

Briefs



Clocks 'spring ahead' Sunday

After the springlike weather that was been in place recently, many are looking forward to the season. This weekend's arrival of Daylight Savings Time will bring everyone one hour closer.

The Anchor reminds readers that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8, at 2 a.m. and clocks should be set ahead one hour at that time, or before going to bed on Saturday night.

Legislative forum set for Saturday

A forum will be held this Saturday, with Iowa legislators representing Worth County taking part.

The legislative forum is sponsored by Winn-Worth Betco. Taking part will be Representative Jane Bloomingdale and Senator Doug Campbell.

The forum will be held this Saturday, March 7, at 12 noon at Manly City Hall, 106 S. Broadway.

Scam and Fraud meetings in March

Representatives of the Worth County Sheriff's Office are holding scam and fraud presentations in March.

Sheriff Jesse Luther and deputy Katrina Neve will be on hand to share information.

The first presentation is this afternoon, Wednesday, March 4, at 12:45 p.m. at Reconnect 720.

Another presentation will take place at the Whistle Stop in Manly on March 31, at 12:45 p.m.

Another presentation is being planned in April.



The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service Information

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Hayseedeers Ball Royalty
The returning Hayseedeers Ball and Dinner was held on Saturday. The returning annual event celebrated and supported the efforts of the Northwood-Kensett FFA Chapter with a dinner, silent auction, coronation of Hayseedeers Ball Royalty and a dance for members of the chapter. The Hayseedeers Royalty Court (pictured above) included (in front, from let) Taylor Foss, Camryn Rheingans, Lauren Petznick, Kenedie Berry, (in back) Zach Heiken, Kolton Robinson, Caden Helgeson and Weston Willand. Pictured at right are the 2026 Hayseedeers Ball queen and king, Lauren Petznick and Weston Willand.



N-K ranks 228th for district teaching experience

Each year, the Iowa Department of Education shares data on school faculty and administrators in Iowa, and how they compare amongst districts in salary, experience, age and other factors.

The information shows how N-K compares to other Iowa districts. The numbers come from Department of Education data for the 2025-2026 school year.

According to the figures, in 2025-2026 N-K had a certified enrollment of 512.6, 214th in the state, out of 325 school districts in the DOE information.

Teaching those students were a total of 41 full time teachers.

When it comes to average total teaching experience, N-K teachers ranked 228th. N-K's full time teachers averaged 12.6 years of teaching experience. The state average was 13.7 years in education.

When it comes to how long teachers have remained at N-K, with an average of 8.5 years of district teaching experience, N-K ranked 250th. The state average was 10.1 years.

Another factor in a teacher's salary is whether or not

they have an advanced degree. According to the Department of Education figures, in 2025-2026 there were 14 teachers with an advanced degree at N-K, making up 34.1% of district staff. That percentage was 93rd in the state.

Statewide, the average percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in a district was 39%.

The average age of teachers at N-K was 38.5 years. That ranked 286th in the state. The average age of all full time teachers in the state was 41 years old.

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Council discusses dollar lot alternatives, law enforcement

At their regular meeting on February 23, the Northwood City Council discussed a potential alternate sale of a dollar lot and received an update on the agreement for law enforcement.

At the meeting, a request was made to purchase a property that is available as a part of the City's dollar lot program.

Under the program the City purchases properties with dilapidated homes. The property owner is responsible for removing the home and leaving the foundation.

The City then makes the lot available for purchase for \$1, under the agreement that a new home will be built there.

The goal is to remove run-down properties and make properties available for new home construction.

At the February 23 meeting, a resident approached the council about the dollar lot at 100 10th Street South.

A request was made to purchase the property at market value for uses other than new home construction, or under a timeline longer than the program currently requires.

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Did you know?

By the Worth County Historical Society

The Farmers Butter and Cheese Assn Creamery Building was built in 1906. The creamery facility closed in the 1950s. Local pioneer farmers of the area could bring milk or cream to the building to be processed into milk, butter or cheese. It gave income to farmers for their families to be spent in the local community. It also supplied the local people with dairy products. The building


was a source of pride for the community and a local gathering site.

The creamery and lot was purchased in 1981 by the Worth County Historical Society. The creamery

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Filing underway for primary election

Filing is underway for those that would like to appear on ballots as candidates for county elected offices.

On Tuesday, June 2, voters will choose who will represent their political parties in the November general election. That will include federal, state and county offices.

Filing for candidates for county offices began on Monday. Up for election in Worth County this year are the offices of attorney, currently served by Jeff Greve; recorder, currently Teresa Olson; treasurer, Jake

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Ag, assessor levies up in budgets

Two of the local sources of property taxation announced hearings for their tax askings in the next fiscal year. That includes the Worth County Assessor's office and the Worth County Ag Extension.

A public hearing will be

held on Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m. at the Worth County Courthouse with the Worth County Assessor office, to discuss its budget, which includes a proposed property tax levy and expected property taxes to be raised in the fiscal year

that begins on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2027.

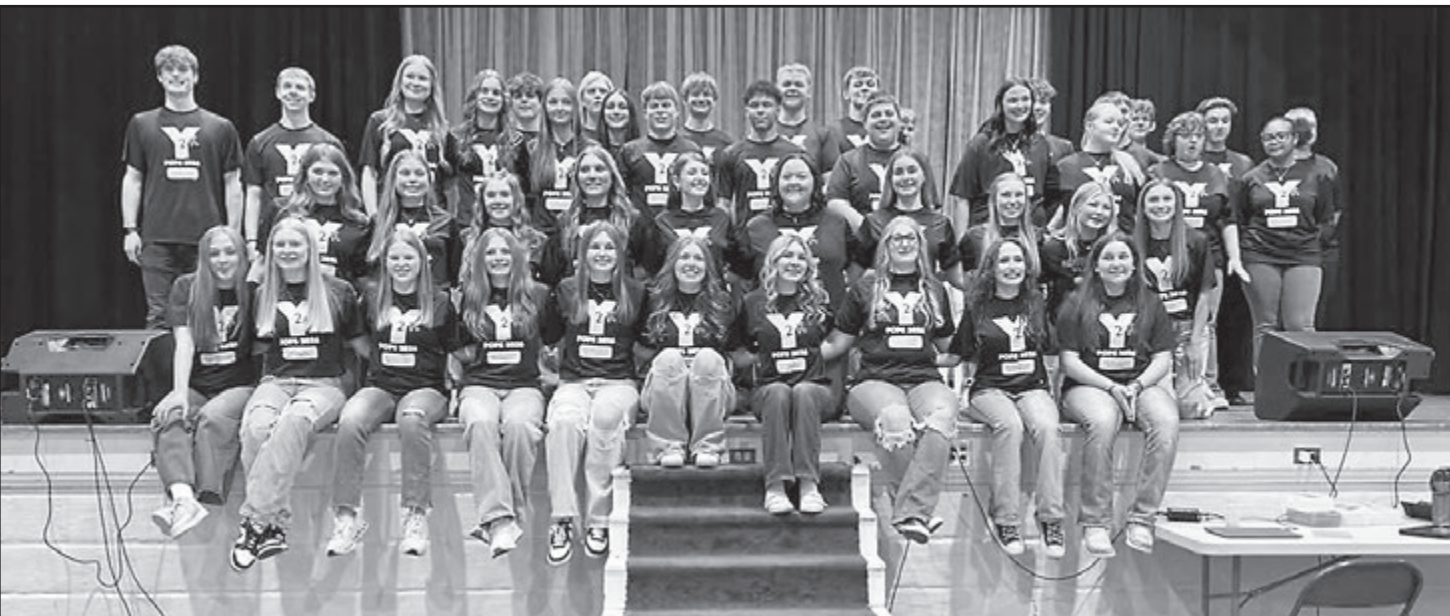
The Assessor's office has proposed a levy of \$0.60856 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. That is an increase from \$0.48395 from the current fiscal year.

According to the pro-

posed budget, that would raise \$496,779 in the next fiscal year. That is an increase of \$131,608, or 36.04% from the current fiscal year.

The Worth County Ag Extension will hold a bud-

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POPS LVIII
The annual POPS concert was held last Friday night. POPS LVIII (58) had a theme of "Y2K." That meant a night full of music from band and choir students, along with skits and sketches performed by students, with a flashback to the early 2000s.

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contains antiques, including a rug loom, churn, scythe used to harvest the first grain in the county, hay-making equipment, forge tools, several saws, cream separators, swill cart, wire fence stretcher, one horse cutter chain pump, wooden harrow and harrow cart, and many other tools and implements. In 1900 there were 13 creameries located throughout Worth County.

Currently seven of the 13 have been razed and are no longer standing. Silver Lake, Tenold, Fertile, Grafton and Hanlontown are privately owned.

The one in Northwood is the only one in Worth County available to the public as it is owned by the Worth County Historical Society. It is in fair condition with a 40-foot original smokestack, but the north wall is in jeopardy. Currently, you will see an orange snow fence around the northwest corner protecting people from falling into a deep hole. That hole is a result of determining how far down the foundation goes. The WCHS is looking into grants and



support to help save this historic building, with the first priority being stabilization of the north wall. Although our main objective

is to save the building, we are interested in providing a space that will be useful to the community and bring visitors to Worth County.

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Hanson; and the supervisors from District 1, AJ Stone, and District 3, Enos Loberg.

Candidates for those offices should file nomination papers with the Worth County auditor's office.

Non-party political organization (NPPO) candidates and candidates nominated by petition can currently file nomination papers for county and township offices with the auditor.

March 20, by 5 p.m., is the last day for county candidate filing for those seeking the Democratic and Republic party nominations. Absentee ballot requests

may be submitted starting on March 24.

Absentee ballots will be ready and may be voted in the auditor's office on May 13.

The deadline to pre-register to vote for the primary election is 5 p.m. on May 18. Those that have voted recently are most likely already registered.

Mailed registration forms postmarked on or before Monday, May 18, are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m.

May 18 is the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

June 1 is the last day to

request and vote an absentee ballot in person. In person absentee voting continues at the auditor's office until 4 p.m. that day.

The primary election will take place on Tuesday, June 2. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

June 2 is also the last day to file nomination papers with the auditor for NPPO candidates, candidates nominated by petition, candidates for non-partisan offices and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies to file with the auditor.

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Potential uses of the property discussed included a community garden, garage or transitional housing for young people.

The latter proposal would be to have a place for those in the foster care system to stay when they turn 18 and have to start the next chapter in their lives.

The dollar lot program requires a minimum \$100,000 home. However, it also requires a home to built and have someone living there within 18 months. That timeline and living requirement may not be possible for a transitional home.

With that in mind, the request was made to buy the property at fair market value, instead of at the \$1 price, with construction of a home to begin within two years, if that use was chosen.

The council has allowed sales for alternate uses in the past. However that potential buyer did not follow through on that request.

The council agreed to consider the alternate sale option for the 10th Street South property.

The council also received an update and discussed potential terms to continue an agreement with the Worth County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement.

Sheriff Jesse Luther told the council that the updated terms from the County would be for a one year term at a rate of \$459,000.

Luther said that would give the County time to see where deputy salaries could be set later this year. It would also give the City of Northwood a chance to consider if it needs service at the same level, or if it wants to consider other options, to save costs.

Council member Teresa George-Zenz mentioned that future discussions may look different, with two new members of the Worth County supervisors likely to be in place next year, as the two supervisors up for elec-

tion this year having said they do not plan to run for re-election.

George-Zenz also said that no one wants to come back in a year and once again be in a position to look at options with just weeks to decide.

Luther, for his part, said that he does not want to see the agreement go away. He said that extending the agreement for one more year would give the City and County a chance to alter the language of the agreement, which has remained largely unchanged since it was originally established in 2013. That could include reducing the amount of coverage, adjusting the cost and other specifics of the agreement to meet the needs and wants of the City and County.

Luther also said that it would give the City and County the chance to determine how to divide its resources if the agreement ends.

N-K
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Salaries at N-K, like other districts, are based on the years in teaching, other degrees and credentials and additional teaching and extracurricular duties.

Teacher salaries also changed across the state two years ago, with legislation setting new minimum salaries for all beginning teachers and for teachers that have been teaching at 12 years.

After the statewide salary adjustments, N-K ranks 194th amongst Iowa school districts, in regards to the average regular salary of teachers, which refers to the money they are paid for their direct teaching responsibilities.

