organ donor can have a major impact on the lives of others.

To observe the month, the staff of the treasurer's office are sharing the stories of organ donors and someone that has received a donation. They recently welcomed their families to recognize how organ donation has been a part of their families' lives.

Recognized at the treasurer's office are three young people whose organs were donated after their deaths, including Xavier Shores, Cassidy Leigh Stehn and Ryan Michael Weisert. Also recognized is one person, Jon Hanson, whose life was changed when he received organ donations.

Following is information shared at the Worth County

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Treasurer's Office during Organ Donation Month:

Xavier Shores

"Xavier Shores was diagnosed with nephroblastoma (kidney cancer) on Valentine's Day 2014. Being a normal three year old, he enjoyed playing outside with his cousins, driving his Power Wheel Mustang and playing video games with his Dad. Despite being ill some days and between chemo, radiation and hospital stays, Xavier remained a happy and loving boy. Then 2015 came, and it was discovered his cancer had spread and there were no other treatment options. Xavier passed in June of 2015, courageously donating his eyes (which gave vision to two recipients!) and his tissues, which are being used for research in the hopes of curing nephroblastoma in the future. At the tender age of four, Xavier donated what he could, and you can too. Please check yes to be an organ donor!"

Cassidy Leigh Stehn

"Cassidy Leigh Stehn was a normal nine-year-old. She had just finished third grade, played soccer, danced, took Clover Kids projects to fair and played softball. Swimming lessons had started, and she mastered diving off the edge into the pool. Cassidy was enrolled in the summer conservation program and was traveling with friends to go canoeing when they were involved in an accident and Cassidy did not survive. Rod and I were approached at the hospital and asked if we would ever consider organ donation. We looked at each other and without hesitation said yes. Cassidy had the chance to help make someone's life better, and she would have loved that. Rod and I did receive a letter from Iowa Donation a few years later and we were told that some of Cassidy's tissues and arteries had helped several people's lives. Please consider being an organ donor. It costs nothing and all it takes is a check when you renew your license. It could save someone's life."



JAKE HANSON, TERESA STEHN, DANI GENTZ AND WENDY AND MIKE WEISERT

Ryan Michael Weisert

"Ryan Michael Weisert was one of the best in life and in death. Ryan was a stand out athlete all through high school and a great carpenter after. He was like most guys from the area that were 25 years old. He loved hunting with his dogs and coaching youth wrestling. He always had that smile that told you he was up to something and he loved his friends and family passionately! On November 24, 2012, Ryan would lose his life in a traffic accident. Ryan was an organ donor and one grateful person received his eyes. In death Ryan ended up being just as giving as in his life. Please check yes to being an organ donor!"

Jon Hanson

"My cousin/brother, Jon Hanson, works for the State Auditor's Office and was a type 1 diabetic. Jon had been off work for three years waiting for a duel transplant, kidney and pancreas. Six months ago, our prayers were answered and Jon received his transplant! Fast forward to December and he was able to go back to work! He just had his six month checkup and everything is looking good! To say it's a miracle doesn't do it justice. Because of someone's choice to be an organ donor, one of my lifelong best friends gets a new lease on life! We thank God every day for this miracle and I hope to spread the word on organ donation and everything it can do! Please check out the Iowa Donor Network!"

Those that want to learn more about organ donation can find more information from the Iowa Donor Network, online at iowadonornetwork.org.

People can also find more information about how to check the box to become a donor when they visit the Worth County Treasurer's office to get or renew their driver's license.

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State law states that EMS districts can be formed between townships and separately within city boundaries.

Last week, the County supervisors held two hearings on the formation of two EMS districts. One would include the western township areas. The other would include the southeast townships.

With no objections at the hearings, the County passed resolutions to form the EMS districts.

Each of the cities in the areas went through the same hearing process at meetings last week. At the meetings, Fertile, Grafton, Hanlontown, Joice and Manly set their own EMS districts.

With the supervisors and city councils approving EMS districts, engineers will be consulted to official designate the borders and properties within the two rural EMS and five city EMS districts.

With that complete hearings will be held to allow the public to comment on the engineer's reports.

In September, elections will be held to allow those living in the EMS districts to decide whether or not they support the levies to pay for ambulance service.

Also discussed at the supervisors meeting was an offer to purchase an area of land owned by the County. The property is located near the northern watertower at the casino area interchange.

The supervisors passed a resolution that the supervisors plan to sell the property for $60,000 to TMM Johnson, LLC. for development.

The supervisors had previous planned to hold an auction to sell the land on April 1. However, an existing lease to use the property for hay delayed that sale.

Since then the County reached an agreement to end the hay lease if a sale takes place.

Before the property sale can take place, a public hearing must be held. That has been set for Monday, May 13, at 9 a.m. at that regular meeting of the supervisors.

While discussing the interchange water tower, the possibility of selling the area's water and wastewater systems to a private owner was mentioned.

The County has operated the water and wastewater systems since 2012, when the County acquired the facilities from previous owner Xenia Rural Water.

The supervisors noted that the system has generated revenue for the County, but ongoing maintenance issues and future capital expenses are a concern.

If the County were to sell the facilities, they would generate property taxes and eliminate ongoing expenses, insurance costs and time spent by county officials in operating the system.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that the system is in fairly new condition, nearly as good as one newly constructed.

While the supervisors discussed a potential sale of the facilities, that would not take place any time soon and the County will continue to work on needed maintenance, upgrades and rate increases to pay for deficits in wastewater operations.

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ject to change.

Brumm also said that due to limits on state funding, and how it can be saved and applied, the County will be facing challenges in completing road and bridge projects in the coming years.

Adding to that is an addition to the bridge inspection process. That asks bridges to be rated to handle the weight of emergency vehicles, including those used by local fire, recuse and ambulance departments.

Brumm said that will likely mean that more weight restrictions will be posted on county bridges.

Brumm also said that without the same level of funds, and with the limits on how those funds can be spent in advance, the County will continue to face restricted and closed bridges going forward.

With the understanding of funding challenges, Brumm shared the DOT five year program, noting that it shows a good blueprint of what the County could do in the coming years, but some of which may change or may not be possible based on current funding issues.

The DOT program shows five projects planned in the fiscal year that begins in July.

That includes 2.1 miles of paving on Thrush Avenue, from Highway 9 south to the county border, for $800,000; box culverts on Winans Creek on 390th Street, for $450,000; a bridge on Jonquil Avenue, over Elk Creek, for $450,000; a pipe culvert on 400th Street over a drainage ditch, for $250,000; and a pipe culvert on Spruce Avenue, over a stream, for $250,000.

In the fiscal year that begins in July 2025, projects include 4.327 miles of paving on 420th Street from Highway 65 to Thrush, for $1,000,000; a bridge over a drainage ditch on 440th Street, for $450,000; and a bridge over a drainage ditch on Mallard Avenue, for $150,000.

In the fiscal year that begins in July 2026, projects could include a bridge on 380th Street over Beaver Creek, for $350,000; a box culvert on Spruce Avenue for $450,000; and 10.4 miles of paving on Warbler Avenue, for $2.8 million.

In the fiscal year that begins in July 2027, 9.43 miles of paving on Highway 65, from Northwood east to the county line, for $6 million; and a bridge on Dogwood Avenue, for $150,000.

In the final year of the five year program, starting in July 2028, there would be 11.41 miles of paving on Wheelerwood Avenue from Highway 9 to Highway 105, for $3.5 million; and a pipe culvert on Orange Avenue, for $200,000.

The program shows $17,250,000 in county projects. That includes $12,600,000 in farm to market funding, $3,200,000 in federal aid and $1,450,000 in local funds.

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According to the NVFC, the department continues to see growing numbers of ambulance calls. The grant allows them to add a third up to date ambulance.

The NVFC also received a grant for $10,769 for air conditioning in the crew quarters, which are used more regularly with ambulance shifts in place.

The second largest grant of the night went to Sion Lutheran Church, which received $106,675 to restore its stained glass windows.

The City of Grafton received the third largest grant of the night, $101.159.91 to renovate its athletic club.

The group receiving the third largest amount would improve the Worth County Fairgrounds, with a total of $106,059. Worth County Beautification received $54,804 for new and repaired blacktopping and $$51,255 to refurbish the shelter house.

Other grants in the city of Northwood will provide a printer and laptop and basement staircase repairs at the Northwood Senior Center; projects at the Waking Miss Winifred historic hotel; a poultry processing building for Worth County Extension; shelter house and park updates; holiday decorations; a storage addition for TUNE; a remodel of the bathrooms at the library; and wall repairs at the Worth County Historical Society Main Museum.

A total of $105,978.95 went to regional recipients.

The largest regional grant went to the Freeborn County Arts Initiative, which received $15,000 for roof repairs.



NVFC members at the spring WCDA awards ceremony were (from left) Jake Springer, Brett Backhaus, Jesse Harang, Blake Severson, Jessica Newell, Kory Jaspers and Chad Wurtzel.

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the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

More information is available by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

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

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

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

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

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



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N-K students take educational trip to Costa Rica

Over spring break, a group of Northwood-Kensett students, parents and chaperones spent 10 days on an educational vacation to Costa Rica.

During rotating spring breaks students enrolled in Spanish classes at Northwood-Kensett High School are invited to take part in trips to locations where the language is spoken.

When it came time to plan the 2024 Spanish class trip, teacher Senora Maroo (Mackensie Maroo) decided to return to a destination she had fallen in love with as a student herself.

"I studied abroad there when I was in college and fell in love with the culture and people of Costa Rica," Maroo said. "I have always wanted to share that culture with students."

Maroo found a tour that was budget friendly and also promised adventure and hands on experiences for the students.

There were 22 students, joined by 10 parents and 5 teachers who signed up to make the journey.

Before they departed, students in Spanish 3 and 4 classes prepared by reading novels that are set in Costa Rica.

"This allowed us to review and study the geography, animals, foods and nature of Costa Rica."

Students also learned and practiced phrases to be able to order food and shop while speaking Spanish.

The group of 37 from N-K departed on March 11, returning to Iowa on March 20.

While in the country, the group visited four different regions. They took a coffee and chocolate tour, they went kayaking and hiking in the Arenal Volcano region, ziplined and hiked in the Monteverde Cloud Forest and went whitewater rafting in the Sarapiqui River area and the Manuel Antonio National Park near the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

Of the tour spots, Maroo said that visiting the Pacific Ocean was likely a favorite. "It was hot out and the ocean was very beautiful. The hotel we stayed at was right on the beach."

But Maroo said that the for many others the best experience was an unexpected activity.

"One of the students' favorite things we did that was not on our itinerary was a school visit to a rural Costa Rican school."

Alec Ducommun, a sophomore, said "My favorite activity we participated in was our Costa Rican school visit. I thought it was really interesting to see how rural Costa Ricans lived and what their life was like. We got to talk and interact with the students and ask them questions about Costa Rica. We also ended up playing games like soccer and volleyball with them, which turned out to be really fun."

