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FLC Day Campers

First Lutheran Church in Northwood was a busy place last week with dozens of young people coming to the church for a week of Day Camp fun. During the Operation Restoration activities the Day Campers played games, did some arts and crafts, sang and danced along to music and shared lunches together courtesy of Northwood-Kensett's free summer meal program. See more pictures of fun the group had at Northwood-Kensett Elementary on page 6.

Worth County Fair begins next week

The Worth County Fair gets underway next week, with a variety of activities, entertainment, meals and more available to those planning to attend.

Below is a schedule of events for this year's free meals, grandstand entertainment, livestock and youth events and more at this year's Worth County Fair.

More information is available in the Worth County Fair Book sent to homes in May, also available online at http://nwdanchor.com/worth-county-fair-book-2024. Information is also available at the Worth County Fair website, online at worthcountyfair.com.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Dog Show- - New Horse Barn

11 a.m.- Meet a Farmer– Goats- Ag Learning Center

12 noon- Free Meal (sponsored by WCAT)- Shelter House

1:30 p.m.- Horse Show (Halter & Pleasure)- Horse Arena

2 p.m.- Pet Show- Livestock Arena

5-9 p.m.- Carnival (FREE wrist band night)

5:30 p.m.- Meet a Farmer – Pigs- Ag Learning Center

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Supervisors discuss courthouse maintenance, interchange utilities and Recycle Center policy

At recent meetings, the Worth County supervisors discussed a reduction in the hours for the courthouse custodian, and the hiring of services to do some of that work. Also discussed were bridge and water/sewer projects and Recycle Center policy.

The supervisors have discussed how County properties will be cleaned, cared for and maintained, while also reducing the hours of the courthouse custodial position.

At recent meetings, various aspects of regular courthouse care have been discussed.

At the May 20 meeting, the supervisors discussed the change in the custodian position with now former custodian Brian Lund. They discussed the change in hours with Lund and offered him the job at the reduced hours, which he declined. The full time custodial position ended on May 31. The County has not yet started the search for a new custodian.

Supervisor Enos Loberg suggested that the County should also consider hiring a cleaning service if they can't find a part time custo-

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New recycling rules in place for Northwood

New rules are in place as a new destination for the city of Northwood's recycling has been found.

In October 2022, the place that the city of Northwood had taken its recycling stopped accepting all recycling, with the exception of paper and cardboard.

Since then the City and its garbage contractor, Northwood Sanitation, have maintained the same recycling program. Cardboard and paper have continued to be recycled. All other items collected have gone to the landfill.

While those items haven't been recycled, the City opted to maintain that option to keep resi-

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Party candidates chosen in primary election

Worth County voters took part in the primary election on June 4, choosing who would represent their political party in the November general election.

Out of 5,457 registered voters in Worth County, 1,010 cast ballots in the primary election, for a voter turnout of 18.51%.

Of those voting in the primary election, 892 or 88.32% were from the Republican Party. Votes from the Democratic Party totaled 108, for 10.69%. There were 10 votes from the Libertarian Party, for 0.99%. No Libertarian candidates appeared on ballots.

Three county offices will be up for election in November.

Current auditor Jacki A. Backhaus ran unopposed to represent the Republican party for re-election. She received 714 votes to receive the nomination. There were 71 write-in votes.

No candidates filed for the Democratic nomination.

Current deputies Jesse Luther and Chad Wurtzel filed to be the Republican candidate for Sheriff.

Luther received 796 votes. Wurtzel received 66 votes. Luther was elected to be the Republican candidate.

No Democrats filed for sheriff.

Current supervisor Mark Smeby and current Hanlontown mayor Rick

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Nights in Northwood begins tomorrow

The Nights in Northwood events begin tomorrow night in Swensrud Park.

The first of six Nights in Northwood will take place tomorrow, Thursday, June 13, in Swensrud Park, from 6-9 p.m. The evening will include live music from 507 Country; Worth County Farm Bureau fun and butter making; squirt gun boat races; flimsee and rock, paper, scissor tournaments; a variety of vendors; and food from Signatures and the Egg-Cetera food truck.

Those coming to the party are encouraged to

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Empty gas tank leads to federal drug, gun conviction

A man from Manly recently pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges that followed from an officer approaching the man after he ran out of fuel.

According to a release from the U.S. Attorney's office for the Northern District of Iowa, Cory Allen More, 33, of Manly, was traveling in Clear Lake on October 23, 2023, when his vehicle ran out of gas and he pulled over to the side of the road.

A Clear Lake police officer saw More pull over. He came up to check on More, who had his hood up, and saw two plastic baggies filled with marijuana on the ground. More also had a holstered handgun in plain view on his belt.

Following that incident, More's home was searched, where law enforcement

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The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. June 4	86	65	0.01
Wed. June 5	80	53	0.92
Thurs. June 6	81	56	0.04
Fri. June 7	81	56	
Sat. June 8	78	57	0.04
Sun. June 9	75	52	0.02
Mon. June 10	77	52	

'Cemetery Scientist' speaks in Kensett June 30

By JoAnn Lower

Karen Byrne's grandson Graham wanted to know what she did in the cemetery. When she explained it to him, he looked at her thoughtfully. "Grandma," he said. "You're a cemetery scientist."

Byrne is president of the board of trustees for Elmwood-St. Joseph's Cemetery in Mason City and involved in the Cemetery Walk.

"I roam the cemetery looking for interesting graves and interesting symbols that can lead to interesting stories."

When she came across the graves of a mother and son who died a month apart, she wanted to know more. From their death certificates, she discovered they had lived at 10 Sugar Beet Row.

Fascinated with her findings, she continued to look at other cemetery markers. What she found were graves of immigrants from Europe and Mexico who lived, worked and died in this area between the 1920s and 1935. Riding gypsy trains they came north to work the sugar beet harvest, and then moved south to work in warmer weather.

"They lived in the 'rows,' three mini-housing communities named after Lehigh Portland Cement, Mason City Brick & Tile and the American Sugar Beet Company. Located near what is now the Lime Creek Nature Center on the northern outskirts of Mason City, the children even had their own school, Lime Creek #8, called Sugar Beet School."

Byrne has made it her life's work to keep alive the memories of these, the nearly forgotten.

To hear more captivating stories, come meet the "Cemetery Scientist" at the Kensett Museum on Sunday, June 30, from 2-4 p.m. There is no charge for her presentation.



KAREN BYRNE
CEMETERY SCIENTIST

N-K Trap Team earns State award — See Sports Page 10

Flag burning set for Flag Day Friday

The Edward Tosel American Legion Post 110 in Manly will once again celebrate Flag Day on June 14. That will include a ceremony to properly and respectfully disposed of used American flags.

The post home offers a box where people may drop their unusable flags at any time. The Legion then disposes of the flags during the annual Flag Day ceremony.

The annual ceremony has the Legion members and supporters recognize the importance of the flags and the respect for its symbolism.



Flags that can no longer be flown are disposed of in a ceremony where they are burned.

The ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on Flag Day, June 14, near the Legion post home in Manly. If wind or weather conditions are not favorable for safe burning, the ceremony will be rescheduled.

Newspapers share public notices online

Notices published in Iowa newspapers, including the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal in Worth County, are now available on the new Iowa Public Notices website.

The website is a joint effort of the Iowa Newspaper Association and its member newspapers.

Local governments in Iowa are required to print the minutes of meetings, budgetary information, public notices and other legal information in local newspapers, where readers and subscribers have been able to keep tabs on the actions of those governments for decades.

Iowa newspapers are now working to share the legal notices online accessible to the public in the same week as the newspapers print the notices.

The website, online at iowapublicnotices.com, allows people to search for legal notices. Results can be filtered by county, city, the newspaper that published them or the dates they may have been printed.

To find out more information or search Iowa's public notices, visit the Iowa Public Notices online at www.iowapublicnotices.com.

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Scholbrock appeared on ballots to represent the Republican party as the candidate for supervisor representing District 2.

Smeby received 177 votes. Scholbrock received 163 votes. Smeby was elected to be the Republican candidate for supervisor.

No Democrats filed for the supervisor office.

State and federal offices will also appear in the primary election.

State offices in the primary election include Senator from District 30. Incumbent Waylon Brown, Osage, and Doug Campbell, Mason City, appeared to be the Republican candidate.

Brown received 571 votes in Worth County and led with 2,546 votes in the district. Campbell received 304 votes in Worth County and 2,273 district votes. Brown was elected to be the Republican candidate in November.

Democrat Richard Lorence appeared unopposed, receiving 87 votes in Worth County and 936 in the district to be that party's candidate.

For state representative representing District 60, incumbent Jane E. Bloomingdale, Northwood, and John Rosenfeld, Clear Lake, ran to represent the Republican Party.

Bloomingdale received 582 votes in the county and 1,729 votes in the district. Rosenfeld received 292 votes in Worth County and 582 votes in the district. Bloomingdale was elected to be the candidate in November.

No candidates filed to be the Democratic or Libertarian candidates.

One national office will appear on Worth County primary ballots.

Incumbent U.S. representative Ashley Hinson, Marion, appeared on ballots unopposed for the Republican nomination. Democrat Sarah Corkey, Cedar Falls, appeared unopposed on primary ballots.

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bring their own chair or blanket for seating.

More information on the Nights in Northwood activities is available on the Nights in Northwood Facebook page.

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6:30 p.m.- Fair Queen Finals- Shelter House

7 p.m.- Mutton Busting- (4-6 p.m. Registration)- Grandstand

Thursday

11 a.m.- Meet a Farmer – Dairy- Ag Learning Center

12 noon- 4-H Educational Presentations- Community Room

1:30 p.m.- Livestock Judging Contest- Livestock Arena

3 p.m.- Farm Bureau Tractor Contest- North of Quonset Building

4 p.m.- Rabbit Show- Poultry Barn

5 p.m.- Free Meal (Sponsored by Federal Foam. Technologies)- Shelter House

5:30 p.m.- Meet a Farmer – Beef- Ag Learning Center

7 p.m.- Bulls, Barrels, & Broncs Rodeo- Grandstand

Friday

9 a.m.- Swine Show- Livestock Arena

10 a.m.- Library Story Hour- Community Room

11 a.m.- Meet a Farmer – Bees- Ag Learning Center

12 noon- Free Lunch (Sponsored by Farmers State Bank)- Shelter House

1:30 p.m.- Horse Show (Games)- Horse Arena

2 p.m. (approximately)- Stick Horse Rodeo- Horse Arena

3 p.m.- Poultry Show- Poultry/Pet Barn

5 p.m.- Farm Bureau Cookout Contest- Shelter House

5:30 p.m.- Meet a Farmer – Sheep- Ag Learning Center

7 p.m.- Extreme Illusions & Escapes- Grandstand

Saturday

8 a.m.- Beef Show- Livestock Arena

11 a.m.- Meet a Farmer – Grain/Forage- Ag Learning Center

12 noon- Free Lunch (Sponsored by NSB Bank)- Shelter House

12:30 p.m.- Bucket Bottle Calf Show- Livestock Arena

2:30 p.m.- Dairy Show- Livestock Arena

5:30 p.m.- Meet a Farmer – Produce- Ag Learning Center

6 p.m.- 4-H Style Show & Awards- Shelter House

7 p.m.- Demo Derby- Grandstand

Sunday

9 a.m.- Church Service- Shelter House

9 a.m.-3 p.m.- Open Fun Horse Show- Horse Arena

11 a.m. Baby Contest- (Check-In at 10:30 a.m.)- Shelter House

11 a.m.- Barn Interviews- Livestock Arena

12 noon- Worth County Cattlemen's Beef BBQ- Shelter House

1 p.m.- Goat Show- Livestock Arena

2 p.m.- Sheep Show- Livestock Arena

2 p.m.- Meet A Farmer – Poultry- Ag Learning Center

3 p.m.- Pedal Pull- (2:30 Registration)- Outside Shelter House

6 p.m.- Figure 8 Races- Grandstand

Monday

6:30 p.m.- Livestock Ribbon Sale- Livestock Arena

Recycling
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dents in the habit, and to offer them a way to save on the amount of garbage bags used as a result.

