

Briefs

Carpenter Days set for Saturday

The community of Carpenter will hold its annual celebration this Saturday, August 17, with Carpenter Days.

Youth events will include inflatables. Pony rides will be held from 1-4 p.m.

A Northwood-Kensett FFA pedal pull will be held at 2:30 p.m., with registration at 2 p.m.

Other events on Saturday include a car, tractor and motorcycle show at 11 a.m.

A horse pull show starts at 1 p.m.

Food and beverages will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Garden Tractor Pull League will begin at 5 p.m.

The Mitchell County Cattlemen will serve from 5-8 p.m.

X-Treme DJ will entertain starting at 8 p.m.

WCSO offers supplies to area students

Classes are set to begin at the end of next week at Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs schools. The Worth County Sheriff's Office offers school supplies to help start the year, and continuing year round.

For several years, working with local donors, the WCSO has been able to help families who may have trouble meeting the school supply needs of their children.

There are no income guidelines or limits. Supplies are available to families at no charge, no questions asked.

Worth County churches, businesses, families and individuals collect items and donate them at the WCSO.

The sheriff's office also has school supply lists for Worth County districts on hand, to help make sure they know what each student might need.

More information on WCSO, see Page 2



WORTH COUNTY DEPUTY JORDAN HELGESON AND WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE MANAGER TERI DORSEY

Filing continues for county candidates

Filing is continuing 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 file to 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 incumbent Mark Smeby will appear on ballots for supervisor from District 2; Republican incumbent 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 Extension Council and Township Trustees and Clerks.

Those that want to vote by absentee ballot in the general election can submit requests starting 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. In person absentee voting at the auditor's office also begins on October 16.

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Lions Club blood drive August 22

The Northwood Lions Club, along with the American Red Cross will be holding a local blood drive next Thursday, August 22, between the hours of 1 and 5:30 pm.

The Lions' sponsored drive will be held at the Community Room of the Worth Count Fairgrounds, located at 1206 Third Ave. North.

"There are very few restrictions for donating blood. You may go to the Red Cross website (red-crossblood.org) to find the requirements for donating and also to set-up a scheduled appointment or call 1-800-733-2767. You may also call Bob Perry at 1-641-324-2252."

Ambulance levy election set for Tuesday, Sept. 10

On Tuesday, September 10, voters in two areas of the county will be asked if they will support levies to pay for ambulance coverage in their area.

Earlier this summer, EMS districts were officially established in two rural areas and five Worth County cities.

EMS districts can be established in connected areas of rural townships. Cities have to establish their own individual EMS districts.

The EMS districts allow officials in those areas to call for levies to pay for ambulance coverage.

In the southeastern part of the county, including Lincoln, Union and a portion of Danville townships, as well as the towns of Grafton and Manly, the Mason City Fire Department will be the designated provider.

In the western portion of the county, the Winnebago County Ambulance Service will be for the provider for the area that includes Bristol, Fertile, Silver Lake and the western portion of Danville, along with the cities of Fertile, Hanlontown and Joice.

With EMS districts established, the areas have Levy, see Page 3

Supervisors discuss hotel project, deputy residency

At their meeting on August 5, the Worth County supervisors were updated on the progress of a local hotel restoration project. They also discussed allowing deputies to live outside of county borders.

Julie Verry and Anita Senne Knudtson, with the Waking Miss Winifred project, updated the supervisors as the hotel supporters prepare to make a push for funding to largely complete the project.

Waking Miss Winifred is the effort to restore the historic Hotel Winifred in Northwood.

Verry told the supervisors that Waking Miss Winifred, when complete, will be a 9-room boutique hotel.

The group has been working with existing community businesses to make connections with businesses that could benefit from hotel customers' business. They have also been working with Mason City and Clear Lake tourism groups to help make Waking Miss Winifred a regional asset.

They will also be approaching the WCDA, banks and other area foundations, seeking financial support. The group is also working with a grant writer to apply for State of Iowa, local and any other grants for its project.

When asked about how much is needed to complete the project, Verry said that it is estimated that \$2.5 million is needed for the rest of the renovations.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that it will provide a valuable resource, with a hotel shortage in the county. He said the hotel would be a good complement to the various wedding venues in the county.

Asked about who would make money and who would maintain the property, Verry said that the Waking Miss Winifred group is working with the Worth County Historical Society and that any money raised will stay with the groups for the hotel's operations.

Verry said that the project will provide economic benefits to the community and will save a historic building.

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Lulu's Boutique brings 'a little bit of everything' to shop in downtown Northwood

By JoAnn Lower

"Opening a boutique has always been a dream of mine," says Lauren Welty. "I was a bit nervous to take the dive, but last September my husband Tony told me to just go for it."

Welty spent several months researching and planning her boutique; the shop's name derived from her childhood nickname, Lulu.

"At last year's Thanksgiving meal, Uncle Ryan (Severson) asked if I'd like to go into a storefront. When we learned that Sandy was retiring from Northland Custom Interiors, we were able to purchase her building."

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LAUREN WELTY, OWNER OF LULU'S BOUTIQUE

Laborshed study to be conducted in Winnebago, Worth

Winn-Worth Betco is partnering with Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) and Iowa Economic Development Authority to complete a Laborshed employment study for the area. This study will geographically define which communities contribute to the workforce, regardless of political boundaries. This defined area is called a Laborshed area and is based upon commuting patterns.

The purpose of this Laborshed study is to measure the availability and characteristics of the two county area workers. Laborshed studies are useful tools for economic development teams and existing or prospective employers to understand the local labor market, make informed expansion and site selection decisions, and maintain/recruit a high-quality workforce.

"For the success of this study, we are sending letters to randomly selected households asking residents to take a confidential online survey. Survey questions will cover topics such as: employment status, current and desired wages, current and desired benefits, education, and more."

Laborshed, see Page 2



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. August 6	74	53	
Wed. August 7	78	49	
Thurs. August 8	74	52	T
Fri. August 9	72	50	
Sat. August 10	75	48	
Sun. August 11	79	47	0.02
Mon. August 12	75	56	

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particular types of these items is available by contacting the sheriff's office.

Office manager Teri Dorsey said that the items they need particular help providing this year include 1, 2 and 3 inch three ring binders, along with 24 count crayons, 8 count Crayola broad tip markers, colored pencils, highlighters, water color paint palettes, black dry erase markers, #2 pencils, pencil bags and pencil boxes, headphones and earbuds, composition notebooks, one subject notebooks, 3x5 index cards, two pocket folders, glue and glue sticks, rulers, protractors, scientific calculators with trig functions, 8 tab binder dividers, spiral bound sketch books, paper plates, plastic forks and spoons, 3x3 sticky notes, Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, gallon storage bags, facial tissue and backpacks.

Those that would like to donate supplies may do so by dropping them off at the sheriff's office in the Worth County Courthouse, at 1000 Central Avenue in Northwood.

Those that would like to donate and families that would like to pick up supplies are encouraged to do



Worth County Sheriff office supplies for area students.

so during regular hours, seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sheriff's office staff are encouraging those looking for supplies to call ahead, if possible.

While most people stock up for school in August, WCSO staff keep the sup-

plies on hand and are available year round, should students need to replace items they have used.

Anyone with questions, who would like to donate or who needs school supplies may call 641-324-2481.

available online at workforce.iowa.gov/laborshed. If you have any questions about the Laborshed project, please contact Bridget Weddle at bridget.weddle@iwd.iowa.gov or 515-281-7525.

Filing
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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.

Sheriff's position. As an elected office, only those living within County can hold the position.

The supervisors approved allowing those living within 15 miles of Worth County to serve as deputies.

In other business, the supervisors were updated by Stone, that the new map for a new behavioral services areas may allow Worth County to maintain its current provider.

After several years of struggling to establish an area that actually provides mental and behavioral health services locally, the State of Iowa initiated a plan to redraw behavioral health areas. Local leaders feared that would jeopardize their progress.

Stone said that the recently announced behavioral health maps may allow Worth County to continue services through Care Connections of North Iowa, its current provider.

said that the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy may have issues with those living in Minnesota serving as deputies in Iowa.

Like other deputies, those living outside the county would still take their squad cars home with them in between shifts. Fank said that requiring them to come to Northwood to get a vehicle could cost valuable time in emergency situations.