"Even though there was a language barrier, we still managed to work out a game and get along. I think that says a lot about humans, how we naturally attempt to communicate and get along despite obstacles such as culture and language barriers," Olivia Willsher said.

While the students had a number of favorite destinations, it wasn't lost on them the value of what they learned.

Senior Lexi Hanson-Bransoy said, "Costa Rica taught me a great deal of its unique living culture, food, offering a fascinating perspective of their view of life and living."

"I learned that we are very fortunate to have what we have in America and that whatever you have in your house or whatever you own be grateful because not everybody has what you do," said junior Hadley Buenzow.

According to freshman Ashlyn Skellenger, "Something I learned about Costa Rica while I was there was how diverse the wildlife is. It is truly amazing and beautiful being able to see all of the cool species of animals and plants that don't exist in Iowa. We also got to see many pretty plants that were so different than the ones we see here."

Ducommun also appreciated visiting a different agricultural center. "Costa Rica is a very agricultural country, we visited multiple plantations such as coffee, cocoa and pineapple. Costa Rica has great conditions to grow these because of its proximity to the equator and rainfall."

Willsher also appreciated the similarities between her home and vacation destination. "One thing I learned about Costa Rica was that it, much like the U.S., is a melting pot of different peoples from different places in the world. Many of the Costa Rican people, our tour guide included, are a mix between the Indigenous Peoples of the region and various European nationalities."

With a fun and exciting journey behind them Maroo is looking forward to the next educational destination.

"We had a very successful first trip to Costa Rica and I am very excited to get to launch our next tour in the fall. We hope to have the same turn out and success in future trips!"











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Northwood

N-K helps 'Stamp out Hunger'

Northwood-Kensett Middle/High School will take part in the U.S. Postal Service's "Stamp Out Hunger" program, accepting donations of non-perishable food items through May 3.

The school is accepting donations, which will be delivered to local food banks and pantries.

N-K sixth graders will county, organize and graph data about the donations during math class, learning in the classroom while learning about the benefits of supporting their community.

Those that are unable to donate at the school can also leave items for mail carriers to collect on their routes on May 11, as a part of the "Stamp Out Hunger" program.





Talking trees

Erik Butler, with the Worth County Soil and Water Conservation District, spent time in Worth County second grade classrooms recently. Butler brought the trees to the students and also spent some time how to care for the trees after they plant them.







Making meringue

The Advanced Foods class at Northwood-Kensett spent time recently taking a challenging cooking technique. They are pictured above as they worked on a lesson about how to make French meringue. They turned a few ingredients and applied their new skills to make meringue kisses or cookies.

4-H Beef Clinic set for April 27

The Worth County Extension Service is inviting and encouraging all North Iowa Area 4-H and FFA Beef Project members to attend an educational beef clinic. The workshop will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at the Worth County Fairgrounds Show Arena at 1206 Third Avenue North in Northwood.

There will also be an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to become Youth Quality Care Assurance (YQCA) certified by attending a (YQCA) certification meeting in the Worth County Extension Office beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Beef project participants will be learning about feeding programs, hair care and grooming, show ring training and showmanship presentation.

Those wanting more information or who want to get signed up are asked to call Lacey Waller at the Worth County Extension Office or Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 in Northwood.

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American Legion Riders Post 110
Canopy..... $1,935.0
Manly Senior Citizens
Washer/Dryer..... $2,300.8
Northwood Senior Center
Basement Staircase Repair..... $3,114.2
Grafton Community Action
Community Games/Activites ... $3,610.7
WC Historical Society
Iowa 150 Signs..... $4,497.4
City of Kensett
Cemetery Tree Removal..... $5,350.0
City of Kensett
Playground Installation.....$5,500.0
City of Joice
Solar Stop Signs..... $5,723.1
Fertile Public Library
Tonie Boxes/Video Games..... $6,273.3
City of Kensett/Public Library
Furniture/Media Cart..... $7,465.7
WC Secondary Roads
Chainsaw/Safety Equipment ... $7,899.8
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Grass Fire Gear $8,366.9
WCHS/Waking Miss Winifred
3rd Floor Window Restoration. $9,025.0
Elk Creek Church
Eagle Project Cemetery Kiosk . $9,499.9
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City of Kensett
Playground Equipment $9,926.0
WC Extension
Poultry Processing Building $9,947.6
American Legion Riders Post 110
Ladies Aux Cold Weather Gear$9,990.0
City of Northwood
Shelter House & Park Updates .....
$10,000.0
Northwood Volunteer Fire Co
HVAC Improvements $10,769.0
City of Joice
Dump Trailer $11,950.0
City of Hanlontown
Community Center Floors..... $13,221.7
City of Northwood
Holiday Decorations $13,328.2
City of Fertile/Lighting Committee
Trailer..... $13,600.0
TUNE
Storage Addition..... $14,500.0
WC Secondary Roads
Honda UTV $19,858.0
City of Fertile
Apartment Stairwell Remodel $20,800.0
City of Northwood/Public Library
Bathroom Remodel $23,284.2
First Lutheran Church
Gutters/Screens/Downspouts . $27,278.0
City of Manly
City Hall HVAC..... $30,773.0
Grafton Community Action
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WC Historical Society
Main Museum Wall Repair.... $42,870.0
City of Manly
Park Gazebo/Bandshell Refurb$47,734.4
WC Beautification
Refurbish Shelter House..... $51,255.0
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New Blacktopping & Repairs. $54,804.0
WC Weed Commissioner
Flex Arm/Rotary Cutter..... $75,108.7
Fertile Lutheran Church
Basement Repair Project..... $83,149.4
City of Grafton
Athletic Club Renovation..... $101,159.9
Sion Lutheran Church
Stained Glass Window Resto$106,675.0
Northwood Volunteer Fire Co
EMS Ambulance $196,100.0
W O R T H C O U N T Y TOTAL.....$1,124,982.61

REGIONAL GRANTS

City of Lake Mills/Parks & Rec
Disc Golf/Additional 9 holes... $2,500.00
Lake Mills Public Library
Technology Updates for Youth $2,558.77
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Devices/Supplys $3,335.84
Lake Mills Ambulance Service
New Equipment..... $3,877.48
City of Osage/Parks & Rec
Trash Receptacles for Parks ... $5,071.18
Floyd County Fair Society
Sidewalk System..... $6,000.00
City of Plymouth
Park Improvements..... $6,645.00
City of Stacyville
Splash Pad/Phase 2 ..... $10,000.00
Winnebago County EMS
Paramedics Technology..... $11,132.31
City of MC/Police Dept
Drone $13,084.87
VFW Post 7920/Osage
Waterproofing Metal Roof..... $13,342.50
City of Stacyville/Fire Dept
Rescue Lifting Air Bags $13,431.00
Freeborn County Arts Initiative
Roof Repairs..... $15,000.00
REGIONAL TOTAL..... $105,978.95

GRAND TOTAL.....$1,230,961.56





Making shade

Students in Mr. Urbatsch's second grade class learned about why it's important to shade themselves from the sun. They then pretended they were stranded on an island and were challenged to use lunch materials to create hats to protect them from the sun.







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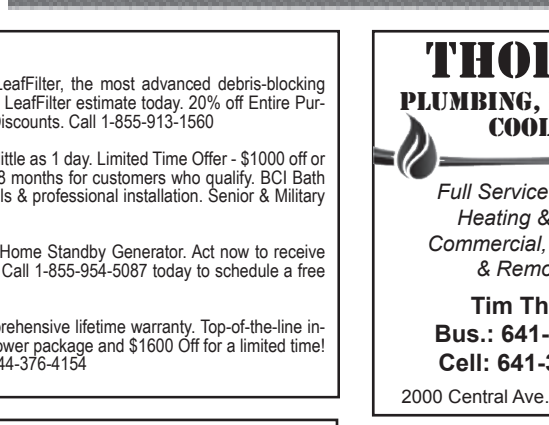
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Bid Specification

Worth County is accepting sealed bids for lawn mowing, trimming and weeding service for the municipal property listed below. The contract period will be for the 2024 mowing season, April-October 2024. Contractors will need to provide Certificate of Insurance once awarded a contract, references may accompany the bid, however not required. Worth County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids are due to the County Auditor on or before April 30, 2024.

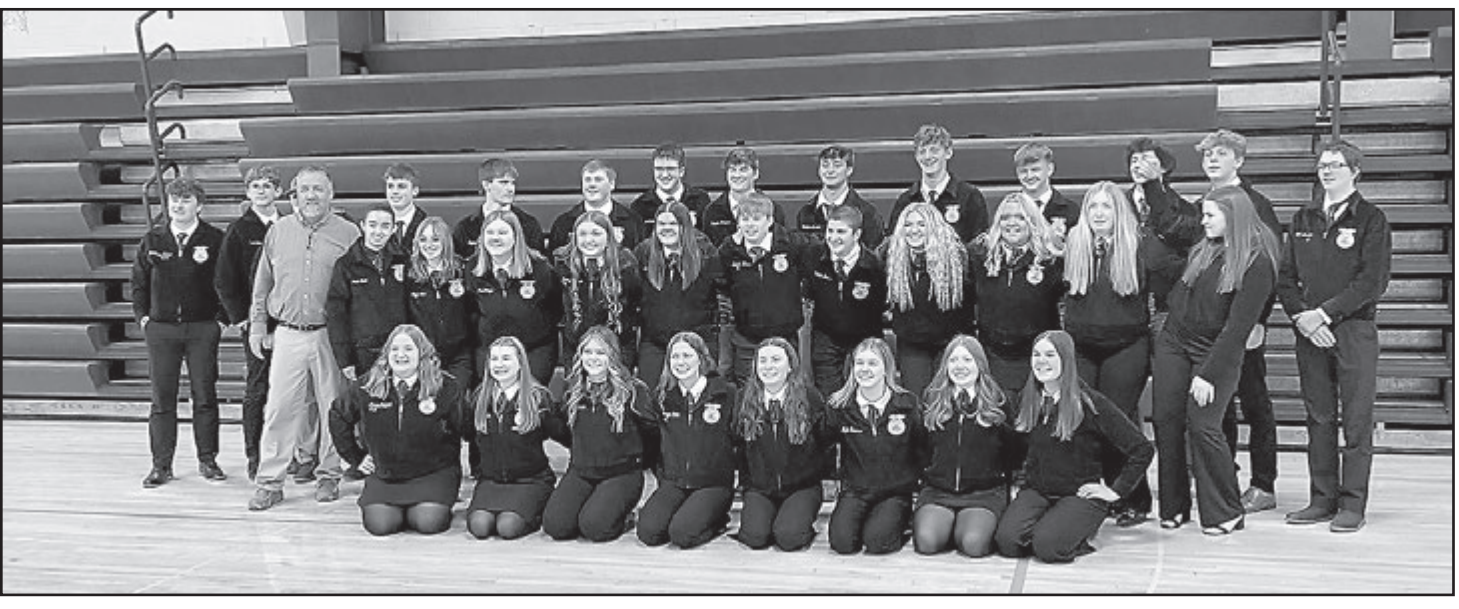
Mowing bids can be hand delivered or mailed to Worth County Auditor, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA 50459. The mowing contract will be awarded at the scheduled Worth County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 6, 2024.

