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From the boy who couldn't read music to Northwood's "Mr. Music"

By JoAnn Lower

A father was once told that his young son would never learn to play the piano. "Duane can't sightread," Miss Lindy the piano teacher, flatly said. "You might as well save your 50 cents."

The young son in our story is Duane Kruger, the wise and witty gentleman we know as Dewey. "I still can't sightread," he chuckles. "I just kind of hear the cords coming at me and put them where they belong."

"After my year of piano lessons with Miss Lindy, some guys came through the countryside selling accordions and giving group lessons in the basement of the old Burke Hotel in Riceville. After taking 3-4 lessons, you were ready to graduate to the full-size 120 base accordion. As soon as the guys got the money for the accordions, they skipped town. No more accordion lessons."

"After that my dad basically told me I'd better play it. So, I played my accordion whenever I had spare time. Of course, as farm kids we were busy outside cultivating corn, baling hay and milking cows. My great grandpa homesteaded the land about three miles south of Riceville that became our family farm."



DUANE "DEWEY" KRUGER

"On my 14th birthday Dad went to town to get some sack feed. The owner of the feed store, a fella named Merle, told Dad he'd heard that his oldest boy played a little accordion. My dad said 'very little,' but

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WCPH makes new leadership team official

Since mid-June, Worth County Public Health representatives have been working to reset and restructure after several resignations left them without official leadership roles. Last week new administrators were chosen.

In June, the WCPH director, clinical manager and the chairman of the public health board resigned.

Since then, remaining nurses and board members have been working to make sure the department remains viable and continues providing care to the Worth County residents that rely on their services.

Board member Kathy Meyer was appointed the new chair earlier in July.

At their previous meeting on July 12, the board approved looking to find a new administrator, as well as a new nurse.

The board met again on July 25, to review the hiring process and discuss some of the focus with new leaders in place.

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Ambulance districts approved as EMS election is set for Sept. 10

At recent meetings, the Worth County supervisors officially established EMS districts in rural areas and set elections to set levies to pay for ambulance services.

Two hearings were held recently, allowing the public to weigh in on the establishment of plats for two area EMS districts, including areas of western and southeastern townships in Worth County.

On July 1, the hearing was held for the EMS District that includes southeastern townships. The includes includes the Lincoln, Union and a portion of Danville townships.

A hearing held on July 8 included the townships of Bristol, Fertile, Silver Lake and the western portion of Danville.

At their July 16 meeting, the supervisors officially approved the plats for both districts. That includes the borders and details of the districts, including the land that can be taxed for ambulance service. Agricultural land is not included.

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Girl pulled from city pool faces recovery

Last week, a 10-year-old girl was pulled from the Northwood Swimming Pool and left in critical condition.

According to a release from the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company and EMS Company, at about 1:22 p.m. on July 29, the NVFC was dispatched to the pool.

When they arrived, lifeguards had pulled the patient from the pool. The NVFC transported them to MercyOne North Iowa. The Worth County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

A page on the GoFundMe website last week asked for the support of the family of Lyla Rafnson. According to the page, Rafnson was in an accident at the Northwood pool, which left her in critical condition.

Rafnson was moved from MercyOne to St. Mary's hospital in Rochseter.

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NVFC tournament set for Saturday

The Northwood Volunteer Fire and EMS Company (NVFC) will host the annual Northwood Fireman's Golf Tournament this Saturday, August 10.

The tournament is a 3 person best shot format, with a $150 entry fee per team, with a meal.

People may sign up by visiting or calling the Northwood Country Club.



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. July 30	85	66	
Wed. July 31	86	66	
Thurs. Aug 1	81	66	0.27
Fri. Aug 2	87	66	
Sat. Aug 3	85	62	
Sun. Aug 4	84	65	
Mon. Aug 5	86	58	0.11

Filing underway for county candidates

Filing is currently underway for those that would like to appear on ballots for county offices and positions in the November general election.

Those that would like to appear on ballots in the County can do so through Thursday, August 28.

Three county offices will appear on ballots, with partisan candidates already in place.

Following the primary election in June, Republican Mark Smeby will appear on ballots for supervisor from District 2; Republican Jacki Backhaus for Worth County auditor; and Republican Jesse Luther for Worth County Sheriff. Mike Bode was appointed at the Democratic county convention to be that party's candidate for auditor.

Those with no party affiliation can currently file to be candidates for any of those offices.

A number of non-partisan county offices will also appear on ballots, and people can register during the August filing period. That includes positions on the Soil and Water District Commission, Agricultural

Filing, see Page 3

City looks at adding stop signs to make streets safer

At their meetings in July, the Northwood city council heard from residents asking for more stop signs to make their street safer. The Council also approved a tax incentive for an expanded business.

Residents of 14th Street North, which is an uninterrupted path that leads to the east side of the fairgrounds and to the elevator nearby, came to the Council to ask for stop signs, first at the July 8 meeting and continuing on July 22.

At the July 8 meeting, the residents said that their road is becoming increasingly dangerous, particularly during the Worth County Fair and during farming seasons.

They said that that trucks and other vehicles travel well above safe speeds on the road.

Several families live on the road, and they worried that people were traveling too fast to see young children or pets, or stop for them if they did.

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County discusses comp boards and relocated inmates

The supervisors continued with the re-establishment of the compensation board and were updated on housing inmates in another county at their July 8 meeting.

As of July 1, a change in state law disbanded compensation boards in the state. The boards have been used to set raises for county elected officials.

The boards are made up of local residents appointed by elected officials. They recommend salary increases for elected officials each year. Previously, State code state that the supervisors have only been able to increase salaries up to the level recommended.

The change in state law has made the use of compensation boards optional. And when they are used, county supervisors are no longer required to cap raises at the levels recommended by compensation boards.

The Worth County supervisors decided to continue using a compensation board

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Wildlife Wednesday- Ant activity

Worth County Conservation shares pictures and information on interesting nature facts and creatures with Wildlife Wednesday posts on Facebook. Pictured above are ants doing something peculiar on a milkweed plant. According to commenters, they were harvesting aphids.

WCPH
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Meyer started the meeting with a review of the process to hire a new administrator. Two candidates had applied. That included longtime WCPH nurse Shana Butler.

Meyer said that Butler has the experience and the passion for public health and the community the department serves.

With that, Butler was appointed as the new public health administrator.

In her first act as administrator, Butler approved nurse Lexee Anderson as clinical manager.

Butler and Anderson have been working together to fill the duties of director and clinical manager since the resignations in June and July.

Meyer said that the board was confident that they will continue to be a good team.

Butler said that they have a commitment to keep public health in the county and make it better.

Meyer said that part of that will be the relationships that have been built with public health officials in neighboring counties, who answered questions and provided other support while the department was in transition.

With Butler and Anderson in place in the leadership roles, and the process underway to hire another nurse, the department's nursing staff will have decreased by one.

If WCPH remains staffed at that level, Meyer said that the department looks to save $84,000 over the course of the fiscal year.

The WCPH has been required to reduce its current fiscal year budget by $25,000, after a misunderstanding between county departments led to a vehicle purchase without corresponding funds in place.

Besides continuing their efforts to lead the department, Butler and Anderson discussed the effort to hire a new nurse.

It was noted that the County can't compete with wages at area hospitals and clinics. However, the County does offer IPERS (the state's public employee retirement program), along with other benefits. Being a small office, it was also noted working at public health offers some flexibility when parenting and family has to be a priority.

Some future goals discussed at the meeting involved making sure that more of Worth County's young people benefitted from WCPH programs.

Supervisor and WCPH board member Mark Smeby said that he would like to see more resources made available to those students that live in the county but attend schools in other counties.

Technically, public health departments can only provide direct services in their own county's schools.

Butler said that she has worked with Floyd County Public Health to make sure that public health programs are consistent between the Central Springs campuses, including the middle school in Nora Springs and the high school in Manly.

Butler said that she would look at contacting other school districts to make sure that Worth students know about programs like health camps.

She also said that she would welcome a chance to share information about educational programs between counties.

Glenville Days begin tomorrow

The city of Glenville will host several days of events and activities this weekend, starting on Thursday and continuing through Sunday.

The events begin with the start of a women's volleyball tournament at Glenville Beach on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Activities continue this Friday, August 9, with food vendors in the evening.

Little King and Queen of Glenville will be crowned at 6 p.m.

A medallion hunt begins at 6 p.m., with clues posted at the Glenville Legion.

A bike giveaway will be held at 6:15 p.m. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m.

From 6-7:30 p.m., games will be available, including big jenga, bags, Hammerschlagen and more.

The band IV Play performs from 8-11 p.m. Admission is $10.

Saturday's events begin with a 5K River Run/Walk at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., or on Facebook.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Bourbon Stilettos perform on the small stage.

The Glenville Days parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Show N Shine Car and Tractor Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. for the show.

The DC Chassis Dyno will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Produce State Bank parking lot.

Free park activities will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This includes the Happy Train, inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, interactive inflatable basketball, face painting, pony rides and a money booth.

A pedal tractor pull for ages 4-11 will be held at noon.

A bean bag tournament will be held at the Legion at 1 p.m.

LP and the 45s will perform on the main stage from 1-4 p.m.

Lucas Beebe will perform on the small stage from 4-7 p.m.

A hot dog eating contest will be held at 7:15 p.m. Those interested may sign up at the Smokin' Barrel.

Chocolate Crackers will perform on the main stage from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is $10.

Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

Sunday begins with Dad's Belgian Waffles at First Lutheran Church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A community church service will be held at First Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m.

Glenville Beach will be open for swimming from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Fertile Days begin Friday

This weekend, the Fertile Days celebration will be held, with a number of events and activities.

Events begin this Friday, August 9, with a movie at the library at 9 p.m.

This Saturday begins with the Fireman's Breakfast at the Community Center from 7-10 a.m.

The Fertile Days 5K Walk/Run begins at 8 a.m. at the Community Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

A book and bake sale will be held at the library from 9-11:30 a.m.

The Fertile Days parade will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Following the parade, at 11 a.m., family games and races will be held at the tennis court.

The Fertile Fire Department will offer rides on the fire truck from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the station.

Food vendors will serve in the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The park will also play host to yard games from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A cupcake walk will be held in front of Fertile Beans at 12 noon.

A foam cannon will be held at the library from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Face painting will take place in the park from noon to 3 p.m.

Inflatables will be in the park from noon to 4 p.m.

A Mr. Potato Head contest will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m., with kid and adult divisions.

Dragon Fire Dancing Horses will perform perform from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo will be at Fertile Days at 2 p.m.

