

Briefs

LRH annual meeting Monday

The annual board meeting of the Lutheran Retirement Home and Auxiliary will be held this 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.

N-K speakers compete at District Individual Speech Contest

The Northwood-Kensett Speech Team traveled to Forest City High School on Saturday, February 28, for District Individual Speech Contest. Five students performed across three different categories. In the category of Poetry, senior Miley White and freshmen Atticus Ludington and Hailey Smith performed. White performed an original poem about the Holocaust, Atticus performed "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" by Dr. Seuss and Smith performed "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein. All three poetry contestants earned Division II ratings. In the category of Solo Musical Theater, senior Isaac Ludington performed "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park" by Tom Lehrer and junior Skyler Williamson performed "Grow for Me" by Alan Menken. Both Isaac Speech, see Page 2



N-K students taking part in the District Individual Speech Contest included (from left) Hailey Smith, Miley White, Skyler Williamson, Isaac Ludington and Atticus Ludington.

School districts propose property tax increases

Appearing in this week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal are notices of proposed property tax levies for local schools. The notices, currently required by state law, provide information on property tax levies and taxes to be collected. The notices show those figures for the current fiscal year, along with the figures if the same property taxes would be collected in the next fiscal year. The

notices also show the maximum property taxes and levies that the governments plan to set for the fiscal year that starts on July 1. The government may lower those levy rates before setting their official budgets in the coming weeks. The notices also show how residential and commercial property taxes would increase based on proposed levies, if values increased 10% on a home

valued at \$100,000 or commercial property valued at \$300,000. For the Northwood-Kensett school district, the proposed property tax levy notice shows that in the current fiscal year, property tax levies will total \$3,800,221, with a levy rate of \$11.98561 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. To maintain the same Districts, see Page 2

County proposes 0.50% increase in total property taxes

This week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal feature a notice on Worth County's proposed property tax levy for the coming fiscal year. The notice provides information on taxable valuations, property tax levies and taxes to be collected. The notice shows those figures for the current fiscal year, along with figures if the same property taxes would be collected in the next fiscal year. The

notices also show the maximum property taxes and levies that the County plan to set for the fiscal year that starts on July 1. The County may lower those levy rates before setting their official budgets in the coming weeks. The notice also shows how residential and commercial property taxes would increase based on proposed levies, if values increased 10% on a home valued at \$100,000 or

commercial property valued at \$300,000. Taxable valuations in Worth County, on which countywide taxes are based, will increase from \$754,563,382 in the current fiscal year to \$816,319,331 in the fiscal year that begins on July 1. That is an increase of \$61,755,949, or 8.18%. The countywide tax rate in the current fiscal County, see Page 2



Kensett deconstruction

Portions of the buildings that formerly housed Bratrud's Golf Carts in Kensett were demolished last week. Bratrud's Golf Carts was the destination for those looking to buy and have golf carts serviced and maintained for more than 80 years.

Girl Scout Baking Competition Sunday

Girls Scouts from Lake Mills and Northwood will put their cookie cooking skills to the test this Sunday with the fourth annual Girl Scout Baking Competition at Lake Mills Asbury United Methodist Church in Lake Mills. The event challenges the Scouts to use Girl Scout Cookies as ingredients in four categories, including Best Chocolate Creation, Non-Chocolate Specialty, Drinkable and That Looks Amazing! (the fan favorite vote). The competition is open to the public to come see the



creative creations, enjoy samples as available and to vote for the fan favorite category. Besides sharing their cooking during the competition, the recipes will also be a part of an annual cookbook. Competition, see Page 2



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon. March 2	35	18	0.05
Tues. March 3	45	26	0.02
Wed. March 4	47	24	
Thurs. March 5	51	30	
Fri. March 6	59	34	1.17
Sat. March 7	36	27	T
Sun. March 8	63	36	

Filing underway for primary election

On Tuesday, June 2, voters will choose who will represent their political parties in the general election. That will include federal, state and county offices. Filing for candidates for county office continues through next Friday, March 20, by 5 p.m., for those seeking the Democratic and Republican Party nominations in the primary election. Up for election in Filing, see Page 2

Manna of Worth County here to serve

The joint food shelf effort of Worth County churches continues providing for the community, while seeking a new manager for the service. Manna of Worth County is located at 94 Ninth Street North, and it has been at this location since 2010. It is open on Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Manna of Worth County was established in the early 1980s and has provided food and supplies to families and individuals in need. Area churches, the Northwood Theatre and other organizations collect food and other items. Manna also belongs to the Food Bank of Iowa

and receives items the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Currently, youth from the Northwood-Kensett National Honor Society help unload the truck. Manna is run by volunteers, and the current board is represented by four congregations. All congregations in Worth County are welcome to be involved in the food shelf. "We are grateful for food and other essential supplies donations, and we accept monetary donations. Currently, we are in need of a manager. This could be handled by two individuals who want to serve families with food insecurities. If you feel called to serve, contact Pastor Becky Sogge at First Lutheran 641-324-



2984 or Pastor Rob Lamphere at Northwood United Methodist 641-324-1557. All are welcome, and there are no income guidelines to meet. Some general data is kept for the Iowa Food Bank, but all

identities are confidential. The only requirements are being a resident of Worth County. "We are here to serve, please consider volunteering, donating or utilizing our services."

Districts
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total taxes in the next fiscal year, the district would have to set a levy of \$10.75686.

The proposed maximum property tax levy for the district would be \$11.98561, generating total property taxes of \$4,198,651. That would be an increase in property taxes of \$398,430, for an increase of 10.48%.

According to the notice, the proposed levy increase would raise property taxes on a \$100,000 home from \$568 to \$587, up 3.35%. A \$300,000 commercial property's taxes would increase 11.01% to \$2,743.

The N-K district will hold a hearing on its proposed property tax levy on Thursday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m.

In the Central Springs school district, the proposed property tax levy notice shows that in the current fiscal year, property tax levies will total \$4,307,604, with a levy rate of \$9.94647 per

\$1,000 of taxable valuation.

To maintain the same total taxes in the next fiscal year, the district would have to set a levy of \$9.36771.

The proposed maximum property tax levy for the district would be \$10.29534, generating total property taxes of \$4,736,615. That would be an increase in property taxes of \$429,011, for an increase of 9.96%.

According to the notice, the proposed levy increase would raise property taxes on a \$100,000 home to \$504, up 6.78%. A \$300,000 commercial property's taxes would increase 14.87% to \$2,356.

CS will hold a public hearing for its proposed property tax levy on Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.

For the Lake Mills school district, the proposed property tax levy notice shows that in the current fiscal year, property tax levies will total \$3,758,919, with a levy rate of \$10.92886 per \$1,000 of tax-

able valuation.

To maintain the same total taxes in the next fiscal year, the district would have to set a levy of \$10.76019.

The proposed maximum property tax levy for the district would be \$11.44509, generating total property taxes of \$3,995,308. That would be an increase in property taxes of \$236,389, for an increase of 6.29%.

According to the notice, the proposed levy increase would increase property taxes on a \$100,000 home to \$561, up 8.30%. A \$300,000 commercial property's taxes would increase 16.25% to \$2,619.

The Lake Mills school board will hold a public hearing for the proposed property tax levy on Monday, March 30, at 5 p.m.

See more information on the districts' proposed property tax levies in the notices on this week's legals pages.

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year is \$6.82621 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. That would generate \$5,150,808.

If Worth County were to maintain the same taxes on property countywide in the next fiscal year, its tax rate would be \$6.30980.

The County's proposed rate on countywide property is \$6.25000, which would generate \$5,101,996 in property taxes. That would be a decrease of \$48,812, or 0.95% over the current fiscal year.