N-K's average regular salary in the 2025-2026 school year was \$61,128. For the state as a whole the average regular teacher salary was \$66,991.

When factoring in additional pay teachers receive as advisors, coaches and in other roles with extracurricular activities and other duties, N-K's full time teacher total salary aver-

aged \$63,248, 199th in the state. The state average for total salary was \$68,991.

The minimum total salary for the district in the last school year was \$50,000. The maximum salary in the district was \$83,624, 246th in the state.

The \$50,000 is the new starting salary required by State law, and was the minimum in 229 school districts.

The highest salary listed for Iowa's public school teachers was \$168,293, in the Cedar Rapids School District.

When it comes to administrators, N-K's two principals had an average salary of \$118,964. That ranked 111th in the state. The average total salary of the state's principals was \$121,832.

N-K's principals averaged 31.5 years of experience, 11th in the state; and 26 years of district experience, 5th in the state.

The district with the highest average salary in the state was \$161,982 in the Adel DeSoto Minburn district, which has five full

time principals.

Amongst districts with two principals, the highest average salary was in the West Marshall district, with \$161,077. N-K ranked 25th amongst those 124 districts.

N-K's superintendent has a salary of \$180,000, which is shared with the St. Ansgar school district.

That ranked 126th in the state amongst full time superintendents. Amongst the 59 districts with two superintendents, that ranked 28th.

The state average for superintendent total salary was \$186,908. The district superintendent with the highest salary was \$314,150, in the Cedar Rapids School District.

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get hearing on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Extension office at the Worth County Fairgrounds.

In the Extension's proposed budget, the tax levy will increase from \$0.30515 in the current fiscal year to \$0.30659 in the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2026.

That will mean an increase in the amount raised by taxation from \$230,255 in the current fiscal year to \$250,276 in the next fiscal year. That is an increase of \$20,021 or 8.70%.

LRH board meeting
March 16

The annual board meeting of the Lutheran Retirement Home and Auxiliary will be held on Monday, March 16, in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran Church.

The meeting will include a free will soup supper, starting at 5:15 p.m.

POPS LVIII



Elk Creek Lutheran Church holds annual soup supper on March 15

Elk Creek Lutheran Church will be holding their annual Soup Supper on Sunday, March 15.

The church women have been holding a soup and pie supper for over 25 years. They have served different soups over the years, and will be serving chili, chicken noodle and cream of potato this year. The chili and cream of potato soup are both gluten free and the potato soup is vegetarian (no meat).

The women make homemade pies for this supper. This year's event will have lemon meringue, raisin

cream, apple and chocolate pies, to name a few of the selections. The women will also hold a bake sale, featuring numerous cookie choices and baked goods,

The event will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Killdeer Avenue, rural Kensett.

Prices for the meal are \$8 for adults, \$5 for 5-10 years and free for under 5 years. Take out orders are available.

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It's not just a drill

Last Wednesday, February 25, over 50 middle and high school athletes took part in speed and agility drills. That meant the most student by far that had taken part in the morning workout.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

Whether lion or lamb, March is a month that signals it's not long until spring! It could be cold or mild, windy or calm, sunny or snowy but most of us welcome March as the beginning of the end of winter. At Reconnect 720 we don't worry much about the March weather unless we're snowed in. Otherwise, our meals, activities, programs and more go on for the pleasure of our members. Unlike many organizations, we don't charge membership dues. There might be a small charge for a program or craft but for the most part we try as much as possible to be an affordable resource for the Northwood area "over 60" crowd.

Each Monday morning at 8:30 a.m., men's coffee kicks off with goodies, java and a lot of interesting conversation. The repeat is on Tuesday mornings, at the same time, but with the women leading the discussion. Please join us; it's fun, relaxing and social.

On Monday, March 2

Lenten series starts in Manly churches

The churches in Manly are continuing their Ecumenical Lenten Services on Sundays in March. The first one was at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly on March 1 with worship at 4 p.m. and a maidrite supper followed.

On March 8 they will be at the Baptist Church with Pastor Gary Hoffmann preaching. On March 15, they will be at Bethel United Methodist church.

All are welcome to attend. Those looking for more information and with questions may call Pastor Linda Prestholt at 641-220-3682.

will be the next meeting of the Northwood Bookworms book club at 2 p.m. at the Public Library. Newbies are always welcome so drop in if you enjoy reading and discussion.

Tuesdays are open game and card days. We have some groups that meet each week and some that meet occasionally. On March 3, we'll play Rats; on the 10th we'll play Garbage; on the 17th it's Mexican Train (dominoes rather than cards); on the 24th we'll play Uncle and wind up the month with Yatzee on the 31st. Time is 12:45 p.m. each day, right after lunch.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 4 when we'll have a special program by Worth County Sheriff Jesse Luther. He will discuss scams that target older people and how to protect yourself. Time is 12:45 p.m.

Bible Art Journaling with Deb Rohne meets on Thursdays, March 5 and 19th. This is a meaningful activity that combines Scripture and art but you don't have to be an artist. Time for the program is 9-11 a.m. Also on March 19 Lorri will teach another cell phone class. If you have questions about using your phone or want to learn about automatic text replies, join her at 12:30 p.m.

An Easter card class with Connie Hogan will take place on Friday, March 6 at 12:45 p.m. You will learn to make a beautiful card to keep or send. Charge per card is \$2 and all materials are provided.

Peter Julseth, a man of many talents including gardening, will present a program on getting your plants started on Thursday, March 12 at 1 p.m. If you know Peter you know this will be fun and informative.

Trivia is back! We'll have a rousing game on

Thursday, March 26 with friendly competition at 12:45 p.m. The next day, the 27th, is Fun Bingo with prizes at 12:45 p.m. This is played with a deck of cards and is great fun.

Traditional bingo will be called on Monday, March 9 at 12:45 p.m.

The celebration of March birthdays happens on Wednesday, March 18 at 2 p.m. Ice cream and cake for all those late winter babies!

A new Bible group will begin on Monday, March 16 at 12:45 p.m. We will discuss a theme for each week that helps us understand the Bible better and how it impacts us every day.

And..for those who want to shake their booty while sitting, we have chair exercise every Friday at 9:30 a.m. Come to see what fun you can have while sitting down.

There is so much happening at Reconnect 720 it's hard to choose what to see or do. Please remember that Congregate Meals are also served in our building, Monday – Friday. Come for lunch and stay to play! Call Holly at 641-324-1244 to make your lunch reservation before 8 a.m. on the day you want to join us. Suggested cost is \$7 but free-will donations are also accepted.

We will be having a "Coffee Drive" the week of March 16-20. We're asking anyone who would be willing to donate a large can of ground coffee to bring it to Reconnect 720 during that week. We drink and enjoy a LOT of coffee each month. Come and have a cuppa with us!

I was asked why I don't publish this in a calendar form. Well, the point is to have everyone read every word...and to enjoy all we have going at Reconnect 720.



PI (3.14) Pie Day in Bolan

On Saturday, March 14, at 10:14 a.m. and 3:14 p.m., the Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center will be hosting a "PI DAY" celebration.

Pi is a mathematical constant, approximately representing the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, and is an irrational, infinite number crucial for geometry, often celebrated on March 14, whereas pie is a baked dessert.

BSCC board members, and friends of Bolan, will be sharing homemade pie and showing a 76-minute documentary made by Iowan Beth Howard of Ottumwa. She is an author, essayist, filmmaker and pie baker. She also considers herself a pie evangelist after experiencing the myriad ways that pie has not only saved me but has made the world a better place.

"Pie is accessible, affordable, all-encompassing. Pie is meant for sharing. Pie connects people. Pie knows no cultural or political boundaries. Pie makes people happy. And happy people make the world a better place. That's why the world needs more pie." — BETH M. HOWARD

"PIEOWA: A Piece of America" is a feature documentary about pie, the outsized role it plays in Iowa's—and America's—culture, and the ways this



BETH HOWARD

a \$10 fee, which includes a slice of homemade pie and coffee after the show.

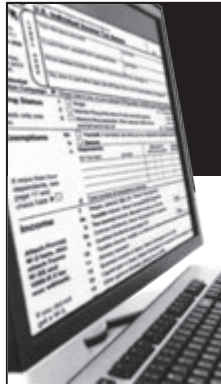
The historic Barton No. 2 School is located on Bolan's only "main street," 4206 Tulip Lane, five miles east and 1 mile north of Kensett; 10 miles west of St. Ansgar.

If anyone would like to donate a pie for this occasion, contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472. "We know there are many excellent pie bakers out there!"

humble pastry can unite us. Its subject of community building and kindness is more important than ever.

A variety of homemade pies will be available on the silent auction beginning at 10 a.m. for the morning show and 3 p.m. in the afternoon. Seating is limited, and reservations are strongly recommended and may be made by calling BSCC treasurer Mary Wendt at 641-425-8773. There will be





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News from N-K

VAC provides unique PE opportunities

Beland accepted to College of Veterinary Medicine at ISU

Jadyn Beland was accepted to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University as a member of the class of 2030. By accepting this offer, Jadyn will be joining a proud tradition of excellence in veterinary medicine that touches animals and humans around the world and spans over 140 years.

She is a 2023 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and the daughter of Steph and Jeff Beland of Northwood.



JADYN BELAND

By Trevor Hunt,
Northwood-Kensett Middle/
High School 8-12 Physical
Education & Athletic
Enhancement teacher

Our PE and Athletic Enhancement classes at N-K have taken full advantage of the addition of the Viking Activity Center to our campus. One spot it has greatly helped with is when we have our PE unit of pickleball, badminton and ping pong. Students can now take part in each activity while playing on regulation sized courts and nets.

For eighth grade PE classes, the focus for each of these activities is learning correct serving form/rules, how to volley and specific skills and rules related to each individual game, while also showing the similarities between each activity. The skills eighth grade students learn in class then prepare them for the unit in high school, where we begin to go more in depth with rules of each activity, and end with a tournament.

For the high school PE classes, students have a review of rules of each activity and then get a few class periods to practice, improve and play against each other. The last two days of the unit (this year taking place the week heading into spring break) sees each class compete in ladder tournaments, with the hopes of finishing at the top of the ladder by the end of the second class period. For badminton and pickleball, students play doubles, and play singles in ping pong.

High school students also have the option to take Athletic Enhancement instead of, or in addition to, a regular PE class. Athletic enhancement is a class mainly focused on weightlifting and strength training, following the Bigger Faster Stronger (BFS) program used by multiple professional, college and high school



Coach Hunt's 4th period Athletic Enhancement class uses multiple racks in the VAC to complete their workout for the day.

programs all around the U.S. The program focuses on 2-3 core lifts and 2-3 auxiliary lifts each class (which takes place on an every other day schedule). Core lifts rotate between a bench press variation, squat variation, clean variation and deadlift variation. Auxiliary lifts focus on specific muscle groups for additional lifts, usually with dumbbells or various machines located in the VAC.

Students are first taught correct form for each lift at very light weight. This ensures they can safely complete a lift with correct form, before starting to focus on heavier amounts. Eventually, students want to "graduate" from their readiness card (used to track the current weight amount they are on for each lift). Once they have reached the graduation weight, they then go on to track their lifts in the set/rep log book, which keeps track of their lift amounts, varies the number of sets/ reps they do each week and allows students to track where they are and see their growth over the course of a year.

The addition of the VAC and high school athletic enhancement has been a great asset to our school. I

look forward to seeing the continued growth of all N-K students in their PE class settings, and greatly enjoy working with each of them

on specific skills and movements, in both physical education and athletic enhancement.

Normandale Community College announces Dean's List

Students enrolled in at least nine credits and achieving a grade point average of at least 3.5 for courses completed in the fall semester ending in December 2025 earned a spot

on the Normandale Community College Dean's List.

Amongst the students earning placement on the Normandale Dean's List was Abrienne Butler of Kensett.



True Hackenmiller, Olivia Willsher, Trinity Vandiver and June Hodge play badminton during PE class.



Bowan Behne goes for a spike in pickleball against Tegan Trenhaile and Weston Heims, while his partner, Josh Leerar, looks on.

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Collin Houg and Aiden Moretz play a game of ping pong during fourth period PE.



Carson Tufte completes a rep of front squat.



True Hackenmiller completes a rep of incline bench while Halie Hanson, Casey Gentz and Kaylee Franck spot her.