A bags tournament begins at the tennis court in the park at 3 p.m.

A community meal and Fertile Days T-shirt sales will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the community center.

Bingo at the community center begins at 6:30-8 p.m.

The Borderline Band performs at the ball diamonds from 7 a.m. to midnight.

Fireworks begin at the ball diamond at 9:30 p.m.

This Sunday, August 11, a community picnic will be hosted by the Church of Christ and Fertile Lutheran Church from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Stop Signs
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The road is also near the elementary school as well. The road lacks sidewalks or crosswalks, meaning that some kids on the street don't have any way to walk to school besides the street or lawns. The intersection of Second Avenue and 14th Street is also on the path of students that live east of the railroad tracks that walk to the elementary.

At the July 22 meeting it was also noted that there are people that speed down 14th Street to get to Third Avenue North to avoid Central Avenue.

The residents asked the council to put in two four-way stops, one at First Avenue and one at Second Avenue, to slow down the traffic.

Council member Dan Reeder said he thought it was more of an enforcement issue.

At the July 8 meeting, City superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk said that he would speak with Nexus, and ask them to spread the word to those driving grain trucks to use 15th Street North instead.

Van Ryswyk also said that speeding on the street is an issue, calling it a race track.

Moehle said that if people are ticketed for speeding on the road, that would get the word out.

Council member Teresa George-Zenz said that they receive lots of requests for stop signs. She said that there'd be stops at every intersection if they agreed to all requests.

Council member Annika Schrieber suggested that the City could put in one two-way stop on the road so that it wasn't a straight path to build up speed from the Highway to the fairgrounds.

At the July 8 meeting, the council tabled any action on the request until their July 22 meeting. They planned to look at the road, talk with the sheriff's office and revisit it then.

At that next meeting, on July 22, residents and Van Ryswyk had spoken with Nexus staff and supervisors, and that portion of the traffic on 14th Street had slowed or stopped.

However, others speeding down the street were still creating safety concerns.

Former council member Doug Helgeland, who lives nearby, was at the meeting. He said that he understood that the Council has resisted putting in stop signs in the past, but that this was a bigger issue. He said that it would be a lot easier to put in stop signs than it would be to wait until someone is killed there.

As for enforcement of those speeding down the road, and slowing deputy vehicles on the road as well, Worth County Sheriff chief deputy Jesse Luther was at the Council meeting, sharing that the City and residents' concerns had been shared with deputies.

While seeing that deputies were being made aware, and Nexus trucks slowing or taking another road was progress, the residents of the street still shared their concerns that there was enough remaining speeding traffic to make the street a danger.

With that in mind, council members Dan Reeder and Teresa George-Zenz agreed that it may be time to take the next step.

Council member Mike Bode said that he had driven the street back and forth. He said that enforcement of speeding may be a key, but it wouldn't be a big enough deterrent. He said that the road needed to have as many traffic controls as other streets or things wouldn't change. Bode supported the 14th Street and Second Ave four-way stop. He also said adding stop signs at First Avenue would be helpful too.

Adding stop signs involves updating a City ordinance, with publications and hearings in the process. With that in mind, Moehle asked the council if they wanted to look at adding stop signs at any other intersections.

The council agreed that they would like to have the input of the city public works crew and deputies that patrol the city. They also asked for enough time to drive through suggested intersections.

Moehle cautioned that he wanted to see a minimal list, that the City doesn't want to see stops at every intersection.

The Council planned to discuss or begin the process of updating the stop sign ordinance at their first meeting in August.

An ordinance would have to be up for discussion at three meetings. However, the council could waive the second and third. It was suggested that doing so could allow them to make the street safer before the start of the school year.

In other business at the July 25 meeting, the council approved a tax abatement request from Knudtson Automotive, for their new building along Highway 65.

The City offers two tax abatement incentive options as a part of its Urban Revitalization Plan. One abates all taxes for three years. The other abates a portion of taxes annually, at a decreasing rate over 10 years, starting at 80%, ending at 20% in the ninth and 10th years.

Knudtson Auto was approved for a 10-year abatement schedule.

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With the districts established, the next step in collecting funds for ambulance coverage took place.

At the July 16 meeting, the supervisors also set the details for elections for establishing levies in the districts.

EMS districts can set levies at as much as $1 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. However, the districts are only supposed to ask for a levy amount that will cover their expected needs.

In the western district, that includes costs paid to the Winnebago County Ambulance Service.

In the southeastern district, costs will go to the Mason City Fire Department's ambulance service.

While the supervisors only have the jurisdiction to establish EMS districts in rural areas, the cities in the western and southeastern districts have also established EMS districts within their boundaries.

The supervisors as well as the city councils in those areas have set their EMS districts and approved the elections.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, September 10.

Those in the western townships and cities, including Fertile, Hanlontown and Joice, will be asked to approve a levy of 45 cents per $1,000 of valuation, excluding ag.

Those in the southeastern townships and cities, including Grafton and Manly, will be asked to vote on a levy of 85 cents per $1,000 of valuation, excluding ag land.

As discussed at the supervisors' meetings, those levies were set based on what the ambulance providers have asked for funding and the costs for the service to each so far. That was said to be divided by the valuation in the areas for each provider, including the townships and cities.

Besides the levies, voters will also be asked to write in up to three names for people that should serve on EMS district committees.

That includes three names from the township districts and three names for each city's EMS district.

The EMS committees' duties will include adjusting the levies in future years, based on the actual costs for ambulance coverage.

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Updates to the page later last Thursday shared that Rafnson is awake and had been removed from the Intensive Care Unit.

The family is seeking support as Rafnson faces extensive physical and mental therapy.

The GoFundMe page can be found online at www.gofundme.com/f/lyla-rafnson.





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Mr. Music
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Merle said he just needed a body for the wedding dance he was planning. The contract said he had to have six people up there on stage, so he asked Dad if he and his missus would mind if Dewey would stand in. That's how I came to play my first dance when I was just 14."

"At 15 I joined the National Association of Musicians. Once a month a group of us went out to play for the residents at the Cerro Gordo County Home. The Union paid us about $8.00 apiece."

In the early 1960s Dewey moved to Mason City, was married and had two children. "I spent a couple of years working with Sears & Roebuck in the sporting goods, hardware and electrical departments. After that I worked with International Mineral and Chemical selling fertilizer, farm products and weed killer but was still involved with music. Then one day I went to Carleton Stewart in Mason City, managing the piano and organ keyboard center."

In 1978 Betty and Dewey bought the acreage southwest of Northwood, a short while later purchasing the building where he's been for 43 years this November 2nd.

"I have no designs on retiring as long as I can get around," he smiles. "Jerry Hopperstad moved here in June 1982. He helps me with a lot of stuff and has his little repair shop in the back of the building."

We occasionally see Dewey driving Betty's red 22-year-old Mustang convertible around town. "It has 26,000 actual miles on it and has never been out in the rain."

Dewey, the Iowa farm boy, has come a long way since his days of piano and accordion lessons. He's played in a couple of bands and after 25 years received his gold union card.

Twenty-five years ago in 1999 he began as emcee of the annual Mr. and Miss Northwood Fourth of July contests. "It was lots of fun, and I've truly enjoyed it over the years," he smiled. Prior to Dewey taking over, Al Hines, farm director at KGLO Radio from Mason City, was the emcee.

"On the 4th of July 1999 I was the emcee who presented the Young Citizen of the Year plaque to high school senior, Cliff Julseth."

"I've emceed queen introductions on Wednesday nights and baby contests on Sunday mornings during the Worth County Fair. One year as I was interviewing a Little Miss Northwood candidate, a delightful little 4-year-old girl with flaming red hair, I asked her name and where did she get that pretty red hair? She looked at me and said 'Kensett.' Everybody just roared! It was just hilarious!"

Another of Dewey's favorite memories as 4th of July emcee took place about 20 years ago. It was the All-Male Beauty Contest.

"The contest was first held at the elementary school auditorium and later at the fairgrounds. All the men were dressed up as women and took part in the gown and swimwear competitions. Marty Martin was dressed as a pregnant woman whose sash read Miss Conception. Some of the guys wrapped Saran Wrap around their middles so they'd look thinner."

"I was onstage dressed in a white tuxedo and tails. My wife Betty, dressed as Dolly Parton, was one of the four judges. She had gone to a used clothing store in Mason City, found a Nerf football, cut it in half and put the halves into her bra. Jan Mielke found two blond wigs and put them together for Betty to wear. I didn't even know who Betty was."

"When the judges came back from deciding on the winner, someone behind Betty said something to her, causing her to turn quickly and dislocate her kneecap. Not wanting me to know, she sat waiting for me to finish. Needless to say, when the contest was over, we took an ambulance ride. Betty was laid up for quite a while."

"A couple years later Dennis Johnson rented a black tuxedo for me for a 4-H presentation I was doing with him. Since my right hip had recently been replaced and I couldn't walk, I was hauled around in a golf cart from the fairgrounds to the shelter house."

In 2000 Teresa George Zenz began working with Dewey at Swensrud Park on a flatbed trailer. One year as she was preparing to present the Citizen of the Year award, Dewey asked who the lucky recipient was going to be. After a long hesitation, Teresa finally answered. "It's you, Dewey. You are Citizen of the Year."

Dewey emceed the queen introduction and baby contest for more than 30 years. It was now 2023. Wondering why he hadn't been contacted to emcee these events, what he learned quite surprised him. Without his knowledge he had been retired after 2022.

"I've been involved in the music business for 58 years," he said. "I hope the next 58 will be as fun as the last 58. When the time comes, Betty says they'll wheel me out in a Kawai shipping carton."

From the boy who couldn't read music to Northwood's "Mr. Music," Dewey has come a long way. Wouldn't his old piano teacher be surprised!



Dewey playing according



Getting a new sign

Last week, in the midst of some arriving rains, Casey's in Northwood received a new logo and sign.

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before July 1.

At their July 8 meeting, the supervisors took steps to re-establish the compensation board.

While most of the County elected officials have already discussed the situation with their chosen compensation board representatives, the County still planned to send letters to the representatives, making their previous terms officially over.

The County's elected officials will decide if they want to appoint the same or find new representation on the compensation board.

When they do, they will fill either two or four year terms at first, then four year terms going forward.

At the July 8 meeting, the supervisors randomly chose whose representatives would serve 2 or 4 year terms.

Another change for the compensation boards, is that they are required to present the documents and notes they used to determine the increases for elected officials.

Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank updated the supervisors on progress on housing inmates at the Mitchell County Jail.