Fank said that the WCSO has had applicants for deputies that live within that 15 miles. And they have had past employees that had to resign when they followed their families just across the county lines.

Fank also noted that no other department in the County has a residency requirement.

Supervisor Enos Loberg said that the County needs to look at all its options to keep the Sheriff's Office staffed.

It was also clarified that the expanded residency rule would not apply to the



Fieldside fowl

This guinea hen was spotted next to a field last week by the roaming Anchor photographer. The sighting of a lone guinea fowl is somewhat unusual, as they prefer to live in groups. They are relatives of both the chicken and the partridge. While they are capable of flight, they are more likely to be seen running, like this bird was when photographed.

Railroad Ag Days set for August 23-24

The annual celebration of Manly's railroad and ag heritage, Manly Railroad Ag Days, will be celebrated with events and activities set for Friday and Saturday, August 23-24, held in downtown Manly.

Railroad Ag Days events begin on Friday, August 23, with a 6:30 p.m. meal, for a free will donation. That includes hot dogs, chips, pop and water.

At 7 p.m. Miss and Mr. Manly will be named, with kids ages 3-5 and those in K-fifth grade invited to take part.

A Cutest Baby Contest will be held for those ages 0-2 years old.

DJ TNT entertainment will be hosted by the

American Legion from 8-11 p.m.

Saturday events begin with a breakfast served at the Whistle Stop Manly Senior Center, available with a free will donation from 8-10 a.m.

The Railroad Ag Days parade will be held, with those riding in the procession asked to line up in the Central Springs High School parking lot at 9:45 a.m. for the parade, which begins at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Tim O'Keefe will deliver a welcome speech at 11:45 a.m.

A number of events kick off at 12 noon. That includes a pedal pull, vendors, food trucks and kids activities.

Interested vendors may

contact Jennifer at crafts-united@gmail.com or 641-529-3003 for more information.

Fire department water-ball fights begin at 1 p.m.

Smokey The Bear will visit the American Legion tent from 1-4 p.m.

A bags tournament starts at 1:15 p.m. Sign up begins at noon.

A milk chugging contest begins at 2 p.m., with age groups including 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and adults.

Bingo begins at the senior center at 4 p.m.

Winners of raffle prizes and 50/50 contests will be drawn and announced at 6 p.m.

The band Blacktop performs at 7 p.m.

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cation level, and type of occupation, among other things. However, Iowa Workforce Development will not be asking survey takers identifiable information such as: name, social security number, or date of birth. Participation in this workforce study is greatly appreciated regardless of employment status whether you are currently employed, unemployed, a homemaker, retired, etc. Your input is highly valued."

Following the conclusion of the online surveying efforts IWD will conduct

Supervisors
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Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank asked the supervisors to consider a change of policy regarding the residency of Worth County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Previously, those that wanted to work as deputies would be required to live within the border of the county.

Fank said that the rule has made it difficult to recruit new deputies, and the county has lost deputies that may have stayed if the rule wasn't in place.

Fank said that he had discussed the issue with chief deputy Jesse Luther, currently the only candidate to be elected the next sheriff, as well as the Civil Service Commission, which helps set rules for those that serve the county.

Based on those discussions, Fank recommended that the County could allow anyone that lives within 15 miles of its borders to serve as deputies.

The exception would be the Minnesota border. Fank



Lulu's
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From the beginning, this unique one-stop shop has been a family affair. "My parents were so supportive. Dad started building racks for displays. He made Lulu logo signs and beams using repurposed wood from old high school bleachers. Old barn doors he turned into beautiful book shelves."

Work on the building started in February 2024; the grand opening just a few months later on June 1.

When you stop into

Lulu's, you'll find of a little bit of everything: clothing for infant to toddler boys' and girls', preteen girls' and women's. There are Milk House candles, purses and accessories, cards and gifts. Need a baby gift or a gift for a friend? Lulu & Crew has it. Gift cards are also available as well as a delicious assortment of special jams and sauces.

"This is definitely a shop that Northwood needs, and shopping local means your

money stays right here in town."

The shop also features a variety of toys for boys and girls of all ages, sold by the aforementioned uncle Ryan, in an area dubbed "Ryan's Toy Zone."

Stop in and check out Lulu & Crew Boutique – the place where small town charm meets big style heart. Located at 847 Central Avenue, it's open Wednesdays and Fridays 5-8 p.m. and Saturday 9-2.

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the authority to ask their residents to approve levies at a specific amount to cover what they will need to pay for ambulance coverage, up to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, with agricultural land exempt.

Separate levies for the two areas of the county were based on the ambulance service' requests and past usage. The levies were also set based on the assumption that the rural and city district levies would all be approved in their areas.

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

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

Discussion of what would happen if one city or rural EMS district did not approve a levy has not been extensively discussed. Although it has been noted that EMS or ambulance coverage is not an essential service. Neither ambulance provider is required to provide coverage, nor are elected officials in townships or cities required to find other ambulance options if the levies don't pass.

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.

The September 10 election only applies to those that live in the western and southeastern areas mentioned above. Those that live in other areas of the county are covered by the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company and EMS service, which has not asked for additional government funding for its ambulance service.

Those that would like to submit requests to vote via absentee ballot can currently do so through the Worth County auditor's office.

Absentee ballots will be ready to be mailed on Wednesday, August 21. In-person absentee voting starts in the Auditor's Office the same day. The last day to have an absentee ballot mailed is Monday, August 26.

The voter pre-registration deadline is Monday, August 26.

The auditor's office will be open extended hours for voter registration and absentee voting on Monday, August 26, and Friday, September 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polls will be open on Tuesday, September 10, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More information is available at the Worth County elections website, online at elections.worth-countyiowa.gov, or by contacting the Worth County auditor's office.



An eggs-citing Wildlife Wednesday
The Worth County Conservation office regularly shares a photo with interesting information on area wildlife on their Facebook page. This trio of eggs was shared on a recent Wildlife Wednesday. The post asked why the lower egg was different. The picture shows brown-headed cowbird eggs in a robin's nest. The cowbirds lay eggs in other birds' nests and the other birds raise them. The cowbirds will hatch larger than the robin and outcompete them, according to Conservation.

Book restrictions back in place to start school year

By Robin Opsahl
Iowa Capital Dispatch
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The Iowa law prohibiting school libraries from having books containing sexually explicit material can go into effect, federal appeals court judges ruled Friday.

The three-person panel moved to lift the injunction blocking the law from enforcement Friday. Portions of the 2023 law were previously blocked in January by U.S. District Court Judge Stephen Locher. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit ruled that Locher's decision was based on a "flawed analysis of the law."

The law prohibits school libraries from including books with written and visual depictions of sex acts from, in addition to banning instruction and materials involving issues of "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. These regulations will now be allowed to take effect as legal challenges continue.

The law is being challenged by multiple parties, including the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa, Lambda Legal, Iowa Safe Schools, as well as the publisher Penguin Random House and authors who have had their books removed from school libraries due to the law.

Iowa State Education Association President Joshua Brown said in a statement that the organization was "disappointed" by the appeals court decision.

"Banning essential books in our schools is a burden for our educators, who will face punishment for not guessing which book fits into a supposed offensive category, and for our students, who are deprived of reading from great authors with valuable stories," Brown said in a statement. "If Iowa's elected leaders truly valued education professionals, they would leave important classroom decisions to the local school districts and the experts who work in them – not make what we teach our students a game of political football." Critics of the measure

say that the law will keep classic literature — like the books "Brave New World" and "Ulysses" — from being available in school libraries, but that a majority of the books removed from school shelves are those focused on stories about race and LGBTQ+ issues, like "Gender Queer," "All Boys Aren't Blue," and "The Color Purple."

Educators have criticized the state for not clarifying the rules surrounding the law, as the Iowa Department of Education did not respond to advocates' request to provide more information on what materials are considered "age-appropriate" under the law. The state department has said they plan to address allegations of noncompliance on a case-by-case basis.

But Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird said the appeals court decision was a win for Iowa parents.

"We went to court to defend Iowa's schoolchildren and parental rights, and we won," Bird said in a statement. "This victory ensures age-appropriate books and curriculum in school classrooms and libraries. With this win, parents will no longer have to fear what their kids have access to in schools when they are not around."

Gov. Kim Reynolds also released a statement supporting the court opinion.