Taxable valuations for rural services are \$604,206,505 in the current fiscal year, increasing to \$652,428,587 in the next fiscal year. That is an increase of \$48,222,082, or 7.98%.

The rural tax rate is \$2.85922 and total rate on rural property in the current year is \$9.68543. The rural tax rate would generate \$1,727,559.

To maintain the same property taxes in the coming fiscal year, the rural tax rate would need to be \$2.64789

and would need to total \$8.95769.

The proposed rural services tax rate for the next fiscal year is \$2.77594. The proposed total rural rate would be \$9.02594. The additional rural rate would generate \$1,811,103. That would be an increase of \$83,544, or 4.84%.

The total of property taxes, including those countywide and additional rural taxes are \$6,878,367. Proposed total countywide and rural taxes in the next fiscal year would total \$6,913,099. That is an increase of \$34,732, or 0.50%.

According to the notice, urban residential property valued at \$100,000 in the current fiscal year would decrease to 306, down 5.56%. Rural residential property at that value would decrease to \$442, down 3.70%.

Urban commercial property valued at \$300,000 in the current fiscal year would

increase to \$1,431, up 1.63%. Rural commercial property valued at \$300,000 would show an increase to \$2,065, up 3.41%.

See more information on the County's proposed property tax levies in the notice in this week's legals pages.

Competition
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Those attending as entrants or guests are also encouraged to bring egg size candy or toys as donations for the eggs that the Scouts prepare for the annual community Easter Egg hunt.

Girl Scout Cookies will also be available for sale for those that want to create or recreate their own cookie recipes at home.

The fourth annual Girl Scout Baking Competition will be held this Sunday, March 15, starting at 1 p.m. at Lake Mills Asbury UMC in Lake Mills.

Pi/Pie Day Saturday in Bolan

This 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.

The mathematical con-

stant pi, with the first three numbers 3.14, is often celebrated on March 14. That will be the case this Saturday in Bolan, with homemade pie and a viewing of a documentary on pie.

The documentary, "PIOWA: A Piece of America" by Iowan Beth Howard, of Ottumwa, is a 76-minute film about the role pie plays in Iowan and American culture.

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 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," at 4206 Tulip Lane.

Webinar series for Iowa food businesses continues in April

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Food Innovation and Business Hub, a resource that helps Iowa entrepreneurs develop successful food businesses, will host a monthly "Lunch and Learn" webinar series in 2026 to support current and aspiring Iowa food entrepreneurs. The webinars are offered at no cost and open to all.

The series is specifically designed for food business owners, farmers exploring value-added products and individuals in the early stages of developing a food-based enterprise.

Christa Hartsook, program manager for Farm, Food and Enterprise Development, said the series

will help participants move closer to regulatory compliance and profitability.

"Anyone who is interested in developing a value-added business and even those who are at an idea stage will still find value in attending," she said. "Each webinar will include specific take-away points that will provide those with a food business some ideas to immediately implement."

Each session will begin at noon on its respective date and feature a presentation from ISU food business and food safety experts, followed by an open question-and-answer session.

Webinar schedule and registration

- April 7: Differences in

a Cottage Food License vs. Home Food Processing Establishment License

- May 5: Identifying Your Customers
- June 9: Food Safety 101 - Understanding Water Activity, pH, Microorganisms
- July 7: Food Innovation and Business Hub Analytical Services
- Aug. 4: Shelf-Stable Frostings

Remaining webinar dates and topics will be announced at a later date.

More information about the Food Innovation and Business Hub and the webinar series is available by contacting Hartsook at hartc@iastate.edu.

Filing
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Worth County this year are the offices of attorney, recorder, treasurer and the supervisors from District 1 and District 3.

The office of county attorney will become full time after the general election, with the term starting in January.

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

Those filing as candidates for non-party political organization (NPPO) and candidates nominated by petition for county and township offices can also currently file with the auditor.

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.

Speech
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and Williamson earned Division II ratings in Solo Musical Theater.

Isaac Ludington and Skyler Williamson also performed in the category of Prose. Ludington performed "The Anglerfish" by Jonathan Sims and Williamson performed "I Can Fight You on Thursday" by Gene Twaronite. Both Ludington and Williamson earned Division I ratings in Prose.

Students earning a Division I rating advanced to the state competition on March 14.

Both Ludington and Williamson will be unable to compete as they will be on the N-K band and choir trip in New York.

"However, we congratulate them on the honor of making it state!" said N-K speech coach Beth Butler.

2026 Iowa crop production costs increase, limiting profit opportunities for corn and soybean farmers

Iowa corn and soybean producers continue to face tight margins heading into the 2026 growing season, according to the newly released Estimated Costs of Crop Production in Iowa – 2026 from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The 2026 outlook reflects continued challenging economic conditions, with average market prices for corn and soybeans projected to remain below production costs. Opportunities for profit are expected to be limited, underscoring the importance of careful cost tracking and farm-specific

planning.

The 2026 estimates show:

- A 4% increase in corn production costs compared to 2025, largely driven by higher fertilizer and chemical expenses
- A 2% increase in soybean production costs

Slightly lower projected land costs, partially offset by higher labor (1%) and machinery costs (3–4%)

"The Estimated Costs of Crop Production budgets represent statewide average costs for farms in Iowa and should be used as planning benchmarks rather than exact estimates

for individual farms," noted Ann Johanns, Ag Decision Maker program specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Farm-level cost data is vital information for producers to track. Actual costs can differ substantially from published budgets due to soil productivity, machinery strategies, land tenure and management choices."

Tools for farm-specific planning

Producers are encouraged to go beyond statewide averages by using interactive spreadsheet budgets and web-based calculators available through



Ag Decision Maker. These tools allow users to enter farm-specific prices, adjust yields, modify machinery and labor assumptions and evaluate different land cost scenarios.

"Accurate cost tracking, realistic yield expectations and use of farm-specific

budgeting tools will be critical as producers plan for the 2026 crop year and beyond," said Johanns.

To view the full publication, download Estimated Costs of Crop Production in Iowa – 2026 from the ISU Extension Store.

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Legislators welcome conversation at Manly forum

On Saturday, March 7, a forum was held with Iowa legislators representing Worth County.

The forum, hosted by Winn-Worth Betco, brought Representative Jane Bloomingdale and Senator Doug Campbell to Manly City Hall.

The crowd was lighter, with the Worth County Republican Party Convention and other local events overlapping the forum's time frame.

While there weren't as many members of the public gathered, the legislators were able to discuss issues and legislation that could have a potential impact on students and residents in Worth County.

The first of the comments came from Jean Schilling, Central Springs school board president.

Schilling shared her concerns about a few pieces of legislation that could have an impact on students in Worth County and throughout the state.

One of those would place tighter restrictions on school districts, as well as cities and county, when investing money until it is needed, usually short term.

A proposed bill would have set a 25% cap on the amount that those local governments could invest.

Bloomingdale said that the bill itself did not have the support to be up for floor discussion, but that some of its details had been raised as potential amendments to other bills.

One of those changes would require the local governments to open up the investments to bids, instead of automatically investing through associations of the local governments. Bloomingdale noted that would allow local banks and investors a chance at the business.

Another potential education bill mentioned by Schilling would require times during the school year where athletic practices and events would not be allowed, making sure students have breaks between sports seasons, with the goal of reducing the stress of constant.

Schilling raised concerns that those breaks are often times when artistic extra-curriculars are a focus, such as school plays, musical competitions, etc.

Bloomingdale said that had been brought up in the discussion and that the legislation had been altered to only apply to sports, and fine arts would not be included.