Earlier this year, Fank and WCSO staff presented the possibility of housing Worth inmates at other counties' jails. As presented it would primarily save the County money, along with other benefits.

Fank said that the County had saved $13,000 so far (as of the July 1 meeting), with the Worth County Jail only being a 24 holding facility.

As of July 8, anyone in jail from the Manly Police Department and Iowa State Patrol has been taken directly to Mitchell County. As of July 15, all Worth County Sheriff's Office inmates were to have been transported there.

Filing
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Extension Council and Township Trustees and Clerks.

Those that want to vote by absentee ballot in the general election can submit requests staring on Tuesday, August 27. Absentee ballots will be ready to be mailed starting on October 16. The last day to request a ballot be mailed is October 21.

The voter pre-registration deadline is Monday, October 21.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5.

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Saturday, August 17
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· Northwood-Kensett FFA Pedal Pull Contest - 2 p.m. Registration / 2:30 p.m. Start
· Pony Rides 1-4 p.m.
· Inflatables All Day
SATURDAY EVENTS
· Car, Tractor, Motorcycle Show 11 a.m.
· Horse Pull Show 1 p.m.
· Food & Beverages 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
· Garden Tractor Pull League 5 p.m.
· Mitchell County Cattlemen's 5-8 p.m.
· X-Treme DJ 8 p.m.

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Calendar of Events for August 2024

August 7–Iowa State University Extension Horticulture Zoom Meeting at Worth County Extension Office at Fairgrounds, 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

August 8–Iowa State Fair 4-H Share N' The Fun and Communication Day at Iowa State Fairgrounds Des Moines, Morning and Afternoon with Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator

August 9–Worth County Beautification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

August 13–Worth County 4-H Share N' The Fun and Communication Day at Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa, Morning and Afternoon with Teresa Butler

August 18–Worth County 4-H Hall of Fame Induction of Margie Rosch and Pam Perkins at Iowa State Fairgrounds 4-H Exhibit Building, Des Moines, 3 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

August 20–Worth County Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting at Wood Fire Grill at Welcome Center, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

August 21–Region 4 County Extension Education Director Meeting at Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

August 24–Worth County 4-H Iowa State Fair Livestock Judging Contest at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

August 28–Region 4-H Staff Meeting at Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, Mason City, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. with Teresa Butler and Dennis Johnson

August 27-29–Iowa Farm Progress Show at Boone, Iowa with Dennis Johnson

August 29–Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 6:30 P.M. with Lacey Waller Worth County Extension Office Coordinator, Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, Nicole Leidal, Worth County Extension Nutrition Specialist, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President and Sarah Merrifield Region 4 ISU Extension Education Director

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Conlin named to President's List at Drake

Local student Ruth Conlin, Arts & Sciences, of Northwood has been named to the President's List at Drake University.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2024 semester at Drake.

Wilder announced on President's List at Riverland

Riverland Community College has announced the students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2024 Spring president's list. Riverland congratulates Andrew Wilder of Northwood for his outstanding academic accomplishments.

To be eligible for the president's list students must have completed 6 credits per semester and have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.75 on a 4.00 scale.



Worth County 4-H Livestock Team Champions at the 2024 North Iowa Fair

The Worth County 4-H were named champions at the North Iowa Fair Livestock Judging Contest on Friday, July 19. Team members pictured (from left to right) Layla Scarlett, coach, Chris Chodur, Ayden Woodside, Henry Hanson, Jaxon Arthur (in front) Caysen Chodur, Lloyd Heggestad and coach, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist. Hanson was reserve champion judge overall with Heggestad finishing in third, Scarlett competing for fourth place and Woodside in sixth. Caysen Chodur was the third place overall judge in the Senior Division.

Flippin Flamingo golf tournament raises over $13,000 for local cancer warriors

The eighth annual Flippin Flamingo tournament was held on Saturday, July 27 with 33 teams participating.

Winners were Championship Flight, first – Colton Kisner, Dayton Danielson and Kyle Schultz with a 64, second – Mark Severson, Bryan Odegaard and Andy Julseth also with a 64, third – Trent Midtgaard, Tyler Julson and Eric Otis.

First Flight, first – Mikki Lemkuhl, Eric Lemkuhl and Richard Butler, 69; second – David Duncan Brandon Reich and Gage Schoby, 69 (also our costume contest winners!) and third – Roger Odegaard, Kael Julseth and Kooper Julseth.

Second Flight, first – Torin Newell, Rieley Gordon and Michael Gordon, 74; second – Sammi Hunt, Trevor Hunt and Christian Butler, 75.

Third Flight, first – Gene Eilertson, Jolene Hickle and Troy Lowe, 79; second – Becky Helgeson, Diane Clark and Sue Neuwohner, 80; third – Jessica Newell, Kory Jaspers and Jesse Harang 80.

We had four hole prize winners with Randy Collison winning longest drive for the men, Michelle Davidson with longest drive for the women, Kael Julseth won longest putt and with his Hole in One on Hole three, Derrick Barnes won closest to the pin. Congratulations Derrick!

The committee appreciates all who donated money for hole sponsorships, prizes for the raffle drawing, those who golfed as well as those that helped in the clubhouse. This year over $13,000 was raised to be given to local cancer warriors undergoing treatment. Prior to this year, $39,500 has been spread throughout our local community(s) and this couldn't be done without everyone's generosity. Plans for the ninth annual tournament are underway for the last Saturday in July, 2025, we hope to see you there.



Hole in One, Derrick Barnes



Championship Flight first place winners
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100th family reunion held on August 17, 2024 in Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood

Hendrikson/Hendrickson/Henderson descendants…come one, come all

We invite our family members near and far to attend the historic 100th Hendrikson Family Reunion at the Worth County Fairgrounds in Northwood, Iowa the weekend of August 17, 2024, with pre and post events on August 15, 16 and 18.

Thursday at 12:30, August 15, is set aside for baking pies for the reunion dessert at the First Lutheran Church at $5 per participant.

Friday evening, August 16, is the annual hot dog and corn feed. Please join us with a snack/finger food to pass and your own beverage.

Sunday morning, August 18, the Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church will be filled with Hendrikson descendants.

Join us Saturday to celebrate 100 years of Hendrikson Reunions and all our Hendrikson/Hendrickson ancestors and descendants!

This reunion is the culmination of 100 years of gatherings beginning with a simple birthday party in 1925 held at the McQuatters Farm in Grove Township, Worth County, Iowa. The farm is where Iver and Anne's daughter, Maria (Ma rye' a) lived with her husband, John McQuatters Sr. and four children. This was the beginning of an annual family tradition!

Six of the eight children of Iver and Anne Elizabeth (Larsdatter) Hendrikson remained in the Northwood area while two were given land by their father around Menomonie, Wisconsin.

The first 12 Hendrikson Reunions included any and all descendants of Iver and his siblings desiring to attend, being held in Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin; Spring Grove, Houston County, Minnesota; London, Freeborn County, Minnesota; Deer Creek, Worth County, Iowa; Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota; La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin; and Star Prairie, St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

Often Iver and his family were celebrated as well as Ole, his brother, who was 13 years older as well as their descendants.

As the family expanded, it was more difficult to include all the siblings and the reunions were primarily driven by the Iver descendants, although extended family continued to attend. For example, in 1960 Miss Dorothy Woodward attended with a friend from Madison, Wisconsin, she being a descendant of Iver's eldest (half) brother, Engebret. The family had lost track of Engebret's descendants, and the connection was revived. Dorothy provided a history of the Engebrets' effort to emigrate and their branch of the family.

The Hendrikson Family Emigration, A Compelling Story of the Children of Henrik Eriksen

Iver - Iver Hendrikson, son of Henrik Erikson, was born in Lunnerengen, Jevnaker, Hadeland, Norway. It was Iver's father's second marriage as Kari Engebretsdatter, Henrik's first wife died at the age of 36 in February 1821, several months after her son, Ole, born April 1820. This left Henrik with three young children to raise, Engebret, 14, Karen, 7 and baby Ole.

It wasn't long and Henrik remarried in August 1821 to Eline Olsdatter. The couple had six children in total, four of whom survived to adulthood and emigrated to America, including Anders, Ragnild, Magrete and Iver.

Yes, the same Iver who is celebrated annually as our Hendrikson immigrant ancestor!

As the story was written by descendants and published in the Northwood Anchor more than once, Iver, born in 1833, emigrated along with his sister, Magrete, after his father died in 1847. Initially, Iver chose to stay in Norway helping on the family farm and laboring in the woods. But, in the Spring of 1850 at the young age of 17 he left his home in Norway sailing on the ship Lyna to Quebec, then continuing by boat to Montreal, later Buffalo, New York, and then on to Milwaukee and finally settling for a time in Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. He and



Iver and Anne Elizabeth Hendrikson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1909 when this photo was taken.

sister, Magrete, who was three years older, had traveled together for six months in total from Norway to their destination in Wisconsin.

It is a timeless story many families share in our country. What's different is their descendants have thoughtfully and with heart maintained a tradition of gathering each year for the last 100 years. The officers, including the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer elected annually take their roles very seriously. There is always a business meeting each year, which keeps the reunion going for the following year.

Because this year is a historic year, the 100th celebration, the family is reaching out to all descendants of Iver's children and each of his siblings' descendants. Also, if there are descendants of the Lars Pedersen family, Iver's wife Anne Elizabeth's siblings from the Kjos family – sisters marrying brothers, Agnette and Tilla Larsdatter, and the Gubberud family which sister, Martea married into, the Hendriksons will welcome you as well.

Magrete - Magrete, Iver's sister, met Peder Pedersen Woyen, also a native of Norway, married, and had two children, Edward and Martha, while residing in Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, after she and Iver settled there briefly. The family of four made their way in 1856 to Houston County, Minnesota, to the small town of Bee. The couple is considered pioneer settlers of that town. They had two more children, Peder and Helene in Houston County. Their youngest, Helene, married Iver's son, Lauritz.

Iver also left Argyle, along with his sister and her family in 1856 with a nephew of Kari Jensdatter, Anders Blegen. Kari is the sister of Eli and Siri, who respectively married Iver's siblings, Anders and Ole Hendrikson.

Iver continued his journey and moved on to Allamakee County, Iowa, leaving the others to settle in Houston County, Minnesota. He secured land and realized it was "not good for a man to be alone" based on his great-nephew, Rev. Elmer Henderson's recollections at the 1933 family reunion. Iver met and then married Anne Elizabeth Larsdatter in June 1859 at the parsonage of F.C. Clausen in Spring Grove, Houston County, Minnesota.