"Today, the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit confirmed what we already knew – it should be parents who decide when and if sexually-explicit books are appropriate for their children," Reynolds said. "Here in Iowa, we will continue to focus on excellence in education and partnerships with parents and educators."

The lawsuit found that the district court decision did not properly evaluate the law under existing precedent — referring specially to the 2024 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Moody v. NetChoice*, a lawsuit involving speech on social media platforms. However, the judges also rejected the state's argument that school library materials constitute "government speech." They also found that a transgender student whose school

district banned gender-sexuality alliance clubs due to concerns about the law has standing to sue.

The ACLU of Iowa, alongside Lambda Legal and the Jenner & Block law firm, plaintiffs in the lawsuit, issued a joint statement saying that Iowa families and LGBTQ+ students were "deeply frustrated and disappointed" by the court's decision, especially as the 2024-2025 school year approaches.

"Denying LGBTQ+ youth the chance to see themselves represented in classrooms and books sends a harmful message of shame and stigma that should not exist in schools," the legal organizations said in the statement. "We are, however, encouraged by the Eighth Circuit's complete rejection of the State's most dangerous arguments, and we look forward to renewing our request for relief from this law's damaging and unconstitutional effects on LGBTQ+ students. ... We will ask the district court to block the law again at the earliest opportunity."

The decision returns the case to district court for further action.

Editor's Note: The following appeared in stories in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal at the start of the last school year, when the law was in effect before being suspended by the court injunction.

Both schools kept the books out of their libraries, awaiting the results of the lawsuit.

Like the rest of the state, Worth County schools have removed books that could have any potential reference that could put them in violation.

"These books have been set aside as we believe they meet the criteria of a depiction of a sex act. We are waiting for more guidance from the Department of Education in regards to 'age appropriate' on this law," said Central Springs superintendent Darwin Lehmann.

In sharing the list of books removed from the Northwood-Kensett secondary school library, superintendent Mike Crozier said,

"I believe we are being overly conservative as we do not want to be in violation of the law."

Four books appear on both schools' lists: "Crank" and "Perfect" by Ellen Hopkins, "The Female of the Species" by Mindy McGinnis and "Water for Elephants."

Besides these four books, others no longer on shelves include several that have been adapted into TV shows or movies, some award-winning. That includes "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close," "Perks of Being a Wallflower," "The Handmaid's Tale," "The Kite Runner" and "Thirteen Reasons Why," removed at Central Springs. Pulled from N-K were "Friday Night Lights," "The Color Purple," "The Fault in Our Stars" and "Breaking Dawn."

Other books removed from Central Springs include "Empire of Storms" by Sarah J. Maas, "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" Jonathan Safran Foer, "grI2grl" by Julie Anne Peters, "Identical" by Ellen Hopkins, "Kingdom of Ash" by Sarah J. Maas, "Like a Love Story" by Abdi Nazemian, "Living Dead Girl" by Elizabeth Scott, "My Friend Dahmer" by Derf Backderf, "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult, "Sold" by Patricia McCormick, "Speak" by Laurie Halse Anderson, "The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian " by Sherman Alexie, "The Truth About Alice" by Jennifer Mathieu, "Tricks" by Ellen Hopkins and "What Girls are Made Of" by Elana K. Arnold.

Others removed from the N-K library include "Killing Mr. Griffin" by Lois Duncan, "Feed" by M.T. Anderson, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, "Tilt" by Ellen Hopkins, "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison, "Native Son" by Richard Wright, "Ready or Not" by Meg Cabot, "Looking For Alaska" by John Green, "Beloved" by Toni Morrison, "Brave New World Revisited" by Aldous Huxley and "Song of Solomon" by Toni Morrison.

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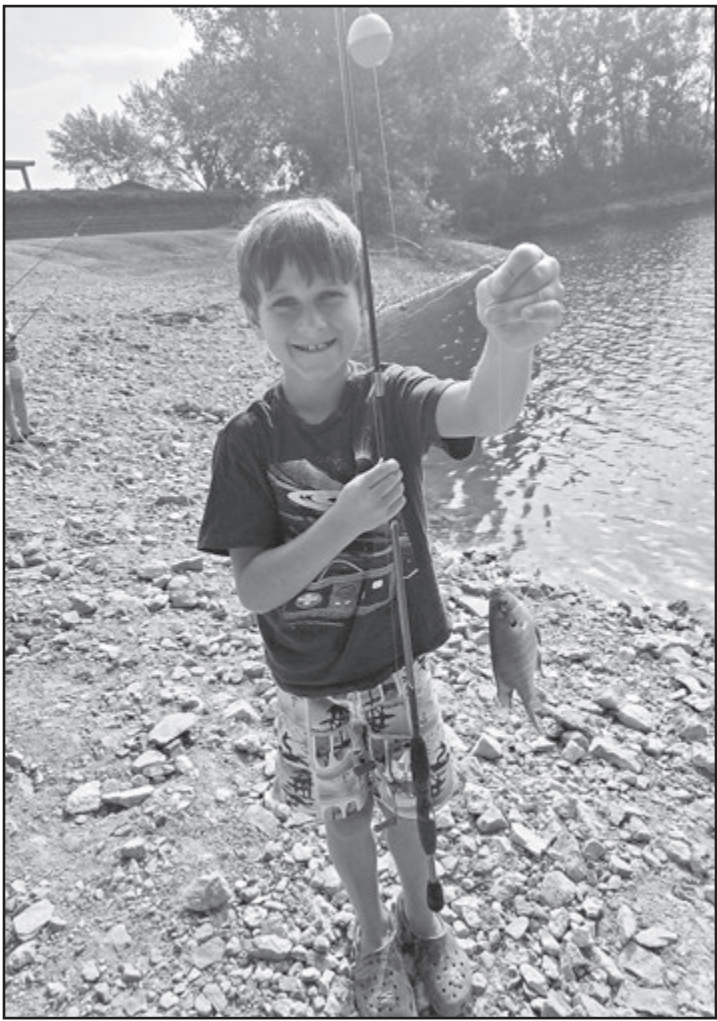
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Summer camp season ends

Over the course of the summer, Worth County Conservation invited young people to learn about the outdoors and take part in adventurous camping activities. The summer camp season ended with the Young Naturalist Camp. The week of activities included scavenger hunts, making and target practice with pencil crossbows, learning to canoe, playing in the river, throwing spears, starting fires, along with other fun games and a day on the lake.





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**August 5, 2024
Thirty-first Day**
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg and A.J. Stone, present. Mark Smeby, absent. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.
Meeting called to order by Stone at 8:30 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from the July 29, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the letter of proposal/agreement between Worth County, Iowa and Ventra & Kimm Inc. for professional engineering services for secondary roads and conservation facilities planning

Notice

**Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT
COURT FOR WORTH
COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS E. LAU, DECEASED
PROBATE NO. ESPR009419
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Phyllis E. Lau, Deceased, who died on or about June 30, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of July, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Phyllis E. Lau, deceased, bearing date of the 29th day of November, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Debra Bublitz and Diane Hanson were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in

Notice

**THE IOWA DISTRICT
COURT FOR WORTH
COUNTY**
CASE NO. ESPR009421
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN KALVIG, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Shirley Ann Kalvig, Deceased, who died on or about April 5, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on August 6, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Shirley Ann Kalvig, deceased, bearing date of September 28, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Karl K. Kalvig was ap-

Notice

**THE IOWA DISTRICT
COURT FOR WORTH
COUNTY**
CASE NO. ESPR009414
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANINE M. CARLSON, Deceased.
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Janine M. Carlson, Deceased, who died on or about May 16, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on May 29, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Janine M. Carlson, deceased, bearing date of November 14, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Wanda Julson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any ac-