Schilling said she was still concerned about having those "non-contact" times during the regular school year, and not just during spring and holiday breaks. She said doing so would make it difficult for teacher coaches with already limited time to schedule and guide student athletes.

Bloomingdale said that the intent of the bill was to give student athletes a time without practices during breaks during the school year.

Worth County EMA director Mark Tomlinson mentioned one bill and its potential impact in Worth County.

The bill would dissolve 911 service boards and make their responsibilities a part of the EMA boards.

The 911 service board in Worth County has been responsible for addresses, signage and other details of the 911 response system.

Tomlinson said that would add more to the responsibilities for the EMA board members, representatives of Worth County, its cities and schools. The 911 board includes some of those members, as well as repre-

sentatives of the county's emergency, fire and rescue departments. The emergency responders may be left out if the 911 boards are dissolved into the EMA boards.

Both legislators noted that they are getting to the point in the process where they have some more details about bills up for discussion. They noted that in the initial weeks of the session, they deal with hundreds of potential pieces of legislation, and have to find ways to weed out bills and files that they wouldn't support or wouldn't be feasible as written.

Campbell said that the Senate is having issues being productive, especially with disagreements on Constitutional issues. He said that compromise has been difficult.

Bloomingdale added that is somewhat true in the house, but said that it's part of the process, and that if everyone agreed, it would mean there wasn't enough thought being put into the discussions.

An example is the ongoing discussion of the three versions of property tax reform being considered, including one from the House, one from the Senate and one from the Governor's Office.

Bloomingdale noted that there are things that are in each version that she liked and things that she doesn't.

Bloomingdale mentioned concerns with the sweeping property tax relief for all properties over a certain valuation, or for certain groups of people. She noted that some of those reforms would provide relief for people that may not need it, and would be applied differently in rural areas with lower property values compared to higher property values in urban areas. She also said it



could shift the tax burden to other property owners that don't qualify for that relief.

Bloomingdale mentioned support for revising the notices and mailings that are appearing in newspapers and mailboxes, to make them easier to understand.

Bloomingdale also shared

an example of property tax reform that would be more effective for those that need help. It would allow those 70 and over who have lived on the same property for years to defer property taxes if needed, until the property is sold or otherwise changes ownership.

Despite the lower than normal turnout, both legislators agreed that the smaller crowd allowed for good conversation and a more in-depth discussion of how the legislation would impact those in their districts.

Event set to pack food for hungry children March 23-24

First Lutheran Church, working with others around the area, will host an event to feed children in need elsewhere in the world, a part of the Feed My Starving Children organization.

According to Feed My Starving Children, and UNICEF, at least 6,200 children die every day from hunger-related causes. The group says that hunger remains the cause of half of all deaths in children under 5.

Feed My Starving Children is a group committed to feeding children hungry in body and spirit. The group was founded by Minnesota businessman Richard Proudfit after the needs he saw while on a mission trip to Honduras in 1982. In 1993, the group worked with food scientists to develop a fortified rice meal created for malnourished children around the age of five, later dubbed MannaPack rice.

In 1994, 1 million discounted plastic bags were purchased. Board members used those bags to develop the packing process that is now conducted by volunteers at Mobile Pack events.

The first meal shipments in 1994 were delivered to a pediatric hospital in Rwanda, Africa, then to Haiti, Belarus and Paraguay.

Today Feed My Starving Children is based out of Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Packing sites are located throughout the country, with kids throughout the world benefiting from the efforts of the organization and the volunteers and donors that have supported its efforts.

The first Mobile Pack event was held in 2004, with 300 students gathered in Kansas City, Missouri.

The groups efforts have increased significantly since then. In 2024/2025, the group provided meals to feed 1,028,641; worked with 1,152,699 U.S. volunteers; and provided 375,454,128 total meals.

The meals are developed using food science and guided by nutrition professionals to provide the needs for children to grow and thrive, including specifically designed formulas and recipes.

One of the ways they do that is with the assistance of events hosted in communities like Northwood and Worth County, which will soon host its own Mobile Pack event.

Meal components are purchased with funds donated locally. Then volunteers gather to assemble and pack those meals at Mobile Pack events.

Each such event commits to raise funds for 100,000 meals, find volun-

teers to pack meals and find a suitable venue for the event.

The local event will be held at the Timbers, and is being called the Hungry, Hungry Helpers packing event. Fundraising for the Mobile Pack is underway and volunteers are being sought.

Over the course of two days, in a series of shifts, with a combination of donated funds, groups of volunteers will assemble food kits and prepare them to be shipped overseas.

The process involves hand-packing rice, soy, dried vegetables and a blend of vitamins and minerals into bags, to be sealed, boxed and placed on pallets for shipping around the world.

Church and community groups, businesses, families, friends and individuals are encouraged to sign up for a time to help pack. Times are available on Monday, March 23, and Tuesday, March 24.

Those taking part in packing must be at least five years old. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Those that would like to volunteer or donate should sign up at the following link: give.fmssc.org/campaign/2603-095ea-northwood-ia-hungry-hungry-helpers/c743314.

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Celebrating Seuss
March 2 was the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary celebrated the favorite author with a number of activities. That included a breakfast of green eggs and ham, based on the book of the same name. Kindergarten students had a birthday party with games and activities based on Seuss books. They also enjoyed cupcakes and punch while being read "Happy Birthday to You," by Dr. Seuss.



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The World Day of Prayer service was held at the Bolan Trinity UM Church on Friday, March 6. There was a nice group of ladies coming to enjoy a luncheon before the service of Nigerian food, which included a

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 appointed 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. 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 ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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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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couple of different rice dishes, salad, quick bread and dessert, plus some “Iowa” food. The service written by women of Nigeria was held afterwards. A special guest was Myra Bowman of Britt who serves as the

Shepherdess of the Trinity United Women in Faith.

The upcoming event at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center will be PIEOWA – A piece of America - on Saturday, March 14. There will be two show-

ings of the documentary, one at 10:14 a.m. and the other at 3:14 p.m. The silent homemade pie auction begins at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Pie is served after the film. (JOE NYDEGGER WILL BE MAKING HIS

FAMOUS BUMBLEBERRY PIES)The \$10 donation supports the BSCC. Being there is limited seating, please call Mary Wendt at 641-425-8773.

CITY NAME:

LAKE MILLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF LAKE MILLS - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CITY #: 95-913

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 05:00 PM Meeting Location: Lake Mills City Hall 200 N 1st Ave W

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

www.lakemillsiowa.gov

City Telephone Number

(641) 592-3251

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	49,270,425	47,572,459	47,572,459
Consolidated General Fund	412,763	412,763	398,539
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	61,754	61,754	59,145
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	99,833	99,833	99,850
Other Employee Benefits	99,833	99,833	99,850
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	81,185,973	82,257,178	82,257,178
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	674,183	674,183	657,384
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	13.68334	14.17171	13.81857
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	390,912	42,442	42,442
Ag Land	1,175	1,175	128
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	27.68484	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	649	677	4.31
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,821	3,162	12.09

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Costs in all departments of the City are increasing, therefore, to protect the City's assets the budget was adjusted accordingly.