The contractors will provide:
- Weekly mowing (depending on the weather and general ground conditions)
- Trimming of weeds around buildings, monuments and trees (monthly or as needed)
- Monthly invoices (the 1st Monday of each month)

The areas to be maintained include:
- Worth County Courthouse, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood
- Worth County Public Health, 95 9th St, Northwood (trimming of weeds only)

Contractors will be required to have all necessary equipment to complete the tasks outlined above.
Question may be directed to
Jacki Backhaus, Worth County Auditor
1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-2316; jacki.backhaus@worthcountyiowa.gov

2024 Northwood-Kensett FFA Banquet



2023-24 Northwood-Kensett Future Farmers of American members



FFA advisor Marty Cotter recieved a plaque thanking him for the 32 years serving as an FFA Advisor and ag educator. Pictured with Cotter is his wife Jolene Cotter.



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Conduct Team and Job Interview

Weston Willand, Lauren Petznick, Sophia Butler, Camryn Rheingans, Kenedie Berry, Emersyn Wahl, Zack Heiken, Taylor Foss and MacKensy Tomlinson.



Scholarship recipients

Jackson Foss, Justin Mills, Christopher Madsen, Morgan Wallin and Megan Ocel



Top five fruit sales

Kyle Buehrer, Weston Willand, Emersyn Wahl, Ava Woltzen and Collin Houg



Kevin Petznick-Honorary FFA Degree pictured with daughter Laruen Petznick

~ 2023-2024 FFA Member ~

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About FFA

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Members are future farmers, chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change.

FFA is for students who want to engage in agriculture and aspire to be farmers, teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. We are the Future Farmers of America, and we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Our members live the motto Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve. FFA members rise to the challenge of service embracing members of all walks of life united through FFA. We Are FFA.

FFA is Structured on Three Levels:

Local FFA Chapters

The heart of the National FFA Organization is at the local chapter level. FFA chapter may be chartered in any public school with an agricultural education program.

Leadership is provided by student officers who are elected each year by the chapter's members, and by the agriculture teacher who serves as the advisor for the chapter.

State FFA Associations

FFA is an organization made up of state associations; those state associations are made up of local chapters.

State FFA Associations function within the constitution of the National FFA Organization but may also create individual leadership structures, awards, programs and competitions.

State FFA officers lead the membership of the state associations and are elected by state FFA convention delegates.

Local FFA Chapters are chartered through the state associations.

National FFA Organization

At the national level, FFA is led by a board of directors and six student national officers.

Together they act on recommendations from the national convention delegates and agricultural education's stakeholders to set the vision and policy for FFA. The founding principles, authority, objectives and procedures of the National FFA Organization are established by the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws. The National FFA Organization is a federally-chartered organization.

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N-K team takes on economic challenge

Pictured above is a team of Northwood-Kensett students that traveled to Des Moines earlier this month to take part in the state level of the National Economics Challenge. The students tested their knowledge by answering questions about economics terms, principles and ideas.



PAMELA CURTIS

Pamela Curtis wins $100,000 Lottery prize

A northern Iowa woman has won a $100,000 lottery prize.

Pamela Curtis of Kensett won the 16th top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "$100,000 Mega Crossword" scratch game. She bought her winning ticket at Casey's, 505 U.S. Highway 65 S. in Manly, and claimed her prize Wednesday at the lottery's Mason City regional office.

The $100,000 Mega Crossword game is a $10 scratch game that features 46 top prizes of $100,000, 92 prizes of $10,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.29. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ialottery.com.

Iowa dairy, poulty producers encouraged to remain vigilant against avian flu

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) has provided an update on the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in dairy cattle and poultry flocks in other states, strongly encourageddairy farmers and poultry producers to heighten their biosecurity and reminded consumers that pasteurized milk and dairy products are safe to enjoy.

"Through our daily communications with federal partners and colleagues in other states, as well as with Iowa State University and industry stakeholders, we continue to seek and learn new information about this developing and evolving situation with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza," said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. "There are still many questions that are not yet fully answered, so we will remain closely engaged as we carefully evaluate our response to these changing dynamics. Consumers can feel confident that pasteurized milk and dairy products and properly prepared poultry continue to be safe to enjoy."

As of Friday, April 12, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship was not aware of any cases of HPAI in dairy cattle or poultry in Iowa. Eight states have reported cases in recent weeks. Several states have recently reported cases of HPAI in commercial or backyard poultry. Iowa's last case in a commercial poultry flock was reported on November 23, 2023. Iowa's last case in a backyard poultry flock was reported on December 19, 2023. Though a recent case of HPAI was confirmed in a dairy work in Texas, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to believe the threat to humans remains low.

Heightened Biosecurity

With spring migration in full swing, IDALS is strongly reminding poultry producers and dairy farmers to bolster their biosecurity practices and protocols to protect flocks and herds. IDALS has biosecurity recommendations for dairy herds to utilize. In addition, the Department has other biosecurity resources for poultry producers and livestock farms on its website.

"Heightened biosecurity is critically important to keeping our livestock healthy. We would strongly recommend farmers work with their veterinarian and have a very good understanding of the health status of any herd that they are receiving any cattle from," said State Veterinarian Dr. Jeff Kaisand. "Veterinarians, poultry producers with sick birds or dairy farmers seeing unusual or suspicious illnesses should report them to the Department at 515-281-5305."

Report Sick Cattle and Sick Birds

Industry partners, farmers and veterinarians are encouraged to report cattle illnesses quickly to IDALS at 515-281-5305 to monitor any potential cases. The list of symptoms in dairy cattle and poultry can be found on the IDALS website.

Food Safety

It is a longstanding practice that only milk from healthy animals may enter the food supply. The pasteurization process of heating milk to a high temperature ensures milk and dairy products can be safely enjoyed. There is no concern about the safety of pasteurized milk or dairy products. Pasteurization has continually proven to successfully inactivate bacteria and viruses, like influenza, in milk. It also remains safe to eat poultry products. As a reminder, consumers should always utilize the proper handling and cooking of eggs and poultry products, including cooking to an internal temperature of 165F.

For additional information on HPAI, visit the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's website.

2024 Robert D. Blue Scholarship deadline approaching

State Treasurer Roby Smith reminds Iowans the 2024 Robert D. Blue Scholarship deadline is rapidly approaching. Students who plan to pursue, or are currently pursuing higher education in the state for the upcoming academic year must submit their application at RDBlue.org by May 10.

The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, which Smith is a member of, awards and funds the scholarship. "Investing in the future of Iowa's students is crucial to helping them become strong scholars, and this is a great opportunity to do exactly that," said Smith.

The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation was created in 1949 by Governor Robert D. Blue. At that time, a scholarship fund was established to encourage students to attend Iowa's institutions of higher learning. In 1990, the Foundation officially named the scholarship after Governor Blue.

Applicants must complete each step of the application to be considered, including an essay and two letters of recommendation. Visit RDBlue.org to apply and learn more.

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Northwood United Methodist Church
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
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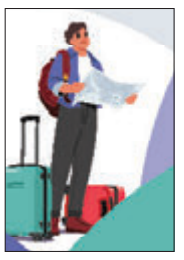
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Wayfaring Strangers



At times we all feel like strangers or outsiders, and often that feeling accurately reflects our circumstances. If you have ever travelled somewhere where you don't understand the language or the culture, you can't help but feel like a stranger and an outsider. And sometimes even when we understand the language, we still feel like outsiders. These experiences cause us to observe carefully for signs of danger or hostility, and outsiders are often the most acute observers of culture. Those who have grown up in the culture frequently don't see the culture; it is home to them. The fish out of water knows and feels it is out of water, in the same way that we feel out of our element in strange circumstances. But people are all the same in some very important ways. We all need food, water, clothing and shelter to survive, and a modicum of love to thrive. This is why when some poor wayfaring stranger comes into our home or our community we should feed and clothe them, and not treat them as if they are invaders. Blessed are you when you feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give some poor wayfaring stranger a roof over their head. – Christopher Simon

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."
– Leviticus 19:34 NIV

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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

"From Our Family Tables" is a collection of recipes compiled by Beckwith-Wiedemann Children's Foundation. Located in Everett, Washington, this cookbook came to me from a thrift shop (my favorite type of haunt when on the prowl for new books). It was published in 2006 by Morris Press Cookbooks, Kearney, Nebraska and is a typical (and always bountiful) fund-raiser book filled with tried and true family recipes. The following recipes are adapted from the chapter on Main Dishes since we all have to eat at sometime during the day.

Baked Roast
(Brandy Pack)

1 pork or beef roast, 3-5 pounds
1 package dry onion soup mix
One can (12 oz.) REAL cola beverage, not diet.

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Place the roast in a deep baking dish. Sprinkle with the onion soup mix and gently (to avoid foam) pour the cola over the top. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 4 hours or until tender. SANDY'S NOTE: My mother-in-law, Arlene Olson, used to put two smaller roasts, one beef and one pork, in this type of recipe to bake together. It made the most delicious gravy.

Authentic Hungarian Sauerkraut and Pork (Szekely)
(Cindra Scull)

3 pounds lean pork, cubed
1 tablespoon sugar
1 1/2 pounds bagger sauerkraut
2 bay leaves
2 white onions, chopped
1 cup water
2 tablespoons Hungarian paprika
1/2 pint real sour cream
1 large can crushed tomatoes
2 tablespoons oil
Salt and pepper to taste

NOTE: It might be difficult to find authentic Hungarian paprika locally but if you want this dish to be really original, order it online or visit a specialty spice store. The recipe says not to substitute "regular" paprika.

Rinse and drain the kraut and set aside. Brown the meat and onion in the oil, in a pot with a lid. Add the paprika to the meat and onion mixture; stir to mix in but do not let it burn. Put the drained kraut, tomatoes, bay leaves and sugar into the pot and combine well. Cover and cook slowly, over low heat, for 1 hour or until the meat is tender. Add the sour cream and stir it in. Serve in soup plates with good crusty bread or rolls and real butter. Serves 6 and will freeze well. SANDY'S NOTE: This dish is also wonderful served over hot cooked egg noodles.

French Meat Pie
(Erica Farias)

3 pounds lean ground beef
1 1/4 cups water
3 good-sized potatoes
1 1/2 tablespoons sage
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
Allspice to taste
Pie crust for a double-crust 9-inch pie (homemade or purchased)

Peel and dice the potatoes. Put them, with the ground beef, chopped onion and water into a heavy saucepan and bring to a boil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and simmer 1-2 hours, mashing up the potatoes as they cook. Add the sage and allspice to taste. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Pour the meat mixture into the bottom crust and top with the second crust. Make a few slits in the top crust. You can brush the top with a mixture of 1 beaten egg white and 1 tablespoon of water if you desire; it will help brown the crust. Bake for 25 minutes or until the crust is golden. Serve hot with a salad.