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.
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services. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve work order for DD 22/Lat 14 as requested by Dennis Bartz. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve work order for DD 23 as requested by Jim Winkelman. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve a claim in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Internal Revenue Service to update the compliance of the employees' retirement accounts. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve monthly sheriff's report. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the fireworks permits for Josh Pokorney and Angie Rog-

ness for August 10, 2024. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the sheriff's deputies' residency exception for up to a 15-mile radius outside of Worth County except for the Minnesota Border. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone*/to approve Resolution 2024-41 Approving Final Plat for "Rustad Acres, Worth County, Iowa". Roll call: Loberg - Aye; Stone - Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available at the auditor's office).
Motion Loberg/Second Stone, to adjourn at 9:21 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
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 for-

ever barred.
Dated this 7th day of August, 2024.
Debra Bublitz
202 S. Washington Street
P.O. Box 23
Carpenter, IA 50426
Co-Executor of Estate
Diane Hanson
P.O. Box 123
Swaledale, IA 50477
Co-Executor of Estate
Michael S. Vervaecke
ICIS Pin No. AT0008118
Hayek, Moreland, Smith & Bergus, L.L.P.
120 East Washington Street
Iowa City, IA 52240-3924
Attorney for Co-Executors
Date of second publication the 21st day of August, 2024. 33-2t

pointed Executor of the estate.
Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur off our months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
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authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice unless otherwise allowed or paid a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Date August 6, 2024.
Karl K. Kalvig
1613 Hillcrest Drive
Mason City, IA 50401
Executor of Estate
Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor
Date of second publication the 21st day of August, 2024. 33-2t

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the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated July 30, 2024.
Wanda Julson
Executor of Estate
505 IO" Street North
Northwood, IA 50459
John H. Greve,
ICIS#: AT003086
Attorney for Executor
Greve Law Office
736 Central Ave
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, IA 50459
Date of second publication the 21st day of August, 2024. 33-2t

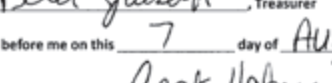
administrator of the estate.
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Dated on July 30, 2024.
David R. Olson
10681 Main
Gordonsville, MN 56036
Administrator of the Estate
Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0004489
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Administrator
Date of second publication the 14th day of August 2024. 32-2t

Worth County Agricultural Extension District
Published Report - Operating
07/01/2023 to 6/30/2024
Beginning Balance and Receipts:
Balance: July 1, 2023
Total Balance: July 1, 2023
Receipts:
Grant Revenue \$70,336.65
Interest Revenue \$2,523.49
Program Fee Revenue \$85,194.12
Property Tax Revenue \$221,564.13
Resale Revenue \$229.40
Total Receipts: \$379,847.79
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts: \$582,056.26
Disbursements:
740 S 4th St Parking - Program Fee Expense \$10.00
Aatrix - E-File Expense \$49.90
Access Systems - Equipment Expense \$2,243.37
Aldi - Program Fee Expense \$59.26
Alliant Energy - Facility Expense \$2,805.70
Amazon - Supplies, Program and Meeting \$254.79
American Pie Pizza - Program Fee Expense \$155.84
Anderson, Pam - Facility Expense \$40.00
Apple.com - Grant Expense \$3,008.84
Bethel United Methodist Church - Program Fee Expense \$100.00
Bode, Kimberly - Net Wages and Travel \$72.74
Butler, Teresa - Net Wages and Travel \$13,035.74
Cardmember Services - Bank Charges, Fees, Interest Expense (\$50.24)
Casey's - Meeting Expense \$98.89
Cerro Gordo County Extension - Professional Contracted Services \$1,779.00
Chick-Fill-A - Program Fee Expense \$69.66
Church Offset Printing, Inc - Advertising Expense \$68.48
Cink, Jeanette - Net Wages and Travel \$3,713.62
Cintas - Equipment Expense \$292.84
City Of Northwood - Facility Expense \$807.45
Corner Post - Meeting Expense \$32.45
Culligan Water - Equipment Expense \$429.10
D&D Sales Inc. - Program Fee Expense \$3,012.00
DC By Foot - Program Fee Expense \$325.00
De Armon, Paige - Net Wages and Travel \$824.73
Diamond Designs - Non-Fee Proj Act Expense \$1,484.00
Dollar General - Program Fee and Meeting Expense \$784.49
DR Gallup - Professional Development Training Expense \$52.99
Enterprise Media Group LLC - Program Fee Expense \$211.00
Epsilon Sigma Phi - Professional Development Training Expense \$85.00
Fallgatters Grocery Store - Program Fee and Meeting Expense \$1,390.22
First Advantage - Background Checks Expense \$933.91
Fleet Farm - Grant Expense \$53.48
Flower Forager - Professional Development Training Expense \$645.00
Floyd County Extension - Professional Development Training Expense (\$102.00)
Fords Theatre Box Office - Program Fee Expense \$150.00
Franklin County Extension - Professional Development Training Expense (\$97.56)
Gettysburg MVC Tickets - Program Fee Expense \$1,022.25
Glow Holiday - Program Fee Expense \$486.21
Google - Equipment Expense \$21.39
Grinnell Mutual - Insurance, Bond Expense \$1,472.00
Hampton Inn & Suites - Program Fee Expense \$12,500.00
Hartzler, Bob - Program Fee Expense \$200.00
Haugebak, Weston - Program Fee Expense \$32.33
Hill, Cecelia - Net Wages and Travel \$4,370.52
Hill, Michelle - Program Fee Expense \$192.28
Hobby Lobby - Program Fee Expense \$23.49
Holiday Inn - Program Fee Expense \$9.00
Home Depot - Grant Expense \$51.37
HyVee East - Program Fee Expense \$1,450.00
Iowa Extension Council Association - Benefits Expense \$415.00
Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman - Marketing Expense \$280.00
Iowa Pork Producers Assn. - Memberships, Dues Expense \$20.00
Iowa Public Employee Retirement Sys - Retirement Plan \$25,685.94
Iowa State University - Shared Support, Programs, and Materials \$42,866.91
JoAnn Fabrics - Program Fee Expense \$73.50
John F Kennedy Center - Program Fee Expense \$3,887.37
Johnson, Dennis - Net Wages and Travel \$75,202.54
Juselth, Peter - Program Fee Expense \$65.20
Kelly Hardware - Facility and Program Fee Expense \$319.68
Kibble Equipment - Grant Expense \$5,049.50
Knudtson, Vicki - Program Fee Expense \$2,038.96
Kum & Go - Meeting Expense \$379.70
Lake Mills Graphics - Marketing Expense \$863.00
Loldal, Nicole - Professional Contracted Services Expense \$467.09
Lund, Brian - Transportation Expense \$150.00
Manly Junction Signal - Memberships, Dues Expense \$67.00
Mason City Chamber of Commerce - Professional Development Training Expense \$35.00
Mason City Globe Gazette - Memberships, Dues Expense \$20.97
McDonald's - Program Fee Expense \$43.15
Merrifield, Sarah - Professional Development Training Expense (\$51.00)
Mitchell County Extension - Professional Development Training Expense \$1,202.94
Mount Vernon Ladies' Association - Program Fee Expense \$817.00
National Corn Association - Memberships, Dues Expense \$60.00
Niagara Cave - Program Fee Expense \$12.36
Northwood Anchor - Advertising Expense \$4,988.52
Northwood Electric - Program Fee Expense \$242.96
Northwood Kensett Comm School District - Equipment Expense \$305.80
Northwood Sanitation - Facility Expense \$960.00
Northwood-Kensett FFA - Program Fee Expense \$102.40
NSB of Northwood - Bank Charges, Fees, Interest Expense \$150.00
Office of Auditor of State of Iowa - Audit Expense \$2,636.25
Perkins - Program Fee Expense \$991.49
Perkins, Pam - Program Fee Expense \$265.80
Priceline - Travel Expense \$1,378.82
Pub on the Cedar - Meeting Expense \$16.76
Quill - Supplies Expense \$1,057.92
RBO Store - Meeting Expense \$60.30
Recreation.Gov - Program Fee Expense \$50.00
RegistrationMax, LLC - Program Fee Expense \$500.00
Rheingans, Heather - Program Fee Expense \$310.80
Richter, Stephanie - Program Fee Expense \$150.00
Riele, Gordon - Facility Expense \$525.00
Rothove, Pat - Program Fee Expense \$187.28
Schilling, Jean - Program Fee Expense \$113.83
Shop 4H - Program Fee Expense \$85.90
Signature's Supper Club - Professional Development Training Expense \$333.84
SQ Natural Plus Nursery - Grant Expense \$181.85
Staples - Supplies Expense \$106.42
Sues Corner Post - Professional Development Training Expense \$103.30
Target - Program Fee Expense \$21.69
Tequilas Mexican Bar & Grill - Professional Development Training Expense \$37.16
The Rustic Thread - Non-Fee Proj Act Expense \$1,855.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Payroll Taxes \$5,784.00
Turtle Creek Nursery - Grant Expense \$161.02
United States Dept Of The Treasury - Payroll Taxes \$37,588.45
US Postal Service - Postage Expense \$738.69
Wal Mart - Grant Expense \$405.52
Waller, Larissa - Net Wages and Travel \$39,832.47
Wallin, Janet - Program Fee Expense \$364.41
Washington National Cathedral - Program Fee Expense \$450.00
Whitfield & Eddy Law - Prior Year Adjustment (\$50.00)
Windstar Lines, Inc - Program Fee Expense \$18,655.80
Winnebago Co-op Telecom - Telecommunications Expense \$2,827.15
Worth County Fair Society - Facility Expense \$13,150.00
Zilge's Appliance Center - Program Fee Expense \$1,110.00
Total (\$359,418.94)
Total Disbursements: (\$359,418.94)
Net Balance: June 30, 2024 \$222,637.32