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Annual Board Meeting of the Lutheran Retirement Home and Auxiliary

Monday, March 16
Meeting and Free Will
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Schilling learns about African agriculture studying in Ghana

Born and raised in Manly, Iowa, 2024 graduate of Central Springs, and current junior at Iowa State University, Sydney Schilling is in the department of Agricultural Studies with focus areas in Agronomy, Agricultural Business and Environmental Studies.

By Sydney Schilling
I had the opportunity to spend the first two weeks of 2026 in the beautiful country of Ghana, West Africa, with fellow students and faculty from ISU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on the Tropical Agriculture and Culture Study Abroad. While in Ghana, I visited various research stations: Agroforestry (tree crops), Rice and Row Crop, Aquaculture, and Rubber. We met with a Female-Owned Cocoa and Maize Farm in her fields. This was especially impactful for me as I am a future female farmer, specifically seeing how the maternal setup of African culture looks to females as the farmers in their communities, and more fluid with gender roles in production agriculture, compared to the history of U.S. agriculture. Another female farmer was the Paramount Queen Mother at her Dairy Farm. Paramount Queen mothers are community leaders in Ghana's traditional chief and mother system, overseeing all women and children in the region (kinda like a mayor). Tropical agricultural production was completely new for me, as I have grown up in Iowa and studied temperate crop production and the U.S. food system. I learned a TON about not only the details of their agronomic production, but also the



Schilling taps a rubber tree at a rubber plantation in the Western Region of Ghana.

trade implications and what agricultural systems in a developing country look like for the everyday farmer in Ghanaian villages of all kinds (including one built over water, on stilts!), from the commercial scale of commodity crops. Beyond the farms and research stations, I grew in my cultural outlook with various meetings with Ghanaian officials of parliament, elected just like our members of congress, chiefs who are lead-

ers at the town/village/ and regional levels of the traditional chief lineage in Ghana. I also spent time educating and working with 4-H youth, showing them what a future in agriculture looks like with THEM in it! Particularly special as I spent my time in high school at state and national level leadership in 4-H here in the States. Lastly, learning how developing countries and African history impact the people that live there.

Specifically about the slave markets before leaving the continent, and their immense impact on the weaving of traditional Kente cloth. People are people no matter where we are in the world, and the key is to look at those across the world, the same as your neighbor down the road. Agriculture is especially an industry where we are interconnected around the world, and farmers of all backgrounds, genders, ages,



Sidney Schilling holds corn at Lady Jane's Cocoa and Maize (Corn) Farm in the Eastern region of Ghana.



The water village of Nzulezo

etc., all hold similar values to take care of our resources, turn a profit, and be good stewards of our land.

Iowans invited to apply for Century, Heritage Farm recognition

As Iowa celebrates the country's 250th birthday, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig is inviting eligible Iowa farm owners to apply for Century or Heritage Farm recognition as part of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's (IDALS) Century and Heritage Farm Program. The Program was created by IDALS and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to honor families who have owned their farms for 100 years and 150 years, respectively. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Century Farm Program, which was created in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. It is also the 20th anniversary of the Heritage Farm Program, which was launched in 2006. Since their inception, more than 21,000 Century Farms and more than 2,000 Heritage Farms from across the state have been recognized. Families recognized this year will receive a special America250 seal on their certificate and have their photos taken in front of an

America250 backdrop. "As our nation marks America's 250th birthday, it's fitting that we recognize the farm families who have helped write Iowa's chapter in the American story," said Secretary Naig. "From the very beginning, food security has been national security. Farmers were among the first defenders of the Republic, and for generations since, farm families have sustained the Republic by feeding and fueling our growing nation. Century and Heritage Farm families represent that enduring commitment to freedom, hard work, and stewardship of the land. I encourage eligible families to apply and join us at the Iowa State Fair as we celebrate their legacy and America250 together." To be recognized in 2026, completed applications must be postmarked or received by the Department by June 1, 2026. The ceremonies honoring the 2026 Century and Heritage Farm families will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026, in the historic Livestock Pavilion at the

Iowa State Fair. "Iowa's Century and Heritage Farm families have always played an important role driving communities across this great state forward, and Iowa Farm Bureau is honored to help recognize generations of hard-working farm families and the work ethic that defines them," said Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson. "This year, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Century and Heritage Farm recognition program, we're also celebrating America's

250th birthday. Iowa farm families have been growing America for 250 years and will continue to play an instrumental role in our nation's prosperity." To apply, download and complete the application found on the Department's website and return it to: Century and Heritage Farm Program, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship; Hoover State Office Building; 1305 E. Walnut St.; Des Moines, IA 50319. You may also request an application from Kelley

Reece, coordinator of the Century and Heritage Farm Program, at 515-281-3645 or kelley.reece@iowaagriculture.gov. To search for previous Century and Heritage Farm recipients, visit the

database on the Department's website. Photos from past recognition ceremonies are also available on the Department's Flickr website.

Iowa State University Extension Worth County Office 641-324-1531 Calendar of Events for March 2026

- Wednesday, March 4 — Ornamental and Turfgrass Commercial Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course, 9 a.m. at the Worth County Extension Office (Call to register)
- Friday, March 6 — Swine Weight In, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the High School Ag Shop
- Wednesday, March 11 — Certified Handlers Commercial Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course, 9 a.m. at the Worth County Extension Office (Call to register)
- Monday, March 16 — Busy Bees Clover Kids, 3:30 — 4:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
- Wednesday, March 18 — Mock Interview Night for State Recognition, 5-6 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
- Thursday, March 19 — Extension Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
- Sunday, March 22 — Grafton Explorers Clover Kids, 3-4 p.m. at the Grafton Community Center
- Monday, March 23 — Sew and Style Club, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
- Tuesday, March 24 — Go Getters Clover Kids, 3:30 — 4:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office
- Wednesday, March 25 — Family Fun Night 5 — 7 p.m. at the Grafton Community Center
- Monday, March 30 — Education Presentation Judging, 5-8 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office

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Back to Debate

After the first funnel week, committee work slowed and floor debate picked up. This week, we were on the House floor every day, moving more than 40 bills—most with unanimous or strong bipartisan support. Floor debate will continue over the next few weeks as we move legislation from committee to the Senate. A few of the bills considered this week include:

HF2514 makes childcare employees who provide direct care to children eligible for Child Care Assistance if they work at least 32 hours per week and have children enrolled in childcare. The Department of Health and Human Services has operated this as a pilot program since



Jane Bloomingdale Iowa House District 60

July 2023, serving 2,105 families with an average household income of 302% of the Federal Poverty Level.

HF2226 requires the Iowa Board of Regents to adopt a policy ensuring that at least 70% of students accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at the University of Iowa are Iowa residents.

HF2242 prohibits the Regent universities from

increasing their tuition or mandatory fees to resident undergraduates for 5 years. This provides surety in what the undergraduate student needs to budget for their college expenses.

HF2463 adds young five-year-olds as being eligible for Statewide Voluntary Preschool Payment instead of only four-year-olds, allowing parents to choose when to send their child to preschool.

It does not allow a child to qualify twice.

HF2488 provides that a private institution may not establish, sustain, support, or staff a DEI office. Institutions that do so would become ineligible to receive Iowa Tuition Grant funds. This continues the work begun with the Regents institutions to ensure hiring and admissions decisions are based on merit, qualifications and performance—not race, gender or other specified traits—extending those standards to private colleges that receive public support through the Iowa Tuition Grant program.

HF2565 creates an Iowa Human Trafficking Task Force to coordinate state

agencies, law enforcement, and community partners in prevention, enforcement, and victim support. The task force will strengthen Iowa's response to human trafficking through better coordination, training, and policy recommendations to protect victims and improve public safety.

Other bills passed off the floor can be accessed at www.legis.iowa.gov

The week also included visits from a wide range of groups at the Capitol, including community bankers, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Orchard Place, pharmacy students and city planners—including Steven VanSteenhuysen (MC Development Director) and

Myrtle Nelson (NIACOG) — as well as several groups from North Iowa with Lutheran Services in Iowa. I visited with Sharon Enabitt and colleagues from the Rockford area, along with Martha Darrow and Joleen Norby from Osage, to discuss LSI priorities and the important work they are doing in our communities. It is always a pleasure to meet with the many groups who visit the Capitol. If you are planning a visit, please reach out—I would love to meet with you.

It is an honor to represent you in the Iowa Legislature and as always, please reach out with any questions or concerns. Jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov

To The Point

Week seven just passed and was filled with debates following our first legislative deadline. A bill passed on Monday, was an increase of about \$111.5 million for the next school year, which will bring total spending on K-12 education by the state to \$4.367 billion.

On Wednesday, the Senate passed Senate File 2430, which requires all public buildings to lower the United States and State of Iowa flags to half-staff when directed by a proclamation issued by the governor.

Senate File 3417 – Conversational AI Services, Required Disclosures, Prohibited Behaviors was passed, which distinguishes between different chatbot types, focusing on the regulation of “conversational AI services” or “companion chatbots.” This bill also distinguishes between the ages of users, ensuring protections are in place for minor account



Doug Campbell State Senator District 30

holders.

Senate File 2086 – Elective Junior Fire Fighter Programs, Students Enrolled in Grades 11 and 12, this bill allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools and innovation zone schools to offer to students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 an elective Junior Fire Fighter Program. Schools can either establish the program using the curriculum of a national organization that provides a similar program or schools can partner with a local fire department.

Senate File 2178 – Lifetime Fishing, Hunting, Fur Harvesting License, this bill specifies that this license be-

comes available in the year in which the applicant turns 65 instead of waiting until the date of their 65th birthday to obtain this license.

Senate File 274 – this bill states that public schools shall accept cash payment for the entry into any extra-curricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition sponsored by an organization.

Senate File 2456 – Rounding of Cash Payments – Cents, this bill authorizes the rounding of certain cash payments, in view of the expected decline in circulation of one-cent coins. The bill would provide that a person paying in a cash transaction may round to a close whole five-cent in-

crement: up, if the price ends in 3, 4, 8, 9; down, if 1, 2, 6, 7 (unless the total transaction is one or two cents – then round up to a nickel).

In the Senate we voted on bills concerning the second amendment rights. It is clear that this amendment should not be infringed upon. We do not need any laws, rules, regulations or ordinances to infringe upon the rights of the second amendment.

Property taxes continue to be one of the most discussed topics at the Capitol, we are continuing to work on a solution that addresses the concerns of Iowans.

I testified in subcommittee that SNAP will be going towards more nutritious choices.

We still have a lot to debate, and I look forward to updating you with real solutions and bills passed.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets on February 23

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday, February 23 at Maple Court with Theresa Cooper as hostess. Theresa, President, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and the conservation pledge. Twelve members answered the roll call question “What is one gardening success you're proud of?” Cheryl Nitcher provided the meditation. Penny Robb, Secretary read the December and January minutes. Peter Julseth moved the minutes be approved as read, Nancy Amundson seconded and all approved. Julie Robb, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's

report.

Club members discussed where donations will go, last year monies were sent to the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid. The club will continue to collect donations and decide where to distribute the donations later in the year.

The Horticulture committee provided information on this year's fundraiser. The Fun in the Sun Plant and Treasures sale will be on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Floral Hall at the Worth County fairgrounds. Members will provide plants from their gardens and gently used treasures from their homes and gardens.

The Sunshine committee will send cards to members going through a difficult time. The Membership and Advisory council has been asked to review the by-laws regarding Life Membership. Karen Davidson provided updates to the flower show schedule. Final updates will be distributed at the March meeting.

New business: Theresa raised a question on replacing the private facebook page of the club with a public page so anyone in the community can receive information on Green Thumb Garden Club events. After discussion Penny moved the private page be closed and a public Facebook page be cre-

ated, Louise seconded, all approved. The public Facebook page is 'Green Thumb Garden Club Northwood'.

Karen moved the meeting be adjourned, Peter seconded, all approved.

The program was on the six R's of recycling, Rethink, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Reduce, and Refuse.

The next meeting is on March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Mary Reyerson-Low's home. Mary will be the hostess, meditation or arrangement by Theresa and program by Mary. If you would like to visit the March meeting please let Mary, 641-390-0474 know you will join us.