Earlier this year Northwood Sanitation owner Mike Brunsvold told the Northwood city council about options to have more items recycled from the twice a month collections.

Brunsvold has reached an agreement with Absolute Waste in Clear Lake to take more recyclable materials.

However the new recycling destination has different rules for items that will be accepted and how they are to be gathered:

Plastics that will be accepted include containers with screw top lids, with the exception of those containing hazardous materials. Any other plastic container will not be accepted. The exception is for yogurt and margarine containers, without their lids.

Paper food containers will also be accepted, but their lids will not. This does not include cylinder shaped containers.

All paper, junk mail, newspaper, magazine and similar items will be accepted, along with cardboard items, unless they are food containers with food remnants.

Metal items that will be accepted include wire hangers, aluminum cans, tin and empty aerosol cans.

Shredded paper will be accepted if placed in paper sacks or boxes.

All colors of glass jars and bottles will also be accepted.

All recyclable items must be placed in recycling bins. Items will not be accepted if placed in plastic bags.

Any items that can't be recycled will not be taken.

Non-recyclable items include plastic bags; aluminum foil; baking tins; compostable cups, plates, utensils and bags; plastic cups and tubs, lids and utensils; paper cups; containers for hazardous materials; plates, napkins and boxes that have food on them; plastic and styrofoam food containers, lids and loose caps; and garbage or yard debris.

More information is available on the ad in this week's Anchor, the Northwood Sanitation Facebook page or by contacting Northwood Sanitation or Northwood City Hall.

Supervisors
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dian.

So far the County has hired a service to maintain the courthouse lawns and public health building landscaping.

County officials are also looking to hire a service to clean windows at the courthouse. At the May 28 supervisors meeting, the supervisors discussed seeking quotes for window cleaning services.

Also discussed was the potential need to hire someone to maintain the courthouse boiler.

In other business at the May 28 supervisors meeting:

Th supervisors approved an agreement for $38,500 with engineering firm WHKS to design six bridge/culvert projects. The plan is to let the projects by October.

Discussed moving ahead with adjusted water and sewer rates at the casino interchange.

For two years, the sewer side of the service has operated at a loss. The County also needs to adjust rates to build up funds for future maintenance and other interchange projects.

The County has worked with Jason Petersburg of the firm Veenstra & Kimm to discuss increased rates with interchange users. However, one business, Holiday Inn, has not responded to requests to meet to discuss new rates.

The County plans to hold meetings with interchange users to discuss the rates. After the meetings, the County will give interchange businesses 18 months to prepare.

The supervisors also discussed reviewing Recycle Center policy.

The supervisors noted the fees and fines in place and questioned whether the Recycle Center officially had the authority to charge those that misuse the facility.

Supervisor Mark Smeby said that the Recycle Center was designed to replace rural garbage and recycling pick up. He said that it should only be available to those that live on rural acreages.

Supervisor AJ Stone noted that rural Worth County property owners pay to use the Recycle Center with their taxes, whereas in other counties, similar centers charge usage fees as they bring garbage and recycling in.

The supervisors planned to review Recycle Center policy.

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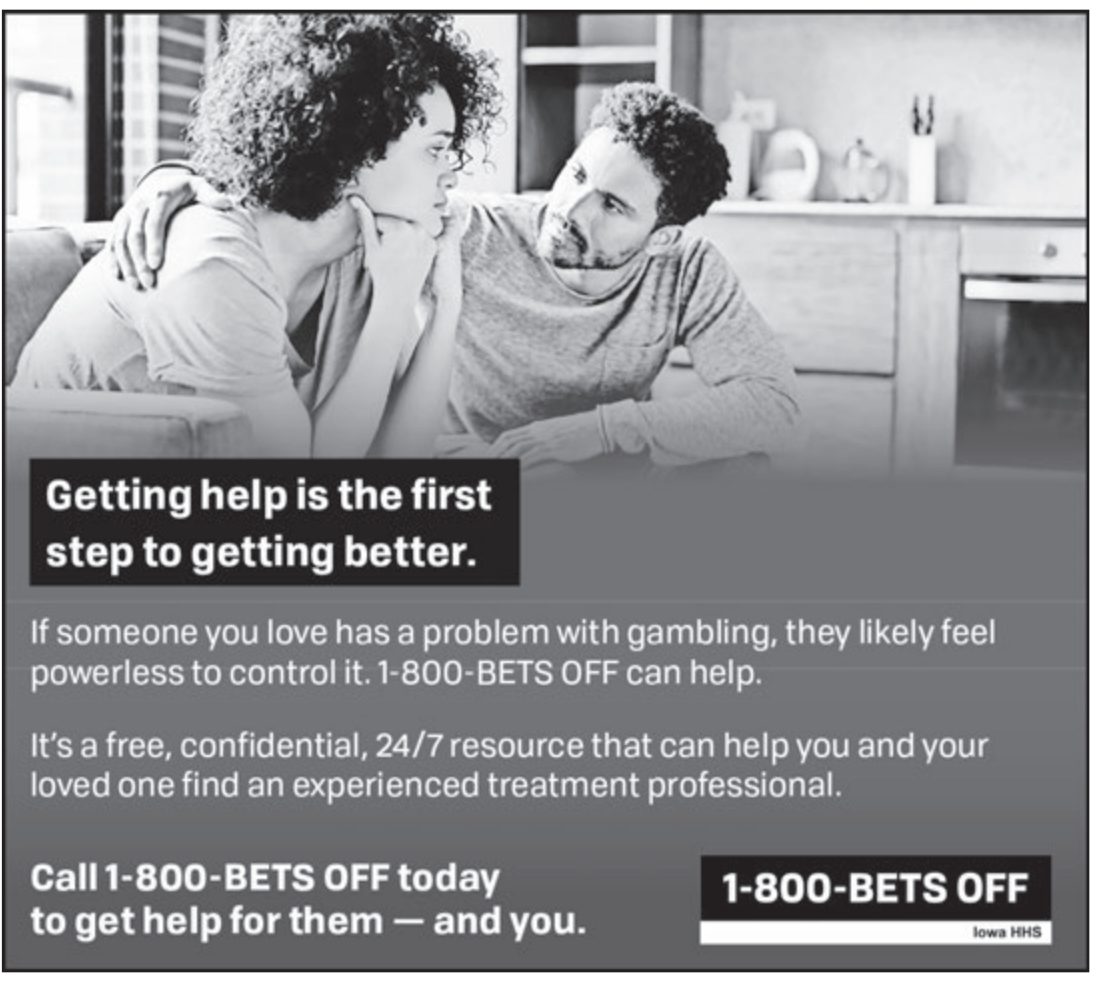
found more marijuana, drug paraphernalia, ammunition and 16 additional firearms.

More pled guilty to one count of possession of a firearm by a drug user in federal court in Sioux City, Iowa, on June 3.

More is free on bond, awaiting sentencing in the U.S. District Court. He faces a potential minimum sentence of 15 years in prison, a $250,000 fine and five years of supervises release after imprisonment.

The case was a part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program designed to pool the efforts of local, state and federal agencies to reduce violent crimes in their communities.

Agencies assisting in the case included the Clear Lake Police Department, Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office, Manly Police Department, Worth County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Iowa State Patrol, Cerro Gordo County Attorney's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and United States Marshal's Service.



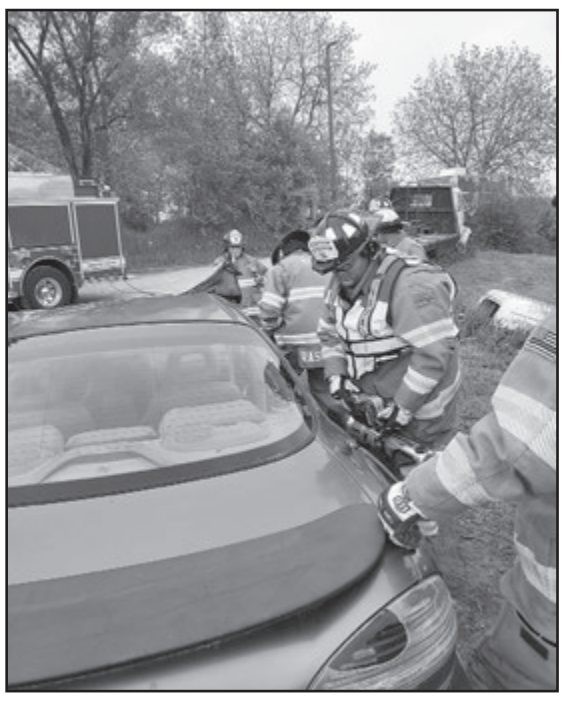


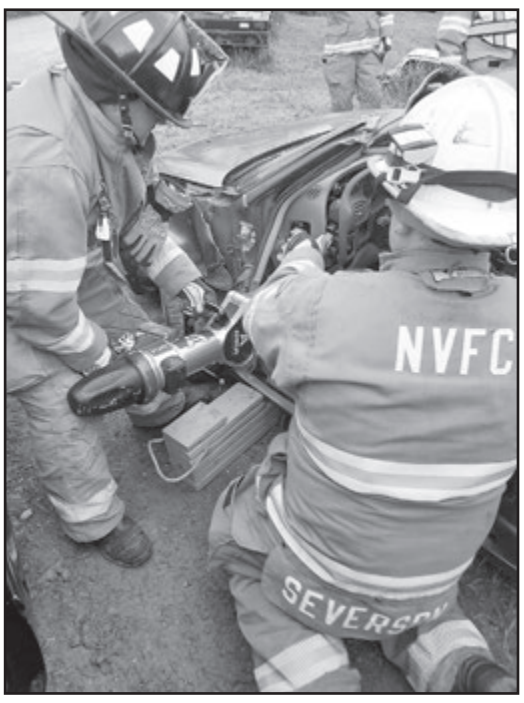


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Training for extraction

The Northwood Volunteer Fire & EMS department took part in a special rescue training in May. They used a practice vehicle to practice with hydraulic and battery powered tools. The tools are used to cut and push open vehicles following accidents. The department practiced dash roll and lift, door and roof removal and other extraction techniques. The department has two sets of extraction tools on its ambulance and rescue vehicles.