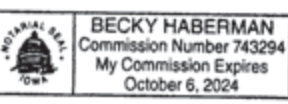
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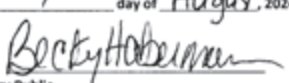
I, Curt Schaub, Chair, and I, Peter Julseth, Treasurer of the Worth County Agricultural Extension Council, being duly sworn on oath, state to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the items included in the foregoing Financial Report are true and correct statement of receipts and expenditures of the Worth County Agricultural Extension Fund.

Signed  Chair

Signed  Treasurer

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Kensett Public Library

By Lisa Lestrud
Library Director

Greetings from the Kensett Public Library. It's hard to believe that our summer is almost over. We had a very fun July story time. We celebrated, National Moon Day. We read about Neil Armstrong, the rocket and space. We made our own version of moon rocks which was really fun to do. I also awarded Jacob, Caleb and Travis Heiken for their outstanding reading challenge. They each received a certificate and movie pass with popcorn and pop.

We also have received all of our new furniture and charging cart from the WCDA grant. Come and have a seat and read a good book or play on a tablet.

We will be having a Back To School Story Time on Saturday, August 31, 2024, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Please Join us.

We are always getting new selections of books and DVDs. We also have magazines that may be checked out. If looking for something just ask.

Hope to see you at the library.



Helgeson's home has curb appeal

The Green Thumb Garden Club is once again recognizing Northwood homeowners for their efforts to make their lawns, yards and homes appealing. That includes the home of Sharon Helgeson, at 508 12th Street North, pictured above, recognized as the recent Curb Appeal recipient.

Northwood Anchor

Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Thursday, Bethlehem Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Grace Worship, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m., Bethlehem Potluck following Worship then make Ice Cream; Tuesday, Pastor at Manly Care Center, 10 a.m., Grace Council, 6:30 p.m., BLC Altar Guild

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

Thursday, UW in Faith Tour The Beacon in Mason City, 1 p.m., UW Faith Meet at Mary Wendt's, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.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.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Thursday, Northwood Council, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service at Northwood, 9 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service with H.C., 9 a.m., DCV with H.C., 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Manna Truck, Trust Fund, 4 p.m., Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

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Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor

Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor

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Faith Lutheran Church, London

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:30 a.m. (Fall through Spring); Sunday, Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Kent Otterman

WCTA board candidates announced

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association's (WCTA) Nominating Committee members Wayne Bronleewe, Harold Brunsvold, Steven Brunsvold, Pete Gau and Don Helgeson met on Friday, August 9.

The Committee nominated a slate of candi-

dates to fill the expiring terms of WCTA Directors Mike Stensrud, Larry Foley and Nancy Moklestad.

The Nominating Committee named the following members to be on the 2024 ballot, Kevin Braun of Kensett, Iowa; Julie Mabus of Lakota, Iowa; and Hunter Kingland of

Lake Mills, Iowa.

WCTA is a member-owned cooperative providing a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services and products to communities in north central Iowa and south central Minnesota.

WCTA members will receive ballots and notices

prior to the September 25 Annual Meeting. Members can vote by mail.

The September 25 meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the WCTA Corporate Office in Lake Mills, Iowa.



Storms in the sky

In the past few weeks, the skies over Northwood have darkened with storm clouds. Most recently that brought potential tornadoes, with sirens blaring and funnel clouds on display overhead.

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**ROLL CALL VIII is scheduled for
Saturday, November 16, 2024**

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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

I've mentioned previously how much I enjoy the personal comments and recommendations people sometimes write in their cookbooks. This cookbook, compiled by "Families and Staff of St. Joseph Education Child Care Center" in Kirkwood, Missouri (1996, Morris Press, Kearney, Nebraska) is titled Treasured Recipes. On the inside cover is this note: "Lesli, I am sending you one of your Aunt Joyce's cookbooks. She loved to sew, knit, cook and bake. She made many delicious desserts. Love, Aunt Barbara. October 2010" We will never know who Lesli, Joyce or Barbara were but this little book proves that the love of food, cooking, baking and collecting recipes is passed down within families. The following recipes are adapted from this collection.

Serbian Spinach (Susan Hume)

2 pint cartons small curd cottage cheese
1/2 stick real butter, cold
3 large eggs, beaten
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 packages thawed, chopped spinach
8 oz. mild Cheddar
3 tablespoons flour
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Drain/squeeze the chopped spinach. Cut the cold butter into small pieces. Shred the Cheddar (or buy 8 oz. shredded). Mix all the ingredients except the flour in a large bowl. Stir in the flour, mixing well. Pour into a well-greased baking dish. Bake about 1 hour or until brown spots begin to form on the top. Serves 8

Marinated Sour Cream Chicken NOTE: this recipe starts the day before you plan to serve it. (Jean Harwood)

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 teaspoon paprika
1 cup real sour cream, not low fat
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 cup dry bread crumbs

2 teaspoons celery salt
1/2 cup real butter, melted
Mix lemon juice, sour cream, Worcestershire sauce, celery salt, paprika, garlic and pepper in a bowl. Marinate the chicken breasts in this mixture overnight in a shallow glass pan in the refrigerator. Roll the chicken around so all sides get coated. The next day, roll the chicken in the bread crumbs and place in a baking dish. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spoon the melted butter over the chicken and bake, uncovered, for 1 hour. Sprinkle with more melted butter periodically if it looks dry.

Rich 'N Creamy Squares (Maureen Horak)

1 box yellow cake mix with pudding
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 large eggs
2 more eggs
1/2 cup real butter, melted
3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon real vanilla
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch cake pan. Combine the cake mix, 2 of the eggs, melted butter, milk and nuts in a bowl. Use an electric mixer until the cake mix is just moistened. Pour into the cake pan and spread evenly. Beat the cream cheese in a large bowl on medium speed. Beat in the eggs, sugar and vanilla. Spread this evenly over the crust layer. Bake for 35 minutes. The edges and top will be light golden brown and have a shiny appearance. Cool completely before cutter. You can substitute chocolate cake mix if desired.

A family's love of cooking stretches its arms down through the generations. My mother's lasagna is an example; my sister and I both make it, with no real recipe, remembering how our mother put it together. When the recipes are in written form it's so much easier for those who follow to recreate the food that was or is important to them. If you have favorite recipes, please think about writing them down! And...that's all she wrote.