CITY NAME:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF JOICE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
JOICE
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
CITY #: 98-944

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/30/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Joice City Hall 102 N State Street Joice, IA 50446

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
City Telephone Number
(641) 583-2879

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	10,685,029	11,412,223	11,412,223
Consolidated General Fund	86,549	86,549	89,747
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	27,307	27,307	39,741
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	13,609,915	14,681,732	14,681,732
Debt Service	22,872	22,872	5,434
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	136,728	136,728	134,922
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	12.33622	11.53452	11.71662
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	683,000	753,873	753,873
Ag Land	2,052	2,052	2,265
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.72194	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	585	574	-1.88
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,543	2,681	5.43

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Increased insurance to account for the new Fire Department. Reduced amount of Debt Services a/c the percentage of TIF retainage will be at 100% and the estimated amount to be apportioned will be higher as well. Taxable Growth increased 6.75% vs the 10% calculated by the state.

CITY NAME:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF FERTILE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
FERTILE

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

CITY #: 98-941

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/24/2026 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: Fertile Community Center 3494 Eagle Avenue Fertile, IA 50434

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
<https://fertileiowa.us>

City Telephone Number
(641) 797-2121

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	8,405,412	9,331,096	9,331,096
Consolidated General Fund	71,488	71,488	77,050
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	36,837	36,837	42,343
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	3,192	3,192	3,939
Other Employee Benefits	3,192	3,192	4,480
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	8,405,412	9,331,096	9,331,096
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	114,709	114,709	127,812
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	13.64710	12.29320	13.69743
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	299,621	329,276	329,276
Ag Land	900	900	990
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.73327	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	647	671	3.71
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,813	3,134	11.41

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Insurance increased 7% also allowed for additional coverage on Fire Truck. EE Benefits increased.



REP. JANE BLOOMINGDALE



REP. MIKE BERGAN



SENATOR DOUG CAMPBELL

Mitchell County Legislative Forum set for March 14

There will be a legislative forum with State Representatives Jane Bloomingdale and Mike Bergan and State Senator Doug Campbell this Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m. in the Riceville Community Schools library, 912 Woodland Ave., Riceville, Iowa.

This is an opportunity for constituents to get an

update from their representatives about legislation that has made it through the first funnel and what legislation they are working on. It is also a chance for constituents to let our representatives know what issues are important to them.

The Mitchell County Bi-partisan Women's group

is sponsoring the Legislative Forum. Coffee and cookies will be served and they invite the public to come and engage in civil conversation with representatives and each other.

Anyone with questions may contact Penney Morse at pjmorse@gmail.com or Gretchen Castle at tinamarie4755@yahoo.com.

Week Eight

It was a busy week of debate at the Capitol. We caucused and debated every day and passed more than 80 bills in the House. Most passed with unanimous or bipartisan support. It looks like next week will bring much of the same as we continue working through legislation this session.

A few bills passed includes:

HF2529 addresses the right to repair DEF systems on farm equipment. This bill requires original equipment manufacturers to make diagnostic, repair, and software update information for diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) systems available to farmers and independent repair providers at no charge or under the same terms offered to authorized dealers. Because DEF systems are federally required emissions equipment, repairs can often be costly and difficult without access to manufacturer information. HF 2529 helps ensure Iowa farmers can repair and maintain their equipment more affordably and keep it operating during critical times in the field.

HF2676 is the Governor's Make America Healthy Again bill. This legislation includes several initiatives aimed at improving health outcomes in Iowa. The bill requires additional nutrition continuing education for certain doctors and physician assistants and requires healthy food standards for SNAP and summer EBT programs. It also allows pharmacists to dispense ivermectin for human use over the counter without liability, and prohibits schools from providing foods or beverages containing certain ingredients beginning July 1, 2027. HF

2676 also requires Iowa to join the Psychology Compact, which already includes 43 states and all states surrounding Iowa, helping expand access to mental health services. An amendment to the bill requires Iowa medical school students to complete at least 40 hours of coursework on nutrition and metabolic health before graduation beginning in July 2028.

HF2652 requires pre-kindergarten to include at least 90 minutes of play-based learning during each half school day and at least 180 minutes of play-based learning during each full school day. Kindergarten shall include at least 45 minutes of play-based learning each school day.

HF2628 addresses driving privileges for juveniles with a Special Minor's Restricted License. If a young driver violates the restrictions on that license and it is suspended, the bill allows them to obtain an instructional permit during the suspension period. This means they would only be able to drive when accompanied by a licensed adult.

All bills this week can be viewed at www.legis.iowa.gov

Between debate and caucus this week, we were fortunate to have several visitors at the Capitol. Renee and Allison with CIS took time to discuss their services in North Iowa. Steve Diers, John Jaszewski, and Brent Hinson were in Des Moines with the League of

Jane Bloomingdale Iowa House District 60



Cities, and Joel Pedersen and others from NIACC were here for Community College Day. It's always great to see visitors from North Iowa at the Capitol.

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

What a week we have had both in the state and the nation. We wrapped up week eight, passing the halfway mark of the legislative session.

We learned the names of two Iowans who were killed in action in Kuwait on March 1. Major Jeffrey O'Brien of Waukee and Sergeant Declan Coady of West Des Moines both gave their lives in sacrifice to their country and protecting our freedom. We mourn with their families and loved ones, and our prayers are with them during this time of unimaginable pain and loss.

Housing affordability is high priority for many Iowans and that is why we spent time discussing legislation that impacts housing costs for Iowans in the Senate this week. Some estimates show as much as one-third of the cost of a new home is due to government regulations. Some of those are common sense requirements but others are unnecessary and just raise prices. For more specific details look at Senate Files 2376, 2439, and 2374.

The best tax authority is tax at the local city and county level.

Unfortunately, we are passing statutes that are prescriptive and restrictive and therefore cost more money to maintain or build housing.

One bill passed was Senate File 2089-Iowa Workforce Development Unemployment Process. In this bill we updated and streamlined this process. For specific details look up



Doug Campbell

State Senator
District 30

SF 2089.

A bill passed in the House, still to be passed in the Senate, is HF 2610-Higher Education Programs and Systems. This bill modifies higher education programs and systems between community colleges and state universities by implementing a common course number system, requiring all Iowa community colleges to replace traditional, non-credit remedial

math and English classes with corequisite models, and updates career and technical education standards to align with national frameworks.

There has been no movement or discussion on HF 2104, no eminent domain for carbon oxide pipeline.

Carbon oxide is the official definition in statute for carbon dioxide.

Stay engaged and get involved!

Northwood Anchor

Fertile Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, NO WAGS, Lent Bible Study at Bethlehem, 10 a.m., Lenten Service at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Bethlehem Quilting, 9 a.m., Steve Smith Funeral at Elk Creek; 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., Lenten Service at Bethel United Methodist Followed by Light Supper, 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Manly Care Center, 10 a.m., BLC Altar Guild, 1 p.m., Grace Council, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Lenten Service Manly; Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, B-Share Shoppe, 9 a.m. - Noon; Sunday, Bethany Service, 9 a.m., Elk Creek Service, 10:30 a.m., EC Soup Supper; Monday, Manna Open, 10 a.m. - Noon, LRH Annual Meeting First Lutheran, 5:15 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., Baptism of Addison Elizabeth Kilbourn, Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., NO 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.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship w/Baptism, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m., Lenten Service at Bethel, 4 p.m.; Monday, Lenten Study, 10 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Friday, Pizza with the Pastor, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m., Lenten Service, 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellow-

ship Grothe's Diner, 10 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

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., 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 4 Service/Communion, 9 a.m., DCV, 10:30 a.m., LRH, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, LRH Annual Meeting at First Lutheran Church; Tuesday, Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study and Children's Sunday School following service.

Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Manly

Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Fr. Dave O'Connor, Pastor

Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor

www.sacredheartmanly.org

Faith Lutheran Church, London

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

Pastor Kent Otterman

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood

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

Pastor Theodore Gullixson

Sion Lutheran Church, Lake Mills

Sunday, Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday School and fellowship following

Pastor Mark Decker

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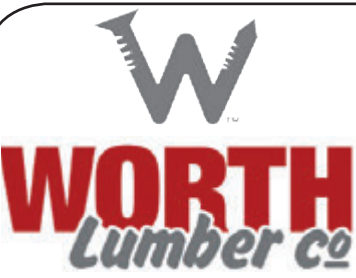
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The Futility of Wealth

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Christ declares the commandments of love (for God and one's neighbor) as the greatest. As the month of February is filled with feelings of love and sentimentality, it serves as a good time for reflection upon what love truly means to us. Particularly, we are called to love in emotion, but also action. As Christ tells his followers of the aforementioned greatest commandments, in Luke's gospel, He follows this declaration with the well-known Parable of the Good Samaritan. In His teachings, Christ ensures to convey the distinction in solely emotional love and active love. As we reflect upon our feelings on the matter, perhaps a good question we can ask ourselves is whether we feel that we live out these teachings of active love in our relationships? Are there areas where we can improve? —James Stone

We love because he first loved us.
— 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

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Cook Bookin'

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

by Sandy Olson



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

“I Want That Recipe” was compiled by Manly Senior Citizens to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their organization. That was in 2007 and the group is still going strong. This community, fundraiser-style cookbook showcases the cooking talents of small-town men and women who like to eat and don’t mind sharing their secrets. Peek into their kitchens; you’ll enjoy the view! I’ve adapted them as necessary.

Parmesan Cheese Chex® Mix (Lori Maklenburg in memory of Linda Winner)

1 bag microwave popcorn, popped
3 cups Wheat Chex® cereal
3 cups Corn Chex® cereal
4 cups original Cheez-Its®
3 cups Rice Chex® cereal
3 tablespoons real butter
2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a very large mixing bowl, combine all the cereals, the popped corn and the cheese crackers. Gently toss them together. Drizzle with the melted butter and toss again. Put into a 2-gallon plastic zipper-top bag and add the Parmesan. Seal and gently shake to blend the cheese into the mix. SANDY’S NOTE: Some of these recipes have you toast the mix on a baking sheet in a slow oven. This one does not but it would give the snack a deeper flavor to bake for about 20 minutes in a preheated 250 degree F. oven before you add the cheese. Just don’t let it get brown.

Apricot Chicken (Barbara Backhaus)

1 package dry onion soup mix
1 jar (10oz) apricot preserves
3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
8 oz. bottle of Russian dressing

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix soup mix, preserves and salad dressing until well blended. Place the chicken in a baking dish and cover with the sauce, turning the chicken so both sides are coated. Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes or until internal temperature is 165 degrees. Serve over hot cooked rice.

Taco Lasagna (Helen Thoen)

1 pound lean ground beef
1 can (15oz.) black beans
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1 can diced tomatoes with chiles
1/2 cup chopped onion
6 flour tortillas, 8-inch size
2/3 cup water
1 can (16oz) refried beans
1 package taco seasoning
12 oz. Mexican blend cheese

Cook the ground beef, green pepper and onion in a bit of oil in a large heavy skillet. Drain away any excess grease. Add the water and taco seasoning and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 2 minutes. Drain and rinse the black beans and add to the skillet with the tomatoes and their juices. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Place 2 tortillas in a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Spread with half of the refried beans and half the beef mixture. Repeat this for a second layer. Sprinkle with 1 cup of the shredded cheese and top with the remaining 2 tortillas and the rest of the cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes.

Easy Dump Bars (Ruth Willier)

1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
5 large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 cup powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Dump all the ingredients except the powdered sugar into a large bowl. Mix well and spread in a 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with the powdered sugar.

Time passes. Years (and decades) fly by but the love of tasty food never goes out of style. The cooks of 2007 may not have had all the fancy electronic gadgets we enjoy in today’s kitchen but the talent and enjoyment of cooking shines through no matter what the date. And...that’s all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Love goes for Gold

Jax is back! With his dad changing jobs and the family moving back to Iowa, Jax Love would have to find a new school, swim team and coaches to pursue his passion of competitive swimming. They relocated to West Des Moines and he missed a full week of practice before joining the Des Moines Swim Federation swim team. He became eligible to swim for DMSF the day before the state swim meet. Through five sessions of swimming of both individual and team events over three days (February 20-22), he earned 12 medals and placed in the following 12U events:

Individual

1st place-1,000 yd freestyle and 50 yd breaststroke
2nd place-500 yd freestyle and 200 yd butterfly
3rd place-200 yd freestyle and 200 yd IM (individual medley)
4th place-100 yd IM
7th place-100 yd freestyle

Team relays

2nd place-200 yd medley and 400 yd medley and 200



JAX LOVE

yd freestyle

3rd place-400 yd freestyle

This August Jax will represent Team Iowa against other Midwest states in

the Central Zone Championships qualifying in the following events: 1,000 yd freestyle, 500 yd freestyle, 200 yd freestyle and the 50 yd breaststroke.

NIACC presents 'Ireland with Michael' on March 17

“Ireland with Michael” will be presented at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17. This presentation is part of the 2025-2026 NIACC Performing Arts & Leadership Series.

Céad Míle Fáilte [a hundred thousand welcomes] from Ireland! “Ireland With Michael” is a multimedia experience that combines the music, dance and stories of Ireland and features the ethereal voice of leading Irish tenor Michael Londra.

Emmy® award-nominated singer and the Voice of Riverdance on Broadway, Michael Londra interlaces songs and stories of Ireland to a backdrop of spectacular footage filmed for his PBS travel series in his new live concert, “Ireland With Michael.” In doing so, he creates an immersive journey around the Emerald Isle for his audience. Irish dancers,

fiddles and pipes add to the feast of Celtic talent onstage, drawing the audience across the Atlantic Ocean to Ireland.

“Ireland With Michael” is an immersive celebration of Irish culture and music for the Irish American Heritage Month of March. Michael shares his own connection to songs and stories of his home county, his love of traditional music backed by his immensely talented band and world champion Irish dancers. The live concert is a perfect addition to St Patrick’s Day celebrations.

The stunning set “Ireland With Michael” adds a multimedia dimension to the show. Conceptualized and designed by an award-winning Broadway Lighting and Projection designer, the backdrop incorporates stunning footage of Ireland and excerpts from Michael’s PBS travel show of the same name, which is currently in its sixth season and has

aired over 70,000 times on the network since Spring 2021. In both the television show and his new live concert, Londra tells the story of Ireland the only way he knows how - through music.

More information about this performance is available by visiting their website at www.michael-londra.com.

For tickets to the show, call the NIACC Box Office at 641-422-4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.niacc.edu/boxoffice.

Worth County Historical Society meets on March 17

The Worth County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at the Northwood Museum at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

NIACC to offer high school equivalency (HSE) classes in March

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) will offer a new session of High School Equivalency (HSE) classes beginning in March at multiple locations across North Iowa.

Orientation and intake for the March session will begin on March 16. Students must complete orientation

and required testing prior to starting classes.

HSE classes prepare students to earn their High School Equivalency diploma by building skills in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies. Adults who did not complete high school and are seeking to earn their equivalency cre-

dential are encouraged to enroll.

HSE classes are offered at the following locations:

- Mason City – McAllister Hall 211A, Monday & Wednesday, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Charles City – NIACC Career Center, Tuesday & Wednesday, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Forest City – John V. Hanson Career Center, Monday & Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m.

- Hampton – Center One, Tuesday & Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m.

More information or to register is available by contacting NIACC Adult Education & Literacy at 641-422-4278, email AEL@niacc.edu or visiting niacc.edu/hse.