Northwood Anchor

Fertile Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, Lent Bible Study at Bethlehem, 10 a.m., WAGS, 5:30 p.m., Lenten Service at Grace, 7 p.m.; Friday, World Day of Prayer at Bolan United Methodist; Saturday, Bethlehem Quilting, 9 a.m., Grace Quilting, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Sunday School at Bethlehem, 10:15 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m., Lent Service at Baptist Followed by Light Supper, 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Lenten Service Grace, Leah/Rachel/Dorcus at R80, 11 a.m.; Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, EC Circles Meet at R80, 11 a.m.; Saturday, Kensett Soup Supper, 5-7 p.m.; Sunday, Bethany Service, 9 a.m., Elk Creek Service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Manna Open, 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Bethany Council, 9:30 a.m. Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Friday, World Day of Prayer, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., WOW Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., Meal, 5:15, Worship, 5:50 p.m., Activities, 6:05 p.m., Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6:15 p.m., Adult Choir, 7 p.m., Youth Group, 7:15 p.m.; Friday, World Day of Prayer at Trinity, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m., Bethel UWF, Lenten Service at New Bethel Baptist, 4 p.m.; Monday, Lenten Study, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Care Center, 10 a.m., Ruby's Pantry

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service,

Church

10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellowship Grothe's Diner, 10 a.m.

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One In Christ Lutheran Parish

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

First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, Soup/Sandwiches, 11 a.m., Lenten Service, 12 p.m., Confirmation, 4 p.m., Soup/Sandwiches, 5 p.m., Lenten Service, 6:15 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Lent Service, 9 a.m., DCV, 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

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Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor

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Pastor Kent Otterman

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Theodore Gullixson

Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills

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The Futility of Wealth

I recently came across a very telling anecdote about the futility of wealth, nicely retold by the author Dan Solis in his book Discipleship. The story is told of two Klondike miners who ignore warnings to leave their cabin before winter sets in, or to at least restock their food supplies, but in their lust for wealth the miners continue to heap up piles of gold, until a blizzard sets in and traps them in their little cabin. They are found frozen to death the next Spring, amid piles of gold, a potent reminder that we can't eat gold, or heat our house with it either. We chase after money as if it will provide us with security, forgetting that ultimately no amount of money will stave off death. It may provide a modicum of safety and security while we are here, allowing us to buy a home and to eat well and provide for our families, but that is about as far as it goes. It won't ultimately buy us happiness, or a place in heaven, or the love that all of us so desperately want and need. So keep your finances in perspective. Money is a means to an end, a tool to buy the necessities (and sometimes the luxuries) of life and not an end in itself. – Christopher Simon



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but the advantage of knowledge is this:
that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.**
– 1 John 4:8

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Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson



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

Food is terribly expensive, whether you cook at home or eat in restaurants. Of course, making meals yourself has always been a way to cut costs but often people just need to treat themselves to something another person has cooked and served (plus no dishes to wash!). Food prices are one reason this cookbook titled “The Giant \$7 A Meal Cookbook” (Adams Media, Avon, Massachusetts) caught my attention. Now, we first must consider the publication date was 2010 but that was the beginning of the huge upticks in food prices along with other necessary items of daily living. This practical cookbook begins with several pages of ideas and procedures to help us keep our grocery bill as reasonable as possible. The first is to make a definite list and stick to it in the grocery store. Every shopper is tempted by impulse items at the ends of aisles or near the check-out. Grocery stores depend upon that to pad our original budget amount and it often works. We’ll dive into the low-cost recipes presented in this 16-year-old book but I have a feeling \$7 won’t stretch as far this year. The recipes indicate serving sizes of 4oz of meat per person which is the “recommended” portion. That might not fit everyone in your household.

Hot and Spicy Peanut Chicken Thighs

2 tablespoons peanut oil
1 tablespoon chili powder
4 boneless chicken thighs, 4 oz. each
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup spicy barbeque sauce
1/2 cup chopped peanuts
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Drizzle a baking pan with the peanut oil and set aside. Gently pound the chicken between two sheets of waxed paper until they are about 1/3-inch in thickness. In a shallow bowl, mix the barbeque sauce and chili powder, combining well. Dip the chicken pieces into the sauce then did ONE side into the chopped peanuts. Place chicken, peanut side up, in the prepared pan. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until the chicken registers 165 internal temperature. Serve immediately with a vegetable and combread. NOTE: the book indicates that when using chicken breasts or thighs, purchase those with skin on and bone in. Remove the skin and bone yourself and use them to make chicken stock. The remaining meat will be less per pound than those boned/skinned by the butcher.

Meatball Soup with Vegetables

1 pound frozen meatballs
3 cups water

2 cups tomato/veggie blend juice
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 cups beef broth
1 cup broken vermicelli pasta
In a large soup pot, combine all the ingredients except the pasta and mix gently. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the pasta and simmer an additional 10 minutes until the pasta is tender. Serves 6. SANDY’S NOTE: In recipes such as this, water adds no flavor. I would suggest omitting it and increasing the beef broth to 4 1/2 cups. There is no salt indicated so beef bouillon powder (not those cubes!) labeled low sodium could be used to make the required amount of broth. There is a fair amount of sodium in the tomato-vegetable juice; check the labels if this is something you monitor.

Salmon Patties

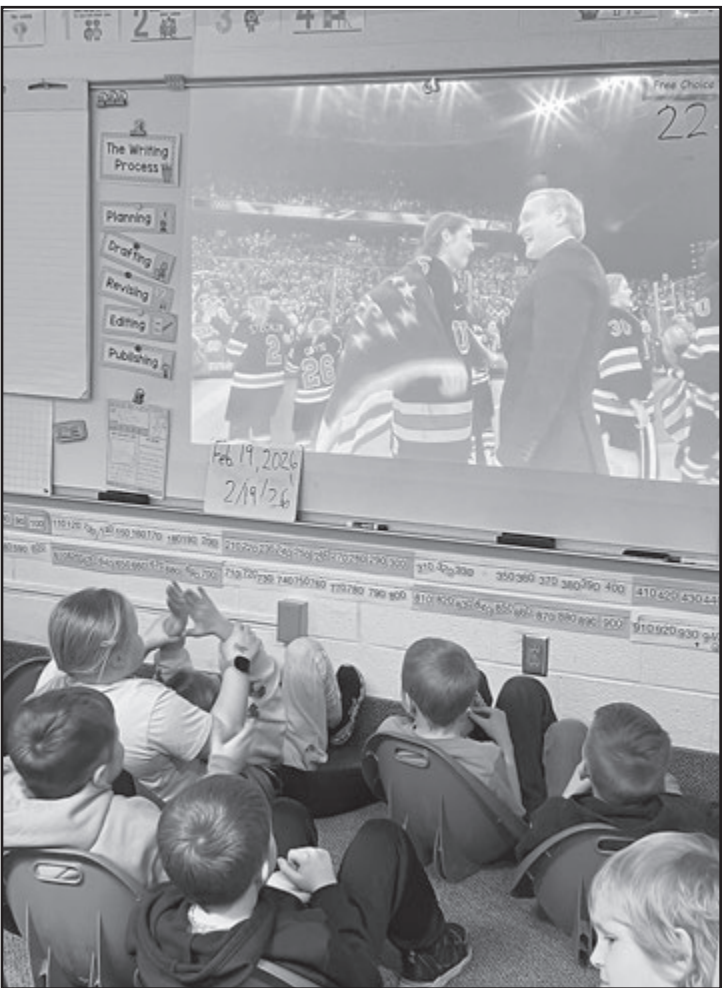
1/3 cup brown rice
2 tablespoons real sour cream
2/3 cup water
1/2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion
1 large egg, slightly beaten
1/2 cup shredded carrot
1 can (14oz) pink salmon
2 tablespoons ground almonds
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons butter

Drain the salmon, reserving the liquid and remove the bones and large pieces of the black skin. Flake the salmon. In a small saucepan, combine the rice and water. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 30-40 minutes until the rice is fully cooked and the water absorbed. In a large heavy skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion and carrot; cook and stir for 4 minutes. Remove from heat and combine with the almonds, flour, sour cream, salt, pepper and egg in a medium bowl. Stir in the cooked rice then add the flaked salmon and stir gently. If it looks too dry, add a bit of the reserved salmon liquid. (If there is any left, give it to a happy cat!) Add the Parmesan and mix again. Form into four patties. In the same skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the patties and cook for 3-5 minutes on each side, turning only once. You want them crisp and brown but not hard. Serve immediately with catsup or tartar sauce. They are good paired with mashed potatoes and a vegetable.

Books such as this are good jumping off points for price control and some portion control. I definitely notice the \$7 “meal” point refers to the main course, not the other items needed to serve a healthy, well-rounded plate. It isn’t easy to keep grocery costs under control these days and still serve tasty food with adequate-sized servings. I, for one, have no desire to dissect a whole chicken...it’s why I never took biology in college! And...that’s all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor

Society



Observing an Olympic victory
Students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary cheered on the U.S.A. Women’s Hockey team as they watched them win gold medals during the recent Winter Olympics victory.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

Spring is just around the corner! The library will have puzzles and board games available for kids the week of Spring Break! The Northwood Public Library has two Friday Story Times planned for March; the 20th and 27th, starting at 10 a.m. Story Time is geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It’s a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sit-

ting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! Please watch the library’s Facebook page for more information and please note that if school is delayed or cancelled for weather, Story Time will also be cancelled.

The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don’t hesitate to reach out at the library for more information!

Here are new books coming to the library sometime during the month of December:

Adult Fiction books: “The Miles That Move You Forward” by Melanie Lageschulte, “The Secret Lives of Murderer’s Wives” by Elizabeth Arnott, “Lake Effect” by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney, “Served Him Right” by Lisa Unger, “Once and Again” by Rebecca Serle, “Bloodlust” by Sandra Brown, “The Night We Met” by Abby Jimenez,

and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: “Faithful of Heart” by Tracie Peterson, “Felicia’s Favorites” by Danielle Steel, “The Secret of Orange Blossom Cake” by Rachel Linden, “White Octopus Hotel” by Alexandra Bell, “The Bandit’s Redemption” by KyLee Woodley, “Judge Stone” by James Patterson and Viola Davis, and more.

I’ve been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library’s Facebook page, so don’t forget to “Like” the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month.

Something new to note, the library has a new email address, so if you’re one to email me your book recommendations or wishlist for InterLibrary Loan books, please write down the new email address. It is librarian@northwoodia.org. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

Iowa DNR to begin annual spring burning

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting prescribed burns this spring on wildlife management areas managed by the Iowa DNR’s Clear Lake Wildlife Unit in Worth, Winnebago, Wright, Hancock, Cerro Gordo and Franklin counties.

Areas scheduled for prescribed burns are Hogsback Marsh, Wood Duck Marsh, Myre Slough, Pi-

lot Knob, Good Neighbors Marsh, Harmon Lake and Rice Lake, in Winnebago County; Elk Creek, Grass Lake and Winans Creek, in Worth County; Union Hills, Hoffman Prairie and Wild Goose Marsh, in Cerro Gordo County; Lower Morse and Elm Lake, in Wright County; Warren E Fox, Crystal Lake and Gladfelter Marsh, in Hancock County; and Coulter Marsh, in Franklin County.

Prescribed burns are used to improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential and vary in size from a few acres to several hundred acres. Burn units are typically on a 4-5 year rotation.

Prescribed burns typically begin mid to late morning and are completed by late afternoon or early eve-

ning between mid-March and mid-May. Burns will be conducted on a day that meets the objectives and weather conditions defined in the burn plan. Any prescribed burns that are not able to be completed this spring will be considered for the burn schedule next fall.

Contact Iowa DNR wildlife biologist Rob Patterson at 641-425-2814 with any questions or concerns.

Elk Creek Lutheran WELCA

Annual Soup Supper and Bake Sale

Sunday, March 15, 2026

5-6:30 p.m.

Elk Creek Lutheran Church

4108 Killdeer Ave. (410th St. & Killdeer Ave.) rural Kensett, Iowa

Adults: \$8

Children 5-10: \$5

Under 5: FREE

Serving

- Chili
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cream of Potato Soup
- Homemade Pies

Gluten Free: Some pies, chili & potato soups

Take out orders available – Call 641-845-2386!

Happy 65th Anniversary

Richard & Sharon Gentz

on March 12

From Your Family in Utah!

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Thank You

John Greve is back at home.