Anne Elizabeth had emigrated with her parents, Lars and Berte Maria Petersen and three sisters, Agnette, Martea and Tilla in 1853 first settling in Rock Prairie, Wisconsin and then near Spring Grove, Minnesota, in Wilmington.

Iver's farmland was fertile Iowa prairie where he raised wheat. The Civil War began shortly after Iver and his wife, Lise as he called her, began their housekeeping and farming. The war contributed to rising prices of the wheat market and smartly Iver reaped many financial benefits.

The couple had eight children, all of whom, we hope, will be represented by descendants this year including Hans, Maria, Lauritz, Oscar, Cornelius, Nettie, Peder, and Eno.

The pioneers generally brought with them no other wealth than stout hearts and strong hands, and it was only by industry and severe economy that they were able to make a living for themselves and their families. - Geroge T. Flom, Ph. D., Columbia University.

Ole - Ole, Iver's half sibling, emigrated with his wife, Siri in 1852 to America with their three sons, Henrik, Jens and Even arriving on October 20 settling in Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin where both, brother, Iver and sister, Magrete settled at the time.

Ole, securing land the following year, built a log house on the land in Apple Branch, near Argyle. Here there were six more children born. Ole and his family remained in Argyle even as brother and sister, Iver and Magrete, chose to move "west."

Anders- Also, remaining in Argyle after emigration was Iver and Ole's brother, Anders who arrived in 1853 with his wife, and children, Henrik and Jens (John). Eline, their mother (children Anders, Ragnild, Magrete, Iver) was to make the journey with Anders and family. It is unknown if Eline stepped foot on the soil of America. There is no gravestone marking her passing in Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. This is also possibly true of young Jens.

The remaining two sister siblings, Ragnild and Karen also came to America.

Ragnild

In 1853, Ragnild emigrated with her husband, Ole Anderson and two sons, Anders and Henrik, first settling in Iowa County, Wisconsin, then on to Osage, Mitchell County, Iowa, and finally, settling around 1870 in Deer Creek, Worth County, Iowa, near brother Iver, who already owned land in the county.

Karen - Karen and her husband, Anders Paulsen, emigrated before all of her siblings in 1849 along with the couple's children, Paul and Henrik. The family first settled in Koshkonong, Dane County, Wisconsin, a historically significant gathering place for Norwegian immigrants, moving on to Argyle, Lafayette County, Wisconsin in 1850. Argyle is where, in 1863, Anders passed away. Karen moved on to Northwood, Worth County, Iowa, after his death where siblings Iver and Ragnild lived with Magrete nearby. Karen remarried and lived out her days until she died on August 12, 1895.

Engebret - And finally, Engebret, 60, being the oldest surviving sibling, as he was preparing to emigrate in 1867, died as preparations to leave Norway were in progress. His widow, Kjersti, died on the ship during the voyage and was buried at sea. Four children born in Norway survived to adulthood in America: Henrik, Halvor, Christian and Peder. The youngest three spent some or all of their lives in and around Lafayette County.

If you are a descendant of Iver's children, or descendant of his wife, Anne Elizabeth's family, the Pedersens, or descendants of any of Iver's siblings, please join us and bring along a dish to pass for the corn feed on Friday as well as the reunion on Saturday!

If you have family pictures, memorabilia or mementos and are willing to put them on display and share with your family, please bring them along.

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The Northwood Anchor has been a faithful historian throughout the years publishing an invite or an article after the reunion for nearly the entire 100 years. The Hendrikson family has retained its amazing history in part due to those printed stories. With gratitude from the family.



The photo below circa 1897 includes Nettie, Maria, Eno, Oscar in back and Hans, Cornelius, Lauritz and Peder in front.



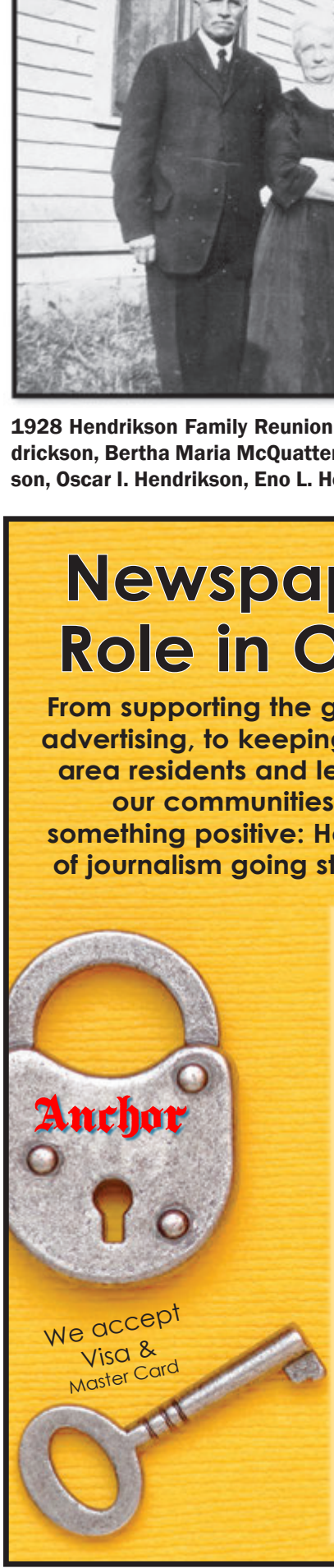
This photo is of the children of Iver Hendrikson and their spouses in 1926. Back: Nellie Juelson, wife of Oscar, M.J. Rohne, husband of Nettie, Maria, Lauritz, Clara Bergeson, wife of Peder, Oscar, Emma Hanson, wife of Eno. Front: Peder, Helene Woyen, wife of Lauritz, John McQuatters, husband of Maria, Nettie, and Eno. Not pictured: Hans Hendrickson and wife, Ingeborg Abrahamson as well as Cornelius and wife, Clara Juelson.



1928 Hendrikson Family Reunion. All eight children were present! From left: Hans I. Hendrickson, Bertha Maria McQuatters, Peder I. Hendrikson, Nettie Rohne. Lauritz I. Hendrickson, Oscar I. Hendrikson, Eno L. Hendrikson, Cornelius I. Hendrikson

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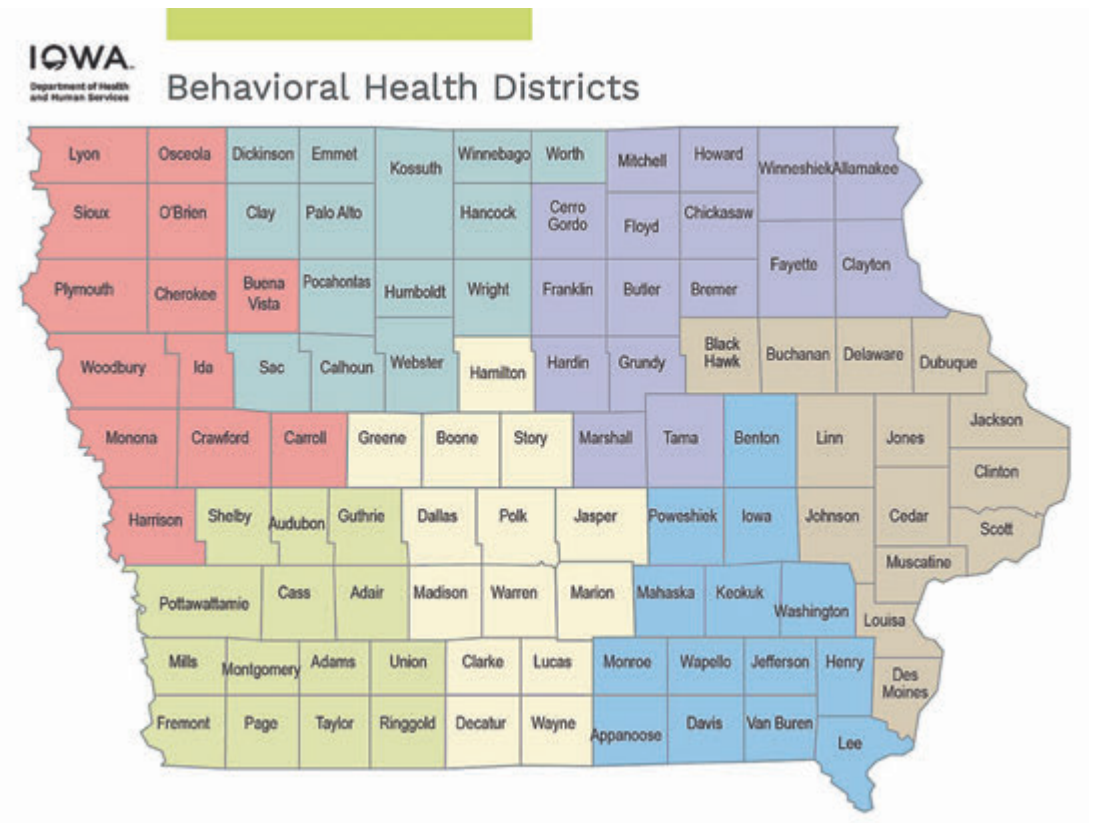
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Iowa HHS announces new Behavioral Health District Map

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services has announced the new Behavioral Health Service District Map, which defines seven geographic service and planning areas effective July 1, 2025. The district map was created using a data-driven approach to ensure that resources are allocated effectively to support the full array of behavioral health needs in Iowa.

Iowa HHS worked with stakeholders to gather feedback on these district maps to be overseen by the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations (BH-ASOs). The stakeholder engagement efforts had a turnout of over 1,000 attendees across all sessions. In addition to stakeholder feedback, identification of areas of high need, access to care, and city and county boundaries were used to designate the districts.

These new districts are designed to consider equitable resource distribution, minimizing service disruption, enhancing access to quality care and addressing the specific needs of specific populations. The district map is a first step in building a new geographic foundation for an integrated and efficient behavioral health system that serves all Iowans.

Iowa HHS will be hosting a Virtual Behavioral Health Service System District Launch on Tuesday, August 6, from noon to 1 p.m.

Locally, concern has been shared that the new behavioral district map realignment may disrupt a system that has provided services to Worth County.

Worth County currently receives mental and behavioral health services through Care Connections of North Iowa. Worth joined the agency after years of frustration with local leaders and the previous mental health district.

Agencies like Care Connections of North Iowa may attempt to become the provider for one of the new districts.

The new district map has Worth in a district of 14 counties. That includes 5 of the 6 that currently make up the Care Connections coverage area, including Clay, Palo Alto, Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth.