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Society



First place - Jim Rosenberg



Second place - Mike Brunsvold



Third place - John Anderson



People's Choice - Brian Klingfuss



Survivor's Choice - John Szymenoski



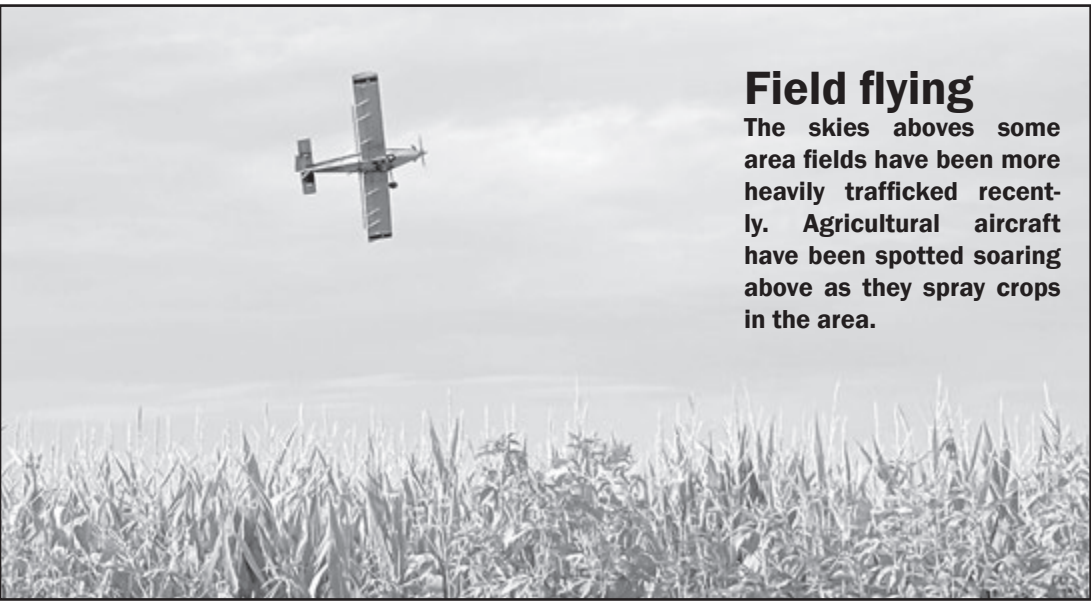
WCHS hosts open house during Founders Day

The Worth County Historical Society is hosting an Open House at the historic 1898 Stromstein Building, 611 Central Avenue, Northwood, Iowa, during "Founders Day" Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

"Come see the improvements to the building!" Sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, homemade bars, bottled water and lemonade will be available. "Come have lunch and learn more about the 1898 Stromstein Building!"

Worth County Historical Society meets on August 20

The Worth County Historical Society will meet at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center on Tuesday, August 20, at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Field flying

The skies above some area fields have been more heavily trafficked recently. Agricultural aircraft have been spotted soaring above as they spray crops in the area.



Wheeled with Worth

This past Sunday, August 4, the annual vehicular event was held to support the battle against cancer through the Relay For Life of Worth County. The Wheelin with Worth event invited people to go for a ride and show off their vehicles, no matter the number of wheels. A meal was served and an auction was held, amongst the other fun of the event. The show included awards chosen by event judges, cancer survivors and all those attending. Trophy winners included Jim Rosenberg in first place with his 1930 Ford A pickup, Mike Brunsvold in second place with a 1966 Chevy pickup and John Anderson in third place with a 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe. Brian Klingfuss was the People's Choice with a 1970 Chevy Chevette. John Szymenoski was the Survivor's Choice with his 1937 Ford Cabriolet.

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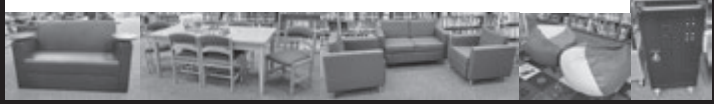
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- X-Treme DJ 8 p.m.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to choose a walk-in bathtub

Dear Savvy Senior,

Because of my back pain and mobility problems, I'm interested in getting a walk-in bathtub that's safe and easy to get in and out of. What all can you tell me about walk-in tubs, and can you recommend some top options?

Old and Achy

Dear Old,

For mobility challenged seniors, a walk-in bathtub can be a terrific option to consider because they're much easier to get into and out of than a standard tub, which also helps prevent falls. Here's what you should know, along with a reliable resource to help you choose one.

Age-Friendly Tubs

Walk-in bathtubs are uniquely designed tubs that have a watertight, hinged door built into the side of the tub that provides a much lower threshold to step over (usually 3 to 7 inches) versus a standard tub that's around 15 inches.

Most walk-in tubs have high sidewalls, usually between three and four feet high, and are between 28 and 32 inches wide, but will fit into the same 60-inch-long space as your standard tub without having to reconfigure the room.

In addition to the low threshold, most walk-in tubs also have a built-in seat, grab bars, anti-slip floors and anti-scald valves. Some tubs also come with handheld showerheads and quick drains (that drain the tub in under a minute), and many higher-end models offer therapeutic spa-like features that are great for seniors with arthritis and other ailments.

The best kind of tub for you will depend on your needs, preferences and budget, and the size and layout of your bathroom. But be aware that walk-in bathtubs are not cheap. Prices range anywhere from \$3,000 to \$10,000 or more for the tub and installation costs.

Insurance and Aid

Because walk-in tubs are not considered durable medical equipment, original Medicare does not typically cover them nor do Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policies, but some Medicare Advantage plans may help pay.

If you're receiving Medicaid, many states have Home and Community Based Services that may provide some assistance. Or, if you're a disabled veteran, the VA has some home modification grants that may help pay.

There are also grants and loans available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture that help elderly, low-income residents of rural areas make home modifications, which may be used to pay for a walk-in bathtub. And, depending on where you live, there may be local programs that can help like Habitat for Humanity or Rebuilding Together.

To find out if these options are available in your area, contact your Area Aging Agency (call 800-677-1116) or nearby center for independent living (see ilru.org).

If, however, you can't locate any financial assistance and you can't afford to pay upfront for a walk-in tub, most manufacturers offer financing so you can make monthly payments. You should also know that if you're using a walk-in tub for a specific medical condition, you may also be able to deduct the costs of the tub from your taxes as a medical expense (see irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf).

Best Walk-In Bathtubs

To help you choose a walk-in bathtub the National Council on Aging, which is a national nonprofit organization that advocates for older Americans, put together a review team to research the different companies and tubs. Their list of best walk-in bathtubs of 2024 includes:

- Best Walk-in Tub Overall: Ella Ultimate Walk-In Tub
- Best Walk-in Tub with Shower: Kohler Walk-In Tub with Shower Package
- Most Affordable Walk-in Tub: Ariel Walkin 3052 Soaker
- Best Soaking Tub: American Standard Gelcoat Entry Series
- Best Wheelchair-Accessible Tub: Ella Transfer
- Best Walk-in Tub for Small Spaces: AmeriGlide Sanctuary 2646 WIT

See NCOA.org/adviser/walk-in-tubs/best-walk-in-tubs for detailed reviews and product links.

To get started, you should contact a few walk-in bathtub retailers who can send a professional to your home to assess your bathroom and give you product options and estimates. Lowe's and Home Depot also offer free evaluations and a wide range of walk-in tub options.

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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Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My neighbor drives me crazy. He hired a poop scooper service that removes pet waste from his yard.

What's wrong with that?

He doesn't have any pets.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. It's the time of the year when the natural habitat of a raccoon becomes the centerline of a highway. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both, I took the one with the most mosquitoes. In order to combat the loss of blood and find order in the chaos, I've found life is good when I'm well-fed. I've been eating my share of apricots, peaches, blueberries, cherries and watermelon. I didn't mean to do it, but I counteracted that by slamming my poor knee against a vicious desk drawer sharpened to a deadly edge. I'm not an easy bruise, but that collision left my knee with a contusion in the shape of Tennessee.

I went to an Ivy League grade school, and at the end of each year, my mother baked a pie or some other treat to give to my teacher. I added a thank-you note, even though I thought I'd get more brownie points if that were done at the beginning of the year.

George Eastman was a bank clerk making \$1500 a year in 1877, when he spent \$94 on a photographic outfit and became interested in producing a camera. The first Eastman camera introduced in 1888 was named the "Kodak," the "K" for the first letter of Eastman's mother's maiden name. Kodak flourished on the slogan, "You press the button—we do the rest." The Brownie camera was

Ponderings from

the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

launched in 1900 and sold for just \$1 and the film was 15 cents a roll, an affordable price that opened the door for average families to take photographs. Before the Brownie, photography was primarily the domain of professionals. Cameras were bulky, complicated and expensive. Capturing photographs was an arduous task, involving heavy glass plates, toxic chemicals and a deep understanding of the photographic process. The Brownie replaced these cumbersome methods with something far simpler and more accessible.

Now, thanks to the cellphone, we've all become walking cameras, where the most important things about taking a photo are to clean the lenses before using the camera and not to put any film into the phone.

I've learned

Some people have a Monday on days that aren't Mondays.

Proper names enjoy playing hide and seek with our memories.

In the Tanning Olympics, the winner takes home the bronze.

Aliens from outer space built the pyramids under the supervision of Abraham Lincoln.

Penny Jacobsen of Albert Lea had an excellent suggestion that, for one glorious day, candidates for office would concentrate on what they intend to do without giving a single mention of an opponent by name, action or party.

Walking bean rows prepared me for math classes. I had to show my work.