I found there are many "foreign" recipes in this collection, most of which are totally new to me and many I will try as I work my way through this book. I happen to have Hungarian paprika from a visit to Budapest. Different parts of America usually feature different styles of cooking. Our Midwestern meat and potatoes dishes or Scandinavian specialties are pretty consistent across our neighboring states but when we venture East or West we can enjoy lots of other flavors. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society







To a tea

Last week, the members of the Twenties Club, the local group that began in the 1920s and tries to maintain a group of at least 20 members, continued the annual tradition of inviting senior girls and their mothers or significant women in their life for the Senior Tea. Before enjoying tea and treats, the seniors told the Club members about themselves, and learned about wearing gloves as a fashion accessory. Pictured at top are the members of the Twenties Club. The seniors at the tea are pictured in the middle.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

May flowers…YES! We've come through an exceptionally mild winter but it's still great to see things budding and blooming as May arrives. The unseasonably warm temps in February tried to fool us into thinking winter might be over but we knew better. Now, it IS over according to the calendar but I've seen snow in May so don't let your guard down completely. Reconnect 720 remains the place to be for warmth, friendship and fun no matter what is happening outside, hot or cold.

We have some new things planned and an old favorite has reached its end. Fun Bingo is off the calendar; a men's coffee club, Tai Chi classes and Chair Yoga are on the schedule. Yoga (no floor exercises, no mat required) will start on Thursday, May 2. At 1:30 p.m. We will meet twice in May with the second class being held on May 23. Whether this continues will depend upon how many people are interested and will attend. The Northwood Bookworms club is going strong and meets at the Public Library the first Monday of each month. In May we will meet on the 6th at 2 p.m. Newbies always welcome!

Tai Chi classes, led by Deneen Schweiger, a certified teacher from Osage, will begin on Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. For those who did not attend her introduction class, you can still join on the 4th but after that the group will have progressed so it would be difficult to start fresh. Cost is $40 for eight classes, payable in advance.

Coffee Connection, each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., has been very well attended but….it's all ladies for some reason. Reconnect 720 is for EVERYONE over age 60 so we're starting a Men's Coffee Club too! That group will meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. Both groups will offer free coffee and sweet treats plus a LOT of good conversation for an hour or so. Join the gang. Laken Rodemaker, a Prevention Specialist from Prairie Ridge in Mason City, will stop in on Tuesday, May 14 at 12:15 p.m. She will talk about many things so we're not sure what but it's valuable information for those taking medications. Amy with Fresh Conversations will be in the Center at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 with her usual good nutrition facts. Our favorite storyteller, Joann Lower, will entertain us on Friday, May 24 at 12:30 p.m. Come for lunch and stay to hear Joann's wonderful tales of her childhood and more.

Reconnect 720 welcomes suggestions about what activities, speakers or programs you would like to enjoy. Please let us know.

Thank trees for all they do this Arbor Day

From the Iowa DNR:

Get out and enjoy the beauty of April tree blossoms across Iowa neighborhoods.

Trees quietly enhance our daily lives in many ways. They're like superheroes for our health and our wallets. Neighborhood trees clean the air we breathe and make it fresher. They help keep our houses cooler in the summer and soak up rainwater to help prevent flooding in our neighborhoods.

Being around trees helps us feel less stressed, more focused, and healthier both mentally and physically. Trees make our communities a more pleasant place to live and work.

Here's some fun options to celebrate trees near you this Arbor Day and throughout the year.

Plant a Tree. Check out the How to Plant a Tree from A Container video for tips on how to plant trees properly.

Discover what trees are growing around you. Iowa's 10 Most Common Urban Trees can help you identify trees in your yard or neighborhood and learn more about each kind of tree.

Calculate the benefits of planting trees. It's easy to estimate the value of planting trees on your property with the i-Tree planting calculator.

Learn how to prevent wildfires. Smokey Bear lives within us all! Check out our easy and fun activities to prevent wildfires when exploring Iowa's great outdoor areas.

Explore all things trees. Use the Tree Scavenger Hunt activity sheet to guide your outdoor adventures.

Read a Book About Trees. Visit your local library and ask for books about trees.

Attend an Arbor Day Event. Communities across Iowa will be celebrating Arbor Day with various events including tree plantings, nature walks, and more. Tree City USA Communities across Iowa will host events as well. Attend an Arbor Day event near you.

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We look forward to seeing you there!
Call Ruth with questions 641-512-8696

Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

What to do about Medicare and Social Security when you move

Dear Savvy Senior,

Next month I am moving to a different state so I can be near my daughter and grandkids. Do I need to notify Social Security and Medicare about the move?

Relocating Grandma

Dear Relocating,

Yes, if you're a Social Security and Medicare recipient you definitely need to let these Federal agencies know when and where you move so there are no hiccups in your benefits or coverage. Here's what you should know.

How to Update Your Info.

If you're receiving Social Security retirement, survivors or disability benefits, it's required that you notify the Social Security Administration when you move to ensure your deposits continue and you avoid disruptions.

You'll need to provide them your new mailing address so they can deliver important documents to you like your annual SSA-1099 tax form. And if you're switching banks or credit unions, you'll need to update your direct deposit information by providing your new financial institution's routing number and account number.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, they too need your new mailing address so bills, correspondence, your Medicare Summary Notice and other statements can go to the right address.

You can update both your Social Security and Medicare contact information online by simply using the "My Profile" tab in your personal "my Social Security" account at SSA.gov/myaccount. If you don't have an account, you can create one online for free in just a few minutes.

Or, if you need some help or don't have internet access, you can call Social Security at 800-772-1213, or visit your local Social Security office and they will make the changes for you.

Medicare Private Plans

You also need to know that if you're enrolled in original Medicare, you can move anywhere within the United States without losing coverage. But if you have Part D prescription drug coverage or a Medicare Advantage plan from a private health insurance company, and you move out of the plan's service area, you'll have to switch plans or you'll face losing coverage.

Part D service areas typically are statewide or can extend to parts of neighboring states, while Medicare Advantage plans' service areas vary by county.

Moving out of a plan's service area qualifies you for a special enrollment period (SEP) of at least two months to get a new plan. You may also qualify if you move within your plan's service area and it offers options different from what you had. The enrollment timing depends on when you notify the plan.

If you tell your plan before you move, your chance to switch plans begins the month before the month you move and continues for two full months after you move. If you tell your plan after you move, your chance to switch plans begins the month you tell your plan, plus two more full months.

To shop for new Part D and Medicare Advantage plans in your new area, use the Medicare Plan Finder tool at Medicare.gov/plan-compare.

You can also switch Part D or Medicare Advantage plans during open enrollment, which runs each year from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 for coverage starting Jan. 1.

Medigap Plans

If you're enrolled in original Medicare and have a Medigap supplemental policy you usually don't have to switch plans if you move, but you do need to notify your provider. Some insurers let you keep the rate based on the state where you originally applied for Medigap. Others may change your premiums to coincide with their coverage in a different zip code.

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

How are you doing?

I have a cold, my car has a blown engine, I need a new knee and I lost my job.

Wow!

But I can't complain.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. When I was a lad, there was a town called Bath, which was located down the road. Most things were down one road or another. Bath went away. It became a ghost town that left a rock saying it used to be there. It also left behind the Township sharing its name because the Township was too big to move. Even 149 Guys and a Couple of Trucks Moving Company wasn't large enough to handle the job. A reader wondered what the city slogan of Bath was. That's a great question. The Bath of my boyhood days had a population of 2. I doubt it had a slogan, and I can only guess what it might have been. Perhaps the Bath Corn & Tourism Board had come up with the motto, "We might not be for you." Or "Good enough," "We're over here," "Parking available" or "Bath: a great place to drive past." My suggestion would be, "Bath: I miss it."

Thursday is just a state of mind

It was Thursday, but it seemed like Friday. What's it called when that happens? Temporarily disoriented? A calendar malfunction? Stuck in a day? A mind living in another day? Donovan sang, "It's Saturday night. It feels like a Sunday in some ways." Sam Horn wrote, "Someday is not a day in the week." When Friday arrived, right on time, I was ready for it. I'd been there before.

You may have done this. I was at a visitation and snaked through in a long line to shake hands, hug and say appropriate words to my dead friend's kin. As I was leaving, I saw that another member of the deceased's family had entered the room. I got back in line and went around again. I placed a mint (a bereavemint) in my mouth in case I had mourning breath. Why did I get back at the end of the line? It was because my mother told me never to cut in line.

Bad jokes department

My doctor told me to drink two glasses of water after a hot bath, but I haven't finished drinking the hot bath.

I was in a rock band called The Hinges. We opened for The Doors.

What do you call a bipolar magnet? A magnet.

Since I learned my grandfather came from Transylvania, I haven't been able to look myself in the eye in a mirror.

How do I describe myself in three words? Efficient.

What has five toes and isn't your foot? My foot.

Why did the nurse carry a red pen? To draw blood.

Last night, as I looked at the moon and stars filling the sky, I couldn't help but wonder where the ceiling went.

Nature notes

"How many times can a skunk spray?" Skunks can't run over 10 mph, so they spray instead. Skunks warn perceived predators by stomping their feet, clicking their teeth and raising their tails. They hold their ground or run directly toward a threat. Skunks can spray at about a month old. Skunk spray can be smelled a mile and a half away. Skunks can spray 5 or 6 times before needing to replenish, taking 8 to 10 days to refill. Skunks aren't vocal other than Flower or Pepe Le Pew, but can squeal, chirp, whimper, whine, grunt and smack their lips. Tomato juice isn't an effective way to get rid of a skunk's stench, as it only masks the smell. Mix ¼ cup baking soda, 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide and 1 to 2 teaspoons of liquid dish detergent. Keep out of eyes and don't store.

"I saw a cardinal this winter with no tail. Will it grow back?" The cardinal might have avoided capture, had its tail frozen to a perch or been caught in something. During a fright molt, all the tail feathers are simultaneously ejected from their follicles in an escape, leaving a predator with a mouth or talon full of feathers or a puff of feathers behind. The tails grow back quickly. If a feather breaks, it remains broken until the next molt, but if a feather is pulled out at the root, regrowth begins immediately. Tailless birds can survive this disadvantage.

Meeting adjourned

"In a world where so many are throwing bricks on others, be the one who builds bridges with them."–Emma Xu.

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Fit to print...

Community newspapers are too valuable to lose

Guest column by Reed Anfinson

"If once they become inattentive to the public affairs, you and I, and Congress, and Assemblies, judges and governors shall all become wolves." — President Thomas Jefferson on the dangers of an uninformed electorate
Reed W. Anfinson

Eight community newspapers — the Hutchinson Leader, Litchfield Independent Review, Chaska Herald, Chanhassen Villager, Jordan Independent, the Shakopee Valley News, Prior Lake American and Savage Pacer — will cease to exist later this month.

Their demise due to corporate greed was set in motion last week by their owner, an out-of-state investment firm. Litchfield's population is 6,600, and Meeker County's is 23,500. Hutchinson's is 14,700, and McLeod County's is 36,714. If these cities had locally owned newspapers, they would have a future — not an easy one, but one that would continue to serve the needs of citizens and businesses.