A new home for Knudtson Automotive

Many may have driven by the north location of Knudtson Automotive in Northwood, and noticed a big new addition to the property. The new building is designed to expand the business' semi and trailer services, diesel services and its automotive, ag and tire services as well. The building will eventually be the main location for the business. The building that used to be the location for A&I Auto will remain in place for auto body services.

Disaster proclamation extended for June storms

Governor Kim Reynolds has issued an extension for previously issued proclamations that allow state resources to be used to respond to and recover from severe weather. This also includes the targeted suspension of specific regulatory requirements in affected counties. The new proclamation is effective immediately and is set to expire on August 17, 2024, unless otherwise specified. The extension includes the following proclamations:

June 22, 2024, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued for Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, Sioux, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Hancock, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster, Winnebago, Woodbury, Worth and Wright Counties.

June 23, 2024, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued for Palo Alto County.

June 24, 2024, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued for Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, and Pottawattamie Counties.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets July 22

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday July 22 at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Seven members answered roll call with their favorite ice cream flavor and four guests attended.

After a brief business meeting, we helped residents create a floral arrangement for their room with flowers brought from the members gardens. The afternoon ended with bars and coffee provided by the members.

Mary Low –
acting Secretary

Northwood Anchor Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

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

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Monday, Church Family Meeting at the Nydegger Home, 2 p.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Rob Lanphere

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You pray to God. You sing to Him. You thank Him. But, do you praise Him? Everyone deserves praise, the Lord most of all. For He created the universe and everything within it, including you. Praise Him every day for all that He has done, all that He continues to do and all that He will do.

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Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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

LaDonna Gundersen is no run-of-the-mill cookbook author. She and her husband, Ole, fish the pristine waters of Ketchikan, Alaska for salmon and cook what they catch. LaDonna has created four single-subject cookbooks with Ole doing the beautiful photography. "The Little Alaskan Shrimp Cookbook" (2023, LaDonna Rose Publishing) features 37 recipes starring shrimp, the most popular seafood. Their other books feature salmon, crab and halibut but shrimp are the quickest to cook and the most readily available in areas far from the ocean. The size of this book is small; the recipes are mighty. From soups to salads to entrees to desserts, LaDonna takes the cook through all things shrimp (except the desserts which are to complement the meals!) Ole is photographer not only of the food but beautiful scenes of Alaska; both make your mouth water.

Shrimp & Sausage Corn Chili

1 pound smoked sausage, cut into slices
3 cups sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
1 small onion, chopped
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 (15oz.) cans pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 (32oz.) carton organic chicken broth
2 cups water
1 (15oz) can kernel corn, drained
1 jalapeno, seeded and chopped
1 teaspoon dried thyme;
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
Fresh parsley, chopped

SANDY'S NOTE: LaDonna reminds us not to use pre-cooked shrimp. Look for raw, wild-caught shrimp with shells on; they have the full flavor of the sea.

In a large soup pot over medium-high heat, add the sliced sausage and cook until brown on each side. Remove the sausage and reduce heat to medium. Add the sweet potatoes, onion and garlic. Cook 4-5 minutes or until potatoes start to brown, stirring occasionally. Stir in chili powder, beans, broth, water, corn, jalapeno and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, uncovered, 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the sausage and shrimp. Simmer for 5 minutes and taste for seasonings. Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Ladle into warm bowls and garnish with parsley. Serves 4

Angel Hair Pasta with Shrimp

8 oz. angel hair pasta, cooked according to package directions; reserve 1 cup of cooking liquid, then drain.
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup green onions, sliced thin
8 cloves of garlic, sliced thin
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1/2 cup organic chicken broth
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 tablespoons fresh chives, sliced
Parmesan cheese for garnish

Melt butter in a 12-inch frying pan over medium heat. Add green onions and garlic. Cook, stirring often, until fragrant. Stir in wine, cream, broth, Parmesan, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer, reduce heat to medium-low and cook until cream is slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Add shrimp to the cream sauce, increase heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, just until shrimp are pink, 3-4 minutes. Add pasta and stir to coat. Stir in reserved pasta water (mixture will appear soupy then thicken as it stands) and toss in chives. Add more salt and pepper if you like. Garnish with Parmesan cheese. Serves 4.

LaDonna's website www.ladonnarose.com has a lot of information about this amazing couple who creates joy with both the food and photos. They fish during the summer enjoying both the work and the rewards of this career. They cook year round. You can find more recipes plus information on ordering this book as well as her other cookbooks. Ole's photography is outstanding. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Anderson's home has Curb Appeal

This month's Curb Appeal award that was selected by the Green Thumb Garden Club has been given to Pam and Don Anderson on North Second Ave. A well manicured lawn is dotted with pops of color around the house, by the back deck and even around the sign.





NVFC assists in rural fire, training

Amongst its calls to emergency and fire situations in a recent week, the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company assisted a neighboring fire department and learned more about a local businesses' new facilities to be better ready to respond.

On July 16, the NVFC received a request from the Lake Mills Fire Department, at 9:30 p.m.

A fire had broken out on the west side of the county. The fire started in a large wood and garbage pile and spread to a nearby structure.

Three hours later, the crew returned to the station.

The NVFC brought one command truck, one engine, two tankers and one brush truck to the scene.

The vehicles and equipment were staffed by 13 members of the fire department.

An ambulance crew remained available at the station while the fire was being fought.

On July 18, the NVFC volunteers took part in their monthly training.

They were invited to the new chemical and fertilizer facilities built by Nexus Cooperative.

The tours helped provide the fire-fighters with firsthand knowledge of the buildings and hazards, with the goal of saving time in an emergency situation.

Transit system introduces partnership for shared commuter rides

As businesses in the area continue to grow and commute costs continue to increase, the North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) is creating improvements to the Region 2 Transit System to attract workers to the area while reducing expenses for commuters. In partnership with Commute with Enterprise, NIACOG is helping to continue to provide an innovative and sustainable shared mobility option: vanpooling.

The North Iowa Commuter Express (NICE) program, is a coordinated vanpool program available to people who live inside or outside of the counties of Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth and wish to access jobs in the area. The program coordinates participants who indicate their interest through various channels such as at their jobsite or via an online portal. The program then matches riders who have similar work shifts in similar areas and are interested in riding together. Each vanpool is customized to the specific needs of the group. Once four or more people are matched, a Commute with Enterprise representative will work with the group to identify needs and provide solutions. Commute with Enterprise provides the 7-15 passenger vehicle, insurance, maintenance and ongoing support.

NICE previously provided a local vanpool and employee shuttle program but with increased costs to provide it, constraints on vehicle availability and drivers, the program was suspended. NIACOG/Region 2 Transit decided to partner with Commute with Enterprise to build the program back to previous levels and beyond. NIACOG/Region 2 Transit chose to work with Commute with Enterprise to bring their expertise, scalability and professionalism to the area to ensure program success.

"Our new partnership with Enterprise allows NIACOG/Region 2 Transit to support the vanpool program and employment needs of local businesses in our community, while re-introducing our community to a proven, efficient form of public transportation that was previously very successful in North Central Iowa.

The NICE vanpool program will be partially subsidized by NIACOG/Region 2 Transit using local state and federal public transit funds. The remaining cost is split among the employer and/or participants, with each vanpool rider paying a set fee per month. Enterprise will provide coordination services and technology, vehicles, liability insurance, scheduled vehicle maintenance, and 24-hour roadside assistance.

Participants can choose a qualifying vanpool vehicle from Enterprise's selection of makes and models that includes crossovers, SUVs, minivans, and large passenger vans. Vanpoolers may choose to upgrade their vehicles with optional high-end features such as satellite radio and in-vehicle Wi-Fi service.

People who commute to, from or within North Central Iowa and are interested in joining the program can visit or www.commutewithenterprise.com/content/commute/en/partners/NIACOG.html

More information is available by contacting Commute with Enterprise at 1-800-826-4967.

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8 Aug. Thursday
6 PM — **Women's Volleyball Tournament at Glenville Beach** Concessions and Swimming until 8 PM

9 Aug. Friday
Food Vendors — **Chill Joy, Mr. Taco, Smokin' Barrel BBQ**
6 PM — **Little King and Queen Contest**
6 PM — **Medallion Hunt -** Clues posted at Glenville Legion Bulletin Board
6:15 PM — **Bike Give Away** (Sponsored by Cargill - Registration starts at 5:45 PM)
6 - 7:30 PM — **Social Hour Shinanagains** Big Jenga, Bags, Hammerschlagen and MORE!
8 - 11 PM — **IV Play** ($10 Admission)

10 Aug. Saturday
Food Vendors — **Chill Joy, Nel's Dinner, Mr. Taco, Smokin' Barrel BBQ, Shellrock 4-H Food in the Park, Myrtle 4-H Bake Sale and hot dog plate in fron of ComTec**
8 AM — **5K River Run/Walk** (Registration begins at 7:15 AM or on Facebook)
10:30 AM — **Parade** (Sign-Up with Reina at the City Hall) Grand Marshal - Florence Olson
10 AM - 1 PM — **Bourbon Stiletto** (Small Stage)
11 AM - 3 PM — **Show N Shine Car & Tractor Show** (9 - 11 AM Registration, sponsored by Tellma Eng & Black Iron Mfg)
11 AM - 5 PM — **DC Chassis Dyno** (Produce State Bank Parking Lot)
FREE Park Activities & Ring Toss - Beach Fundraiser Happy Train, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Bounce House, Interactive Inflatable Basketball, Face Painting, Real Pony Rides, Money Booth
12 PM — **Non-Sanctioned Pedal Tractor Pull** (Sign-Up at 11:30 AM) Free Ages 4-11 (Trophies by Black Iron Mfg)
1 PM — **Bean Bag Tournament** at Glenville Legion - Sign-Up at Legion
1 - 4 PM — **LP and the 45s** (Main Stage)
4 - 7 PM — **Lucas Beebe** (Small Stage)
7 PM — **Raffle Winners Announced** on Main Stage
7:15 PM — **Hot Dog Eating Contest -** Sign-Up at Smokin' Barrel
8 - 12 PM — **Chocolate Crackers** (Main Stage $10 Admission)
10 PM — **Fireworks** (Special thanks to the City of Glenville)

11 Aug. Sunday
10:30 AM — **Community Church Service** at First Lutheran Church
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM — **Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast** at First Lutheran Church
12:30 - 5:30 PM — **Beach Open for Swimming**

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Northwood Anchor

Opinion

Savvy Senior

Paying for nursing home care with Medicaid

Dear Savvy Senior,

If my mother needs to move into a nursing home, what are the eligibility requirements to get Medicaid coverage?