Bad jokes department

I crossed a mosquito with a snowman and got frostbitten.

The library had a lot of books on the Titanic, but they're all sodden now.

Someone stole fruit from the farmer's roadside stand and left him peachless.

What does it mean if you hear,

"Book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book, book." It means you've just listened to 10 books.

The police officer told me to say the alphabet starting with M. I said, "malphabet."

There were so many Olympians. Gymnastics alone included a few Brazilian athletes.

Nature notes

Carolina grasshopper, Carolina locust, black-winged grasshopper, road-duster or quaker is a large species of grasshopper often found basking on bare ground. They're identified in flight by their black wings. Males crepitate, producing a crackling series of snaps or clicks as they hover or fly in a butterfly-like fashion during courtship.

Weather lore says, "For every fog in August, there will be a snowfall in winter."

Look for migrating common nighthawks in late August. Ruby-throated hummingbirds begin migrating, with the adult males leaving first.

Canada, tall and giant golden-rods are perennials that grow 2 to 6 feet tall, have lance-shaped leaves and clusters of golden flowers that produce tufts of seeds. The flowers bloom in late summer and early fall and become enchanting insect zoos.

Fragrant wild cucumber flowers are pale yellowish-white and grow on a vine reaching up to 30 feet. The aggressive native plant has star-shaped leaves and green, oval seed pods up to two inches long and covered with sharp spines. They are inedible.

Meeting adjourned

A kind word is often a boomerang.

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Fit to print...

By Kris Kenison

Forgive me for being a sentimental pet owner, and sharing a picture and a few words.

This past weekend, I said goodbye to a longtime pet. Tobis, after 15 years, passed away a bit unexpectedly Friday night. He was buried on the family farm the next day.

I know not everyone understands what makes cats or other pets special, but those that do understand the loss of a longtime animal friend all too well.

Tobis and his brother Effie came from the Humane Society 15 years ago.

Tobis was a vocal cat, often times annoyingly so. He had a loud meow, often shared with no known reason, and no way to stop. Sometimes the secret was that he wanted to be petted. Sometimes he wanted food. Sometimes it seemed that he simply wanted his presence known.

He liked tummy rubs. He would greet me at the door. Other times he would sit on the other side of the room and stare, with a look that seemed to suggest that he was barely tolerating your presence. Sometimes he would burst into action with new reason, batting around a toy or piece of food. The view of my house from the outside was never better than when Tobis could be seen sitting against the window. And for a while, he had a truly peculiar bedtime tradition, jumping on the bed, speaking a truly haunting meow and then, jumping down and running away after an attempted petting. It was like he wanted it known that he was there, but that he did not need my approval.

Like every good cat, he had a unique personality, affectionate

at times and completely disinterested at others. He was a friend, a beggar, an aloof housemate, a bizarre weirdo and much more.

It's tough to sum up the life of a pet, but the important thing is he was special to me and he will be missed.

In the struggle to summarize what a pet and its loss means to me, like many things, I turned to better writers and speakers than myself:

Genki Kawamura

"Cats and humans have been partners for over ten thousand years. And what you realize when you've lived with a cat for a long time is that we may think we own them, but that's not the way it is. They simply allow us the pleasure of their company."

Dan Greenberg

"There is, incidently, no way of talking about cats that enables one to come off as a sane person."

Charles Dickens

"What greater gift than the love of a cat."

James Herriot

"I have felt cats rubbing their faces against mine and touching my cheek with claws carefully sheathed. These things, to me, are expressions of love."

Mark Twain

"A home without a cat—and a well-fed, well-petted and properly revered cat—may be a perfect home, perhaps, but how can it prove title?"

Amy Lee

Farewell to a feline friend



"I love my cats more than I love most people. Probably more than is healthy."

L.M. Montgomery

"I love (cats), they are so nice and selfish. Dogs are TOO good and unselfish. They make me feel uncomfortable. But cats are gloriously human."

Terry Pratchett

"In ancient times cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this."

Lewis Carroll

"Your house will always be blessed with love, laughter, and friendship if you have a cat."

Ernest Hemingway

"A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not."

Northwood AnchorEarly Files

100 years ago

August 13, 1924

Several of the new street signs called for the ordinance passed by the city council last April, have been set up during the past week, giving Northwood much more of a city aspect. While the work is not near completed, every street and avenue in town has a sign on it at some intersection.

Congressman G.N. Haugen of Northwood seems to be greatly in demand as speaker at fairs and other gatherings this fall, his work as co-author of the McNary-Haugen bill hav-

75 years ago

August 18, 1949

Two Northwood young people died of poliomyelitis this week and two others were sent to hospitals with the disease, bringing the total from this vicinity now hospitalized for polio treatment to five. Dead were Marlene Mellem, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwick Mellem of Northwood, and Roger Hendrikson, 13, son of Pearl Hendrikson of east Northwood.

In three weeks the Northwood area has had barely two-tenths of an inch of rain. Crops didn't need water badly as in some areas of

50 years ago

August 15, 1974

The Shell Rock River was oncecalled "one of the prettiest rivers in the state, a canoeist's dream," by Otto Knauth. Recently, however, the river has become increasingly polluted, and floating conglomerations of a repulsive, soapsuds-like substance are a daily sight as the river flows past Swensrud Park in Northwood. Albert Lea Lake, where the river has its source, is highly polluted, and many believe that the Shell Rock will no longer be useable by canoeists as it becomes increasingly filled with curious poisons. Many

25 years ago

August 18, 1999

Deer Creek Township resident April Stayner showed this specimen to the grand champion Suffolk ewe lamb title last Friday at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

The City of Northwood's insurance costs have dropped significantly for the second year in a row. Jerry Olson, president of Tenold Olson Hagen, Inc., of Northwood, told the city council last Tuesday night that the city will spend \$1,491 less on its overall insurance package this year than it did last year. When

10 years ago

August 13, 2014

Members of the South Sudanese community from Austin and Albert Lea gathered at the Worth County Extension office to tell their story of mass killings in their native country. When asked who has had family members killed in South Sudan in the last two years, many of them raised their hand.

The Elk Creek Lutheran Church Worship Committee is implementing a "Back to School Theme" during the month of August. It will be accepting donations of school supplies during the month of August to help gather supplies

ing brought him even more before the public eye than he had been in the past.

Just as The Anchor is made ready for press the news comes of the death of O.V. Eckert, aged 87, who died this forenoon at the Eckert home, following an illness of a few months. In the passing of Mr. Eckert, Northwood and northern Iowa loses one of the oldest businessmen, not only in years of his span of life but in point of service as well. He had been actively engaged in the implement business in Northwood for 52 years.

After five minutes past 10 a.m., Aug. 4, snow fell in Cedar Rapids. Weather sharks are advised to preserve this news for

the state, but rain would be welcome.

Gloria Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Dahl of Joice, was named Worth County dairy queen at the judging ceremony Wednesday afternoon at the fairsgrounds.

The polio scare also cut entries, especially 4-H club classes. County Extension Director William H. St. caller had expected more than 200 4-H baby beef and dairy heifer entries. Only about 130 came.

Topping interest in the junior livestock show, Norman Dierks, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dierks of Deer Creek Township, was awarded the grand championship in the baby beef competition. Runner-up was Allan Stevens. Norman showed a Her-

persons in Northwood have expressed an interest in a clean-up project, but their efforts are as yet uncoordinated and the interstate nature of the pollution may pose some problems.

The Northwood-Kensett community school board held a hearing on the proposed 1974-75 budget August 12. Board president Kragenbrink and directors Johnson, Ostby and Tenold were present, along with board secretary Alice Whitcome and school superintendent Lepley. Visitors present at the meeting include Joe Gerk, rural Northwood, who is running for school board Sept. 10. The budget of \$1,124,100 then passed as proposed with all members present voting aye on the roll call vote. It was

mayor Gary Nerlien asked why the city's public officials premium rose, Olson replied, "I don't know, Gary. There's no reason. It went up for the county officials this year too." In the last two years, the city's insurance costs have fallen by \$8,248, as the city paid \$6,757 less last year than it did in the previous year.

J.D. Driver, Inc., carpenters Jeff Dohlman of Le Roy, Minn., and Philip Nelson of Rose Creek, Minn., eyeballed their work Monday afternoon while hanging classroom doors in the new Northwood-Kensett Elementary School. They expect to complete that part of the N-K construction project later this week.