Dept. of Education awards nearly $900,000 to expand summer meal sites for children

The Iowa Department of Education awarded nearly $900,000 in competitive grants to 38 school districts and other qualified organizations to help more Iowa children and teens access nutritious meals and snacks during the summer months. The grant awards support 61 new summer meal sites in areas not previously served through expanding participation in two existing state-administered, federally funded summer child nutrition programs.

"Through partnerships with schools and community-based providers, the Summer Meal Expansion Grant builds upon family-focused solutions to support child nutrition and well-being in the summer," said Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow. "We commend the awardees for their leadership in growing the reach and impact of these programs, providing children with no-cost, healthy meal options in enriching environments this summer and beyond."

The Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option–funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), administered by the Iowa Department of Education and operated by school districts and local organizations–can be found in communities throughout Iowa. These sites provide nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas during the summer months. Summer sites offer meals for all children and teens age 18 and under at no cost to families.

Northwood-Kensett was amongst the schools that received a Summer Meal Expansion Grant to launch one or more new summer meal sites.

"These two summer meal programs were created to help ensure children in low-income areas who rely on school meals during the school year don't go hungry during the summer months," said Kala Shipley, bureau chief for nutrition and health services at the Iowa Department of Education. "Last summer, more than 1.6 million meals and snacks were served to children through the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option site sponsors, and we are excited to support more children with meal sites in previously underserved areas."

The 61 new site locations are in addition to returning meal site locations. Last summer, more than 500 meal sites operated across the state. These sites are located in a variety of settings, including schools, churches, community centers, parks, libraries and camps. Many sites also offer enrichment opportunities for children, such as reading, physical activity and nutrition education.

In determining awards, competitive applications demonstrated sustainable plans for offering summer meal programming for a minimum of four weeks to children in new locations where at least 50 percent or more of the children were eligible for free or reduced-price meals during the school year.

Award amounts were determined based on alignment with grant objectives, whether the sponsor was new or existing, the number of proposed new sites and the needs of the children served. Allowable uses of funds include local food purchases, program outreach and other operational expenses not covered through federal program reimbursement. Grant funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis after site location operating budgets are finalized.

Funds for the Summer Meal Expansion Grant are provided through State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Additional information on the Summer Meal Program Expansion Grant can be found on the Department's website.

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Asset of the Week



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

My name is Oliver. My favorite class is P.E. My favorite teacher is Mr. Hunt. My favorite thing to do outside of school is play baseball. I like my school because of all the nice teachers. If I had $1 million, I would help baseball.

Asset:

Youth programs — Youth spend time every week in sports, clubs or groups at school and/or in the community.

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A good rule of thumb with plastics is if it doesn't have a screw top lid, it most likely is NOT recyclable.
Non-recyclable items placed in bins will be not be collected.

What GOES IN the bin?

RECYCLABLE



Screw-Top Plastics (With Caps) & ONLY Yogurt & Margarine Tubs (No Lids)



Paper Food Cartons (No Caps) (Not Cylinder Shaped)



Mixed Paper (Junk Mail, Phone Books, Envelopes) Cardboard (Break down and cut to fit into)

Newspaper, Glossy Inserts & Magazines



Wire Hangers



Shredded Paper (Place in a Paper Sack or Box)



Aluminum, Tin & Empty Aerosol Cans



Glass Jars & Bottles (All Colors)

Don't Bag Recyclables

Keep items loose in the bin. The sorting facility doesn't break the bags open.

What STAYS OUT of the bin?

NOT RECYCLABLE



Plastic Bags



Aluminum Foil & Baking Tins



Compostable Cups, Plates, Utensils & Bags



Plastic Cups & Tubs, Lids & Utensils



Paper Cups



Containers for Hazardous Materials



Food Contaminated Items (Pizza Boxes, Paper Plates, Napkins)



Plastic & Styrofoam Food Containers, Lids & Loose Caps



Garbage or Yard Debris

NO Plastic Bags • NO Styrofoam
NO Pizza Boxes • Cardboard MUST Be Bundled

NORTHWOOD SANITATION & CITY OF IOWA NORTHWOOD

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Northwood

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 400 students who graduated in Spring 2024. Local students who graduated include:

• Samantha Hagen of Northwood graduated with a Master of Education in special education (instructional strategist I track)

• Michelle Petznick of Northwood graduated with a Master of Arts in organizational leadership

• Elizabeth Butler of Northwood graduated with a Master of Education in teacher leadership, curriculum & instruction (effective teaching & instructional leadership track)

Iowa State University had more than 4,450 graduates receive degrees this spring. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held May 9-11 at Hilton Coliseum.

Of the 4,455 students who graduated in May, a total of 4,591 degrees were awarded (3,884 undergraduate, 552 graduate and 155 professional) with some students earning multiple degrees.

Local graduates honored at the ceremonies included Kennedy Eskildsen, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, Magna Cum Laude; and Paul Hengesteg, Doctor of Philosophy, Education of Northwood, Iowa.

Central College recognized students who earned Alpha Zeta Mu honors in the Spring 2024 semester.

Amongst the students earning the honors was Lindsey Davidson of Northwood, Class of 2024.

Students with this honor must be full-time, complete at least three semesters at Central and achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year college known for its academic rigor, engaged citizenship and character formation, experiential learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), athletics and service.

Wartburg College has recognized 466 students, who were named to the 2024 Winter/May term Dean's List.

Among those recognized was Brylee Hoeppner, of Northwood.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Winter Term, which runs from January through April, and one course during the one-month May Term.



Sidewalk work

In recent weeks, Springer Construction has been at work in downtown Northwood. The City of Northwood has contracted the work to bring the sidewalks on the west side of downtown to match the work done on the east side in 2013 by the Iowa DOT. That has included removing the bricks that had been a part of the sidewalk.

Pee wee hog, lamb, goat and bucket bottle calf shows scheduled for Worth County Fair

The Worth County Fair has scheduled four opportunities for up and coming exhibitors in the Worth County Fair cattle, swine, sheep and goat shows.

There will be a Pee Wee Swine Show offered to prospective exhibitors on Friday, June 21. All young exhibitors will need to be accompanied by an intermediate or older 4-H member or parent as they show their pig.

All those wanting to exhibit are asked to check in at the swine announcers stand to get signed up the day of the show.

There will again be a Bucket/Bottle Calf Show on Saturday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m. Those wanting to participate in the Bucket/Bottle Calf Show can be ready at around noon with their entry.

Future sheep and goat exhibitors will again have the opportunity to participate in the Pee Wee Lamb and Goat Shows on Sunday, June 23. 4-H Sheep and Goat Show Pee Wee Exhibitors can have their lambs and goats ready at ringside at the start of the 1 p.m. goat show and 2 p.m. sheep show.

More information is avaialble by contacting the Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

NIACC announces 2024 Spring term President's and Dean's List

North Iowa Area Community College is announced that 851 individuals have been named to the 2024 Spring Term President's List and Dean's List. These students represent 167 Iowa communities, 11 states outside the state of Iowa and 17 countries outside of the United States.

Dean's List 2024 Spring Term (Students who complete a minimum of six semester hours and earn a 3.25-3.49 term grade point average in an academic semester will be honored by being named to the Dean's List.)- Hannah Lunning, Hanlontown; Levi Olson, Joice; Tara Backhaus, Blake Kreamer, Sydney Schilling and Jazmyn Sellers - Manly; Dawson Jacobsen, Hunter McKibben and Cooper Wymore, Nora Springs; and Nicholas Hanson, Northwood.

President's List 2024 Spring Term (Students who complete a minimum of six semester hours and earn a 3.5-4.0 term grade point average in an academic semester will be honored by being named to the President's List.): Trystan Bistline, Jason Braun, Kaelee Hicken, Addison Tabbert and Sophia Urbatsch, Grafton; Kamryn Backhaus, Natalya Griffin, Ryder Lestrud, Dalton Logeman, Emma Logeman and Ava Woltzen, Kensett; and Noah Carson, Logan Corcoran, Erica Gast, Olivia Goodrich, Shayne Groesbeck, Ava Hoard, Kennedy Christianson, Teagan Hackenmiller, Marisa Halbach, Madalynn Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, Emma Hengesteg, Teagan Johnson, Josiah Kliment, Ella Leonard, Megan Ocel, Peyton Shoger, Lamonte Sims, Mason Thofson, Benjamin Tindall, William Tindall, Morgan Wallin, Peyton Wilder and Jaime Zaragoza, Northwood.

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GARAGE

GARAGE: GLENVILLE CITYWIDE 24+ Sales! Thursday, June 13, 2-6 p.m.; Friday, June 14, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Saturday, June 15, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Maps at the Bank and Shortstop. 24-1t*

GARAGE: Day bed, 2 Queen bedframes/headboards, dining room table & 6 chairs, couch, love seat, armchairs, home decor, kitchen items, bedding & linens, books & DVDs, holiday decor, garden tools, lots of KIDS clothes & shoes, plus indoor & outdoor toys! Girls up to size 14; boys to size 12, mens & women's clothes & purses, porcelain dolls. Multi-family sale (Rugland, Harmon, Block). Friday, June 14 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, June 15 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 208 N. 6th St., Northwood. 24-1t

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WANTED: Buying junk vehicles. I pick up, pay cash. Mark's Auto Scrapping in Hanlontown, 641-590-7068. 21-4t*

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Bird flu found in Iowa cattle for first time

By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

A highly transmissible avian flu has infected dairy cattle of an O'Brien County herd in far northwest Iowa, according to state agriculture officials.

It was the first detection of bird flu in Iowa cattle and followed discoveries of the virus in poultry flocks in nearby counties.

Cows usually recover from the infections within two weeks, but highly pathogenic avian influenza is often fatal for domestic chickens and turkeys. Infected flocks are destroyed to prevent the virus' spread.

"Poultry producers and dairy farmers should immediately take steps to harden their biosecurity defenses, limit unnecessary visitors and report symptomatic birds or cattle to the Department (of Agriculture and Land Stewardship)," Mike Naig, the state's agriculture secretary, said Wednesday.

Naig said unspecified "additional response steps" are forthcoming from the department.