Caretaking Son

Dear Caretaking,

The rules and requirements for Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care are complicated and will vary according to the state your mother lives in. With that said, here's a general, simplified rundown of what it takes to qualify.

Medicaid Eligibility

Medicaid, the joint federal and state program that covers health care for the poor, is also the largest single payer of America's nursing home bills for seniors who don't have the resources to pay for their own care. (Note that some states have different names for their Medicaid program.)

Most people who enter nursing homes don't qualify for Medicaid at first but pay for care either through long-term care insurance or out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings and become eligible for Medicaid.

To qualify for Medicaid, your mother's income and assets will need to be under a certain level that's determined by your state. Most states (except California) require that a single person have no more than about $2,000 in countable assets ($3,000 for a married couple) that includes cash, savings, investments or other financial resources that can be turned into cash.

Assets that aren't counted for eligibility include your mother's home if it's valued under $713,000 (this limit is higher – up to $1,071,000 – in some states), her personal possessions and household goods, one vehicle, prepaid funeral plans and a small amount of life insurance.

But be aware that while her home is not considered a countable asset to determine eligibility, if she can't return home, Medicaid can go after the proceeds of her house to help reimburse her nursing home costs, unless a spouse or other dependent relative lives there. (There are some other exceptions to this rule.)

After qualifying, all sources of your mother's income such as Social Security and pension checks must be turned over to Medicaid to pay for her care, except for a small personal needs allowance – usually between $30 and $160.

You also need to be aware that your mother can't give away her assets to qualify for Medicaid faster. Medicaid officials will look at their financial records going back five years (except in California which has a 30-month look-back rule) to root out suspicious asset transfers. If they find one, her Medicaid coverage will be delayed a certain length of time, according to a formula that divides the transfer amount by the average monthly cost of nursing home care in their state.

So, for example, if your mom lives in a state where the average monthly nursing home cost is $8,000 and she gave away cash or other assets worth $160,000, she would be ineligible for benefits for 20 months ($160,000 divided by $8,000 = 20).

Spousal Protection

Medicaid also has special rules (known as the community spouse resource allowance) for married couples when one spouse enters a nursing home, and the other spouse remains at home. In these cases, the healthy spouse can keep one half of the couple's assets up to $154,140 (this amount varies by state), the family home, all the furniture and household goods and one automobile. The healthy spouse is also entitled to keep a portion of the couple's monthly income – between $2,465 and $3,854. Any income above that goes toward the cost of the nursing home recipient's care.

What about Medicare?

Medicare, the federal health insurance program for seniors 65 and older, and some younger people with disabilities, does not pay for long-term care. It only helps pay up to 100 days of rehabilitative nursing home care, which must occur after a three-day hospital stay.

For more information, contact your state Medicaid office. You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShipHelp.org), which provides free counseling on Medicare and Medicaid issues.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I'm going to see a different audiologist.

What's wrong with your current audiologist?

He keeps telling me I need a heron egg.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I bobbed and weaved my way through a crowd at a county fair to get to my parked car, which had become an Easy-Bake Oven. It wasn't frying eggs on a flat rock hot, but it was sizzling. The temperature was 87, but it was humid, which made it feel hotter than the hinges of Hades. I can hear a resident of Yuma, Arizona, saying, "Oh, so you think 87 degrees is hot. That's so cute."

I attended the funeral of a legendary domino-playing lady, Lois Bushlack, where I was served a fine funeral fare—scalloped potatoes and ham (I call them "funeral potatoes," a title often given to potato casseroles involving cheese, cornflakes or crushed potato chips), coleslaw, dill pickles and dessert bars. I call them funeral potatoes because they're often served at funerals. For that, I am most thankful. Lois and the late Donna Ferguson played the pipped tiles with gusto, each accusing the other of cheating. As a boy, I was told that the one who complained the most about cheating was typically the biggest cheater. Lois and Donna held themselves to a higher code of ethics than a Supreme Court Justice. Neither cheated nor thought the other had.

A family elder used to dismiss another by saying, "I wouldn't give him the time of day." Someone asked me the time. I'm rarely asked for that. I gave him the time of the day. Why not? I'd found a cart with good wheels and pushed it merrily from store aisle to aisle, working conscientiously on the shopping list my wife had entrusted to my care. Everything was copacetic until I ran over a squirrel. It rattled my cart. I looked for a pancaked squirrel. There was none. What I had hit was an ink pen.

I've learned

Hands down, the best time for anything is 6:30.

Don't blame a clown for acting like a clown if you keep going to the circus.

Hors d'oeuvres prove we have no willpower.

I petted a porcupine in Alberta. Always pet a porcupine with the grain.

I never complain about the long lines to a men's restroom.

I'm glad that I knew Ryan "Juner" Johnson, who used spoonerisms on stage to tell the tale of Rindercella, who lived with her mugly other and her two sad bisters. The storal of the mory is this: If you ever go to a bancy fall and want to have a pransom hince loll in fove with you, don't forget to slop your dripper.

Bad jokes department

Two conspiracy theorists walk into a bar. You can't tell me that's a coincidence.

How do you catch a squirrel? Climb a tree and act like a nut.

Do they use seahorses in water polo?

Nature notes

"I know a chickadee and a killdeer call out their names. Do any other birds?" Some bird names are imitations of their songs/calls, yet there isn't a single bird species named chirp. Some onomatopoetic names are the phoebe, peewee, towhee, cuckoo, jay, bobwhite, kiskadee, willet, curlew, whip-poor-will, chuck-will's-widow, hoopoe, kittiwake and chachalaca. A crow might be imitative of the bird's cry.

"What's an easy way to tell a raven from a crow?" Check the range maps. The much larger common ravens can be distinguished from American crows by their massive bills; by their tails, which come to a V (like the V in raven) behind them; and by their croak compared to a crow's caw.

"Do monarch caterpillars use dogbane as a host plant? Dogbane's name refers to its supposed toxicity to dogs. The perennial plant's strong fibers have made it prized for cordage and threads. Young dogbane plants are often mistaken for milkweed. Injured dogbane oozes a white sticky sap with the consistency of latex paint. It's native to Minnesota and was once thought to be a larval food for monarch butterflies, but research has shown that while female monarchs occasionally lay eggs on this species, their offspring will not mature on it. Dogbane grows 5 feet tall and blooms in white flowers in June-August. I enjoy seeing the iridescent dogbane beetles on dogbane. The gold, blue, green, yellow and red insects are stunners.

Meeting adjourned

"Never admire quietly. If I admire something about someone, I tell them. We humans are so fragile. It's important we give people their flowers while they are still here."—Chimamanda Adichie.

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Fit to print...

Bringing back the bluebirds

By Mary Swander
Iowa Writers Collaborative

I let down the front wall of the bluebird house, the gateway to the inside of the box, and saw four eggs – three blue and one white – in the tiny nest woven from grasses. Oh, wow! The previous day there had been nothing but the nest. And now the female bluebird had slipped in without me noticing, and quickly and efficiently, laid her eggs.

We did it! Now we have bluebird eggs, I thought. I'd given up hope that this was going to happen. I'd found the brightly colored boxes at the Amish bird seminar last spring. Eighteen-year-old Joel Yoder stood at a booth in the side room. We broke for lunch and participants streamed by tables filled with bird books and feeders, binoculars and scopes. The bluebird boxes immediately caught my attention.

Painted orange, white, and blue with the head of a bluebird affixed to the top, the boxes were going to look great in my yard. I could imagine them taking up their spot, intermingled among my yard art: my menagerie of metal hummingbird and goat sculptures, my frog whirligig, and my four Amish-made bird feeders fashioned in the shape of a cardinal, bluejay, oriole, and goldfinch.

But I'd forgotten my checkbook, so I told Joel to reserve two boxes for me. I would stop and pick them up in a few days. And oh, please write down explicit directions for their installation. A few years ago, I'd bought a couple of cheap bluebird boxes and nailed them to fence posts under a tree in my pasture. English sparrows quickly occupied them and the boxes fell apart in one season.

Soon, but not as soon as I'd hoped, it was over the ridge and up Joel's steep drive, bluebird boxes lining either side of the road. The Yoder's small homestead was wedged between two deeply wooded ravines. At the top of the hill, two rough collies — one tri-colored and one sable — greeted me quietly with a curious gentleness. They guarded two pups in a pen attached to a large dog house.

The Eastern bluebird, a thrush and a relative of the robin, is a relatively small bird, bigger than a sparrow, but much smaller than a bluejay. Bluebirds may have two or three broods a summer with both parents caring for the offspring. Occasionally, the fledglings from a previous brood will help their parents care for their younger siblings.

Bluebirds were in sharp decline in the 20th century. They suffered from introduced species — sparrows and starlings — and loss of habitat, and the rising use of pesticides. Farmers began using metal rather than wooden fence posts that had once provided nesting cavities for the birds.

Then in the late 20th century, conservation efforts helped bring back the bluebirds. More and more farmers installed boxes for nesting, and the birds became a protected species under the Protection of Birds Act (1975). Bluebirds eat insects, up to 2,000 bugs per day. Grasshoppers, beetles, crickets, worms, snails and more are all bluebird delights. Traditionally, bluebirds have been farmers and gardeners' friends, keeping pests under control.

Much folklore and sacred symbolism surround these birds. People from an array of beliefs believe bluebirds are a symbol of joy, hope, or good news. Others think that the birds are a connection between the living and the dead. Still others think that the birds are sent down from above to us to deliver important messages.

Joel came out of the door to the house, a ranch-style building with a very non-Amish, suburban look. For a second, I was confused. Did I have the right place? Then I realized that this property had most likely once been a hobby farm whose owner had gotten tired of the long commute to the city. The Amish had bought it, ripped out the electricity, built the barn, and moved in.

Joel loaded the boxes, poles, guards and hardware into my car and handed me two sheets of paper with tiny handwriting entitled "Instructions on How to Put Up your Bluebird House." His explicit directions included tiny drawings of the boxes spaced 21 feet apart and slightly facing each other.

He also advised caulking around the post and the around the edges of the guard.

"Put caulk here," he suggested, including another hand-drawn picture of the guard. Then he let me know, "Caulk can be purchased at the hardware store."

Joel instructed me to put some sawdust in the bottom of the cup to stimulate bluebird nest building. He told me how to prevent English sparrows from occupying my boxes, and offered his help in identifying bird nests. (I could call his phone shack and leave a message with the description.) English sparrows, an invasive species, not only invade bluebird boxes, but they also storm occupied boxes, killing adults and nestlings.