A total of 92 youth from

for families that may need some support throughout the school year. There supplies will be taken to the Worth County Sheriff's Office, where they will distribute on a need basis as families' need basis as families' needs may change throughout the year.

The Northwood-Kensett concession stand received a face lift this last week. With two new extended over hangs on each end of the building, this couldn't have happened without a generous donation from Janssen Family Charitable Trust fund. A crew from Universal Contractors is seen working hard to complete this project before the sports season starts.

Andy Harwig of Northwood agreed to have his picture taken to add a little perspective to this broken maple

posterity, for it had never happened before in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The snow was in fine particles and melted as fast as it fell, but it was snow just the same. It came at the end of a particularly hard rain storm.

William Buchanan and three sons, Herb, Charles and Ross, the latter three of near Gordonsville, went in to Chicago Monday evening with a shipment of 14 carloads of cattle, which they and the Dixon brothers sold on the Chicago market. This is one of the largest shipments of cattle from this section in a long time and the market was quite a favorable one.

eford calf, Allan a Shorthorn. Dairy championships went to Earl Backhaus, Grafton, Holstein; Jerry Tietjen, Manly, Guernsey; Donald Dadisman, Manly, Brown Swiss; and Laurel Davis, Northwood, Shorthorn.

Glenn Rye of Northwood has purchased an interest in and assumed his new duties as vice-president and manager of the First Federal State Bank of Des Moines. Mr. Rye, who has been an examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation for the past 10 years except for a period of war-time service in the navy.

Levi Johnson (Tuftedahl), 71, died Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Johnson, his brother-in-law and half-sister, in Northwood.

noted that this was the first time the budget had ever exceeded \$1 million.

Army Pvt. Robin Helgeson, son of Mr. and Mrs. LuVerne Helgeson, Kensett, is stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., following completion of basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He attended U.S. Army Ordinance Schools at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Three North Iowans have been named to coordinate the campaign of Arlene Patzwald, Republican candidate for Iowa's 12th District House seat. Richard Winga of Mason City has been named chairperson of the Patzwald for State Representative committee. Co-chairperson is Mrs. Omer (Juanita) Davidson of rural Northwood, and treasurer is Al Gemaehlich of Mason City.

the community participated in Day Camp at First Lutheran Church last week. Day Camp provides a week of fun faith-building experiences for youth who will be going into the 1st-6th grades in the fall. A team of counselors from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp led the week's festivities. This year Northwood United Methodist and First Lutheran Church sponsored Day Camp.

Stan and Bev Lucas, Kensett, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 22, 1999. H. Stanley Lucas and Beverly Coe were married in an afternoon garden wedding on August 22, 1949, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coe.

tree, which fell on the Worth County Courthouse lawn last Thursday. This huge tree split, without the aid of wind. Perhaps the lush green leaves became too heavy for the trunk. Fortunately, there was no damage and nobody was hurt.

The Northwood water aerobics class has been held nearly every weekday from 10- 11 a.m., weather permitting, at the Northwood Community Swimming Pool. Usually, 8-16 participants have attended the class. The group follows a leader, or occasionally a compact disk water exercise program. Included are residents from Northwood, Manly and Grafton areas. Betty Chapin, main leader, includes this activity as a parish nurse project at the Northwood United Methodist Church.

Northwood AnchorObituaries

Loren Nelson

Loren E. Nelson, 86, died on Monday, August 5, 2024, at the Lutheran Retirement Home, Northwood.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday August 24, 2024, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, with Pastor Becky Sogge officiating. The burial will take place at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood. A flag presentation will be held by Our Buddies VFW Post 6779, at the cemetery.

A viewing will be held on Friday, August 23, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave South, Northwood.

Loren Eugene was born on June 19, 1938, the son of Mervin and Berniece (Kramer) Nelson. Loren graduated in the class of 1956, from Kensett High School. After graduating Loren began working in the concrete construction business until entering the military. Loren served his country in the United



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States Army until his honorable discharge.

On April 23, 1960, Loren was united in marriage to Rosalie Gill; to this union three children were born.

Loren was one of the owners of River City Floor Covering, retiring after 52 years in the flooring business. In his free time, he enjoyed camping, fishing and pheasant hunting. He loved traveling with his

family, especially taking fishing trips to Canada. Loren became a snowbird to Florida; he relished the winters spent there with his children and grandchildren. Loren enjoyed watching old Western movies, college sports, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes and was an avid Minnesota Viking football fan.

Loren is survived by his children, Scott (Daisy) Nelson, Elizabeth (Dennis) Kelly and Brian (Susan) Nelson; grandchildren, Brandon Kelly, Zachary (Christy) Kelly, Ashley (Richie) Murrel, Brock Nelson and Lance Nelson; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Alana, Eric and Everly; and siblings, Judy Blanchette, Ila Owens, Kathy (Larry) Danner, Becky (Steve) Lane and Merlyn Nelson; along with several nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

Loren is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Barbara J. Nelson.

Field Day to highlight drone/UAV technology, crop diseases and trends for harvest and soil management with tile drainage

The Annual Fall Field Day at the ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, August 23, with a complimentary meal served at noon, sponsored by Kahn Tile Supply.

Doug Houser, digital agriculture extension specialist, will kick-off the program, by providing the most current and up-to-date information regarding

drone/UAV technology, and it's use in the agricultural sector. Alison Robertson, professor and extension plant pathologist, will give an update on crop diseases of the growing season and expectations going into the '24 harvest. Kapil Arora, extension agricultural and biosystems engineering specialist, will share his insights on tile drainage and water management.

The field day is free and

open to the public. It starts at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters on the ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm. In order for us to get an accurate head count for the meal, RSVP us at neira@iastate.edu by Wednesday, August 21.

More information about the event is available by calling Terry Basol at 641-426-6801 or Josh Michel at 563-581-7828.

Drainage research forum planned in Ames

A one-day Drainage Research Forum will bring experts from the upper Midwest to Ames, Thursday, September 5, to discuss agricultural drainage research projects and related issues.

The forum is jointly sponsored by Iowa State University and the Iowa Nutrient Research Center, the University of Minnesota and South Dakota State University.

Topics will be of interest to drainage stakeholders, including state and federal agency staff, county supervisors, crop consultants, academics, contractors and farmers and others interested in drainage issues and research topics.

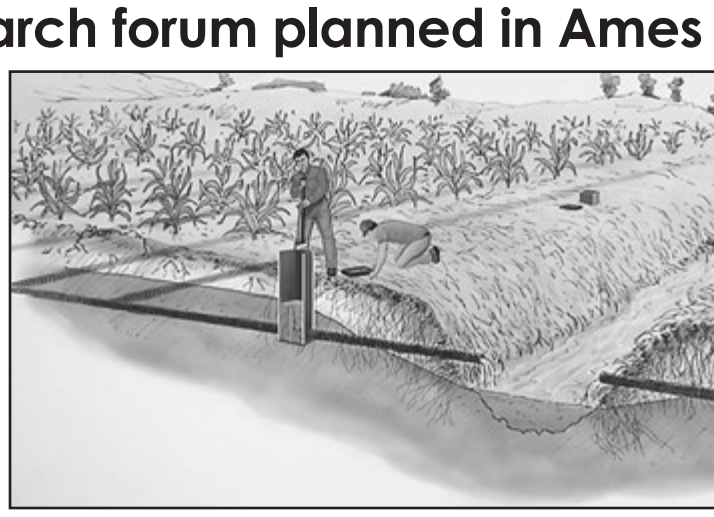
This year's program, scheduled for 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, includes two mini-symposia on research projects focused on:

A conservation innovation grant (CIG) looking at saturated buffers and bioreactors in Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa; and

Drainage water recycling.

Another main topic will be the role of agricultural drainage in the production and mitigation of greenhouse gases.

"We are pleased to host this event in Ames. This is the 23rd year that drainage specialists have convened for the forum, which always provides a valuable opportunity to share findings from research efforts around the region along with other relevant up-



dates," said Matt Helmers, Iowa Nutrient Research Center (INRC) director and Iowa State University Extension drainage specialist, one of the event coordinators.

More details, including the preliminary agenda and registration information are available at: <https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/drainagere-search/>.



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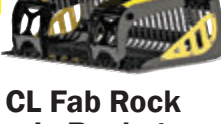
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