Iowa has about 850 dairy farms that range in size from 25 to 10,000 cows. A typical dairy has about 250.

Iowa was the 10th state with a confirmed infection in dairy cattle. The virus was first identified in Texas cattle in March, where it had festered for months as a mysterious illness. Wild birds are believed to be the source of the initial infections.

Since then, the virus has been found in more than 80 herds, including in faraway states such as South Dakota. The long distance spread has been attributed to the movement of infected cattle to new herds — which has since been restricted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture — but the virus has also spread among local herds in those states, possibly via farm workers, veterinarians and equipment.

A recent detection of the virus in Iowa was in a flock of 4.2 million egg-laying hens in Sioux County, which lies just west of O'Brien. A genetic analysis of that virus revealed that it is the variant that has been infecting dairy cattle, IDALS said Wednesday.

The variant has demonstrated the ability to transfer from cattle to other livestock, poultry and people. Three people in other states who worked closely with infected cows have been infected — and the latest showed signs of respiratory illness — prompting public health concerns.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said the virus' risk to people is low, but human infections increase the likelihood that the virus could mutate to transmit person-to-person.

The other recent poultry infection in Iowa happened in Cherokee County, in a flock of about 103,000 turkeys. Genetic analyses of that virus and the one that infected the dairy herd are pending, IDALS said. The department is also attempting to uncover how the flocks and herd were infected.

The infected herd was discovered because the dairy operator noticed symptoms consistent with bird flu infection and contacted IDALS, which helped facilitate the testing, said Don McDowell, a spokesperson for the department.



Worth walking on Wednesdays

Worth County Public Health has organized a weekly walking club in Northwood. The free club will meet at Sunset Rest Cemetery on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Pictured above is a group of walkers from the first gathering on June 5.

Iowa Master Conservationist Program to begin in North Iowa Area

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will offer the Iowa Master Conservationist Program that will rotate around to five North Iowa counties. The program will take place at several sites, providing participants with hands-on interaction with the diversity of the state's natural resources. The program teaches about Iowa's natural ecosystems and the diversity of conservation challenges and opportunities that exist in the region. Graduates of the course learn to make informed choices for leading and educating others to improve conservation in Iowa.

The program consists of online curriculum and five face-to-face meetings. The online modules will include lessons and resources by Iowa State subject-matter experts to be reviewed at the participants' own pace at home or at the ISU Extension and Outreach County offices. Module topics include conservation history and science, understanding Iowa ecosystems, implementing conservation practices in human dominated landscapes and developing skills to help educate others about conservation practices.

Registration for the course is $75 and is due at the time of registration. To register contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Cerro Gordo County office at 641-423-0844. The deadline to register is on June 30.

Free airplane rides for youth

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, youth ages 8 to 17 can take to the skies in a general aviation airplane. Members of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Vintage Chapter #13 will host a Young Eagles Flight Rally from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Albert Lea Airport, Albert Lea, Minnesota. Volunteer pilots will give free airplane rides to youth ages 8 to 17. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign the permission form.

Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8–17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. Today, over 2.3 million young people have enjoyed free introductory flights through the Young Eagles program. The pilots participating in the Young Eagles program are local members of EAA who are volunteering their time and aircraft to make your youth's flight possible. Each pilot is certificated by the FAA and all aircraft are licensed by the government.

Following the flight each youth will receive a certificate and logbook making them an official Young Eagle. In addition each Young Eagle is eligible for an EAA student membership.

Parents can register their children for the Albert Lea Young Eagles Rally at the website www.yeday.org or at www.youngeaglesday.org?10220.

Contact Denise at 507-402-7259 with questions.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets May 20

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on May 20 at the Olson Room. President Penny Robb called the meeting to order, and 11 members answered roll call with a response to the question "What did you plant new this year?" The treasurer's report was given by Julie Robb.

Cheryl Nitcher reported that a tree had been planted at the fairgrounds in memory of former member Helen Ringham. Congratulations were given to Peter Julseth for obtaining his master gardener certificate.

Members will be delivering floral arrangements to select businesses during the week of June 2 - 8 to bring awareness to National Garden Club week. Yard of the week selection will begin now and go through September.

Theresa Cooper gave a handout, and we discussed the duties of the flower show committees. Mavis Stevens served a most delicious lunch which included her delicate tea sandwiches.

Supervisors

June 3, 2024
Twenty-third Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, present; Enos Loberg, absent. 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 Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from the May 28, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to set date for DD #18 Landowner Meeting on July 8, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Change Order #1 and Pay Application #1 for the DD #34 Project being completed by Rognes Brothers Excavating. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of $954.00 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Merlin Bartz, DD #26, Prof Services..... $50.00
Merlin Bartz, DD #34, Prof Services..... $50.00
Merlin Bartz, DD #46, Prof Services..... $50.00
Merlin Bartz, DD #48, Prof Services..... $50.00
Merlin Bartz, DD # 14 Lower Main Tile, Prof Services..... $50.00
Michael Stevens, DD #26, Prof Services..... $50.00
Michael Stevens, DD #46, Prof Services..... $50.00
Michael Stevens, DD #48, Prof Services..... $50.00
Micheal Stevens, DD #14 Lower Main Tile, Prof Services $50.00
Nathaniel Julseth, DD #34, Prof Services..... $50.00
Rognes Bros Excavating, DD #46/Lat 14, Prof Services. $454.00
Grand Total..... $954.00

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the Class E Retail Alcohol License for Kum & Go LC d/b/a Kum & Go #119. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for Benjegerdes Hog Facility #60189, Corner View Crop & Livestock LLC #69395, Meyer Livestock Farms LLC, Ryan Site #69382 and Meyer Livestock Farms LLC, Travis Site #69381. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution #2024-30 – Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote – Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution #2024-31 – Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Interfund Operating Transfers. Roll call vote – Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution #2024-32 – Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Salary Resolution. Roll call vote – Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to set hearing dates of EMS Districts Engineering Plats on July 1, 2024. West District will be at 9:00 A.M. and Southeast District will be at $9:15 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 8:45 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to open Public Hearing for the FY2023/24 Budget Amendment at 8:45 A.M. Motion carried. Auditor Backhaus explained the amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to close the Public Hearing at 8:47 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 8:47 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution #2024-33 – Amend Fiscal Year 2023/24 Worth County Budget. Roll call vote – Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $30,000.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Mason City Fire and Rescue, Donations-EMS.....$10,000.00
Forest City Ambulance Service, Donations-EMS....$10,000.00
Northwood Volunteer Fire Company Donations MS.....$10,000.00
Grand Total.....$30,000.00

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution #2024-34 – Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to Incur Non-Current Debt. Roll call vote – Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, to adjourn at 9:05 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE INCURRENCE OF NONCURRENT DEBT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $475,000 (NONCURRENT DEBT)

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, will meet on June 17, 2024, at the Board of Supervisors' Room, Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to incur noncurrent debt (the "Noncurrent Debt") in a principal amount not to exceed $475,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the County Facilities Improvements Project. The County Facilities Improvements Project is being undertaken as an urban renewal project in the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to incur the Noncurrent Debt. After receiving objections, the County may determine to incur the Noncurrent Debt.

The Noncurrent Debt will be in the form of an internal advance of funds from the County's HWY 105 Fund for the payment of costs of the Project and shall be repaid in one or more installments on or before June 30, 2027. The Noncurrent Debt will be incurred pursuant to authority contained in Chapter 403 and in Section 331.478 and Section 331.479 of the Code of Iowa.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa.

Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

Legal

Notice

Public Notice

The Worth County Board of Supervisors will be holding a public hearing on July 1st at 9:15 am at the Worth County Courthouse. The hearing is to accept the engineers preliminary plat for EMS District that includes the townships of Union, Lincoln, and a portion of Danville (Jonquil Ave. east to township line).

You may attend the hearing and express your views, or you may submit your written comments prior to the hearing. Comments should be directed to the Worth County Auditor, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA 50459 or auditor@worthcounty.org (Or whomever you want them directed to).

CITY NAME: KENSETT — **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF KENSETT - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY** — **Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025** — **CITY #: 98-945**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 6/24/2024 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Kensett City Hall
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available): kensettia.com
City Telephone Number: (641) 845-2388

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	6,627,575	6,886,353	6,886,353
Consolidated General Fund	61,022	61,022	62,163
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	9,506	9,506	8,357
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	7,830	7,830	7,838
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	6,627,575	6,886,353	6,886,353
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	78,358	78,358	78,358
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	11.82325	11.37874	11.37875
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	630,157	670,105	670,105
Ag Land	0	0	0
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of $100,000	**Current Year Certified 2023/2024**	**Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025**	**Percent Change**
City Regular Residential	646	527	-18.42
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of $100,000	**Current Year Certified 2023/2024**	**Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025**	**Percent Change**
City Regular Commercial	646	527	-18.42

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at $100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Need to plan for an increase in insurance for the year that was not planned for in the past.

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Fawning season is here, deer are on the move

Fawning season traditionally begins during the last week of May, peaks in the first couple of weeks of June, before gradually tapering off. And that means deer are on the move.

Does are secretive about the birthing process and will venture out from normal use areas looking for a secluded spot to deliver this year's crop of fawns in peace, said Jim Coffey, forest wildlife research biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "This seclusion process is a driving force in protection for the lanky, wavering fawn. Fawns will be left alone while the doe returns only to nurse. This is normal deer behavior," he said.

"The doe searches out an isolated location where she feels safe and, on occasion, those places may leave us scratching our heads wondering what the doe was thinking. But she chose that location because it made sense to her," Coffey said. "The worst thing someone can do at this stage is to 'rescue' the fawn. Mom is likely nearby and watching you. Leave it be, or if you did handle the fawn, return it to where you found it and walk away."



With the recent flooding and saturated soils, many areas near river bottoms are not available for fawning, pushing deer to higher elevations. These spots can be anything from open hayfield to a field terrace to the flowerbed in the backyard.

The Iowa DNR will not be rehabilitating or comingling fawns with other deer to avoid the potential of spreading chronic wasting disease – or other disease - to new areas. This emphasizes the point of leaving 'abandoned" fawns be.

The spindly legged newborn fawn is designed with a few survival tools built in –its spots are cryptic camouflage that emulates the sunlight spots projected onto leaf litter of the forest floor and its lack of movement the first two weeks helps to reduce scent patterns. This combination is its best chance at survival until it is capable to following the doe.

Fawning season also coincides with an increase in deer vehicle collisions.

"There is a lot of movement this time of year that relates to the social structure of deer. The doe is on the move looking for the safe isolated place to have the fawns. Additional movement comes from last year's fawns that are now isolated teenagers starting to venture out to find new space. These yearlings have to make their own decisions for the first time, encounter other adult deer and build new social structures," Coffey said. "This movement behavior can occur during all times of the day. Once it settles out, the active movement time will return to dawn and dusk.