He thanks everyone for their prayers and best wishes. Special thanks to Staff at Mercy, the Northwood Rescue Squad and Staff at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Hopes to be back in the office before the end of this month.

John Greve and the Greve Family

PI Day Celebration

Saturday, March 14

Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center

4206 Tulip Lane • Bolan, Iowa

2 Showings of “PIEOWA: A Piece of America”

Beth Howard’s Documentary

10:14 a.m. & 3:14 p.m.

Silent pie auction at

10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Pie served after the film

\$10 Donation

Supports BSCC

Limited seating - To Reserve a Seat call Mary Wendt

641-425-8773

Join us for an Open House celebrating Leila Gangstad for her 90th Birthday!

Saturday, March 21

1-4 p.m.

Olson Community Room

902 1st Ave. N. Northwood*

Kensett Volunteer Fire Department

Annual Chilli & Soup Supper

Saturday, March 7

5 - 7 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church – Kensett

Bring a container to take some home!

Northwood
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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Is your aging parent safe at home?

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

After watching the coverage of the Nancy Guthrie kidnapping case, I'm worried about my own elderly mother who lives alone in another state. I want to make sure she's safe without being intrusive. Are there simple, affordable ways to check in on her from afar?

--Concerned Son

Dear Concerned,

You're not alone. High-profile cases like this often heighten fears, especially for adult children whose parents live alone and may be vulnerable. The good news is there are several free or low-cost ways to stay connected and gain peace of mind without infringing on your mother's independence. Here are some nice options to consider.

Check-In App

If your mother uses a smartphone, a simple solution is Snug (snugsafe.com), a free app that checks in daily to confirm she's OK. It's used by tens of thousands of older adults who live alone and want their loved ones alerted quickly if something goes wrong.

Here's how it works: After downloading the app, your mother selects a daily check-in time. Snug sends several reminders leading up to that time, prompting her to confirm she's OK by tapping a large green button on her screen. If she doesn't check in within 10 minutes after her scheduled time, the app automatically notifies her emergency contacts and shares her last known location so help can be sent promptly.

For added peace of mind, Snug also offers a Dispatch Plan (\$20 per month or \$200 per year) that includes multiple daily check-ins. If she misses one, Snug will call her directly to see if she's OK. If there's still no response, they can request an in-person wellness check by local authorities, who will visit her home to make sure she's safe. The app works with both iPhone and Android devices.

Check-In Calls

If your mother doesn't use a smartphone, a daily check-in call program can provide similar reassurance. Many police or sheriff's departments nationwide offer telephone reassurance programs, often free of charge.

Typically, an automated system calls at a set time each day. If she answers, all is well. If she doesn't pick up after repeated attempts, or the call goes to voicemail, her emergency contact is notified. If that contact can't be reached, backup contacts are called. As a last resort, local police or emergency services may be dispatched to her home.

To see if this service is available in your mother's community, call her local police department's non-emergency number or the Area Agency on Aging at 800-677-1116. If no local program exists, private companies like CareCall or ConfirmOK offer similar services for a monthly fee.

Technology Aids

You might also consider simple home technology to enhance her safety. Monitored medical alert systems are among the most common – wearable “help buttons,” some with fall detection, that allow her to call for help 24/7 while immediately notifying you. These typically cost around \$1 per day.

Other options include motion or contact sensors placed around the home to track daily routines and alert you to unusual activity, or a small security camera with night vision, motion detection and two-way audio that allows you to check in visually and even speak directly with her. Basic sensors and cameras can cost under \$35, though they require Wi-Fi and do raise privacy considerations, so it's important to discuss them with your mother beforehand.

While no solution can eliminate every risk, these tools can provide meaningful peace of mind, for both you and your mother, while preserving her independence.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My Uncle Luther could hold his breath for 30 minutes.
That's incredible.
Not really. He could do it only once.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The weather was doing well given the circumstances—it was winter. We didn't need more snow—the Winter Olympics were over. A couple of mornings each week, I find myself at a clinic doing rehab therapy by spending time with an elliptical whatchamacallit and visiting with others who have become their own concerned caregivers. I enjoy it. Maybe I'm not doing it right? I meet people as I walk the halls on my way to my destination. “How are you doing?” I ask. If they reply, “Not too bad,” which means they're doing well. If they say “Not too good,” I know they're not doing well.

I was happy, but I didn't dare show it

I needed to renew my driver's license. There was no line. If there was, I was the only one in it. I passed the eye test and the checkbook test, so the next step was to have my photo taken so they could put my image on the license. I was told not to smile and that eyeglasses weren't allowed on a driver's license photo. I, sans cheaters and anything resembling a grin or smirk, backed up against a wall and had my photo taken. I tried to convey the appearance of someone who had just been stopped by a police officer. One of my eyebrows (I have two) raised on its

own accord. It arched like Dr. Evil in the Austin Powers films. Any peace officer seeing me would naturally assume I'm a doer of dastardly deeds.

A room for each card in the deck

A house on Lake Minnetonka had its sale price reduced from \$68 million to only \$55 million. Once upon a time, I was a young fellow walking along Summit Avenue in St. Paul. It was lined with big houses. Nay, it was lined with mansions. People with good jobs or no need to have jobs lived there. I figured each house had 52 rooms—one for each week. I reckoned each one had 366 windows. That way, the residents could look out a different window every day of the year, including a leap year. I wasn't envious. I grew up in an old farmhouse that had a phone in every room—if every room was the living room. And when the outhouse roof was leaking, the outhouse came with a shower. Life was good.

Those thrilling days of yesteryear

How was school?
Good.
How about more than a one-word answer?
Pretty good.

I've learned

Grawlix (symbol swearing) refers to the use of typographical symbols in place of an obscenity (e.g., ##\$%!%&\$) used in comic strips.

Doing nothing is not a hobby.

Old cuckoo clocks don't belong in bird's nest soup.

Bad jokes department

Wanted: Someone to brush their teeth with me because 9 out of 10 dentists say brushing alone won't prevent tooth decay.

What's the difference between a

lawyer and a herd of buffalo? A lawyer charges more.

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

Did you hear about the new surgeon doll? It operates on batteries.

Nature notes

The founding fathers wrote the U.S. Constitution with founding feathers, the quills from geese. Some flamboyant writers preferred to use swan feathers for their scribbling. Quill pens date to the Dark Ages, when feathers replaced the hollow reeds used by the Romans. People sometimes used turkey or crow feathers. Thomas Jefferson bred special geese to keep himself in writing implements. Wing feathers were buried in hot, dry sand to harden the points. A penknife was used to cut the nib into a V-shape and to trim the nibs of worn quills. Britain imported 27 million quills a year from Russia. By the middle of the 19th century, steel nibs were on the way to overtaking quills. In the 20th century, the fountain pen, ballpoint and rollerball arrived.

I saw a perched hawk in a faraway tree. The light allowed no color to be seen. How did I know it was a hawk and not a crow? In general, perching raptors sit upright, whereas perched non-raptors, such as crows, lean forward over their feet.

I saw geese that weren't flying high in a single file instead of a typical V-formation. What was going on? It was a fire drill.

Meeting adjourned

“You can always give something, even if it is only kindness.”—Anne Frank.

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Fit to print...

Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated on Monday, March 2, with celebrations at many area schools, libraries and by fans of the author.

Follow are 10 things that people may not know about Dr. Seuss, from History.com.

1. Dr. Seuss' real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel. A grandson of German immigrants, Theodor (without an “e”) was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on March 2, 1904. Seuss was his mother's maiden name. While the actual German pronunciation of “Seuss” rhymed with “voice,” the American pronunciation, rhyming with “juice,” stuck.
2. Teddy Roosevelt left Dr. Seuss with a permanent case of stage fright. Affirming the loyalties of his German-American family during World War I, 14-year-old Ted Geisel was one of Springfield's top sellers of war bonds. Before an audience of thousands, Ted was to be the last of 10 Boy Scouts to receive a personal award for his efforts from former president Theodore Roosevelt. The president, however, was only given nine medals, and when he reached Geisel, Roosevelt gruffly bellowed, “What's this little boy doing here?” Honor quickly turned to humiliation as the flustered scoutmaster whisked Ted off the stage. The event so scarred Dr. Seuss that he dreaded public appearances for the rest of his life.
3. Bootleg gin was responsible for the Dr. Seuss pseudonym. It certainly wasn't a scene out of “Animal House,” but on the night before Easter in 1925, the local police chief caught Dartmouth College senior Ted Geisel partying with his friends and a pint of bootleg gin. The dean ousted Geisel as editor-in-chief of the Dartmouth humor magazine, but in what he called a “corny subterfuge,” Ted continued to ink cartoons under several pen names, including “Seuss” and “T. Seuss.” Geisel added the “Dr.” title a few years later.
4. Dr. Seuss was a ‘madman.’ Dr. Seuss achieved early success writing and illustrating humorous advertisements for Flit, a bug spray manufactured by Standard Oil. (“Quick, Henry, the Flit!” became one of the most memorable catchphrases of its time.) He also created advertising campaigns for various clients including Ford Motor

Company, NBC and Narragansett Brewing Company. Even in his commercial work, Dr. Seuss employed a madcap menagerie of beasts, such as the “Moto-raspus” and “Karbo-nockus” who appeared in Essolube motor oil ads.

5. A chance sidewalk encounter led to Dr. Seuss' first children's book. After a 27th publisher rejected his first manuscript, Dr. Seuss walked dejectedly along the sidewalks of New York, planning to burn the book in his apartment incinerator. On Madison Avenue, however, he bumped into Dartmouth friend Mike McClintock, who that very morning had started a job as an editor in the Vanguard Press children's section. Within hours, the men signed a contract, and in 1937 Vanguard Press published And to Think that I Saw It on Mulberry Street, which launched the extraordinary literary career of Dr. Seuss. “If I had been going down the other side of Madison Avenue, I'd be in the dry-cleaning business today,” he later said.
6. Dr. Seuss drew political cartoons for a left-leaning newspaper. As the Nazi tanks rolled into Paris in 1940, Dr. Seuss felt compelled to express his opposition to American isolationists, particularly aviation hero Charles Lindbergh. “I found that I could no longer keep my mind on drawing pictures of Horton The Elephant. I found myself drawing pictures of Lindbergh The Ostrich,” he said. Between 1940 and 1942, Geisel drew over 400 editorial cartoons skewering isolationists at home and the Axis abroad for the liberal newspaper “PM.” These included stereotypical and inflammatory depictions of Japanese leaders and xenophobic cartoons portraying Japanese Americans as disloyal.
7. During World War II, Dr. Seuss wielded his pen for the U.S. Army. In 1943, Captain Theodor Geisel reported for duty with director Frank Capra's Signal Corps and got to work producing animated training films, booklets and documentaries. He worked alongside famed Warner Bros. animation directors Chuck Jones and Friz Freleng in creating cartoons featuring Private Snafu, a bumbling GI with the looks of Elmer Fudd and the voice of Bugs Bunny whose missteps were a warning to enlisted men. After General

Douglas MacArthur suppressed his training film “Our Job in Japan,” Dr. Seuss and his wife, Helen, used it as the basis for their screenplay for the 1947 documentary “Design for Death,” which earned an Academy Award.

8. Dr. Seuss' first wife committed suicide. Helen Geisel struggled for more than a decade with partial paralysis from Guillain-Barré syndrome. Depressed by her worsening symptoms and possibly by suspicions of her husband's affair with a close friend who would become his second wife, Helen took her own life in October 1967 at the age of 69. “I am too old and enmeshed in everything you do and are, that I cannot conceive of life without you,” read her suicide note. “My going will leave quite a rumor, but you can say I was overworked and overwrought. Your reputation with your friends and fans will not be harmed.”
9. Dr. Seuss never had any biological children. Helen Geisel was unable to bear children, and Geisel did not father any children with his second wife Audrey, though he was a stepfather to her two daughters. When Dr. Seuss was asked how he could connect with children in spite of not having his own, his stock answer was, “You have ‘em, and I'll entertain ‘em.”
10. Six Dr. Seuss's books ceased being published due to insensitive imagery.

In March 2021, Dr. Seuss Enterprises announced it would no longer publish six of Dr. Seuss's books, including “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street” and “If I Ran the Zoo” due to imagery that was determined to be racist and insensitive. “These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong,” the company said in a statement. “Ceasing sales of these books is only part of our commitment and our broader plan to ensure Dr. Seuss Enterprises' catalog represents and supports all communities and families.”