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Monday, March 16
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Soup Supper Fundraiser
at 5:15 p.m.
in the
First Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
309 9th St. N., Northwood

Thank You

I would like to THANK EVERYONE for the incredible support during my wrestling seasons! Your encouragement, messages and showing up to cheer me on meant more than you know. It helped push me through the tough practices, long matches and challenging moments.

I’m truly grateful to my coaches, teammates, family, friends and everyone in the community who supported me along the way. This season wouldn’t have been the same without you all.

I would also like to personally thank Alayna Underdahl, Brittani Lair and Dr. Cates for quick response on my knee injury and surgery. With their quick action I was able to play football and wrestle my senior year.

**Thank you for believing in me
and being part of the journey!**
~ Alex Tiedemann

Savvy Senior

Top senior scams and how to avoid them

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

My adult kids keep warning me about scams, but it's hard to know which calls and messages are dangerous. What scams are most commonly aimed at seniors right now?

--Almost 80

Dear Almost,

Your kids' concerns are well founded. Financial fraud is a massive – and rapidly growing – problem for older Americans. In 2024 alone, scams cost older adults an estimated \$81.5 billion, according to the Federal Trade Commission. That staggering figure includes both reported losses and the many crimes that likely go unreported.

While many scams today target people of all ages, older adults are often singled out or suffer the greatest financial harm. From urgent phone calls and alarming emails to online romance schemes and bogus investment opportunities, scammers use high-pressure tactics, fear and emotional manipulation to convince seniors to hand over money or sensitive personal information.

Knowing the most common scams is the first line of defense. Here's a list of scams seniors should watch for:

Imposter and government scams: Fraudsters pretend to be from Social Security, Medicare, the IRS, the police, banks, or utility companies. They claim there's a problem requiring immediate payment or personal information and may threaten arrest or loss of benefits.

Tech support scams: Calls, emails, or pop-ups warn your computer has a virus. The scammer offers to "fix" it but instead steals money, personal data, or access to your device.

Grandparent or family emergency scams: Callers pose as a relative—often a grandchild—in distress and urgently request money. Some even use AI to mimic a loved one's voice.

Investment and cryptocurrency scams: Offers for "too good to be true" investments, including crypto or high-yield retirement schemes, often promise big returns but lead to large financial losses.

Romance scams: Scammers build fake online relationships on social media, dating sites and other interactive platforms, then invent emergencies or investment opportunities to get money. Seniors have lost millions to these schemes.

Medicare scams: Calls or texts claim to be from Medicare, asking you to verify your number, offering special plans, or warning of fraud. Medicare will not contact you this way.

Sweepstakes and lottery scams: You're told you've won a prize but must pay fees or taxes first. Real lotteries never require payment.

Charity scams: Scammers call or email, asking for donations to fake charities, often after disasters. Always verify before giving.

Phishing and online fraud: Emails, texts, and pop-ups that look like they're from banks, Amazon, or PayPal try to steal passwords, account numbers, or trick you into clicking harmful links.

Employment scams: Seniors seeking part-time work or ways to supplement their retirement should watch out for fake job offers on LinkedIn, indeed, and other online job sites. Scammers may promise easy income or work-from-home opportunities but ask for upfront fees, personal information, or involve illegal tasks like package reshipping. Always verify employers and never pay to apply.

How to Protect Yourself

Awareness and caution are your best defenses. Slow down when a call, email or text pressures you to act immediately. That sense of urgency is a red flag. Hang up, don't click suspicious links, and verify any request by calling the organization directly using a number you look up yourself, or by checking with a trusted family member.

Never send money using gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency. Legitimate organizations will not ask for payment this way. Stay informed through trusted resources like the AARP Fraud Watch Network (aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork), the National Cybersecurity Center (nationalcybersecuritycenter.org) and the Federal Trade Commission (consumer.ftc.gov).

Protect your accounts by setting up bank alerts, regularly checking your credit reports, and using strong, unique passwords. Some seniors also find it helpful to have a trusted family member or financial ally review unusual account activity. Report suspicious calls, messages or offers at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Being informed, cautious, and deliberate can greatly reduce your risk of fraud – giving you and your family peace of mind.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvy-senior.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.

college?"—I proudly answered, "I'm driving a Cadillac."

I've learned

Blueberries lower blood pressure unless you look at the price of the blueberries.

I can communicate with fish because I have mental tilapia.

It takes a nurse longer to find a vein than it does a mosquito.

Why is "dark" spelled with a K, and not a C? Because you can't C in the dark.

Bad jokes department

The unknown baker was named John Dough.

Dear Optimist, Pessimist and Realist. While you were all arguing about that glass of water, I drank it. Thank you. Signed, The Opportunist.

Face the facts, aliens never visit Earth. They've read the Yelp reviews. Only 1 star.

In the news

I paid my respects to Whitey Hagen at Community Lutheran Church. My mother told me that we should leave the world a better place than it was when we got here. When his brother Dick died from cancer, Whitey, with the help of Hank Thompson, started the Geneva Cancer Auction in 1985, which has raised major funds for cancer research. Whitey left the world a better place.

Nature notes

There was a lot of whining in the yard. No, it wasn't all from me. It was the oft-repeated chi-call of a red-bellied woodpecker, which sounds whiny. It's a call to stop, look and listen. Woodpeckers drummed. They banged out love notes in Morse code or woodpecker code on resonant limbs. Downy and hairy woodpeckers can be hard to tell apart.

Downies are smaller and have short bills. Hairy woodpeckers have bills more like chisels. Nuthatches went around a tree trunk searching for food, as if they were stripes on a barber pole. A cardinal cranked up his spring song, a loud, whistled series of notes sounding like "cheer, cheer, cheer" or "birdie, birdie, birdie." That's smelling salts for the ears.

Chipmunks scurried about as if they had misplaced their lists of things to do today.

White-tailed deer can run 30 to 40 mph, never once qualifying for a NASCAR event. They can leap up to 8 feet high. Wild strawberry leaves are lovely to see. The leaves stay green over the winter.

For most of Minnesota and much of Iowa, December is typically the snowiest month of the year. January is second, February third and March is the fourth snowiest month, but you never know.

Acrobatic squirrels engaged in a merry chase of tag. Squirrel and rabbit chases take place as part of the courting process. Gray squirrels mate twice a year, typically from December to February and June through August. Fox squirrels mate twice a year, generally from December to February and June through July. The eastern cottontail rabbit breeding season runs from March to September.

Male goldfinches begin molting from their muted, drab plumage into vibrant mating colors in mid-March. Watch the state bird of Iowa, and you'll see some splotchy feathers on goldfinches during the in-between stages of a molt.

Meeting adjourned

Every person you meet is in need of a kind word.

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Fit to print...

The Iowa Newspaper Association is presenting a monthly feature in Iowa's newspapers, inviting political leaders of each party to offer perspectives on different subjects. This month's topic: "Water Quality: What is the state doing well and what does it need to do more of to improve the quality of water in Iowa? How do you balance the tensions between the state's agricultural economy while also working to protect a crucial natural resource?"

Iowans deserve clean water — and we're making progress

By Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture

Every Iowan deserves clean, safe drinking water. That's not negotiable. It's fundamental to our health, our communities, and our quality of life. As Secretary of Agriculture, protecting our natural resources while keeping Iowa agriculture strong has been one of my top priorities. Those goals are not conflicting – they go hand in hand.

Let's start with the facts. Iowa's treated drinking water meets national safety standards, which are regularly reviewed and updated, most recently in 2024 under the Biden administration. At the same time, we know there is more work to do upstream to continue improving water quality, and we are making significant progress across our state.