"The key to remember is that for the next month deer may not be acting like we think deer should act, stay alert while driving at any time of the day."

Drivers are reminded to drive defensively, avoid distractions, slow down, and provide safe distance between vehicles. Don't veer for deer. If a driver does hit a deer, drivers can get a salvage tag for the meat by calling either the local conservation officer or local law enforcement agency. The salvage tag is free and is required to legally possess the meat. Salvaging requires that the entire deer be removed from the roadway.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Elk Creek Worship, 9 a.m.; Monday, Bethany Council, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Monday-Friday, June 10-14, VBS 9 a.m. - Noon, Friday, Light Supper before VBS Program, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., VBS, 9 a.m. - Noon; Thursday, VBS, 9 a.m. - Noon; Friday, VBS, 9 a.m. - Noon, VBS Meal & Program, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service with H.C., 9 a.m., DCV with H.C., 10:30 a.m., LRH, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Manna Truck, Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
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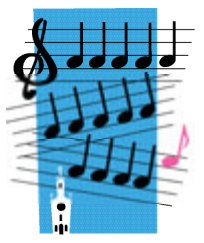
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Get off the Hedonic Treadmill



Have you ever noticed that the raise in pay which thrilled you beyond measure when first received begins to go flat after a couple of weeks or months? After a few months, you are not discernibly happier with the increase in pay than you were before. Likewise, new pleasures soon become humdrum, as we adapt or "habituate" to them. Psychologists call this adaptation with regard to pleasures the "hedonic treadmill." One way to avoid this is to seek variety. Very few of us want to eat our favorite food three times a day, and if we want to continue enjoying it, it probably makes sense to limit how often we have it. Lifelong hobbies will continue to give pleasure if we vary them in some way, perhaps learning new and better techniques which are relevant to the hobby. Music, literature, and the arts are wonderful sources of pleasure, but no one wants to hear the same song over and over again. Variety is truly the spice of life. Consider how rich the world is with tastes and sounds and sights just waiting to be savored.

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart.
– New K.J.V. Psalm 37:4

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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

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I like to call my cookbook library "the crypt" because there are books down there that have been buried for decades! On a recent dig into the stacks I discovered St. Columban's Parish Cookbook. Compiled in 1984 as a fundraiser for St. Columban's Catholic School in Chilicothe, Missouri, it was printed by Fundcraft Publishing, Inc., Collierville, TN. It's a dog-eared copy with loose pages showing it was once a much loved book in someone else's kitchen. A few recipes have stars written next to them showing they were favorites. These are all starred dishes.

Spicy Oyster Crackers

3 packages (12 oz. each) oyster crackers
3/4 cup vegetable oil
2 packages (2 oz. each) Hidden Valley Ranch® original dressing mix
1 teaspoon dill seed
1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Mix all the dry ingredients into the oil. In a large mixing bowl, drizzle the dressing over the crackers. Refrigerate, covered, for 24 hours before serving.

Egg, Cheese and Sausage Casserole

1 package Cheddar cheese croutons
4 large eggs, beaten
2 1/2 cups whole milk
1 can cream of mushrooms soup
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 pound breakfast sausage

NOTE: I'm not sure cheese croutons are still available in 2024. Perhaps a package of dry croutons sprinkled with some grated Parmesan might be an acceptable substitute

Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the croutons on the bottom. Combine the eggs, milk and soup. Pour this over the croutons. Put the shredded cheese on top. Brown the sausage, drain and sprinkle over the cheese layer. Put this, covered with plastic wrap, into the refrigerator overnight. The next morning, let it return to room temperature, about 30 minutes. Bake in a preheated 350 degree F. oven for 30 minutes. Very good for breakfast. It can also be baked ahead, frozen and reheated to serve.

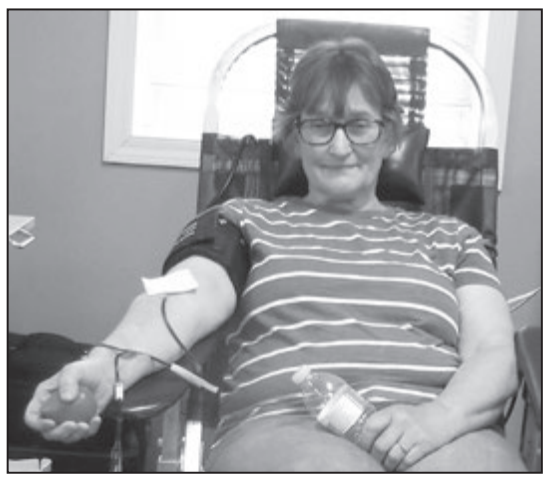
Tuna Crunch Casserole

1 package (8 oz.) medium egg noodles
1 package (10 oz.) frozen peas
1 can (6-7 oz.) good quality tuna
1 can cream of mushroom soup
3/4 soup can whole milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup crushed potato chips OR crushed buttery crackers
1/2 cup shredded American or mild Cheddar cheese

Cook the noodles and the peas according to package directions. Drain. Butter a 2 quart casserole dish. Place 1/2 the cooked noodles in the bottom, then a layer of half the peas. Flake the tuna and add this in a layer. Mix the soup with the milk and pour evenly over the top. Sprinkle the crushed chips or crackers over the top and then the shredded cheese. Bake for 25 minutes in a preheated 350 degree F. oven.

One of the reasons I love these old cookbooks, especially the community and church variety, is my curiosity about who owned it and enjoyed it before it found its way into my crypt. In 1984, men and women still enjoyed cooking, families usually ate the evening meal together and good basic food was enjoyed by most people. No escargot, no smoked eels, very few fancy desserts but lots of love shown by those who created the meal. And… that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society







Northwood Lions Club blood drive a success

"Turnout for the LifeServe Blood Center of North Iowa on Friday, June 7, was excellent," said Northwood Lions Club Blood Drive Coordinator Robert Perry. "The donors were treated professionally and quickly. Twenty-five pints of blood were donated as well as three double reds. Thank you to all who participated. With a pint of blood needed every three seconds, we continue to hope for new donors."

Improve communication for a strong family

When families are busy with their daily activities it's easy to overlook the importance of good communication. But at the heart of every strong family lies a foundation built on open, honest and meaningful communication, says Hailey Walker, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Families often face a variety of barriers to effective communication, including a lack of time and an abundance of technology distractions.

"Improving family communication requires intentional effort and commitment from all members. Let's break down what this means," Walker said.

Walker shared some practical ways to improve family communication:

Family having a discussion, sitting on sofa by WavebreakMediaMicro/ stock.adobe.com. Talk and listen. Effective communication involves both talking and listening. Express your thoughts and feelings, but also take the time to listen to others. When family members feel heard, trust and understanding grow. Create opportunities for regular communication by routinely scheduling family meetings, meals or activities where everyone can participate and share.

Address conflicts calmly. Conflicts are normal, but how we handle conflicts matters. Instead of blaming each other, focus on finding solutions. Be respectful and work together to resolve disagreements. For examples, review "Stop, Breathe, Talk" from the Science of Parenting.

Be honest and transparent. A family that values honesty creates a safe space for everyone. Encourage open dialogue where family members can share their thoughts and feelings authentically.

Set boundaries with technology. Technology can be a distraction. During family time, consider limiting screen use for everyone. Face-to-face interactions are essential for building strong connections.

Seek professional help if needed. Sometimes communication challenges persist. Don't hesitate to seek guidance from family therapists or counselors. They can provide strategies to improve communication.

"Remember, family communication is an ongoing journey, unique to each family. By recognizing its importance, identifying common barriers and implementing practical strategies, we can create a nurturing environment where every family member's voice is heard and valued," Walker said.

For more valuable parenting insights, check out the Science of Parenting at scienceofparenting.org. Visit Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's website for additional parenting resources.









Take me out to the ballgame

The Northwood-Kensett softball game welcomed some special spectators on June 5. Residents from the Lutheran Retirement Home and Pines Assisted Living took a trip to watch the Vikings at their home field. The trip was made possible with the help of LRH volunteers.

Worth County Historical Society meets June 18

The Worth County Historical Society will meet at the Northwood Museum on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 9:30 am.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Dreading a colonoscopy? There are alternatives

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any easier alternatives to a colonoscopy to screen for colon cancer? I just turned 60 and my wife keeps nagging me to get tested, but I hate the idea of drinking that laxative solution and being sedated for the procedure.

Squeamish Steven

Dear Steven,

While a colonoscopy remains the most accurate screening test for detecting colon cancer (94 percent accurate), there are other easier – although less accurate – tests available. But be aware that if the result of one of these tests are positive, you'll still need to undergo a colonoscopy. Here's what you should know.

Screening Guidelines

Colorectal cancer, which develops slowly over several years without causing symptoms especially in the early stages, is the second largest cancer killer in the U.S., claiming more than 50,000 Americans each year.

Colorectal cancer screening guidelines from the U.S. preventive Services Taskforce and the American Cancer Society call for most adults to get screened starting at age 45 and continuing through age 75. Earlier screenings, however, are recommended to people who have an increased risk due to family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.

But despite these guidelines, and the fact that colonoscopies save an estimated 20,000 U.S. lives each year, around 40 percent of eligible people don't get screened.

Why? Because most people, like yourself, dread the laxative prep and sedation, not to mention the procedure itself.

But a colonoscopy is not your only option for screening for colon cancer. There are currently several types of FDA approved stool tests that you can take in the privacy of your own home that requires no laxative-taking/bowel-cleansing preparation. The two most accurate that you should ask your doctor about are the:

Fecal immunochemical test (FIT): This test looks for hidden blood in your stool, which suggests polyps or even cancer. Your doctor will give you a FIT test kit to use at home. You take a small sample of stool and mail it to a lab to be analyzed. You don't need to do any prep. The cost of this annual test is covered by private insurance and Medicare. FIT has an almost 80 percent accuracy rate for detecting colon cancer, but it detects only about 28 percent of advanced polyps that might turn into cancer.

Stool DNA test (Cologuard): This screening kit looks for hidden blood as well as altered DNA in your stool. Your doctor will order the test, and you will receive the collection kit in the mail. You do the test at home every three years and send your stool samples to Cologuard via UPS. No special prep or change to your diet or medication schedule is required. Cologuard, which is covered by most private insurers and Medicare, detects 92 percent of colon cancers but only 42 percent of large precancerous polyps. It also may provide a false-positive, indicating that you might have cancer when you don't.

New Blood Test

There's also a new experimental colon cancer blood test you should ask your doctor about called the "Shield blood test." This new test, developed by Guardant Health, detects more than 80 percent of colon cancers early when they're most treatable.

Guardant is currently seeking FDA approval to market the test but it's available now as a "lab-based test" (which does not require FDA approval) but it's currently not covered by most private insurers or Medicare. Your doctor will need to request this test, which costs $895, at BloodBasedScreening.com.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I was named after my father.