There has been continued academic and public debate about how to contextualize his wartime cartoons and children's books.

Northwood Anchor

100 years ago

February 25, 1926

Zane Grey's "The Vanishing American," an epic of the red man, was scheduled to be shown at the Northwood Theatre. Manager Haight predicted good houses each evening of the show.

Emilio Macios, a Mason City Mexican, was arrested at Manly Tuesday evening, he had just arrived by train carrying a suitcase that on examination was found to contain ten pints of the rankest kind of moonshine. Miss Alta Borg and Miss

75 years ago

March 1, 1951

Sunday, Herb Dykstra, high school coach, found his Plymouth car missing and after a search around town reported the disappearance. Sheriff Ansel Conner sent out the alarm and on Monday it was reported in Indianola. Herb picked up the car which was unharmed. Meanwhile the sheriff was called tot he Leonard Spilled farm south of town where another Plymouth had been abandoned. The car had been stolen at Olivia, Minn., and on Tuesday its owner came here for it.

50 years ago

February 19, 1976

Sales were up about \$300,000 to \$1,462,942 but profits were down for the Worth County Co-operative Oil Co. during 1975, it was reported at the co-op's 49th annual meeting Monday in the First Lutheran Church basement in Northwood. Norman Backhaus, rural-Manly, was elected to the board of directors succeeding Palmer Dahl, rural Manly.

The Northwood-Kensett Chapter, Future Farmers of America won Reserve Premier Award last week at the National Barrow Show in Albert Lea. The Chapter

25 years ago

February 28, 2001

The Worth County Historical Society added another jewel to its collection of gems recently with the acquisition of the former Citizens Savings Bank in Hanlontown. Board members Bev Madsen, Ann Johnson, Jane Bauer and Dellis Walk showed off the Historical Society's newest prize during an open house last Friday morning in the tall, stately gray building that dominates Hanlontown's tiny business district. Northwood-Kensett Elementary School kindergart-

10 years ago

March 2, 2016

On Tuesday, June 7, voters will decide who will represent their political parties in the upcoming November general election. The primary election will be held on June 7. Cal offices on the ballot will be Supervisor from District 2, Auditor and Sheriff.

A special meeting held last week, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education approved bids for a renovation project at the secondary building, which will include kitchen upgrades and a new art classroom. The renovation

Mabel Anderson received first awards at the county declamatory contest held in Hanlontown. Northwood retained the loving cup, trophy, winning it for the third consecutive time.

Mrs. Frank C. Hall died at her home in Fargo, N. Dak., just two months after her husband's death. She was the mother of Mrs. L.T. Dillon, and burial was scheduled to be in Northwood.

Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter of the Daughters of the American revolution received its chapter, due largely to the diligent efforts of Mrs. Chas. H. Dwelle, organizing regent. Officers of the new organization were sworn in by Mrs. Charles Young,

Nomination papers have been filed for Dr. B.H. Osten and Floyd Ensign for the two positions on the Northwood school board which are to be filled at the March 12 election. Both men are incumbents and no other nominations have been filed. Deadline is Friday noon this week.

Eileen Christianson, student at St. Olaf College, Northfield, became practice teaching in Northwood high school Monday as part of her teacher-training course at the college. She will teach in the local school for three weeks.

The Martin Engstrom farm, the former A.C. Lundberg 280 acre place three miles northeast of North-

is observing National FFA week, Feb. 15-22. Albert Adams is chapter advisor.

The three Northwood-Kensett bands, cadet, junior high and high school, will appear in concert at the annual Winter Parade of Bands Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Over 200 instrumental music students will participate in the concert.

Three N-K school piano students entered the state piano contest Saturday at Cedar Falls. Marianne Vorland and Merrillee Freeburg each received Division I ratings and Margaret Hendrickson received a Division II rating. The students are all sophomores and were required to play from mem-

ener Kacey Olson found that a snack of "Teddy Grahams" enchanted the atmosphere last Friday during "A Bear-y Good Day to Snuggie up with a Book." The well-attended event was staged to promote the practice N-K kindergarteners' parents, like Kacy's mom Rhonda Schukel, reading to the children. Many parents participated in the event, but N-K kindergarten teachers wished more parents had attended.

This quartet of Northwood-Kensett High School students outperformed 70 other teams to capture first place in the skit competition during the recent Northern Trails Area Education Agency Problem Solving Bowl at Waldorf College in Forest City. N-K's winning

project, which will begin this April, includes the kitchen and classrooms near the secondary commons/cafeteria area.

Last week students from area schools traveled to the AEA 267 offices to take part in the annual regional spelling bee. For students from Northwood-Kensett were in attendance, putting their spelling skills to the test. Kayla Senne, Peyton Pangburn, Reina Trosper and Kenzie Davis all participated in the spelling bee.

Floyd Hall and Loretta Hoffland were crowned King and Queen of Hearts at the Lutheran Retirement Home's annual Valentine Dance. Dan Steenhard from Sheffield provided dance music and LRH staff mem-

bers joined in the dancing and also gave their adopted Valentine gifts to residents. Mikaela Butler, a University of Iowa Student from Northwood was named to the university's President's List for the fall 2015 semester.

For the second time in as many years the Lady Vikings of Northwood-Kensett saw their state tournament hopes dashed in the regional finals against Turkey Valley, a team that this season now boasts a 24-0 record and the No. 1 ranking in class 1A after its 67-53 win. The Lady Vikings who finished the year at 19-5, came into this game with an unblemished 7-0 record this season again class 1A schools.

wood, was sold this week to a man from Jefferson, Iowa. Purchase price was said to be \$203.50 per acre. Lavern Flatness, tenant on the place, will continue to operate it this coming year, it is said. The Engstrom family now lives at St. James, Minn.

Carl Rone and Charles Pangburn return to Northwood Saturday after a three month 6,600 mile motor trip through 13 southern states. They visited all the states in the deep south and spent a large part of the vacation in Florida which they traverses thoroughly. They went deep sea fishing, took a trip through the Florida Keys and visited former Northwood residents enroute.

ory. Piano teachers are Mrs. Carroll Fallgatter and Mrs. Whitney Randall.

A new family in Northwood claimed the honor of having the first baby of the year born in the Northwood trade area. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Wooge, became the parents of their first child, Chaldon G., born February 2 at a Britt hospital.

The NK Viking boys ended the 1975-76 basketball season with a 6-8 North Iowa Conference record and 7-10 in all games. The team lost the final game of the season Tuesday to the powerful Forest City quintet, 48-34. John and Tom Midtgaard led the scoring for the Vikings with 12 and 11 points respectively, followed closely by Kevin Reeder with 9.

performers included, senior Ashley Direnfeld and sophomore Beth Hanson, Sam Hanson and Stephanie Diamond. They are coached by Northwood-Kensett CHIP-TAG instructor Deb Nagle.

Jeff Schmidt, junior tubist in the N-K high school band, was selected for the University of Iowa Honor Band.

North Central/Northwood-Kensett senior George Gerdes had Adam McNeil of Goose Lake Northeast in trouble early in their 160-pound match last Friday at Veterans Auditoriums in Des Monies, but McNeil earned a 4-3 overtime decision to advance in the consolation round of the Class 1A State wrestling tournament.

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Steven Hengesteg

Steven Cecil Hengesteg, 79, died peacefully on February 21, 2026, at Mercy North Iowa Medical Center. Steve was born July 17, 1946, to Ernie and Eileen (Lair) Hengesteg of rural Northwood. He was the sixth of 10 children. Steve attended Lake Mills Schools before enlisting in the U.S. Army, during which he was stationed in Bad Kissingen, Germany, for two years.

He married Carol Cooper of Glenville on February 28, 1970, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lake Mills – the second couple to be married in the new church. They raised two children.

Steve farmed his entire life west of Northwood, raising corn, soybeans, and cattle. So many people knew "Weasel" that his kids earnestly thought he knew everyone. A lover of county fairs, Steve served many years on the Worth County Fair Board and loved the many friendships and adventures that service brought him.

Steve loved being on the go. He would never blink twice about getting behind the wheel to check the crops, go for supper (sometimes a two-for-one adventure), check storm damage or visit family or friends. He drove for numerous family



STEVEN HENGESTEG

vacations or road trips to Michigan, South Dakota, Nashville, Cape Cod, Delaware and Indianapolis. When Julie enrolled at Iowa State, he was always willing to visit her and treat her to a meal at Hickory Park. He returned to Germany 30 years after being stationed there to visit their son Paul while he studied abroad. As he neared retirement from farming, he and Carol enjoyed Harley rides in the region on nice days and would often travel to Bondurant to watch Grace play softball or basketball.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Ernie and Eileen; his brothers, Richard, Bruce and Donald; his brothers-in-law, Frank Adams and Philip Wogen; his parents-in-law, Charles

Beatrice Brockett

Beatrice L. Brockett, 104, of Mason City, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at the Osage Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. A memorial service was held at Major Erickson Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026, with Reverend James Bringman officiating. Visitation was open at the funeral home from 9 to 11 a.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bea's name to the American Cancer Society.

Beatrice "Bea" Leveda Brockett, was born on June 19, 1921, on the family farm seven miles east of Northwood, Iowa, the daughter of the late John and Elfreda (Boldman) Brazel. Bea was one of eight children, growing up on the family farm. Bea attended country school and later Northwood High School, where she graduated in 1938. She skipped to the third grade, because as a first grader she was answering questions a second grader could not. After high school Bea went on to get her Teaching Certificate at Iowa State Teachers College. She taught in the Lake Mills school district from 1938-1939.

On December 30, 1940, Beatrice was united in Marriage to Rex A. Brockett in a small ceremony held at the parsonage in Nora Springs. Together they had two children, Janice and John.

The couple moved to Mason City, where Bea went on to teach at Lime Creek #7 for a couple of years around 1955, and although Bea loved teaching she held many other jobs throughout her lifetime which included, cooking for Lime Creek #8, sewing as a seamstress at Mode'0 Day Corporation in Mason City, working in administration at the Mason City YMCA and housekeeping at Mercy Hospital. She loved staying busy and did not retire until she was 80.

Bea's faith in God was dear to her and she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mason City for more than 75 years. She taught Sunday School classes and enjoyed sharing stories about her teaching years.

Obituaries

and Virginia Cooper; and his sisters-in-law, Renee Cooper and Jane Trainer.

Left to survive his memory are his wife, Carol; his daughter, Julie (John) Bergeson of Bondurant; son, Paul of Des Moines; granddaughter, Grace Bergeson; his sisters, Kathleen Kirschbaum, Mary Jo Wogen, Judie Adams and Jeanne (Curtis) Pint; his brothers, Robert (Marg) and Charles (Bonnie); sister-in-law, Judy Ann Hengesteg; many nieces, nephews and cousins; Carol's brothers, Marvin (Kris) and Philip (Nancy); and their families also mourn his loss.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Steven was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly with Fr. David O'Connor officiating. The visitation took place from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Hoff Celebrations – Sites Memorial Chapel of Northwood. Steven was laid to rest in Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood. Hoff Celebrations – Sites Memorial Chapel of Northwood assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.hoffcelebrations.com.

helped keep her young.

Bea was an avid reader and read her entire life until her eyesight began to fail in her later years. She enjoyed music and loved to laugh and have a good time with her sisters when they got together and always enjoyed being with people of all ages.

Bea is survived by her children, Janice Conway and John (Karen) Brockett; grandchildren, Jim (Tasha Kohls) Conway and Kristine (Richard) Mays; great-grandchildren, Mackenzey Conway, Mollie Conway and Brandon Wellborn; as well as many extended family members.

Bea is preceded in death by her parents, John and Elfreda (Boldman) Brazel; her husband, Rex A. Brockett; her sisters, Doris Brazel, Opal (Harry) Everhart, Margaret Brazel, Gladys (Bardelt) Broers and Geneva (Robert) Patterson; her brothers, Virgil Brazel and Kenneth Brazel; and two grandchildren, Kathryn (Robert) Brockett Wellborn and Tamarah McGinnis.

The family sincerely appreciates the staff of Osage Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center as well as St. Croix Hospice for their dedicated care, support and love given to Bea.

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Briefs

LM Parent-Athlete meeting March 12

A meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, for the parents and student athletes planning to take part in sports in the 2026-2027 school year.