Then Joel suggested I buy the book "Bring Back the Bluebirds, Even on Your Hand," written by an Amish man who had grown up as a boy loving the species. He'd found a tender way to approach the birds with their favorite food (meal worms), and eventually had the birds perching on his hand.

Joel gave me the name and address of a fellow bird lover who sold the book out of his shop.

"If you want, you could tell Ethan or whoever is the cashier that Joel Yoder told you they have that book. You don't have to if you don't want to. For your curiosity, Ethan's son, Eli, married my mom's sister, so Eli is my uncle."

Home with my book in hand, I installed the bluebird boxes in my yard, near my garden where I could watch them from my porch.

So, I pounded in the post according to Joel's diagram, pacing off the feet between the boxes. I slipped the boxes over the pole and caulked around the guards, then stepped back to admire my work.

An explosion of birds swirled around me: barn swallows, finches, sparrows, kingbirds, and purple martins twilled and called, dipping and diving toward the boxes, circling my head, landing on the garden fence, landing on the top of the boxes. I sat on the porch and watched this celebration, thinking that I'd certainly gained approval from the neighborhood winged kingdom.

Except for the bluebirds, those more reclusive creatures who don't enter into the boisterous feast at the feeder. Where were the bluebirds? Would they eventually come? I waited for days before I saw them. Then more days before I discovered the eggs in the box.

I watched the birds scoop up insects from my garden, thanking them for their presence. They were indeed bringing me joy. And what connection would they make between the living and the dead? What important message would they bring?

Northwood Anchor **Early Files**

100 years ago

August 6, 1924

It has been estimated that 1,500 people gathered in the Fertile park to attend the Harvest Picnic put on by that town, some placing the figures as high as 3,000 in attendance. The big drawing card of the day was a speech by Senator Smith W. Brookhart.

The first drowning of this year which has affected Northwood residents intimately occurred at Clear Lake when Morris Gunderson, 14 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Gunderson of Forest City but formerly of Northwood, went out beyond his depth while in bathing. Although the lad had been under water less than five minutes he could not be brought back to consciousness.

The Siouska camp fire girls spent a very enjoyable day picnicking at Kensett bridge with swimming, eating and a kitten ball game to keep them busy. The young ladies, who are members of this organization, are Dorothy Then, Marie Holland, Florence Rohr, Mildred Perry, Velma Whitcome, Marjorie Lyford and LaLois Gabby.

Sunday afternoon N.P. Larson, driving his car in company with C.A. Carlson, P.R. Peterson and Arthur Lundberg, was only a few feet from a large oak tree that was struck by lightning and split through the center on the Martin Holstad farm seven miles west of Northwood.

S.L. Marvick, proprietor of the Northwood Tire Shop, has leased the former Thompson garage building and has moved his tire business into the new location. With the added room Mr. Marvick will also include gasoline, oil and auto accessories to his business.

Supervisor Jay Cady of the Worth County board, was in Des Moines in attendance at the annual convention of the state association of county supervisors. Supervisors Mitchell and Johnson being unable to attend. Agitation for a gasoline tax which is due to be carried into the regular session of the 41st general assembly was begun at this meeting.

75 years ago

August 11, 1949

Just Bolender and Lucille Mitchell represented Northwood in the Governor's days beauty contest at Clear Lake. Winner was Nancy Koerber of Mason City.

Mrs. Tys DeGroot, Northwood, president, and Mrs. Arthur Martin, Kensett, secretary of the local American Legion auxiliary unit, attended the state convention in Des Moines as delegates.

The Northwood town council Tuesday night approved sale of the old city equipment shed on west Central Avenue to Hans Flatness, farmer northeast of town, for $30. The old building was leaking and beyond repair.

The Northwood theater will be closed Sunday through Thursday for building a new floor and installation of new seats, L.E. Whitcome manager, announced today.

Two Northwood golfers placed in the top brackets of the Iowa Schoolmen's golf tournament at Iowa States college, Ames, Tuesday. Dr. B.H. Osten was runner-up in the second flight and sUpt. Russell J. Baker was third place winner in the fourth flight.

Fifty-nine young pole from Northwood and vicinity were presented various swimming awards at the final summer recreation program last Friday night at Central Park by Miss Ruth Lund, swimming director.

This is the new junior fair barn at the Worth County Fairgrounds in Northwood, just completed, which will be dedicated Monday afternoon with a speech by Harry Linn, Iowa secretary of agriculture. The barn measures 60 x 160 feet, is as big as three of the other livestock bars on the ground combined.

Seven Worth County beauties, picked by seven creameries in the county, will compete for the title "Miss Worth County" in the county dairy queen competition at the 1949 Worth County Fair. Three of the entrants were announced last week. They were Gloria Dahl of Joice, Marian Bendickson of Northwood, and Marilyn Backhaus of Manly.

50 years ago

August 8, 1974

Denise Montag, who has been working as Extension Home Economist in training for Worth and Mitchell counties, will assume the position of Extension Home Economist for Osceola and Lyon counties on August 26.

Most of Worth County appears to be producing a near normal corner and bean crop according to farmers and agribusinessman interviewed this week. Some exceptions were noted in part of Kensett and Brookfield townships due to hail damage and the Fertile-Hanlontown area due to less rain than the rest of the county.

The annual budget meeting of the Northwood-Kensett school will be held at the board room in the East Elementary building on Monday, August 12, at 8 p.m. The proposed budget calls for $1,124,100 in the general fund and $73,260 in the schoolhouse fund for the 1974-75 school year. The meeting is open to the public.

The Girls softball team of Kensett won their B game Saturday when they defeated Hanlontown 15-2. The A team game was rained out and a rescheduled game was played Monday evening when the undefeated Hanlontown team fell to defeat to Kensett by a score of 20-19 in a one inning overtime.

Kathy Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Marlin Hanson, Northwood, was a winner in the "DJ for a day" contest sponsored by station KLSS-FM of Mason City. The poster that she made for the contest was judged the biggest entered. It measured about six feet by nine feet and showed a performer from the 1950s carrying a guitar case. It was labeled "KLSS has come a long way, baby."

Harry Kuhlmann, Calvin Anderson, Craig Toft, Mike Ranum and Rocky Stumo have found a way to beat the energy crisis by riding five on a bike. "Boypower energy" was consumed, however in the tennis court experiment.

25 years ago

August 11, 1999

Northwood-Kensett Community School directors Lynn Tenold and Larry Hovey will run unopposed in the September school election. The two incumbents were the only N-K district residents to file nomination papers by last Thursday's 5 p.m. deadline. Tenold will be running for his fourth three-year term, Hovey for his third.

The luminary ceremony at Saturday's "Relay for Life" here provided a somber moment of reflection for Wynnette Tews 12-year-old Renee Hartkopp, 8-year-old Kayla Eilertson and 10-year-old Brittany Teqs as they gathered near a luminary honoring cancer patient Betty Nitcher of Mason City, who is the grandmother of cousins Renee and Kayla.Renee is the daughter of Wayne and Kim Hull of Mason City, Kayla's parents are Rob and Bess Eilertson of Northwood and Brittney is the daughter of Wynnette Tews and Henry Tews, both of Albert Lea. Saturday's event raised more than $30,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Workman for Wanzek Construction of Fargo, N.D., and Universal Contractors of Northwood took advantage of last week's fair weather to nudge their particular projects at the new swimming pool here closer to completion. Here, a Wanzek crew tied reinforcing rods together in the zero-depth-entrance pool while Universal Contractor workers shingled the roof of the bathhouse.

A group of youngsters from Worth and neighboring counties kept themselves entertained with a friendly but hard-fought game of volleyball while participating in the Worth County "Relay for Life" at the Northwood-Kensett High athletic complex in Northwood.

Nicole Meyer of Northwood received an Area II High School Scholarship from the North Iowa Area Community College Foundation in the amount of $100. A 1999 graduate of Northwood-Kensett School.

10 years ago

August 6, 2014

Myra Harris, a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club in Northwood, shares her creative talents with Northwood Pines residents Esther Gaarder, Mabel Welch, and Viola Brubak. The garden club brings fresh flowers from their garden to the Lutheran Retirement Home complex each year in July.

The Northwood Fireworks fund is making a last plea for donations for next year's Fourth of July fireworks show. The donations received will go towards purchasing fireworks for next year's show. This year $1,450 has been raised towards the $4,000 goal.

On behalf of the FarmHouse Foundation Trustees and Staff, it is our honor to recognize these FarmHouse men with an academic scholarship. The 2014-2015 Scholarship recipients include Evan Fritz of Northwood, Iowa ('13) who received the William S. (OK '38) & Catherine May $1,000 Scholarship. Fritz is the son of Keith and Laura Fritz of Northwood, Iowa.

Last week's suitably summery weather meant the perfect pool going opportunity. The pool was packed as the temperatures approached 90 degrees on Monday and reached comfortable into the 80s on Tuesday. For many young people no trip to the pool would be completed without showing off their aquatic abilities with some tricks off the diving board. The Northwood pool plans to closed for the season on August 17.

Watch out, these young wrestlers are ready to hit the mats this season after attending youth wrestling camp at the Northwood-Kensett High School. It took 10 of these little grapplers to pin N-K senior wrestler Coleby Bratrud. The three day youth wresting camp was coached by Dennis Paulson and assisted by Bratrud and Jason Tiedemann.

The second annual RMW scholarship golf tourney will be held Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Northwood Country Club. A three person best shot is set to tee off at 9:09 a.m., there is a $120 per team entry fee.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

Dean Olson

Dean Ryan Olson passed away on July 25, 2024, at the age of 49. He was born on September 23, 1974 in Hutchinson, Minnesota to David and Donna Olson.

Dean was hard-working and dedicated. At his center, he was a builder and loved working with his hands. This was a skill that came naturally to him and was honed throughout his youth alongside his father, David, at the Trading Post and in the home shop.

Dean graduated from Glenville High School and attended Iowa State University before settling in Northwood, Iowa in 1995. He then set his sights on winning a contract to lay hundreds of yards of concrete sidewalk for the City of Northwood. As he sought out bigger construction challenges, he envisioned a great shop for his personal use - one that would hold at least four cars and all the woodworking and metalworking tools you could dream of - so he built it. Later, he would renovate and double the size of his existing home.



DEAN OLSON

But still, Dean dreamt bigger. He heard the heavy construction industry calling his name and decided to travel the country building concrete piers to support the nation's infrastructure. While concrete was great, Dean dreamt bigger still. He joined the powerline crew building some of the largest power transmission lines in the Midwest, carrying up to 750,000 volts to power the nation.