Iowa is an agricultural powerhouse because we are blessed with naturally nitrogen-rich soils. Nitrogen is essential for crops to grow but can create challenges if it leaves the field and enters waterways. That's why farmers across our state are implementing thousands of responsible farming practices that keep soil in place, reduce runoff, filter nutrients, and protect downstream water sources.

In 2024, Iowa farmers planted nearly 4 million acres of cover crops, up from fewer than 400,000 just a decade ago, a 10x increase. Cover crops hold soil and nutrients in place, improve soil health, and are a good source of forage for livestock.

Farmers are also building nitrate-reducing wetlands, which capture and treat thousands of acres of water as it leaves the field, reducing nitrate runoff

by up to 90 percent. Over 150 wetlands have been constructed statewide, and our pace is accelerating; nearly three times as many wetlands have been built in the past four years compared to the previous two decades.

In addition, farmers have installed nearly 500 nitrate-filtering buffers along field edges, all of which capture and treat water before it reaches streams. Again, the pace has increased dramatically, with practices installed about five times faster in the past four years than in the previous decade.

These are measurable, science-based practices being implemented on real farms across Iowa every day — not because of mandates, but because farmers want to be part of the solution.

The State of Iowa invests nearly \$100 million annually in water quality programs, including \$3 million allocated to the Iowa DNR's water quality monitoring network. The state's water quality investment is matched by roughly \$500 million in federal funding, with additional investment from private individuals and organizations. These resources help farmers adopt conservation practices and accelerate implementation of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

We are seeing results. Iowa has spent decades investing in soil conservation, and because of that commitment, we are close to achieving our phosphorus reduction goals. Nitrogen reduction efforts began in 2013 and are now accelerating with targeted practices, investments and partnerships, especially in priority watersheds.

And that brings me to an important point: water quality is not solely a farm issue or a city issue. It requires a system-wide approach.

Many of Iowa's water treatment and wastewater systems were built decades ago and need modernization. Just as farmers are stepping up conservation practices, municipalities and industry must continue investing in infrastructure and nutrient removal technologies. Both sides of the system matter — from the farm to the faucet.

Unfortunately, many Democrat politicians argue the answer is more gov-

Strengthening Iowa's Voice: Water Quality

ernment, more red tape, and more taxes on farmers. Republicans disagree.

Mandates and one-size-fits-all regulations would raise costs dramatically for farm families, and those costs get passed on to consumers through higher prices at the grocery store and fuel pump. Heavy-handed regulation hits small and mid-sized farms hardest, squeezing them out. The result? More consolidation in agriculture, and that's bad for our farm families, bad for beginning farmers, bad for our rural communities, and bad for consumers.

We should be strengthening family farms, not taxing and regulating them out of existence.

This debate comes down to a choice: Do we continue Iowa's community-led, collaborative, science-based approach that is delivering progress — or do we move toward costly mandates that punish farmers and increase prices for Iowa families?

Iowa has chosen a path built on partnerships, incentives, innovation, and measurable outcomes.

That approach is working. Farmers are scaling up conservation faster than ever. Investments are increasing. Collaboration across agriculture, conservation groups, municipalities, and state agencies is stronger than it has ever been.

Progress takes time, especially when addressing challenges that developed over generations. But Iowa is moving forward — and faster than many realize.

We can and must continue to invest, innovate, and work together to protect our water while also protecting family farms and keeping food and fuel affordable.

It's time to pass the Iowa Healthy Water Act

By State Representative Elinor Levin

Every Iowan, every human, needs water to survive. Whether to drink, to grow plants, to fish, swim, kayak, and paddle, or to uplift amazing local breweries, wineries, and cideries, the water we access simply must be healthy and plentiful for us to have a future.

Water, See Page 10

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100 years ago

March 4, 1926

F. Van Hooser, of near Kensett, for the second time this winter, is under arrest and lodged in the county jail, charged with having intoxicating liquor in his possession. His arrest was the only one made as a result of a series of raids made Saturday night by local and federal officers near Manly. Sheriff H.A. Gullickson, B.F. Wilson, federal prohibition enforcement officer, and eight deputies were the members of the raiding party.

Mr. and Mrs. P.J. John-

75 years ago

March 8, 1951

Editorial: There is currently in the nation a campaign to promote brotherhood. Presumably this plan is to build good will among nations and among men. It's a fine project but it hasn't a chance to change the shape of things to come. Mankind today is a slaving beast and nations are conglomerate collections of these beasts. There can be no brotherhood promoted by fancy publicity campaigns or appeals to reason. The law of the knife and bayonet prevails in the world and it will be best for Uncle Sam

50 years ago

March 4, 1976

A caravan of almost 70 cars met wrestling champion Paul Geerlings at I-35 Sunday noon, and escorted him to the high school.

Five Webelos received awards at the Blue and Gold Banquet held early last week. Receiving awards from John Last and Webelos leader Paul Ohland were Robert Butler, David Kragenbrink, Daniel Julson, John Last and Todd Patterson.

Donations and pledges to the Northwood-Kensett band uniform fund now total \$18,436, Paul Ohland

25 years ago

March 7, 2001

The Northwood city council will be forced to cut back on discretionary spending if the proposal to eliminate city and county property tax levies pass the Iowa statehouse. "This bill is insulting to city government," said Mayor Bob Perry. "It essentially says the state does not think we are capable of running our own municipalities." If passed, the bill would force Northwood to use an average of the city's property tax to set the yearly budget.

A proposed Worth County wind farm moved one step

10 years ago

March 9, 2016

After 30 years on the Fair Board, 17 of which he spent as president, Bob Hall has retired. "I'm going to miss the fair board people," he said. "They took the work out of work and made it fun. Everyone on the board was wonderful, and we've had excellent help from our spouses."

After several weeks of searching for a new weed commissioner, the duties have been assigned to an existing county official, county conservation director Jim Hanson.

Northwood-Kensett first grade teacher Elaine Hansen

son and daughter, Mrs. H. L. Thompto, were badly shaken up in an automobile accident on Wednesday of last week. The collision of their Ford sedan and a Chevrolet sedan occurred on the Mason City pavement. The Johnsons were returning from an afternoon's shopping in the city and the other car was headed south, each apparently hugging the center of the pavement as they made the curve, when they collided. The impact of the heavier car pushed the Ford to the edge of the concrete, where it toppled onto its side.

John I. Hove, 75, was saved from drowning in the icy water of a street gutter of southeast Northwood last Wednesday noon by the prompt assistance given

to whet his weapons well. (Denison Bulletin)

Edward Purcell took over the work at the Fertile creamery and will be butter maker for the coming year. He was employed at the Forest City creamery before entering the military service.

Four members of the engineers office, John Berry, Russell Perry, Eugene Hales and Lloyd Skjeveland, attended a district meeting at the Hotel Hanford in Mason City. Representatives of the state highway commission offices in Ames were present to discuss 1951 road plans with the county engineers and their assistants.

Eli Colby received a telephone call Monday from his brother, Col. Joseph Colby,

announced yesterday. "The uniforms have been ordered, and the concert uniforms may arrive in time for contest in May," Ohland said. "We hope the overlays and hats will be here for the North Iowa Band Festival in June."

Bruce Girton, Mason City businessman and candidate for the Iowa Senate, gave the keynote address at a Republican convention Saturday afternoon at the courthouse in Northwood. He stressed the principle of "the best government is the least government" and urged everyone to get involved in election activities.