The annual Parent-Athlete Meeting will include guest speaker Nick Mitchell. A look at the remodeled weight room will also be available before the meeting.

The meeting will take place in the high school gym, by entering through doors 12 and 13.

Registration and weight room tours begin at 5:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The meeting is required for all students in grades 6-11 planning to take part in activities in the 2026-2027 school year.

Lake Mills legislative forum March 20

A legislative forum will be held in Lake Mills on Friday, March 20.

The forum will be held at the Truman Helgeson Community Center 227 W Main Street.

Legislators taking part will include Senator Dave Rowley and Representative Henry Stone.

The forum will take place on Friday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

All attendees, and those who cannot attend but would like topics addressed, are encouraged to submit questions by 4 p.m. on March 19. Topics can be submitted by emailing marketing@winn-worthbetco.com.

The forum is co-sponsored by Winn-Worth Betco and the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation.

Building on fun

The Lake Mills Library hosted a Lego Challenge Day as a part of their after school program recently. Groups were given simple scenarios to begin with, like building a winter fort. After 10 minutes, more was added to the scenario and that continued throughout the challenge.

Lake Mills Public Library

The Lake Mills Public Library March calendar of events.

- March 4, 11 & 18 - Little Learners from 10:30 - 11 a.m.
- March 4, 11 & 18 - ATLAS from 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
- March 5 - YA junk Journal Workshop Grades 5-8 from 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- March 10 & 24 - Book Delivery for Homebound
- March 10 - YA Junk Journal Workshop Grades 9-12 from 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- March 19 - Silent Book Club from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- March 23 - Spring Break Kids - Game Day from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- March 25 - Spring Break Kids - Pancake Bar from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- March 27 - Lunch & Learn - LM SwitchBoard from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- March 27 - Spring Break Kids Lego Challenge from 2-3 p.m.
- March 28 - Dave Dawson Townhall at 1 p.m.

Visit the Lake Mills Public Library, 102 S. Lake St, Lake Mills, 641-592-0092.

LM ranks 102nd for district teaching experience

Each year, the Iowa Department of Education shares data on school faculty and administrators in Iowa, and how they compare amongst districts in salary, experience, age and other factors.

The information shows how LM compares to other Iowa districts. The numbers come from Department of Education data for the 2025-2026 school year.

According to the figures, in 2025-2026 LM had a certified enrollment of 544.5, 197th in the state, out of 325 school districts in the DOE information.

Teaching those students were a total of 51 full time teachers.

When it comes to average total teaching experience, LM teachers ranked 102nd. LM's full time teachers averaged 14.7 years of teaching experience. The state average was 13.7 years in education.

When it comes to how

long teachers have remained at LM, with an average of 12.3 years of district teaching experience, LM ranked 30th. The state average was 10.1 years.

Another factor in a teacher's salary is whether or not they have an advanced degree. According to the Department of Education figures, in 2025-2026 there were 17 teachers with an advanced degree at LM, making up 33.3% of district staff. That percentage was 99th in the state.

Statewide, the average percentage of teachers with advanced degrees in a district was 39%.

The average age of teachers at LM was 43.5 years. That ranked 32nd in the state. The average age of all full time teachers in the state was 41 years old.

Salaries at LM, like other districts, are based on the years in teaching, other degrees and credentials and additional teaching and

Lake Mills

Sports News



The Lake Mills Bulldogs wrapped up the 2025-26 girls basketball season with a year to remember. The Bulldogs advanced farther in the regional playoffs and won more games than any other team in the program's 5-on-5 history. Photo - J.L. Photography

Lake Mills caps historic season with regional final appearance

By Matt Pfaltzgraff

Lake Mills Girls Basketball traveled to Mason City High School to take on the Bishop Garrigan Golden Bears in the regional finals, with the winner advancing to the IGHSAU State Tournament.

Bishop Garrigan had won 19 straight games over Lake Mills dating back to the 2016-17 season.

The Golden Bears have a strong history of postseason success and are often the final obstacle on the road to state. Lake Mills had never advanced this far before, reaching the regional finals

for the first time in the 5-on-5 era for the Bulldogs.

Lake Mills and Bishop Garrigan gave fans exactly what they were hoping for in the opening quarter, a tightly contested match-up between two conference foes. The Bulldogs traded baskets with the Golden Bears throughout the quarter and finished the first eight minutes trailing by one.

The second quarter turned into a defensive battle, with just 15 total points scored between the two teams. Bishop Garrigan carried a 24-20 lead into

halftime.

Coming out of the break, the third quarter proved to be the highest scoring stretch of the game, with 30 points combined. The Golden Bears won the quarter 17-13 and entered the final period holding a 41-33 advantage.

Bishop Garrigan controlled the fourth quarter, outscoring Lake Mills 13-2 to secure a 54-35 victory. The Golden Bears punched their ticket to the state tournament, while Lake Mills closed the book on a historic season.

extracurricular duties.

Teacher salaries also changed across the state two years, with legislation setting new minimum salaries for all beginning teachers and for teachers that have been teaching at 12 years.

After the statewide salary adjustments, LM ranks 89th amongst Iowa school districts, in regards to the average regular salary of teachers, which refers to the money they are paid for their direct teaching responsibilities.

LM's average regular salary in the 2025-2026 school year was \$64,965. For the state as a whole the average regular teacher salary was \$66,991.

When factoring in additional pay teachers receive as advisors, coaches and in other roles with extracurricular activities and other duties, LM's full time teacher total salary averaged \$67,373, 81st in the state.

The state average for total salary was \$68,991.

The minimum total salary for the district in the last school year was \$50,000. The maximum salary in the district was \$84,031, 240th in the state.

The \$50,000 is the new starting salary required by State law, and was the minimum in 229 school districts.

The highest salary listed for Iowa's public school teachers was \$168,293, in the Cedar Rapids School District.

When it comes to administrators, LM's two principals had an average salary of \$107,246. That ranked 206th in the state. The average total salary of the state's principals was \$121,832.

LM's principals averaged 13 years of experience, 273rd in the state; and 3.5

years of district experience, 267th in the state.

The district with the highest average salary in the state was \$161,982 in the Adel DeSoto Minburn district, which has five full time principals.

Amongst districts with two principals, the highest average salary was in the West Marshall district, with \$161,077. LM ranked 64th amongst those 124 districts.

LM's superintendent has a salary of \$148,964.

That ranked 236th in the state amongst full time superintendents. Amongst the 193 districts with one superintendent, that ranked 175th.

The state average for superintendent total salary was \$186,908. The district superintendent with the highest salary was \$314,150, in the Cedar Rapids School District.

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CASE NO. ESPR009500
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RODNEY L. HENGESTEG, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Rodney L. Hengesteg, Deceased, who died on or about October 3, 2014:
You are hereby notified that on February 11, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Rodney L. Hengesteg, deceased, bearing date of January 8, 2006, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Shelle Kitch was appointed 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 of four 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.
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 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 January 27, 2026.
Shelle Kitch
Executor of Estate
230 Kissena Park Ct.
Covington, LA 70435

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0004489
Attorney for Executor
Krull Law Office
714 Central Ave.
Northwood, IA 50459-0200
Date of second publication the 11th day of March, 2026.
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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth County
CASE NO. ESPR009498
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES W. WELSH, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James W. Welsh, Deceased, who died on or about November 9, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on January 16, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of James W. Welsh, deceased, bearing date of February 12, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Kelli E. Wallin was appointed Administrator 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 of four 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 as-

certainable, 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 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 February 26, 2026.
Kelli E. Wallin,
Administrator of Estate

Joshua P. Congello,
ICIS#: AT00148147
Attorney for Administrator
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen P.C.
103 East State Street,
Suite 800, P.O. Box 1588
Mason City, Iowa 50402
Date of second publication the 11th day of March, 2026.
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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009502
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CONNIE F. NELSON, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Connie F. Nelson, Deceased, who died on or about February 16, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on February 25, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Connie F. Nelson, deceased, bearing date of January 20, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Sheila M. Nelson was appointed 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 of four 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 as-

certainable, 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 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 March 4, 2026.
Sheila M. Nelson
Executor of Estate
100 Main Street
Myrtle, MN 56036

Jeffrey H. Greve
ICIS#: 16967
Attorney for Executor
Greve Law Office
736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, IA 50459
Date of second publication the 11th day of March, 2026.
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Bolan

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held at the Bolan Trinity UM Church, 4214 Tulip Lane, rural Kensett, on Friday, March 6th. The women of Nigeria wrote the 2026 program based on Matthew 11:28-30, “I will give you rest: come.” The United Women in Faith ladies will have a luncheon beginning at

12:30 p.m. including some foods from Nigeria. The service will begin at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. It would be nice to have a food count, so if you and friends plan to come, please give a call to Linda Nydegger at 641-420-3048. We look forward to seeing you.
Bolan Schoolhouse and

Cultural Center will have “Pi” Pie Day on Saturday, March 14. This fundraiser will serve pie and have a program, plus a pie auction. Watch the papers, check out Facebook, and the posters that will be put up. More information will follow next week. This promises to be a really fun day with homemade pies!

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009439
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA ARDELLA HEIMDAL, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sylvia Ardella Heimdal, Deceased, who died on or about October 20, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on December 4, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Sylvia Ardella Heimdal, deceased, bearing date of July 1, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Mary S Appleton was ap-

pointed Executor of the estate on February 17, 2025. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in 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 of 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 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 February 17, 2025.
/s/ Mary S. Appleton
Mary S Appleton,
Executor of Estate
106 385th St.
Joice, IA 50446

Patrick Bernard Byrne,
ICIS#: AT001396
Attorney for Executor
Patrick B. Byrne, PLC
12 S. 4th Street
Clear Lake, IA 50428
Date of second publication the 11th day of March, 2026.
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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009499
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AARON D. WOLTZEN, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Aaron D. Woltzen, Deceased, who died on or about November 29, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on January 14, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Aaron D. Woltzen, deceased, bearing date of September 19, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kristine Woltzen was appointed Executor of the es-

tate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in 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 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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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.
Dated 01-13-26
/s/ Kristine Woltzen
Kristine Woltzen
Executor of Estate
514 7th Street
Kensett, IA 50448

/s/Nicholas T. Larson
Nicholas T. Larson
ICIS#: AT009361
Attorney for Executor
Larson Law Office, PLLC
500 Main Street
Osage, IA 50461
Date of second publication the 4th day of March, 2026.
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Supervisors

February 23, 2026 Ninth Day	
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. Mark Smeby, absent. All members voting “AYE” unless noted. Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve today’s agenda and February 17, 2026 minutes. Motion carried. Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adopt Resolution 2026-07 Resolution Accepting Work for the Conservation Facility Remodel. Roll call vote: Loberg and Stone – AYE, Smeby - Absent. Motion carried. (Full text available in auditor’s office). Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of \$151,491.23 per the following schedule. Motion carried. All Flags, Llc, Supplies-Vaf..35.13 Alliant Energy Service-Gsr8,381.57 Austin Office Products Supplies-Shf92.95 Bolton & Menk Inc Service-Con.....2,805.00 Carquest Auto Parts Inc Supplies-Con290.71 Central Tank Coatings, Inc Service-Wat16,700.00 Centurylink, Service-Eng182.33 Chosen Valley Testing, Inc Service-Eng4,430.00 City Of Manly, Service-Eng..66.67 Dick’s Place Body & Tow	
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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in work session at City Hall on February 23, 2026 at 5:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:
George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Reeder. Absent: Schreiber.
The purpose of the work session was to work with Mark Tomlinson on the Worth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
No action taken.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on February 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:
George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.
Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.
Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Work Session Minutes February 9, 2026; Special Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026; Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026. Unam.
Resident Brett Olson inquired if the City would sell the lot at 100 10th St. S. at fair market value. No action taken.
The FY27 Budget was discussed.
Motion to set a special meeting for Monday March 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Levy. Unam.
Motion to adjourn. Unam.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 WORTH COUNTY AG EXTENSION							
The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2026/2027 budget as follows: Meeting Date: 3/19/2026 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: 1206 3rd Ave N Northwood, IA 50459 At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request. Contact Name: Amy Hunzelman Contact Telephone Number: (641) 751-8112							
FUND	FYE June 30, 2025 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2027 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2027	Estimated FY 2027 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	325,048	322,895	354,185	186,275	184,372	244,896	250,438
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	28,543	28,543	0	0
3. Tort Liability	4,405	4,000	6,500	26,411	23,411	5,380	5,500
4. TOTAL	329,453	326,895	360,685	241,229	236,326	250,276	255,938
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$							0.30659
Virtual Meeting Information:							