He worked long hours while traveling the country. But when he was home, he always treasured the time in his shop. While his shop had the requisite tools, it was also the site of growing friendships. The shop was a place where people gathered to tinker on their projects or Dean's or to watch a NASCAR race.

Dean always found time to volunteer to help others including setting up tents for the Northwood Men's group or building a storm/bomb shelter in tornado alley. Dean's skills were greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

He is survived by his father, David; brother, Daniel; son, Zachary; and loving family and friends.

His mother, Donna, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held to honor Dean's life at the Northwood Library in the Olson Room on August 10, 2024 from 1 – 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Riverland Community College's Student Success Initiative Fund, supporting high schools students through Workforce Development Scholarships.*

Jacob McGrane

Jacob L. McGrane, 31 of Spencer, Iowa and formerly of Kensett passed on Friday, July 26, 2024.

Memorial Services to honor his life were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at Bride Colonial Chapel, 110 E. Spring Street, Manly, Iowa. Inurnment was in Manly Cemetery.

Visitation was from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project or suicide prevention.

Jacob Lynn was born on November 16, 1992 in Mason City, the son of Terry Lynn McGrane and Stephanie Lao Allison. Growing up in the Kensett area, he was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church. Jacob attended Northwood-Kensett High School, graduating with the class of 2011. He was always on the go, between football, wrestling, chess club, National Honor Society, DECA, Math Club, FPS and so many more contributions. Jacob was always thinking, always planning the next move, even leading the start of the business courses at N-K High School. Following his graduation, Jacob continued his education at UNI, taking in all of the information and material he could. In 2015 he began his service with the United States Marines. Serving in California and later a few years in Japan before his honorable discharge as a Sergeant in 2020.



JACOB MCGRANE

On March 16, 2022, Jacob married Samantha Hagen, his best friend. They enjoyed watching sports, traveling, and spending time with their two dogs and cats. In December 2022, Jacob graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelors Degree in Business Economics. At UNI he was involved in the Economics Club, Finance Club, and the UNI Veterans Association.

Surviving are his wife, Samantha McGrane; parents, Terry (Kristi) McGrane and Stephanie Hamm; grandparents, Ken and Lynn Joregensen and Dorothy McGrane; brother, Parker Cota, sister, Ella McGrane, brother, Lincoln McGrane, sister, Sydnie (Braiden) Cota, and sister Libby (Ken) Bell; aunts and uncles, Jamie (Brent), Lisa (Rick), Karen, Deanna (Kevin), and Jeri Jean; as well as many cousins, extended family and cherished friends.

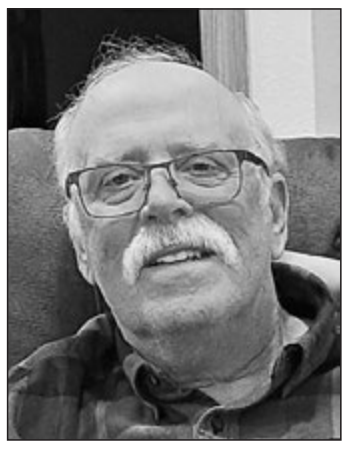
Preceding him in death are his sister, Olivia McGrane; grandpa, Stephen Allison; cousin, Zack Henderson.

Robert 'Bob' Sherrard

Robert "Bob" Sherrard, 70, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, passed away on July 31, 2024, at the Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage.

Bob was born on April 2, 1954, to Robert and Dorothy (Opkis) Sherrard. He attended St. Ansgar schools and graduated with the class of 1972. A couple months after graduation, he and Jane (Beyer) went on their first date and married three years later. A few years after, they had their sons, Rob and then Ross. On July 12, 2024, they celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Bob's first passion in life, besides his family, was his love of farming. From an early age, Bob could be found in IH tractors on his family farm. When he wasn't working on the farm, you could find him driving his '70 Cuda or on a tractor ride. He also spent many years on the Mitchell County Fair Board, where he was able to socialize with anyone and everyone who wanted to talk.



ROBERT SHERRARD

Bob is survived by his wife, Jane; children, Rob (Amber) Sherrard and Ross (Kristen) Sherrard; his six grandchildren, Aubrey, Brayli, Scarlett, Kallesen, Robert and Katelyn; sister, Sharon (Lynn) Schaub; brothers-in-law, Ronnie (Roselyn) Beyer and Larry (Irene) Beyer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Dorothy and Robert Sherrard; and mother and father-in-law, Lois and Albert Beyer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Mitchell County Fair or the Lyle Area Cancer Telethon.

The funeral service for Bob was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at First Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar. The visitation was held from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, at Schroeder-Hoff Funeral Home in St. Ansgar. Interment was in St. Ansgar Cemetery. Schroeder-Hoff Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements.

Wish to celebrate the life of a passed loved one?
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Having fun discovering nature

Fun with Worth County Conservation continued recently with Nature Discovery Camp. The campers took part in a variety of outdoor activities. The group made boats and fossils, did a pond study, played games and swam in the lake.



Supervisors

July 29, 2024
Thirtieth Day

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

Meeting called to order by Stone at 8:30 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the final voucher for project LFM-CO98(A39)—7X-98 & LFM-CO98(S56)—7X-98. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to authorize chairperson to sign the Answers to Plaintiff's Interrogatories prepared by Robert Goodwin, Attorney and Jacob Hagan, Engineer for DD #72 Case No. EQCV012872. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve repairs regarding the IDALS projects in DD 23 & DD68. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of $202.86 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Legal Notice.....$70.56
Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 14 Lower Main Tile, Legal Notice.....$66.15
Northwood Anchor Inc, DD 34 Main, et al, Legal Notice.....$66.15
Grand Totals.....$202.86

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve work order for DD 11 Main F as requested by David Gentz. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the low bid of $6,000.00 from A-1 Excavating for DD 10/L-7 to clean sediment out of approximately 4,100' of ditch in Brookfield Township, Section 31. Motion carried. Other bids were Rognes Bros. Excavating, Inc. - $12,250.00 and Larson Contracting Central LLC - $16,400.00.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $337,185.23 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Access Systems Leasing
Service-Dap 98.50
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 3,842.72
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.
Service-Sup.....136.00
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Con 342.00
Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr 5,870.87
American Test Center Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,590.00
Austin Newspapers, Inc
Service-Sup.....426.00
Barrett Agri, Inc.
Supplies-Eng 119.69
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng 78.05
Bomgaars Supply, Inc
Supplies-Con 89.99
Brian Lund, Reserve-Shf.....1.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Con 203.89
Central Ia Detention
Service-Juj 15.00
Centurylink, Service-911.....67.90
Cerro Gordo Co Treasurer
Service-Mex 940.35
Certified Laboratories
Supplies-Eng 920.90
Cindy Thompson
Mileage-Asr 249.91
City Of Northwood
Service-Con.....58.00
Core & Main Lp
Supplies-Eng 1,032.20
Crazy Clean, Service-Gsr.1,600.00
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng.....2,154.97
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Aud 17.00
Eilertson Repair
Service-Con.....24.30
Electric Pump Inc
Service-Wwt 2,500.00
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng 722.15
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Con 118.76
Forestry Suppliers, Inc.
Supplies-Eng 6,031.86
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf 478.84
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Service-Dap 10.00
Heaven Walker
Reimb-Con 170.00
Icap, Service-Ins.....227,450.00
Iccs, Dues-Con 1,500.00
Isac, Edu-Con 260.00
Iscta, Dues-Trs 250.00
Jay Heims, Reimb-Asr 117.17
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf.....86.25
John Deere Financial
Supplies 589.94
Justin Bruns, Reserve-Shf.....1.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Con 183.02
Keltek Inc, Supplies-Dap.2,037.00
Kris Hearn, Reserve-Shf.....1.00
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 12.07
Luckason Tractor Repair
Service-Con.....796.00
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 819.83
Mediacom, Service-Gsr 294.90
Medline Industries Inc.
Supplies-Phd 52.40
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health
Service-Shf.....379.00
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,037.78
Myron Corp
Supplies-Vaf 317.45
Nassco Inc.
Supplies-Gsr 127.45
Nexus Cooperative
Supplies-Con 3,191.82
Niacog, Service-Tra.....19,759.91
Ncrerc, Service-Dis/Ema..6,103.26
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Vaf 110.70
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt.....23,367.00
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Con.....63.19
Plymouth Vfd
Equip-911 .....2,029.75
Pria, Dues-Rec.....60.00
R80 Llc, Fuel-Eng 100.22
Reindl Repair
Service-Con.....2,853.56
Sonus Language Services L.L.C
Service-Shf.....337.50
St Patrick's Cemetery
Service-Vaf 96.00
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-Con.....29.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Supplies-Shf 26.48
Trading Post
Supplies-Con 687.69
Truck Center Companies
Parts-Eng.....866.90
Tyler Technologies Inc
Service-Vaf 449.00
Uni Roadside Program
Edu-Eng.....95.00
United States Treasury
Fee-Ins 242.31
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis.....55.36
Vestis, Service-Eng 9.00
Visa, Service-Con 5,012.37
Webster Co Auditor
Fy25 Dues-Cta.....530.09
Worth County P H Petty Cash
Reimb-Phd 94.18
Wyatt Quam
Reserve-Shf 1.00
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng.....3,890.83
Grand Total 337,185.23

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve monthly clerk of court report. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the salary changes effective July 29, 2024 of $74,880/year for Shana Butler and $74,776/year for Lexee Anderson as submitted by public health. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Art Farm Iowa, Inc and the ownership change for Class E Retail Alcohol License for Kum & Go. #119. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the ICAP Insurance renewal with the change of deductible from $500 to $2,500 for Property for a savings of $4,966.00. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the bid from Culligan for Resin Analysis in the amount of $1,264.00 as submitted by Jake Ditsworth, PeopleService Inc. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby, to adjourn at 9:23 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

People's Right To Know

Northwood Anchor Legal

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009420
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DEAN RYAN OLSON,
Deceased
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dean Ryan Olson, Deceased, who died on or about July 25, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the July 30, 2024, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on July 30, 2024.

David R. Olson
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Gordonsville, MN 56036
Administrator of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull
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Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
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Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication the 14th day of August 2024.

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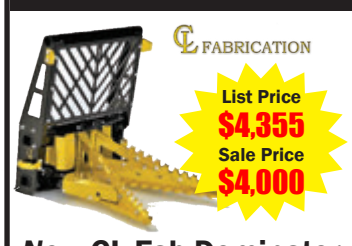
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