Your father's first name was Al?

No, his last name was Batt.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I led a bus tour. A member of the group showed me her ring. She introduced it to me because it came with a story. Her marriage had ended. She liked her wedding ring more than she liked her ex-husband, so she had her wedding ring repurposed into a lovely and tasteful piece of jewelry called a divorce ring. She would have done the same to her ex-husband if she could have.

Unsolved mysteries

You've all been there. You're in the car with your significant other at chow time.

"Where do you want to eat?"

"Anywhere is fine with me."

"What do you feel like eating?"

"I don't care. What are you hungry for?"

"It doesn't make any difference to me. You pick."

"I picked the last time. It's your turn."

"What did you pick the last time?"

"I don't remember, but I know I picked something."

"Well, what don't you feel like eating?"

We try to whittle it down until the hunger subsides or Dr. Phil chimes in.

After being diagnosed with terminal pleural mesothelioma, singer-songwriter Warren Zevon appeared on David Letterman's TV show. Letterman asked him what he had learned about life. Zevon said, "Enjoy every sandwich."

That is wonderful advice, but even that wisdom doesn't make it any easier to find a place to take nourishment.

I've learned

If you've never had a car accident, you're a wreckless driver.

An ohnosecond is that fraction of a second it takes us to realize we just made a big mistake. It often occurs right after we hit the "send" button.

It's not true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. That's a Granny's myth.

Genetic testing has found that 41.12% of the chronic speeders on the road today have Bigfoot in their DNA.

Bad jokes department

How can three elephants stay dry under one tiny umbrella? They use it on a sunny day.

Did you hear about the glitter factory blowing up? It's all over town.

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.

What is the end of everything? The letter G.

I called the Tinnitus Hotline, but it just kept ringing.

Nature notes

Roger Truax of Albert Lea wondered what the most common hawk is in Minnesota and Iowa. The red-tailed hawk is the most commonly seen raptor here and the most common hawk in North America. They're the large highway hawks that find our roads to be excellent hunting grounds.

Chimney swifts are sooty gray and often called "flying cigars." Their narrow and curved wings move with quick, shallow wingbeats. Their bodies are tube-shaped, and their tails are short and squared at the tip. Swifts can be confused with swallows. If you see flashes of blue or orange, that's probably a swallow. If the bird has long, skinny wings that look like they're fluttering, that's a swift; if it has thick wings tapering near the ends, that's a swallow. Swifts tend to hunt high above, over buildings or trees, while swallows are likely to swoop low.

Samaras, more commonly referred to as helicopters, whirlers, twisters, spinners or whirligigs, are the winged seeds produced by maple trees. Red, silver and Norway maples produce the largest quantities. Silver maples drop theirs in late spring, and red maples in late spring or early summer and fall. Sugar maple samaras ripen from early summer into fall. Red maple samaras are red, in contrast to those of sugar maple, which are green in spring. Box elder samaras are V-shaped pairs that are winged and similar to those of a sugar maple but smaller and ripen in late summer or early fall. They often stay on trees all winter. Squirrels, chipmunks and other animals eat most of the seeds. Every few years, maples produce a glut of seeds, which gives the trees a better chance of producing viable seedlings and the seed eaters more than enough food. The theory is this overwhelms the animals that eat the seeds.

Meeting adjourned

"I should dearly love that the world should be ever so little better for my presence. Even on this small stage we have our two sides, and something might be done by throwing all one's weight on the scale of breadth, tolerance, charity, temperance, peace, and kindliness to man and beast. We can't all strike very big blows, and even the little ones count for something."—Arthur Conan Doyle.

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Letter to the Editor

The other side of the story;

Thank you Northwood Anchor for your continuing coverage of Worth County's boards and departments news.

I have been on the Board of Health now for over 20 years. I have served as Vice Chair for many years and now I was voted to serve as Chairperson of this Board. Why so many years? Public Health has been very important to me as my parents aged as well as my wife's parents aging and health issues arose for all of them, it was a Godsend to us to have Home Care aids as well as Nurses that could help with some of the medical issues of the family. This is an important issue for many Worth County residents as well as their children who no longer live close by to help with aging parents who also need some type of medical help. I am determined to do what I and the BOH need to see that this continues.

The entire time I have served on the Public Health Board we have always had one of the Supervisors serve on the BOH. It was helpful with some of the issues that came up, and costs could be discussed with some knowledge and opinions of the Supervisors. Supervisors offer their input and also make motions and generally vote along with the other board members either for, or against the motion. On occasion the Supervisor abstains from voting.

The situation that arose these past 4 months in regard to the Public Health Budget has been difficult. The BOH was asked to cut $65,000 from our 2024/2025 fiscal year budget, and we made cuts and were able to work things through with the Supervisors. I know that all county departments had to make budget cuts.

The current dilemma we are facing now reflects back to the Public Health's Budget that was set up in December of 2022 for Fiscal year 2023/2024. At that time we had put in our budget a request for $30,000 for a new vehicle for the Home Health Care Department. This budget was adopted.

In early 2023 the BOH decided it would write for two separate grants from the WCDA (on the outside chance we could possibly get the two grants) for the second round of grants WCDA gives in mid November. This would have meant really no cost to the County if both grants had been awarded. We were notified by WCDA that they had approved one vehicle for the grant. There is no blame here to the WCDA since Public Health is grateful that WCDA has helped us in the past and understand there are a number of requests for grant dollars.

I believe it was in mid-to-early December that we did get the vehicle and the County did write the check to the auto dealership for the vehicle as we need a paid invoice to go to WCDA for the grant dollars. This grant dollars check is deposited into one of the County's funds so in essence it really hasn't cost the County any dollars. (Please note that the car cost was a few more dollars than the grant as you cannot easily come down to the penny, but those dollars come out of Public Health's budget.)

In mid December (the 15th) we had a BOH meeting and discussed the possibility of purchasing a second vehicle since the grant dollars really covered the cost of the first vehicle. (See the December 15, 2023 BOH minutes on the County's website.) Supervisor Smeby said the way he saw it, it was money out with money in. He did make the motion to purchase the second vehicle as long as we requested those dollars come with the approval of the County Auditor. Jessie Reyerson, Worth County Public Health Department administrator, did contact the auditor's office via e-mail and the responses we received back appeared to be fine as we would need to ask for an amendment to our 23/24 budget. All Public Health board members were informed of the responses from the auditor's office. Had the Auditor said we cannot purchase the second vehicle we would have never gone ahead with the purchase.The Public Health Department did make the request for the budget amendment, but now it is denied.

Jessie Reyerson and I were called to be at the Supervisors meeting on May 13 to discuss this issue. (Jessie was unable to attend.) I did supply Board of Health meeting minutes as well as e-mails between Jessie Reyerson and the County Auditor to all three of the Supervisors, regarding the second vehicle purchase, but they said those e-mails didn't make any difference and we were wrong at purchasing the second vehicle. (The Supervisors will cover the dollars ($25,000) for Public Health Home care department budget shortfall) however the Board of Supervisors have taken away $25,000 out of the 24/25 fiscal year budget for the Home Health care department.

There continues to be conflict between the Public Health department and the Auditor's department along with the Board of Supervisors in our County. Way too many degrading comments have been made. I have asked Mark Smeby on more than one occassion that common courtesy and less friction needs to be part of our department and all county department communication. I have witnessed this harshness on many occasions with uncalled for comments.

I truly realize the County's problems with the budget, however things could run smoothly if everyone tried to get along. All the department heads, all elected officals. all County employees, we are all on the same team.

It really seems to me that the Supervisors would like to see the Public Health department gone or kicked to the curb.

I write this to let you know the other side of the story. I don't like to be mean and unjust toward the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor, but I felt the need to let the other side of the story be told.

If we were in the wrong, we will face it and move on. I want the public to understand how this all transpired and happened.

I have a nine year cost and return actual cost from the Worth County Auditors office, which shows that Public Health brings in 56.7% of its budget through grants, Medicare, insurance and private pay income.

Dennis Bartz, BOH Chairperson

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

May 28, 1924

Three motor car accidents in this immediate vicinity within the past week have caused thoughtful people to wonder what the automobile traffic will eventually bring us to. Fortunately, in but one of the three accidents mentioned was anyone injured very seriously, a broken arm being the worst casualty.

With the 40th anniversary reunion of the Northwood High School alumni held at Dwelle Hall on Friday evening, commencement week came to an end for the year 1924. Thursday evening Dr. Milo B. Price, principal of Pillsbury's Academy at Owatonna delivered the address to the graduates at the Northwood Theatre. Supt. Burrus E. Beard presented the members of the class and O.A. Tenold, president of the school board, made the presentation of diplomas. Members of the senior class spent the day in Albert Lea Friday with a picnic dinner at Edgewater Park.

A speaker for the national organization of the Ku Klux Klan spoke to a large crowd of Central Park Saturday evening and appeared to make a favorable impression on some members of the crowd. Twelve to 15 members of the order, wearing the regalia, including mask, were present, one standing in the band stand beside the speaker and others throughout the crowd.

The new golf links were patronized quite liberally Sunday in spite of the cold, strong wind blowing from the north. The greens have all been put in playable shape although far from perfect yet.

Supt. Grant M. Norem of the Kensett schools was a business and social visitor in Northwood Friday morning. In company of his brother, Enoch Norem of the Mason City Globe Gazette and others were in route to northern Minnesota. Later Mr. Norem intends to attend college during the summer months and return to Kensett in time to resume the superintendency for the year 1924-25.

75 years ago

June 16, 1949

An audience estimated at 600 persons attended the 1949 Northwood Lions Club horse show at the Worth County Fairgrounds here Sunday afternoon. Although the crowd was smaller than last year, the show itself had more than 100 entries, and was considerably larger.

JoAnn Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Sharp of Northwood, has been chosen to attend the third annual Hawkeye Girls state at Grinnell on June 19-25.

Is a mountain lion prowling the woods along Deer Creek, west of Northwood? The most definite word is that the giant feline entered the barnyard at the George Klitzke farm last Saturday night, howling fiercely and frightening the livestock – not to say the Klitzkes. And large footprints were found the next morning leading back to the creek.

Amos T. Groe, 80, life-long resident of Worth County and member of one of the county's pioneer families, died at his farm home in Bristol township at about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

With the June 30 corn loan deadline only two weeks away, the total amount of money granted in loans on 1948 corn in Worth County approached a million dollars this week. Some 687 loans had been completed Wednesday for a total of $919,683.31.

Mrs. Hamlin Holton this week had new potatoes, carrots and peas, all from her garden in Northwood.

C.F. Ashman of Northwood was elected governor of district A, comprising all Lions clubs in the northeast quarter of Iowa, at the Lions state convention at Sioux City Sunday through Tuesday.