But they were owned by a hedge fund that stripped them of revenue and staff, and is now discarding them with no thought to the information void they will leave in these vibrant communities.

A presidential election and races for the U.S. Senate and House are on the ballot in November. State legislative seats and contests for school boards, city councils and county boards will bring voters to polls. Who will inform the citizens of these communities about the candidates and their positions on issues?

Where is the outrage? Where is the demand for federal and state actions supporting community newspapers? We suspect that too many believe the internet will provide their news. They are disastrously wrong.

For two decades, we've been promised a revolution of civic participation built on the broad, deep knowledge citizens will gain from online reporting. The reality of the past two decades is the decimation of reporting staff. We have experienced an internet world that has fractured society into warring social and political clans. Death threats, misinformation and ridicule are more common than harmony, compromise and enlightenment. Lies gain power, and the truth is harder to find.

One irrefutable reality is that community news has, at best, a bleak future in a digital world.

According to the U.S. Census, 76% of America's towns — more than 14,600 — have a population under 5,000. Newspapers in these communities earn less than 5% of their income from digital sources. Many earn little or nothing because they are far too small, with too few subscribers and too few businesses to support them with digital pennies.

Newspapers or local reporting are being lost in towns the size of Litchfield, Hutchinson and St. Cloud because digital revenue could not sustain them.

For too long, elected officials have promised action, but nothing happens. Close to 2,500 newspapers have been lost since 2005, and more than 200 counties no longer have a newspaper.

Citizens watch idly as politicians promise action but then are distracted by a thousand other causes on their agenda. Lawmakers' focus is fragmented as another one of their newspapers disappears.

We see a heightened focus on improving civic education, but its basic textbook is the community newspaper. These efforts will be meaningless if newspapers disappear.

People say TikTok, Facebook or other social media are their news sources. Define news. Unless it has been stolen from a newspaper, people aren't getting the news of their local school board, city council and county commission on these sites. They aren't getting the news of day care shortages, lack of affordable housing or the latest economic development efforts to address these challenges. Those stories come from local reporters. What readers are getting instead is entertainment and snippets of national news.

The eight newspapers being eliminated are institutions. The Shakopee Valley News and Chaska Herald have been published for more than 160 years; the Jordan Independent was founded 140 years ago. At their core, hometown newspapers provide living histories of their communities.

Today's remaining community newspapers are fragile. They often fear taking tough editorial stands, knowing they will lose advertisers and subscribers.

We increasingly see news sites putting up paywalls and offering premium content for those who pay more. These operations eliminate most people from reading the news and create an elite class of informed readers. A print newspaper is available to every citizen. A copy sits in the café, the library, a waiting room, at schools and on a city bus — no subscription needed.

The voice of independent community news is replaced by fake news sites run by political parties, special interest groups, corporations and foreign countries, each pushing its propaganda in increasingly sophisticated ways.

When communities lose their newspapers, they become more politicized, fewer people vote, incumbents are returned more frequently, taxpayer-supported bonding costs rise and government corruption expands.

Controversy in our communities is not typically divided along Republican and Democratic lines. Debates involve issues about their children's education, property taxes, public safety and quality of life.

Lose the printed newspaper and local government officials go largely unchecked. For those in power, accountability will be a worry of the past. At 95% of the meetings our newspapers cover, our reporters are the only citizens in the room. Video connections are available, but no one signs in.

If we want another generation of journalists to take on the responsibility of community journalism, if we want to hire trained journalists for our newspapers, they must see a future with financial security. Too many newspapers can't guarantee they will be around a year from now.

In a representative democracy, who ultimately has the most to lose if they are no longer informed about the actions of their public bodies? If they aren't connected to their fellow citizens through the common bond of shared knowledge? If they lose the reporting of the challenges facing their communities? Citizens.

Citizens, in the form of their state and federal governments, must ensure the financial health of newspapers and an informed electorate before the wolves feed unchecked.

Reed Anfinson is a past president of the Minnesota Newspaper Association and National Newspaper Association. He and his wife, Shelly, own three county-seat newspapers in western Minnesota.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

April 19, 1924

Realizing that all the pressure possible must be brought on the administration in order to receive support on the McNary Haugen export bill the Worth County Farm Bureau recently sent a telegram to President Calvin Coolidge urging him to support the bill. H.D. Backhaus is president of the Worth County Farm Bureau.

The Shell Rock River is "up" now and several feet of water depth is reported in the stream in Crescent Park. It looks like old time to see some real water in the river instead of a bare river bed in which weed and grass harbor insects, toads, frogs and snakes.

Misses Agnes Torgerson and Alice Gullickson, who teach school to Bolan and Meltonville, respectively, were over Sunday at home. Although each of these young ladies is teaching only 10 miles from Northwood, they had to make a round-about trip on three railroads to get home. From the railroad stations near where they teach they went via the Chicago Great Western to Lyle, from there via Illinois Central to Glenville, then home via the Rock Island. The reason of all that railroad travel was on account of impassable country roads.

The first annual Golf Ball of the Northwood Golf Club will be held at the Masonic Temple April 23 and a large attendance is expected. The "Golf Ball" will be a regular ball of the dance variety. Proceeds of the dance will be used to assist in the building and upkeep of the new golf course on the Thompto farm, northwest of Northwood.

The Woman's Relief Corps will meet Monday. Following the business session a supper will be served at 5 o'clock to members and invited guests with Wynanka and Siouska Camp Fire groups with their guardians, Mesdames Pangburn and Lyford and the high school orchestra as special guests. An American flag will be presented to the two Camp Fire groups.

75 years ago

April 28, 1949

The remodeling and expansion of the Northwood Theatre will start soon, probably within the next two weeks, L.E. Whitcome, manager, announced today.

Funeral services for Cpl. Leland D. Faktor, who died in the historic road on Tokyo on April 18, 1942, were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Dale Nicholson in charge.

The Worth County cancer campaign fund for 1949 already amounts to $2,565.35, a pre-preliminary check showed Wednesday. In most cases the reports made were incomplete, and he expects the total to go considerably high, said Arnold Talle, county fund chairman.

The North Iowa Co-Operative Artificial Breeding association, serving farmers in Cerro Gordo and Worth counties, now has a technician to serve each county. Raymond Dewey of Waverly is the new Worth County technician. He moved to Northwood this week, and will take care of the servicing needs of the 105 farmer-members in the county, plus others expected to join.

The Worth County fair board Monday night met in Northwood and approved plans for the new junior fair barn to be constructed at the Worth County Fairgrounds here. Each of the fair directors, together with volunteer help to be recruited in the various townships of the county, plan to do this job Monday and Tuesday of the coming week.

Attending the 45th session of the Northern District Rebekah Convention at the IOOF Hall in Mason City April 20 were Mrs. H. I. Harmon and Mrs. Ernest Perry. Mrs. J.T. Johnson, Mrs. Ed Rogers and Mrs. J.A. Perkins went down for the evening session. Those receiving the degree of that order in the evening where Mrs. R.L. Perry, Sr., Mrs. Tys DeGroot, Mrs. L.E. Whitcome, Mrs. Joe Oleson, Mrs. Clifford Perry and Mrs. L.E. Weieneth.

50 years ago

April 25, 1974

The base pay for teachers in the Northwood-Kensett Community School systems was set at $7,700 for the 1974-75 school year at a regular meeting of the board last Thursday. Last year's base pay was $7,100, and the increase is approximately 8 1/2 percent, in accordance with cost-of-living increases. The board waited to set its salary schedule until the Iowa legislature appropriated state aid, according to Superintendent Francis Peterson.

Playground equipment at the Kensett Centennial Park was set up Monday. The park is a joint community project, involving the firemen, garden club and other organizations. The idea grew from surplus funds left from the 1972 Centennial celebration.

Approximately 50 N-K music students were members of ensemble groups that earned Division I ratings at the Iowa State High School Music Contest held in Belmond Saturday. Winning groups include girls quartet, boys quartet, girls sextette, flute duet, trumpet duet, snare drum duet, clarinet quartet, woodwind quintet, sax quartet, French horn quartet, woodwind choir, brass choir and percussion ensemble.

Jim Bloomingdale clears the bar at 5'9" in a recent triangular meet on the N-K track. He is a contender to break the 6'1/4" invitational record held by Arlyn Rustad in 1971. Ron McMullen vies with Bloomingdale for high jump wins.

The Vikings golfers opened their season Thursday with the boys defeating Riceville 180 to 190. John Midtgaard and Curt Enerson were medalists with 43 strokes. The girls lost 262 to 258 with Terri Angell having 62 for low. On Friday the boys lost to Forest City 199 to 159. Jeff Sietsema was low with 45. The girls also lost 309 to 197 with Kym Olson medalist with 70.

25 years ago

April 28, 1999

The state's top tourist agency has nominated the Top of Iowa Welcome Center for a national award. The Iowa Department of Economic Development has nominated the Welcome Center-rest stop seven miles west of Northwood for the "Star Award," which is presented by the State Travel Information Center Directors Alliance in Washington, D.C.

Universal Contractors co-owner Bill Nicholson placed reinforcing bars in the foundations of the new Northwood swimming pool bathhouse during a lull in concrete pouring operations there last Tuesday.

Worth County naturalist Dan Block taught Northwood-Kensett second-graders how to build a campfire and other useful outdoor lessons Friday afternoon during the field trip to the Ramsey Nature Center west of the high school. They were accompanied by teachers Diane Hanson and Heidi Vansteenburg and a number of parents.

Northwood-Kensett High School students dance the night away Saturday at the school annual Junior-Senior prom. Some of the dancers were Pearl Podgorniak, Adam Berge, Zach Madsen, Sarah Hanson, Joey Harmon, Leah Ingersoll, Brent Schaub, Jack Johnson and Nigel Millard.

Northwood 16-year-old Tom Carmody bagged this 28-pound gobbler last Saturday near Elk Creek. The turkey's weight, plus its nine-inch beard and 1-1/4 inch spurs, make it a candidate for the state record book.

The Northwood-Kensett girls track team collected 36 points Monday night to finish in sixth place in the Rockford Relays. "We had a good night," said Viking coach Mike Reindl. "This is our best finish this year. I'm really proud of the girls." Viking junior Theresa Stotts kept up her winning ways in the discus with a toss of 105-4. Senior April Stayner got N-K's other first place points by winning the open 400 in 1:06.6.

10 years ago

April 23, 2014

The WCDA is the non-profit license holder for the Diamond Jo Casino. They are responsible for granting 5.76 percent of the gross profits from the Diamond Jo Worth Casino. WCDA chief financial officer Deb Hanson and board members Amy Wilhelm, secretary, Michelle Hill, Shanan Redinger, vice president, Barry Anonson, Roger Gentz, Dean Hendrikson, president, and Ken Abrams, treasurer were present for the spring.

Kayla Brandstad was the sole senior representing Northwood-Kensett at the 2014 NIACC high school all-star basketball game held on Saturday, April 13. Kayla played for the gold team, which was coached by KIMT's AJ Ellingson.