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 Assessing Jurisdiction: WORTH COUNTY ASSESSOR										
The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 3/16/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Worth County Courthouse 1000 Central Ave Northwood, IA 50459 At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request. Contact Name: Cindy Thompson Contact Telephone Number: (641) 324-1198										
	FYE June 30, 2025 Actual	FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2027 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2027	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2027	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation	
1. Assessment Expense	335,804	439,028	508,021		443,437	443,437	11,242	0	496,779	
2. FICA				0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7. TOTAL	335,804	439,028	508,021	0	443,437	443,437	11,242	0	496,779	
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.60856										
Virtual Meeting Information:										

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009501
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD ALLAN PRESTHOLT, Deceased.
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Donald Allan Prestholt, Deceased, who died on or about February 4, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Donald Allan Prestholt, deceased, bearing date of December 22, 2025, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jenifer Leann Harrison was appointed 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 of four 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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Dated February 18, 2026.
Jenifer Leann Harrison
Executor of Estate

David A. Grooters
ICIS#: AT0003058
Attorney for Executor
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen P.C.
103 East State Street
Suite 800
P.O. Box 1588
Mason City, Iowa 50402-1588
Date of second publication is the 4th day of March, 2026.
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Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
TO: BRAKKE, JEFFREY A; BRUNSVOLD, RALPH TRUST; ANDERSON, DIANE; DJUREN, DAVE ALLEN & CAROL MARIE; EVANS, ELIOT; HELGESON, DAVID J TRUST & GLORIA J TRUST; HELGESON, DAVID J; HELGESON, MARI-ON; HELGESON, RONALD; HELGESON, RONALD TRUST & MARION TRUST; IMLAU, WILLIAM A; KING-GLAND FARMS LC; KING-GLAND, DOUGLAS; MMH IOWA ENTERPRISES LLC; NELSON FAMILY FARM; CARTER, DOREEN; SAWIN,

STEVEN LIVING TRUST; HERTZ FARM MANAGE-MENT INC; TENOLD FARM LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; WELCH, LA VONNE M & JOHN F; FAR-RELL, JENNIFER L; MC-CLEES, AMANDA; MOORE, H CHRISTINE; NEILS, BARBARA & THEODORE F; NEILS, THOMAS; PETERS-EN, LAUREN; WELCH, AN-DREW J C; owners owning lands described below which are the subject matter of this annexation procedure, lien holders of record, and actual occupants of said lands and to all other persons whom it may concern.
YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa, acting in

behalf of Drainage District No. 10 Worth County, Iowa, have adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the annexation of additional lands to Drainage District No. 10 as provided by law.
YOU ARE FURTHER NO-TIFIED that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Agrivia PLLC a qualified engineer, to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No. 10 and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits received. Said report provides as follows:

0620300002	SAWIN, STEVEN LIVING TRUST	20-99-21	SECTION: 20 TOWNSHI P:99 RANGE:21 NE SW BROOKFIE LD	10.2	1255.2	0.00	83.5	4892.8	6	6.6	0.0
0619200003	TENOLD FARM LLC	19-99-21	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHI P:99 RANGE:21 SW NE BROOKFIE LD	1.3	1258.2	0.03	89.4	3181.2	6	31.3	0.2
0619400001	TENOLD FARM LLC	19-99-21	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHI P:99 RANGE:21 NW SE BROOKFIE LD	10.7	1256.5	0.05	93.7	1786.0	6	10.2	0.2
1007200001	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	07-98-21	SECTION: 07 TOWNSHI P:98 RANGE:21 NW NE DANVILLE	0.4	1233.3	0.00	73.5	1819.4	4	48.0	29.5
1007200003	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	07-98-21	SECTION: 07 TOWNSHI P:98 RANGE:21 SW NE DANVILLE	0.5	1235.4	0.00	78.8	1353.9	6	26.1	2.4
1007400001	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	07-98-21	SECTION: 07 TOWNSHI P:98 RANGE:21 NW SE DANVILLE	20.4	1209.4	-1.45	83.0	126.9	7	17.5	0.0
0619300002	WELCH, LA VONNE M & JOHN F	19-99-21	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHI P:99 RANGE:21 NE SW BROOKFIE LD	38.4	1254.6	0.00	95.5	1252.2	6	12.5	0.0
0619400002	WELCH, LA VONNE M & JOHN F	19-99-21	SECTION: 19 TOWNSHI P:99 RANGE:21 NE SE BROOKFIE LD	1.2	1257.4	0.05	82.5	5238.9	6	17.4	3.9
Total Acres				142.4							

YOU ARE FURTHER NO-TIFIED that said report has been filed with the County Auditor of Worth County, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for MARCH 30, 2026 AT 9:30 AM in the Magistrate Room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No. 10 as provided by law.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the proposed annexation of said lands and any claim for

damages must be in writing and filed with the County Auditor of Worth County at or before the time set for hearing.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements of DD 10, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassi-

fy. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.
THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 10. At the time fixed for hearing, the Board shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.
FOR A COPY OF THE ANNEXATION REPORT please contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 or you can view the report online at <https://worthcounty-iowa.gov/auditor/drainage/>.
Chelsey Doty, Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
To: ANGEL, TERRY L; ARCHIVES ARRANGEMENT ACCOMMODATION REVOCABLE TRUST; KALGAARDEN, MORRIS G; MATZEN, STEVE; BARTELS, DAVID D & FAITH E; BARTELS, NATHAN J; BARTON WINDPOWER LLC; BERGE FARMS LLC; BERGE, JAMES; BRAKKE, JEFFREY A; BRUCE, MATTHEW J; BRUNSVOLD, RALPH TRUST; ANDERSON, DIANE; BURNS, TODD M; CARLSON, VAUGHN E & DORSEY, KELLI J; CENTURYTEL FIBER CO II LLC; CHARLSON, WALDREN H & MARLYS P; CHARLSON, WALDREN; CHRIST, SHERY; DJUREN, DAVE ALLEN & CAROL MARIE; EVANS, ELIOT; EVANS, ELIOT N; FABER, BEVERLY J TRUST; FABER, BEVERLY; FABER, HELEN F REVOCABLE TRUST; FELLIN, JOSEPH E; FLODEN, THOMAS A & LINDA GRANDGENETT; GREIMAN, STEPHEN B & ROSALIE R; KITTLESON, VERNA M; RAIFORD, ANDREA; WEEKS, MICHELLE; GROE, COMER; HAACKE, STEPHEN E & DAWN R; TRUST NUMBER 02-50899; DESERET TRUST COMPANY; HAUGO, JON & PAMELA S; HAUGO, JON & PAMELA; HELGESON, DAVID J TRUST & GLORIA J TRUST; HELGESON, DAVID J; HELGESON, GLORIA J; HELGESON, MARI-ON; HELGESON, RONALD;

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SAWIN, FRED A; SAWIN, STEVEN LIVING TRUST; SCHACHT, RONALD E & DENISE A; SERAN, ALONZO B III; GRIFFIN, MARY R; JONES, KATHRYN SERAN; SERAN, GRANT F; SKRAM, ARTHUR L REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT; SKRAM, MARCILE E REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT; SPHINX INC; TENOLD FARM LLC; TENOLD, ARLYN & JUDITH REVOCABLE TRUST; THOMAS, AARON L & DANA J; TOMANY, GERALD J & SHIRLEY ANN; TRITCH, JAY D & STACY L; TRITCH, MERLE R & BEVERLY J; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; WELCH, LA VONNE M & JOHN F; FARELL, JENNIFER L; MCCLEES, AMANDA; MOORE, H CHRISTINE; NEILS, BARBARA & THEODORE F; NEILS, THOMAS; PETERSEN, LAUREN; WELCH, ANDREW J C; WILLOW CREEK CENTURY FARMS LLC; WORTH COUNTY FARM ASSOC INC; DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 48; WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BENDICKSON, DREW; BLUESTEM TRUST; BRANSTAD, BRODY J; BRATRUD, DANIEL H & GERALDINE K; BRATRUD, MARVIN L & SHIRLEY A; MAR-DAN ENTERPRISES INC; BRUNSVOLD, HAROLD; BUTLER, HEATHER JO; FABER, JUSTIN; HOLSTAD, MARK A & MARY L; JOHNSON, SUSAN MARIE; KING, RALEIGH SJR & SMITH, CONNIE P; LAWSON, JOHN D & MAG-

GIE A; MATZEN, DARYL; MATZEN, SCOTT; RICHEY, DARLA; MOHLER, G RUSSELL & JULIE A; REDSTEM TRUST; ROTHOVE, MELVIN; ROTHOVE, PATRICIA H TRUST; ROTHOVE, TODD; TWEETEN, BRIAN & JULIE; TWEETEN, ROGER; BERQUIST, ROGENE; SAUERBREI, JAN; TWEETEN, ROGER L REVOCABLE TRUST, including all landowners in Drainage District No. 10 Worth County, Iowa, including encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 10 Worth County, Iowa.
YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 10 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 10 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Drainage District No. 10 serves as the common outlet for Drainage District No. 48 and that this hearing is to consider approval of the Drainage District No. 10 reclassification schedules,

including the common outlet percentage applicable to Drainage District No. 48. All landowners within Drainage District No. 48 are listed in this notice.
RECLASSIFICATION is shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification of benefits for each of the 40 acre tracts or other tracts in Drainage District No. 10. For a copy of the Reclassification Report please contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 or you can view the report online at <https://worthcounty-iowa.gov/auditor/drainage/>.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for MARCH 30, 2026 AT 9:45 AM in the Magistrate Room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa.
YOU ARE FUTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Worth County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Worth County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the district, as

may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.
YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements to DD 10, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.
THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 10.
FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at <https://worthcounty-iowa.gov/auditor/drainage/> or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.
Chelsey Doty, Worth County Drainage Clerk

Kensett Public Library

By Lisa Lestrud Library Director

Greetings from the Kensett Library. For February being a short month it sure seemed extra long. So hopefully March will bring warm weather and spring. We have some fun things

coming up. Starting on Thursday March 5, 12 and 19, 2026, 2 - 3 p.m. we will be showing, "The Carol Burnett Show." Join us for coffee, and conversation and a few laughs. We will start with season one and see how it goes.

On Saturday March 14, 2026 10 - 11:30 a.m. we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and everything green. Join us for a story, games, craft and snack it will be lots of fun. Come see new arrivals in books, magazines, and

DVD's. We also have puzzles you can check out. We have started to do some weeding of books there's a great selection of older western and romance books from Ava-

lon. We only ask for a free will donation of these.

See you at the library.



Notice

NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 14 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
To: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ATTN: JENNIFER WADDELL, including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, includ-

ing actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 14 Worth County, Iowa. YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 14 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 14 Worth County,

Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.

In the adopted schedule, the portion of United States Highway 65 located within the city limits of Northwood was assessed to the City of Northwood for both the Lower Main Tile and Lateral 4 Tile schedules. Upon further review, it was determined that United States Highway 65 is owned and maintained by the Iowa Department of Transportation, not the City of Northwood. Therefore, we recommend removing the City of Northwood from the schedule and correcting the Iowa Department of Transportation's assessment to reflect this change, as shown above. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said re-

port for MARCH 30, 2026 AT 10:15 A.M. in the Magistrate Room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Worth County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Worth County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the district, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district as-

essed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel. YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court. THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 14. FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at <https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage> or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316. Chelsey Doty, Worth County Drainage Clerk

Lower Main Tile Schedule						
Deedholder	Parcel Number	Sec-Twp-Rng	Legal Description	Benefitted Acres	Classification (%)	Base Assessment (\$)
Iowa Department of Transportation			Rights-of-way	8.1		\$1,718.07

Lateral 4 Tile Schedule						
Deedholder	Parcel Number	Sec-Twp-Rng	Legal Description	Benefitted Acres	Classification (%)	Base Assessment (\$)
Iowa Department of Transportation			Rights-of-way	8.1		1,982.22

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Call their office with any questions 641-324-1524.

The Worth County Board of Supervisors will be accepting bids for mowing and lawn care at the Worth County Water and Wastewater Treatment facilities for the 2026 and 2027 seasons.

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