Dr. H.B. Osten went to Elysian, Minn., today to recover his 1949 Ford, stolen from its parking place near his office in Northwood Tuesday.

The Northwood summer swimming and life saving program will open this weekend with two special meetings for all children enrolling in swimming classes scheduled this Thursday and Friday at 3p.m. at the school grounds.

50 years ago

June 13, 1974

Blake Chandler, son of the Steve Chandlers, get a lift to the new pink elephant drinking fountain placed in Central Park by the Northwood Jaycee-Ettes. He was a bit curious about the source of the water – but quickly learned a few seconds later when he received a full squirt in the face.

Cecil Jones, rural Northwood, donated nine Giant Canada geese to the State Conservation Commission game reserve at Rice Lake Tuesday. Larry Book is pictured catching one of the birds to load into a special pen in a pickup. Book said the birds were once extinct in this area and will weigh about 15 pounds at maturity. The nine birds Jones donated were yearling and two-year-olds.

Airman Neil D. Reinsmoen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Stromley, Kensett, has graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the U.S. Air Force weapons mechanic course conducted by the Air Training Command. Airman Reinsmoen is a 1972 graduate of Mason City High School.

The Viking girls lost to Kanawha in the Belmond tournament 13-5 June 4. Eekhoff, the winning pitcher for Kanawha, gave up four hits, walked eight and struck out two.

The Vikings have a full baseball schedule with about four games each week. Friday they host Forest City, Monday Garner plays at Northwood and Wednesday Forest City comes here. Thursday the Vikings travel to Manly to Play North Central.

Piles of camping gear and luggage went into the Girl Scout van before the Northwood Cadette Scouts left on a 10-day trip to points in Colorado. Elizabeth Ohland, one of the Scouts, and her father, Paul Ohland were going on the trip.

Daniel L. Reeder received his Master of Arts in business education at UNI on May 25. Reeder will be teaching in the Cresco school system the coming year. His mother and father attended his graduation exercises.

25 years ago

June 16, 1999

Recent Northwood-Kensett graduates Joyce Songstad and Nathan Buehrer went over the edge, so to speak, after deciding to give the new Central Park skate court a try last Thursday night. The rousing experience that resulted was followed by a soft, but unstable, crash landing in the turf at the court edge.

On Thursday, June 10, Mason City Ambassadors attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new NSB location in Mason City. Lori Henry, mayor pro tem, Rosie Hussey, Kary Paulson, Robin Nodtvedt, Kirk Paulson and Charlie Schumacher were all present.

Army Pvt. Chad L. Holt has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Holt is the son of Joe L. and Marcia K. Holt of Northwood and is a 1994 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School.

Despite rain delays that have pushed the Northwood swimming pool's completion date back by a projected 4-6 weeks, work crews have made progress on the bathhouse and the zero-depth-entrance portion of the pool. At last Tuesday's city council meeting, councilman Don Anderson complimented general contractor Bud Kragenbrink on the progress to date. "I went down to the pool around 7 p.m. last night and, from my standpoint as a councilman and a member of the pool finance committee, I was thrilled with what you've got done so far, considering what you've bee up against," Anderson said.

Army reserve 1st Sgt. Oscar R. Kelly completed a two-week annual training exercise termed "Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration" in Taegu, South Korea. The soldier is a member of the 19th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM), U.S. Army Reserve in Des Moines. Kelly is the son of Oscar and Carol A. Kelly of rural Northwood. The first sergeant received an associate degree in 1992 from North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City.

10 years ago

June 11, 2014

This fawn has recently made itself at home in the yard and fields near a rural Kensett farmstead. The fawn has been seen eating from plants in the yard, hiding amongst piles of cut grass and taking refuge amongst the more then knee high corn.

A group of Northwood-Kensett students spent an afternoon just before the end of the school year, on Friday, May 30, at Northwood's Swensrud Park. The fifth and sixth graders went on the outing to conduct some science experiments and lessons. They tested the river water's water clarity and PH levels, amongst other activities. After a pizza lunch they did some fishing to end their afternoon.

Maren Davidson of rural Northwood was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Community and Technical College. She is the daughter of Steve and Brenda Davidson.

Perhaps in anticipation of some summer activities, students in Mrs. Myhre's first grade class took part in one last special reading day before the end of the school year, with the theme of "Paddle Away with a Good Book." The students traveled to the front of the elementary school, where several canoes were set up as a unique setting for some reading time.

Kory Olson of Olson Insurance of Northwood and Manly was presented with a 2014 President's Club plaque from Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. The plaque recognized the agency's achievement, ranking among Grinnell Mutual's top 50 agencies and 12 farm mutual companies for outstanding achievement in the insurance profession and or superior performance.

The Green Thumb Garden Club is highlighting homes with "curb appeal" twice a month through this October. The most recent home selected for its appealing appearance is that of Dave and Marge Tenold. The Tenolds are happy to accept the recognition, but noted that much of the landscaping was the result of the home's previous owner, Sue Sandera.

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Obituaries

Frances Guertin

Frances E. Guertin, 92, of Mason City passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

A private family service will be held to honor her life.



FRANCES GUERTIN

Frances Elizabeth was born on September 22, 1931, in Linden, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Henrietta (Abrahams) Adams. At a young age, the family moved to Worth County where Frances graduated from Northwood High School. She met the love of her life, Richard "Obie" Guertin and on June 4, 1955, the couple was married at the Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church in rural Glenville, Minnesota. Three children were born, Debbi, Kevin and Jon. Obie obtained a job with the U.S. Government Printing Office and the family moved to Washington, D.C.

One of Frances' greatest joys was being a mother. Whether it was school or sporting events, she was always on the run with the kids. In her spare time, she gave back to her community by serving as a crossing guard for countless years. Frances was a Cub Scout Den Mother through her boys' younger years and was also active in PTA, and volunteered with the local hospice program.

When the family returned to Northwood in April 1985, they lived across the street from the Adams family farm. Frances enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends. In her younger years, she was on the go; whether it was dancing the night away with her sisters or enjoying an afternoon bowling. She was a longtime member of the St. James Lutheran Church in Mason City and spent countless hours creating beautiful quilts to be donated near and far to their various organizations. Her delicious apple pies were sought after by many, and her zucchini bread, fudge and other baked goods were just about as delightful. She enjoyed her time in the kitchen baking her creations just about as much as she enjoyed sharing them with others.

Frances was reserved, and one of the best listeners you would ever meet. Her patience and understanding deemed her the Family Counselor, a strong safe shoulder for anyone to share their woes. She was self sufficient and hesitant to ask for help, she could certainly figure out a way on her own. Frances had a way of lightening any mood with her witty one liners- we still aren't sure if she realized just how funny she truly was. But, most of all, she loved her family dearly. From her beloved siblings, especially her sisters, to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her tenderness and easy going nature will be surely missed.

Surviving are her children, Debbi (Jeff) Lucas of Englewood, Fla., Kevin Guertin of Bend, Ore., and Jon Guertin of Mason City; beloved grandchildren, Brandon Lucas, Nicole (John) Glaros, AJ (Lauren) Lucas, Kendall and Kylie Guertin; great-grandchildren, Desmond Lucas, Cullen, Cooper and Cassidy Glaros and Sylas Lucas; sister, Delores Marsh; sister-in-law, Judie Adams; brother-in-law, Jim Helgeson; and aunt, Dorothy Strong; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Obie; parents, Frank and Henrietta; siblings, Harriet (Andy) Anderson, Arlene Adams, Frank Adams, Albert Adams, Gloria Helgeson and Marilyn (George) Lagios; brother-in-law, Gordon Marsh; as well as extended family members.

Cash rent rates for Iowa cropland remain unchanged for 2024



Cash rent for Iowa farm ground is mostly unchanged from 2023, according to the latest land rent survey from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The average rent is $279 per acre of corn and soybeans and is the first time rates have not increased in five years. In 2019, the statewide average declined to $219 per acre, a $3 decrease over the previous year.

"Despite the increase in land values and farm operating costs, cash rents remained about the same as last year," said Alejandro Plastina, associate professor in economics and extension economist at Iowa State University.

Plastina attributes the flat rental rate to the tight profit margins farmers are facing for growing crops.

"From December 2022 to December of 2023, we've seen the rate of return to farmers decline from about 10% to 2%," he said. "Unless we see an increase in commodity prices, I expect rents will stay the same or decrease."

The survey also includes rent for hay and pastureland, as well as oat production. The state average for established alfalfa is $200 per acre, followed by $145 for grass hay and $198 per acre for oats. Pastureland ranges from $95 per acre for highly productive pasture, to $60 per acre for low-productivity pasture.

The complete survey and historical comparisons are available in the May edition of Ag Decision Maker. The survey includes nearly 1,300 responses from farm operators, landowners, professional farm managers and realtors, ag lenders and other professionals, representing 1.7 million cash-rented acres in Iowa.

The survey also provides rates for nine regions of the state, as well as individual counties. Six of the nine regions saw an increase, with the largest per-acre values reported in northwest ($304) and northeast ($309) Iowa, while the lowest reported values were in the south central district ($231).

Plastina reminds Iowans that the survey is meant to be one resource in the land rent discussion, and that each land rent contract should be decided by reviewing multiple sources of information, including the unique features of each farm.

His article in the Ag Decision Maker also includes a link to U.S. Department of Agriculture land rent statistics, as well as links to popular land leasing resources found on the Ag Decision Maker Leasing page:

Computing a Cropland Cash Rental Rate (File C2-20).

Computing a Pasture Rental Rate (File C2-23).

Flexible Farm Lease Agreements (File C2-21).