Ag Power in Northwood donated a Stihl Rescue Saw to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company in appreciation of their service to the community. According to Cody Ott of Ag Power, members of the NVFC were initially interested in purchasing the saw, which was a special chain to cut through tin roofs, walls and other structural material to get to a fire faster.

Tom Yezek, thanks to his class 1A best throw of 150 feet and 7 inches, will compete in the Drake Relays tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 3 p.m.

Northwood-Kensett's Hattie Davidson continues to receive praise for her talent on the hardwood this season. Last week Davidson was selected third team All-State in class 1A. The talented sophomore was also a unanimous All-Conference selection and All-District pick for her performance against North Iowa in the regional.

Northwood-Kensett cheerleading coach Cindy Pangburn poses with Ashlyn Schaefer, who became the first Vikings cheerleader to be chosen to the All Stars Cheer Squad. Schaefer was also chosen to the All Star Games All-Tournament Cheer Squad, something that she says would not have been possible without a great coach.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Daniel Mathahs

Daniel J. Mathahs, 65, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa under hospice care.

A Memorial Service to honor his life was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, Iowa, with Pastor Rob Lanphere of Northwood United Methodist Church officiating. Inurnment was in South Shell Rock Cemetery, rural Northwood.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

The family suggests memorials be directed to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.

Daniel Jay was born on February 4, 1959, in Mason City, the son of Harold Joseph and Ruth Ardis (Cleveland) Mathahs. Growing up in Kensett, Daniel attended Northwood-Kensett High School. Soon after, Daniel went to work behind the wheel of a semi. For almost 48 years Daniel enjoyed time on the road, hauling grain for local elevators. He also enjoyed many years of farming with his brother.

Throughout Daniel's life, the outdoors was the thread that wove through every chapter. A seasoned truck driver, his heart belonged to the world beyond the asphalt. Whether tracking game through the woods, casting lines into the tranquil waters or revving his bike along roads and trails, Daniel was in his element. His annual fishing expeditions to Canada were not just trips but cherished reunions with friends, where laughter echoed through the wilderness around them. Even when confined indoors by health, he found solace in the whispers of the trees and the company of visiting animals. May the wind in the leaves and wildlife sightings carry whispers of his memory to comfort us.

Surviving are his brother, Patrick (Nancy) Mathahs of Northwood; nephew and niece, Brock Mathahs and Shana (Bradley) Brunsvold, all of Northwood; great-niece and great-nephew, Piper and Callan Brunsvold; as well as many extended family and cherished friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Harold and Ruth; sister, Rebecca, who died in infancy; and a great-nephew, Aidan Brunsvold.

Miriam Hildre

Miriam Ruth Hildre of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away at home surrounded by family on February 9, 2024, at the age of 68.



MIRIAM HILDRE

Miriam Ruth Schmitt was born on January 23, 1956, to Otto and LaVerne (Bolme) Schmitt in Gackle, North Dakota. She attended elementary school in Cando, North Dakota, and high school in Northwood, Iowa, where she was active in band, choir, track and cheerleading. She graduated from Iowa Lutheran Nursing School in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1978.

She moved to Fargo, where she was employed at Dakota Hospital on the surgical unit. She married Scott Hildre May 16, 1981, at Richland Lutheran Church in Walcott, ND, officiated by Miriam's father Rev. Otto Schmitt. They were married 42 years. Her career as a registered nurse was more than a profession; it was a calling and a testament to her natural disposition to be a caretaker of others. She continued as a nurse through the transitions to Champion, Heartland, and later worked at Northern Plains Surgery Center. She retired from nursing in 2018.

Miriam enjoyed the simple pleasures in life. In the summer she loved swinging on her deck with a Dr. Pepper and in the spring, when the snow started to melt, you would find her chopping ice in the street. Rarely would you see her without a smile on her face and a visor on her head. Miriam was a member of the Gateway Lions Club in which she traveled with Scott to many clubs around the Midwest and Canada.

She was an avid gardener creating a beautiful landscape year after year. She would often exclaim she was headed out to play in the dirt. Miriam loved to play golf. As a natural athlete, she could drive the ball an impressive distance according to her league friends. She also always played with an orange ball so she could see it in the distance.

She enjoyed doing puzzles when the weather got cooler and there was no shoveling or ice chopping to be done. She was a talented singer and music held a special place in her heart. Her greatest enjoyment came from spending time with her grandchildren and the other people she loved. She retired early so she could help caretake for her grandchildren in Grand Forks and her aging parents.

Miriam is survived by her husband, Scott Hildre; daughter, Charlotte (Shane) Riedlinger; son, Scott M. Hildre; daughter, Toby (Brandon) Trontvet; grandchildren, Lucas (Mariah) Riedlinger, Brook Hildre, Jackie Ross III, Autumn (Hunter Holverson) Riedlinger, Rylee Keith, Amara Trontvet and Graham Trontvet; great-grandchildren, Zayne Riedlinger, Acen Riedlinger and Gunner Holverson; siblings, Terri (Roger) Olson, Tim (Sherry) Schmitt, Tom (Linda) Schmitt, Becky (Kevin) Leidal, Heidi (Jeff) Vansteenburg, Sonja (Kent) Casperson and Margaret (Jon) Young; brother-in-law, Spencer (Mary) Hildre; sister-in-law. Stephanie (David) Sateren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Miriam was preceded in death by her father, Otto Schmitt; mother, LaVerne Schmitt (Bolme); and two nephews.*

Raejean Toledo



RAEJEAN TOLEDO

Raejean Sue "Jean" (Vansteenburg) Toledo, 73, of Clovis, New Mexico, was called home on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Memorial service was held on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Angels, 1430 Thornton Street.

Jean was born on February 16, 1951, to Barton J. Vansteenburg and Hazel Pearl (Gallion) Vansteenburg in Manly, Iowa. She grew up on a small farm near Northwood, Iowa. She attended Northwood-Kensett Community Schools where she was involved in band and chorus and graduated in 1969. After high school, Jean attended Mankato Commercial College, obtaining a certificate as a computer key punch operator.

She was employed at the University of Minnesota when she met and married Joseph Bruner, who was a career airman in the United States Air Force. They had one daughter, Heather Jo. After Jean's marriage ended, she married Daniel Toledo, also a career airman. As a US Air Force spouse, Jean lived at various Air Force bases in the United States and a three-year assignment in England. Upon retirement from the service, Jean and her husband Dan retired in Clovis, New Mexico.

Jean loved Scrabble, Jeopardy and other trivia games. In her retirement, she watched and fed the stray cats that were quick to adopt her. She visited with her friends as often as she could, and in turn they came to visit her. She also enjoyed adventures with her daughter and son-in-law, when she visited them in Indiana.

Jean was a former member of the VFW/American Legion, and a shift manager with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) for 30 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Heather Jo (Bruner) Taylor; son-in-law, Robert K. Taylor; sister, Katha (Mike) Neese; brother, Jeff (Heidi) Vansteenburg; nephews, Tracy Huizel (Karen Barton) and David Neese (Amanda); nieces, Krista Huizel (Rod Kraft), Kaia (Kyle) Speidel, Jaime Raftevold, Jessica Vansteenburg and Hannah Vansteenburg.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Barton and Hazel Vansteenburg; and husband, Daniel P. Toledo.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home, www.muffley-funeralhome.com, 575-762-4435.*

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in the Administrative Office at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Bradley Christianson, Cindy Pangburn, Jamie Nelson and Shana Brunsvold

Absent: Susan Kliment

Also present: Superintendent Mike Crozier; Board Secretary Kim Hengesteg; Elem Principal Brian Costello and Secondary Principal Keith Fritz

(4-0) Approve the Agenda for April 16, 2024

Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments: Kevin Conlin, Scott Prohaska; 1 Source Solar, Students who traveled to Costa Rica: Lindsey Moore, Christopher Madsen, Kenny Conlin, Chloe Costello, Emma Hengesteg and Damaris Peterson

Public Hearing for 2024-2025 Budget

President Christianson opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

Public Hearing closed at 6:01 pm

Reports:

Elementary Principal: 1) Pre-kindergarten Registration 2) Kindergarten Round-up 3) Kindergarten Orientation Day 4) Orientation plans for 5th grade students 5) Preschool Advisory meeting

Secondary Principal: 1) Presentation and pictures were displayed to board from students who traveled to Costa Rica 2) High School student council will guide our 5th graders coming over to the secondary building 3) Discuss bake sale on April 30th 4) Stamp Out Hunger initiative 5) National FCCLA Leadership Conference in Seattle this summer 6) Admission to middle school track meets due to rising cost of track officials

Superintendent: 1) Iowa School Board Association workshop tentatively June 13th 2) Summer Projects 3) Legislative Updates, HF 2612

School Board: Next regular school board meeting on May 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Consent Agenda

MMSP (4-0) by Directors Pangburn and Nelson to approve the Consent Action Items which included the following:

- Minutes from the March 5 and March 25, 2024 Regular Board meeting
- April Bills for payment
- March 2024 Financial Report
- Approve Cindy Pangburn, JH Cheer Coach
- Approve Jake Hanson, Assistant Girls' Basketball
- Approve resignation of Alissa Dean, Assistant Girls' Wrestling
- Approve resignation of Natalie Henkel, Elementary Special Education
- Approve resignation of Katie Strom, MS/HS Special Education
- Approve resignation of Brian Lund, Route Bus Driver
- Approve resignation of Brenda Meland, Elementary Associate
- Approve resignation of Allison Clark, National Honor Society
- Approve resignation of Jordan Reindl, Secondary Special Education, Athletic Director, Assistant Football, Head Boy's Wrestling
- Approve resignation of Aaron Mathahs, K-12 Music

Old Business:

(4-0) approve the Bake Sale on April 30th track meet by NHS students, some 7th graders & adviser. Donate funds in memory of Cristal Sanchez to Cristal's family

New Business:

Presentation from Scott Prohaska from 1 Source Solar regarding Solar Power Energy. No Action taken.

Director Nelson exited the meeting at 7:54 pm

(3-0) approve the proposed published budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

(3-0) approve the application for the audit extension for the 2023 fiscal year

(3-0) approve the publication for a Budget Amendment Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget for May 9th 2024 at 6:01pm at the administrative offices located at 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA 50459

(3-0) approve the first reading of policies 405.2, 411.02, 507.08R1, 704.01, 704.06, 704.06R1 (New Policy), 706.01, 706.02, 706.03, 706.03R1, 707.01, 707.02, 707.06 and Rescind 504.5, 504.5R1, 707.02, 707.03

(3-0) approve the class of 2024 for graduation pending successful completion of credits to graduate, as presented in the packet

(3-0) approve the purchase of a new 2023, 7 passenger transit van from Prichards for $38,536 + $895 for undercoating, total of $39,431 and a used 12-passenger van when located for under $60,000

(3-0) approve the bid from Northwood Electric in the amount of $30,675.00 for LED light replacement

(3-0) approve the Resolution to Allocate Funds to Central Rivers Area Education Agency for 2024-25

(2-0) approve the 28E agreement with the city for a combined position of VAC Manager and Parks and Rec Director for the city. Director Brunsvold abstained due to conflict of interest.