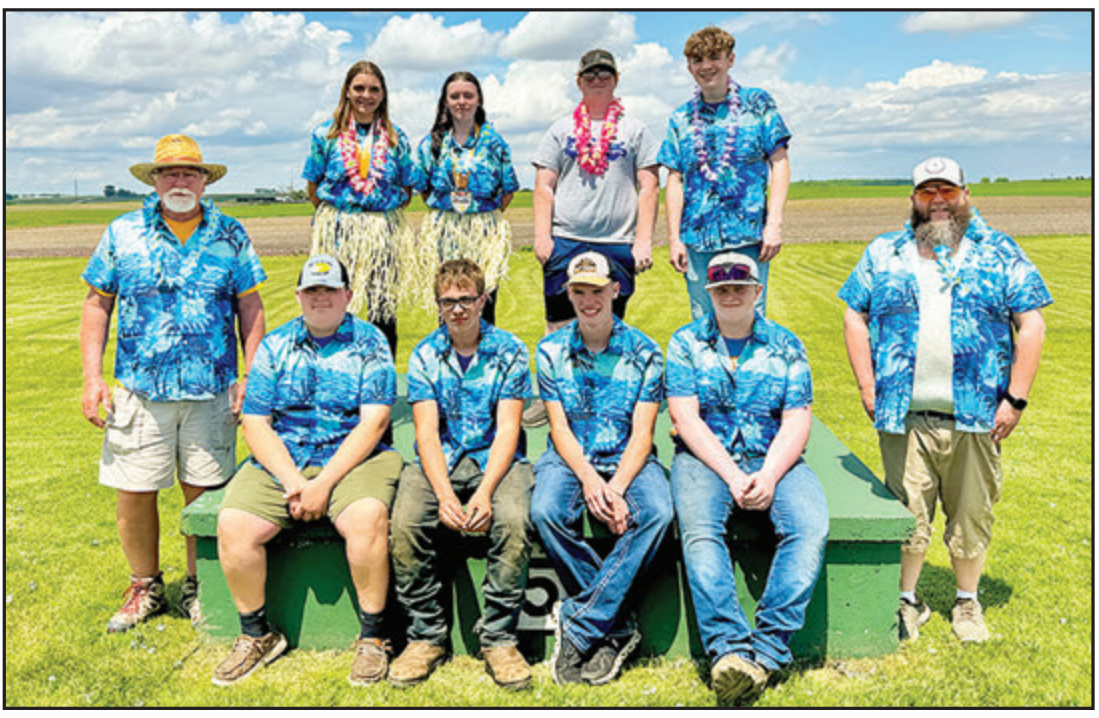
Historical County Cropland Rental Rates (C2-11).

For more information, Plastina can be reached at plastina@iastate.edu or 515-294-6160.

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The N-K trap team for 2024 includes (front row, from left) coach Dean Mueller, Collin Houg, Iver Girouard, Loghan Nelson, Aiden Moretz, Andrew Husske, (back row) Ivy Toresdahl, Trinity Vandiver, Dominick Authier and Keenan Davidson-Jacobs.



Collin Houg won the Iowa State High School Clay Target Championship on June 1 and placed first in the conference with his season average.



Trinity Vandiver earned Top Gun (First Place) Varsity Female on June 1 at the state shoot.



Ivy Toresdahl placed third in the conference season average female division.

N-K Trap Team members earn top awards at state shoot

By Rebecca Houg

On Saturday, June 1, the N-K Vikings Trap Team wrapped up the season at the Iowa Clay Target League State Championship Shoot in Ackley, Iowa.

Tenth grader, Collin Houg won the Championship earning the title of High Gun Overall and Male Varsity High Gun with his score of 97.

Eighth grader, Trinity Vandiver tied for Female Varsity High Gun with a score of 90.

The winning team was Osage with a score of 476, second was Okoboji with 473, third was Riceville with 455. This year's N-K team of almost all underclass members placed in fourth with a score of 451.

The top five scores for the team were Collin Houg 97, Aiden Moretz 93, Trinity Vandiver 90, Loghan Nelson 89, and Iver Girouard 82.

Conference awards were also given at the state shoot and the N-K Vikings ranked third as a team in it's conference.

For individual scores, Collin Houg won first in the conference with a season average male score of 23.7. Eighth grader, Ivy Toresdahl placed third in the conference with her season average female score of 19.9.

Other notable achievements worth mentioning were members earning patches for shooting a perfect round of 25-Straight during the season, this included Aiden Moretz, Loghan Nelson and Collin Houg. Houg also earned three 50-Straight patches during the season and an All-State Patch. Keenan Davidson-Jacobs was the team's high score (82) in the men's JV division.

Overall, it was a great experience for the team and everyone is looking forward to next year. It's nice the team won't be losing any seniors but we would welcome new members interested in joining in the spring of 2025.

Viking baseball 3-7 overall

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings got their week underway on Monday, June 3, when they traveled to Manly for a Top of Iowa Conference game against Central Springs and lost 12-2. The Vikings scored one run in the first and fifth innings and the Panthers scored seven in the third, one in the fourth and four in the fifth.

Aydan Schutz led the team with two singles and one RBI. Aden Bice had a single. Bowan Behne stole base twice.

The Vikings scored two runs on three hits and had two RBIs. They walked seven times, struck out seven times and got hit by the pitcher once.

Evan Lorenzen pitched three innings allowing seven runs on eight hits while walking four and striking out four. Jace Lindberg pitched 1.2 innings allowing five runs on one hit while walking five, hitting two batters and striking out one.

On Friday, June 7, the Vikings traveled to Osage and lost 5-0. No other information was available.

The Vikings are 3-7 overall and 1-5 in the TIC.

Last week's stats:

On Friday, May 31, the Vikings lost to Newman 24-2.

Lindberg led the team with a home run and one RBI, Behne had a double and Noah Woltzen had a single and one RBI.

Northwood scored two runs on three hits, had two RBIs and struck out six times.

Caysen Chodur pitched two innings, allowing 14 runs on nine hits while walking five and hitting four batters. Woltzen pitched one inning, allowed two runs, walked one and struck out one. Quinton Butler pitched one inning allowing eight runs on four hits while walking five and striking out one.

On Saturday, June 1, the Vikings traveled to Lake Mills for tournament action and fell to Estherville Lincoln Central 8-0.

Woltzen had two singles and Lindberg had a single and a stolen base. Camden Trenhaile had a single, Schutz had a single and Lorenzen had a single.

The Vikings had six hits, walked twice, struck out eight times and were hit by the pitcher once.

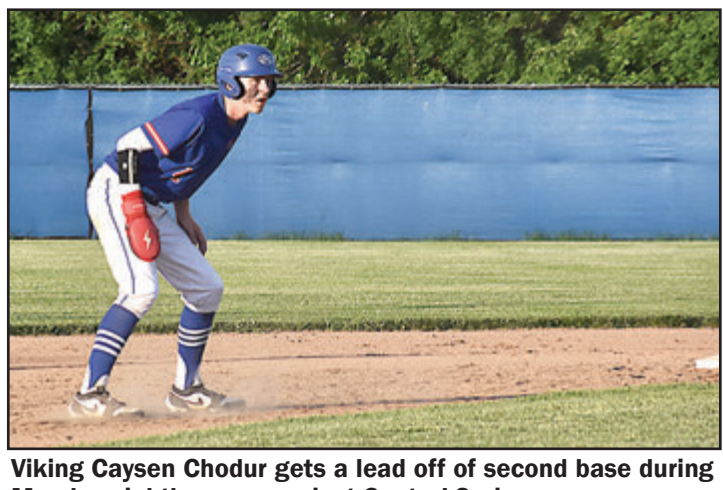
Bice pitched 5.1 innings allowing seven runs on four hits while walking three and striking out two. Brody Christiansen pitched a portion of an inning allowing one run while walking two and striking out one.

The Vikings next faced Hampton-Dumont and lost 17-7.

Bice had two singles and two RBIs and Hunter Janssen had a single and three RBIs. Behne and Woltzen each had a single, Chodur had one RBI and Schutz stole one base.

The Vikings scored seven runs on five hits and had six RBIs. They walked seven times, were hit by the pitcher twice and struck out eight times.

Schutz pitched 2.1 innings allowing nine runs on four hits while walking four, hitting two batters and struck out four. Janssen pitched a portion of an inning allowing one run on two hits while walking one and hitting one batter. Trenhaile allowed no runs on two hits while walking four and striking out one. Hayzin Jacobson pitched one inning allowing seven runs on four hits while walking three, hitting one batter and striking out one.



Viking Caysen Chodur gets a lead off of second base during Monday night's game against Central Springs.



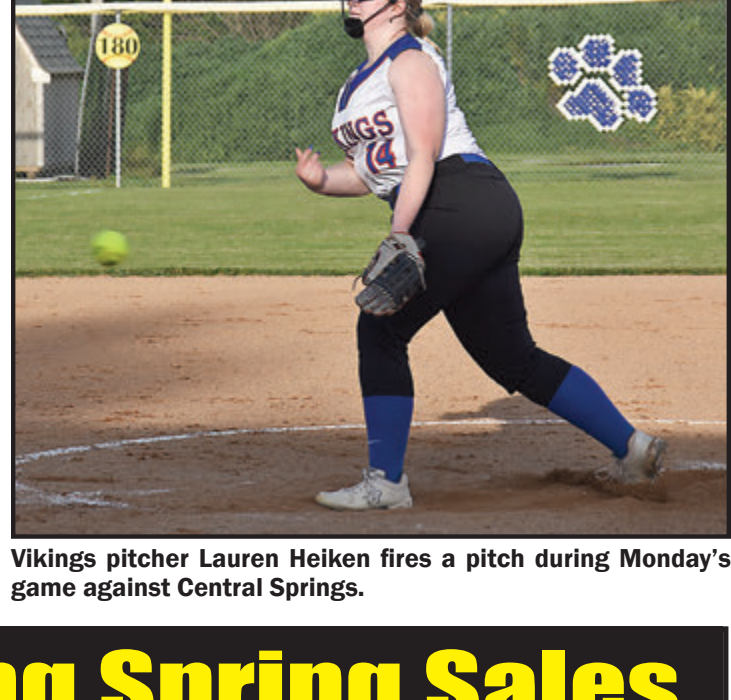
Viking pitcher Evan Lorenzen fires a pitch during Monday night's game against Central Springs.



Viking Bailey Thorson applies the tag to Panther Zari McDonough during action in Manly on Monday.



Viking Hadley Buenzow gets a lead off of first base during conference action against the Panthers.



Vikings pitcher Lauren Heiken fires a pitch during Monday's game against Central Springs.

Vikings softball 2-7 overall

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings softball team traveled to Manly on Monday, June 3, for a Top of Iowa Conference game against the Class 2A no. 9 Panthers and were defeated 11-0.

Topanga Hackenmiller and Macy Thorson were the only Vikings to record a hit, both had a single.

The Vikings had two hits, walked once and struck out seven times.

Bailey Thorson pitched three innings allowing 10 runs on four hits while walking five, hitting one batter and striking out seven. Lauren Heiken pitched one inning allowing one run on two hits while striking out one.

The Vikings hosted the Saints of St. Ansgar on Wednesday, June 5, in a TIC game and fell 10-0.

The Vikings recorded no hits, were walked once and struck out six times.

B. Thorson pitched five innings allowing 10 runs on five hits while walking three and striking out six.

On Friday, June 7, the Vikings traveled to Osage for a TIC game, no score or stats were available at the time of this story on Sunday morning.

The Vikings are 2-7 overall and 1-5 in conference play based on information available.

Last week's stats:

On Friday, May 31, the Vikings traveled to Mason City to take on the Class 1A no. 9 Knights in a TIC game and lost 11-0.

Topanga Hackenmiller recorded a single.

The Vikings had one hit, walked one time and struck out 11 times.

B. Thorson pitched five innings allowing 11 runs on nine hits while walking seven, hitting one batter and striking out three.

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