(3-0) enter closed session at 8:10 pm under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) for Superintendent Evaluation.

Roll Call Vote: Pangburn-yes; Brunsold-yes; Christianson-yes

(3-0) return to open session

The Board returned to open session at 8:32 pm

(3-0) adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District

Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount

Accurate L & DC, LLC
repair services 144.00
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
propane 1,371.01
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.
legal services 1,946.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC
SUPPLIES 780.40
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY 21,609.70
ALPHA WIRELESS
Alta Camera System ... 49,948.54
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES 461.29
BATTON, SHANE
Lawn Care 2,937.50
Block, Dan, reimbursement ... 4.25
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY
supplies 158.87
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
SUPPLIES 77.35
CEMSTONE CONCRETE MATERIALS, LLC, SUPPLIES 99.99
Central Rivers Area Education Agency, supplies 40.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 661.96
CULVER HAHN ELECTRIC SUPPLY, SUPPLIES 609.30
Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing
inspection 440.00
DRIVEWISE, service 395.00
EDUCATORS BENEFIT CONSULTANTS, LLC
Flex Plan 125.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES 574.74
HENGESTEG, KIM
reimbursement 357.68
Hupp ToyotaLift, supplies 1,333.18
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
medicaid 2,139.18
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS
testing 1,416.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service 225.00
JMC COMPUTER SERVICE
student software 10,142.78
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES 435.67
Knudtson Automotive Services
transportation services . 3,711.79
Maroo, Mackensie
reimbursement 38.36
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies, ... 219.43
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Inc., plumbing 4,028.13
NASSCO INC, supplies 287.49
Nexus Cooperative
supplies 126.75
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION 651.60
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES 585.38
NORTHWOOD SANITATION
garbage 630.00
One Source Background Check Company
background checks 47.80
Paulson, Norene
author visit 300.00
PERFECTION LEARNING
books 224.80
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
BOOKS 17.29
PLASMACAM, INC
supplies 120.80
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY - MC, SUPPLIES 313.72
Roto-Rooter of Mason City
drain service 350.00
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY, supplies 583.58
SCHOOL OUTFITTERS
supplies 1,195.82
Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC
natural gas 3,772.60
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC
MEDICAID BILLING 229.45
Trane US Inc, repairs ... 13,403.05
UMB Bank NA
bond payment 1,000.00
VISA, supplies/services ... 2,630.91
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service 698.99
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas 1,781.49
Worth Lumber Company
supplies 1,045.21
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 553.00
Checking Account ID .. 136,981.83
Albert Lea Steel, Inc.
supplies 894.67
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES 1,258.44
BELMOND-KLEMME CSD
fee 100.00
Cavalier Coaches Inc
transportation 2,100.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.
supplies 856.29
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD
fee 100.00
CLIFF KEEN ATHLETIC
supplies 79.78
D&D Sales, Inc, supplies 1,082.00
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
supplies 323.00
Dye Sports, uniforms 463.00
Einertson, Troy
reimbursement 89.99
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES 141.30
Family, Career & Community Leaders of America
registration fee 395.00
GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA CSD, fee 345.00
Hartman, Steve
reimb supplies 180.00
HIGHLAND PARK GOLF COURSE, fee 120.00
INSTRUMENTALIST CO., THE
fee 87.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOC, fee 385.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION, fee 60.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.
supplies 178.68
JOSTENS, INC.
supplies 1,445.00
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES 125.63
Know Your Golf Rules
supplies 122.40
LAKE MILLS CSD, fee 80.00
MANNA OF WORTH COUNTY
donation 324.00
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL, fee 140.00
N-K GENERAL FUND
reimbursement officials ... 172.24
NASHUA TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB, fee 60.00
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CSD
fee 100.00
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION
fee 765.50
Nitcher, Kent
reimbursement 400.00
NORTH IOWA CSD, fee 100.00
North Union School, fee 220.00
OSAGE CSD, fee 360.00
Outdoor Recreation Products
supplies 174.68
Rieman Music, Inc
supplies 110.27
SIGNATURES SUPPER CLUB
FFA Banquest 1,993.75
South Hamilton CSD, fee .. 125.00
ST. ANSGAR CSD, fee 140.00
SULLIVAN, TOM, official . 180.00
SUNTKEN, CHRIS, official 180.00
SUNTKEN, DAVE, official 180.00
SYNERGY PHYSICAL THERAPY AND SPORT, service 3,000.00
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies 25.69
TROPHIES PLUS, INC.
supplies 120.63
Worth Lumber Company
supplies 316.06
Fund Number 21 ..... 20,200.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC
copier lease 2,178.92
School Safety Solution
supplies 1,844.43
Southern Lock & Glass
lock services 17,783.27
TimeClock Plus
time clock system 42.75
Fund Number 36 ..... 21,849.37
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
MILK 5,728.55
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES 18.54
MARTIN BROTHERS
Food/supplies 10,889.58
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD 1,198.38
Fund Number 61 ..... 17,835.05

Northwood Anchor

Legal

Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE RESOLUTION #/2024-16

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Worth County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell and convey the interests of Worth County to TMM Johnson Properties, LLC for $60,000 with an agreement to develop said property in the near future, in the following described real estate, to-wit:

That part of the South One-Half (S ½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township One Hundred (100) North, Range Twenty-One (21) West of the 5th P.M., Worth County, Iowa, excluding the Well and Water tower located on the East 523.4 feet and the South 602.2 feet consisting of approximately 10 acres not including ROW for roads.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing on the foregoing proposal shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 13, 2024, in the supervisors chambers of the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, and that notice of hearing shall be published as required by law.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2024.

Aaron Stone, Chairperson
Worth County
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth
County Auditor

Notice

OFFICIAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO THE CITIZENS OF POLK, STORY, HAMILTON, HARDIN, FRANKLIN, CERRO GORDO AND WORTH COUNTIES:

Notice is given that Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P, Tulsa, OK, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479B, has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) for renewal of a pipeline permit to construct, operate, and maintain an existing hazardous liquid pipeline. The route of the pipeline is described as follows:

Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P.

Legal Description for Des Moines to Minneapolis No. 4 Pipeline

Worth County, Iowa

Beginning at a point on the Cerro Gordo-Worth County line, on the South line of Section 32, Township 98 North, Range 21 West, Worth County, Iowa. Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, crossing Winnebago River, and crossing public right-of-way of 345th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, crossing railroad right-of-way of Union Pacific Railroad, crossing public right-of-way of 355th Street, and crossing public highway right-of-way of State Highway 9; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing Willow Creek and public right-of-way of 365th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A39; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A39; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of-way of 450th Street; thence in a general northerly and Northwesterly direction through the Southwest Quarter of Section 5; thence in a general Northwesterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, crossing public rights-of-way of 458th Street and 460th Street and public highway right- of-way of County Highway 105; and all being in Township 99 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the West side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway 105, through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 31; thence in a general northerly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway A25; thence in a general northerly and northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of- way of 485th Street; thence in a general northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway A15; thence in a general northerly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction through the Northeast Quarter of Section 18; thence in a general northerly and Northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, crossing Goose Creek; thence in a general northerly and Northeasterly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8 to a point on the state line between Iowa and Minnesota and the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, being the endpoint of the pipeline in Worth County, Iowa; and all being in Township 100 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned, except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Worth County, Iowa 17.2 miles of 12-inch pipeline

Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P.

Legal Description for Des Moines to Minneapolis No. 2 Pipeline

Worth County, Iowa

Beginning at a point on the Cerro Gordo-Worth County Line, on the South line of Section 32, Township 98 North, Range 21 West, Worth County, Iowa. Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, crossing Winnebago River and public right-of-way of 345th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, crossing railroad right-of-way of Union Pacific Railroad, crossing public right-of-way of 355th Street, and public highway right-of-way of State Highway 9; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of- way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, crossing public right-of-way of 400th Street; and all being in Township 98 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned except public highway right- of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A38 (410th Street); thence in a general northerly direction adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing public right-of-way of 425th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northeasterly, northerly, and northwesterly direction through part of the Southwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Section 17, crossing Elk Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A34; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of-way of 450th Street; thence in a general northerly and Northwesterly direction through the Southwest Quarter of Section 5; thence in a general Northwesterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, crossing public rights-of-way of 458th Street and 460th Street and public highway right- of-way of County Highway 105; and all being in Township 99 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

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Worth County, IA 17.2 miles 6-inch pipeline

A map showing the routes of the hazardous liquid pipelines may be obtained at no cost by calling (918) 574-7000, or by writing to: Magellan Pipeline Company, One Williams Center, Tulsa, OK 74172.

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The date of the first publication is the 24th day of April, 2024. The date of the second publication is the 1st day of May, 2024.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD
BY: Jon Tack
General Counsel

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024.

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Bolan

The Bolan Trinity United Women in Faith met at the home of Bev Lucas on Thursday afternoon. Pam Wirtjes had devotions about angels, and everyone brought something to share for lunch.

During the worship services at Bolan Trinity, Lori Willert gathered the grandchildren of Joe and Linda together to sing special songs, which were, "A Choral Benediction" and "O Father All Creating." Those able to take part were Lori, Kelsie Willert of Ames, Cole Willert of Bolan, Daniel Nydegger of Waseca, Minnesota, and Evelyn Nydegger of rural Ellendale, Minnesota. During the Prelude Mary Wendt also played some songs that were part of the Nydegger wedding service. The church family hosted a brunch in honor of Joe and Linda's 60th wedding anniversary after church.

The families of Joe and Linda Nydegger and Dale and Sandy Koppen of Arnolds Park gathered at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center for a family dinner on Sunday to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Joe and Linda. Also attending were people that took part in their wedding that was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakota, Iowa, on Sunday, April 19, 1964. The afternoon was spent reconnecting with each other and enjoying a "vintage" power point put together by Lori Willert. It was an absolutely wonderful day filled with food, fun and fellowship.





More from Reading Week at N-K

Northwood-Kensett Elementary celebrating Reading Week recently with a variety of activities. Besides the decorative doors seen in last week's paper, each day of the week brought a dress up theme, like sports team day and Wacky Wednesday, pictured above. Throughout the week, classrooms also welcomed guest readers. That included older students reading to their preschool counterparts, seen above. Worth County Extension and 4-H'ers also read in classrooms.

Supervisors

April 15, 2024
Sixteenth 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 April 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $16,403.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD-14, Prof Services.....$7,600.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD-34 et-al, Prof Services.....$3,833.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD-46 Main, Prof Services.....$1,270.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD-75 Main Open Ditch Prof Services $2,900.00
Goodwin Law Office PC, DD-72, Main Open Ditch, Prof Services.....$724.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 21 West Main, Prof Services....$75.50
Grand Total.....$16,403.00

Motion Loberg/Second Loberg to approve the clerk of court's monthly report and the auditor's quarterly report.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the chairperson to sign the Member Proxy form for Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) and appoint Jacki Backhaus, County Auditor, as primary contact and Jeff Greve, County Attorney, as alternate. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve Resolution #2024-16 Proposal to Sell and Convey County Interest in Real Estate. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text on file at the auditor's office).

Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 8:52 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing – Establishment of the Southeast Worth County EMS District at 9:00 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. Joe Thompson was preset to represent the district. There was no public comment.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to close the Public Hearing at 9:03 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 9:03 A.M.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-17 to Create Southeast Worth County EMS District. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text on file at the auditor's office).

Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 9:06 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing – Establishment of the West Worth County EMS District at 9:30 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. Joe Thompson, Mike Thompson and Allan Wogen were preset to represent the district. There was no public comment.

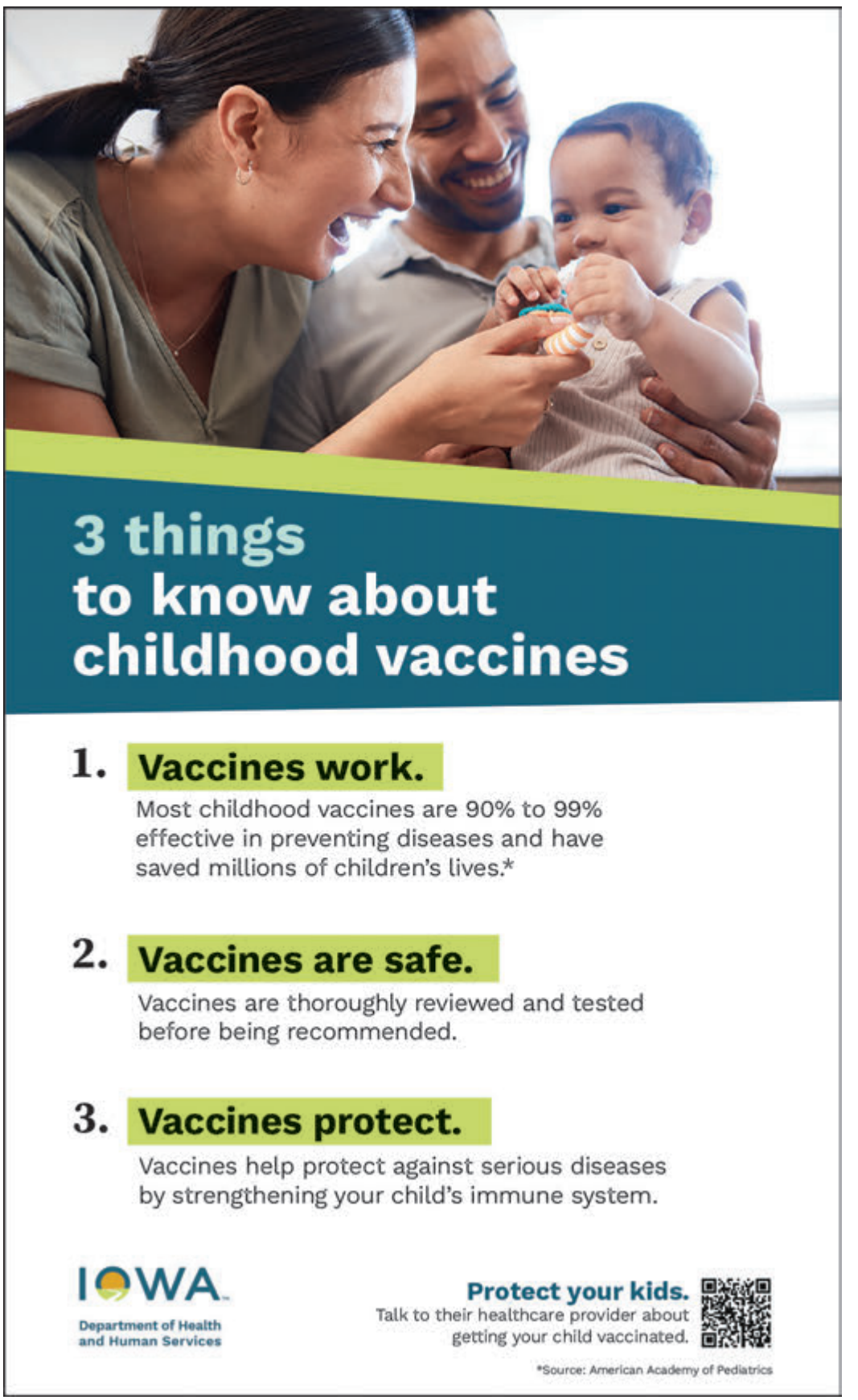
Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to close the public hearing at 9:31 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 9:31 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2024-18 to Create West Worth County EMS District. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text on file at the auditor's office).

Motion Loberg /Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:34 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson







The Lady Vikings' Marissa Halbach tees off in last Thursday's meet at Round Grove Country Club in Greene. Halbach shot a 72 for the day as the Lady Vikings placed third with a team score of 260.



Shielded from the wind at Saint Ansgar's Acorn Park last Friday, the Vikings' Kenney Conlin lines up his putt. Conlin shot a 55 for the day as the team placed third with a score of 193.

N-K boys and girls golf teams play through the cold and windy weather

By Mike Simmons

The Northwood-Kensett boys and girls golf teams bundled up and survived two days of cold and windy weather last week in their two meets at North Butler and Saint Ansgar.

Last Thursday the teams headed to Greene to play on the course at Round Grove Country Club and where both teams came away with a third-place finish.

In the boys competition, West Fork's Nolan Schreckongost took home medalist honors after shooting a round of 40. N-K boys scores included Caden Helgeson 43, Carter Anderson 48, Breyden Hoeppner 54, Bowen Behne 54, Brady Christianson 54 and Kenny Conlin 56.

North Butler's Reagan Mulder placed first in the girls competition with a 47, while the Lady Vikings' Peyton Wilder (57) and Kinley Stambaugh (62) placed fourth and eighth respectively. Other Lady Vikings' scores include Kenedie Berry 70, Haddie Hanson 71 and Marisa Halbach 72.

The boys and girls golf teams made it through last Friday's strong winds and temperatures in the 30s with third place finishes at Saint Ansgar's Acorn Park.

For the boys, Central Springs golfer Carter Crum took home medalist honors with a 42 while the Saints Maci Meyer earned the award for the girls after ending her round with a 47.

For N-K boys, Helgeson just missed medalist honors with a 43, just one stroke off the leader while Hunter Jenssen shot a 49, Anderson shot a 50, Hoeppner shot a 51, Conlin shot a 55 and Christianson ended the round with a 63.

The Lady Vikings had three girls tie for sixth place with a round of 60. They include Wilder, Hanson and Ella Leonard. Other N-K girls scores included Halbach 65, Berry 66 and Stambaugh 65.

The boys and girls team will be in action this week on Tuesday at Nashua-Plainfield and Thursday at N-K while the boys will compete at Mason City's Highland Park Golf Club on Friday.

Boys Team Scores at Round Grove – North Butler 174, West Fork 175, Northwood-Kensett 199, RRMR 224

Girls Team Scores at Round Grove – North Butler 212, West Fork 254, Northwood-Kensett 260

Boys Team Scores at Acorn Park – Saint Ansgar188, Central Springs 188, Northwood-Kensett 193

Girls Team Scores at Acorn Park – Central Springs 230, Northwood-Kensett 245

Lady Vikings earn third place finish at N-P Girls Invitational

By Mike Simmons

In last Thursday night's cold and windy track meet the Lady Vikings, despite not earning one point in a field event, came away with a solid third-place finish at the large and very competitive Nashua-Plainfield Girls Invitational in Nashua.

By most standards a large track meet would be 10 to 12 teams, but this one dwarfed most with 17 teams competing, including Charles City, Wapsie Valley, N-K, Osage, West Fork, N-P, Sumner-Fredericksburg, North Butler, Dunkerton, Don Bosco, Janesville, Riceville, Central Springs, Clarksville, Tripoli, RRMR and Hampton-Dumont

In the individual events, Macy Thorson got things started with a solid third-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.82, Topanga Hackenmiller placed fifth in the 400-meter dash, Mallory Rheingans placed third in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:48.60, Jess Ausborn finished 8th in the 1,500-meter run, Chloe Costello placed sixth in the 400-meter hurdles and Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy placed fifth in the 3,000-meter run.

The Lady Vikings had a few top three finishes, including the 4x100 relay (2nd, 53.05) and the shuttle hurdle relay, who took home the first-place medal with a time of 1:08.83, just a few tenths of a second off the team's third fastest time in class 1A this season at 1:08.27. Shuttle team members include Morgan Wallin, Maci Thorson, Emma Hengesteg and Lindsey Moore. Moore, a senior, also has the second fastest time in class 1A in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.49.

The Lady Vikings' best individual finishes came in the same race with Moore and Wallin taking the top two spots in the 100-meter hurdles, placing first and second with times of 16.98 and 17.58 respectively.

The Lady Vikings will be back in action on Tuesday at South Hamilton and Thursday at North Union in Armstrong.

Team Scores at NP Girls Invite – Charles City 100, Wapsie Valley 84, Northwood-Kensett 66, Osage 64, West Fork 61.5, Nashua-Plainfield 49.5, Sumner-Fredericksburg 49, North Butler 45, Dunkerton 38, Don Bosco 37, Janesville 36, Riceville 35, Central Springs 31, Clarksville 16, Tripoli 10, RRMR 8, Hampson-Dumont 4

N-K boys finish sixth at competitive North Iowa Bison Relays

By Mike Simmons

Due to the area's inclement weather last week the Northwood-Kensett boys track team was able to compete in just one meet, last Thursday's North Iowa Bison Relays in Buffalo Center, where the Vikings placed sixth after accumulating 51 team points.

This meet was packed with talented teams, including Central Springs, North Iowa, Saint Ansgar, Lake Mills, North Union and GTRA, making it especially difficult to score points.

But despite the talent, the Vikings did make some noise of their own, scoring points in the 400 (Dagen Peterson, 8th), 110 hurdles (Kolton Robinson, 6th), 400 hurdles (Justin Mills, 7th), 3,200 (Weston Willand, 6th), discus (Mills, 6th) and Noah Woltzen in the discus (10th).

Some of the Vikings' best events and highest finishes include Kooper Julseth with a fourth-place finish in the 800-meter dash (2:15.47), the 4x100 relay (5th) and the 4x400 relay (5th) 4x800 relay (4th).

The team's best finishes came in the distance medley relay with a third-place finish, the shuttle hurdle relay with a third-place finish and Koop placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5-08.00.

If the weather cooperates this week the Vikings were set to be in action on Monday at N-K and Thursday at North Union in Armstrong.

Final Scores at North Iowa – Central Springs 156, North Iowa 155, Saint Ansgar 117, Lake Mills 107, North Union 62, Northwood-Kensett 51, GTRA 49, Newman Catholic 23, Forest City 0

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