Mrs. Cecilia Ramsay, Thelma Myli display thank-you certificates presented by the Lutheran

closer to reality in late February. On Monday, Feb. 26, Alliant Energy officials signed a renewable contract to purchase 80 megawatts from Northern Iowa Windpower, LLC. By the project completion date, the agreement will provide Alliant with enough electricity to power 25,000 homes.

Worth County Public Health Nurse Administrator Teresa Johnson gives Karen Orth of Manly a plaque for years of service. Orth has served as a homemaker care aide for the Worth County Public Health for the past 14 years. She retired February 27. A reception was held last Tuesday in Orth's honor.

Northwood-Kensett FFA members Jackie Lupkes, Amanda Fett, Scott Eilertson,

was chosen as one of the latest teachers nominated to receive the Golden Apple Award by KIMT.

Waking Miss Winifred has announced that it has raised enough money to purchase the former Hotel Northwood. The real estate closing will take place on or about March 31. Thanks to the generosity of Bernard and Bertrum Bidne, who donated \$15,000, the goal of phase one of the project has been met.

N-K seventh grader Nathan Hannemann will compete as an individual at the State MathCounts competition at Drake University in Des Moines April 1.

Lutheran Retirement Home members Stacy Davidson and Pat Nelson dish up some tasty treats for

him by Mrs. Andrew Aase, Sr. Mr. Hove, who had been uptown for the mail, and was returning to the Lewis Butler home where he stays, when the accident occurred. He is subject to fainting spells and it was such an attack that caused him to totter and fall. In an unconscious and helpless condition, with his face underwater, it would have been but a matter of minutes until death had not Mrs. Aase gone to his assistance.

In spite of the depression of real estate values, property liquidations, bank failures and a general low level of the main agricultural products of the actual value of Worth County property amounts to a sizable sum, and is in fact over \$23,000,000.

who returned recently from Korea. Col. Colby is leaving soon for England, where he expects to be stationed for several years as head of ordinance development for the North Atlantic treaty countries. Col. Colby played a prominent part in the development of American weapons, particularly tanks, during WWII.

John McCallum, Navy airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCallum of Kensett, is a member of an air anti-submarine squadron used at the Naval Air Station at San Diego, Calif. The squadron, a unit of the Air Force of the Pacific Fleet, is undergoing intensive training at San Diego in preparation for duty aboard an aircraft carrier.

Retirement Home for their volunteer work. The home entertained volunteers last week in repayment for the service throughout the years.

George Lindflott, local postmaster, has been named chairman of the two-pronged educational and fund-raising Cancer Crusade to be conducted throughout Worth County in April. Mr. Lindflott will be serving his second year as Crusade Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Oувerson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sue Ellen, to David Eilertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Eilertson, all of Northwood. A July 31 wedding is planned at the Church of Christ in Fertile.

Lisa Foley and Ben Johnson and members of visiting FFA chapters got a chuckle out of the proceedings during the annual North Central Iowa District FFA Convention Saturday at N-K High. N-K student Jennifer Tenold was elected to a one-year term as North Central Iowa District sentinel, and N-K ovational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Marty Cotter stepped down as North Central Iowa District FFA advisor.

Members of the Worth County board of supervisors approved the 2001-2002 budget estimate following a public meeting Monday. Some 20 people, including department heads, attended the budget hearing, which was chaired by supervisor Beverly Pangburn.

residents at the Lutheran Retirement Home, Breen Center and Pines Assisted Living for the annual February Pie Day.

Worth Brewing Company celebrated the grand opening of its new location on February 27. Worth Brewing Company has provided the area with craft-brewed beer for nearly nine years. Owner and brewer Peter Ausenhus has said that he is also considering making kegs available for sale, as well as possibly bottling beer in the future.

Senior Hattie Davidson was named first time all-conference and TIC East Player of the Year. She is a four-year letter winner and four-time first team all-conference selection.

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Breta Jackson

Breta Ann (Pacey) Jackson, October 10, 1941 – February 28, 2026.

Breta Ann Jackson lived a life defined by devotion, to her family, her work, and above all, to her husband, Denny.

She was born on October 10, 1941, in Mason City, Iowa, and raised in Northwood, Iowa, she carried her Midwest roots with pride throughout her 84 years. After graduating in 1959, she met Denny. They fell fast, married young, and built a remarkable 62-year love story grounded in love and partnership.

Together they built a business, Midwest Bowling and Billiard Supply in Omaha, becoming fixtures in the Nebraska bowling community. In 2012, Breta was honored with induction into the Greater Omaha Area Bowling Hall of Fame, in recognition of her dedication and influence.

But her greatest joy was showing up. She was there,

Carol Anderson

Carol Jean Anderson, 93, of Cedar Rapids, passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Central City, Iowa, with a visitation beginning one hour prior. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Clark Cemetery in Central City, Iowa.

Carol was born on August 12, 1932, the daughter of Frank and Grace (Rees) Hinds. She was a 1950 graduate of Northwood High School. On July 26, 1950, Carol was united in marriage to Orlan Handeland in Lamont, Iowa,

Caryl Sharp

Caryl Lee Sharp, 86, of Decorah, formerly Spring Valley, Minnesota, passed away at Highland Place (Aase Haugen) under Hospice care on February 9, 2026.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Russell Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations and memorials may be sent to the family in memory of Caryl or the Russell Cemetery.

Caryl was born on December 17, 1939, to Lloyd and Hazel Quandahl Sharp in Decorah.

Caryl was active in the Methodist Church Youth Group and was afforded the opportunity to travel to New York City. A trip she treasured, as they were able to meet the then Senator John F. Kennedy.

In high school, Caryl fell in love with the French language and continued that passion in college. She graduated from Luther College, majoring in English and French, and that began her teaching career. She started teaching in Tama/Toledo, moved to Northwood, Iowa, then to Spring Valley, Minnesota, in 1970, where she later retired.

While teaching in Tama/Toledo, Caryl and a co-teacher attended the NDEA French Institute- a 6-week Federal program in Cedar Rapids. A program designed to promote diversity and pair Afro-American and Caucasian teachers to interact in teaching



BRETA JACKSON

in the stands at baseball games, on the bleachers at wrestling matches, in the auditorium for band concerts, front row at dance recitals, cheering at basketball games. She believed that love meant presence, and she practiced it faithfully. Her children, Kelly (Jim) Kingsley, Darin (Becci) Jackson and Nicole (Craig) Long; and her grandchildren, Maggie (Cody) Wragge, Molly (Justin) Bruggemann, Blake Jackson, Bryce Jackson,



CAROL ANDERSON

and together, they had two sons. He later passed away in 1978. Carol was then united in marriage to Gerald Anderson in 1979 and he preceded her in death. Carol dedicated her career for over 25 years to the GTE Telephone Company, working as a supervisor, until her retirement. Carol will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



CARYL SHARP

methods.

While teaching, Caryl supervised and traveled with the debate/speech teams. She was a formidable - but fair - teacher and loved seeing that spark of "I get it" in her students.

After retiring, she subbed for a while in the school system. Then she became involved in Hospice as a volunteer, where she met so many wonderful people and helped guide them in their own journey.

Caryl loved to travel, and she remained close with a group of high school girlfriends. They all enjoyed going to the many plays at the American Players in Spring Green, Wisconsin. They also traveled to Quebec and Toronto, Canada, for a Shakespeare Festival. The group also attended many plays that Lanesboro had to offer. Caryl also traveled with her parents out west to Yellowstone and Montana to see relatives.

Caryl was most courageous in her battle with

Benjamin Jackson, Riley Long and Camryn Long knew they were deeply loved. Her five great-grandchildren, Brooks, Abel and Barrett Wragge and Blair and Baker Brueggemann, were a continued blessing to her.

In retirement in Mesa, Arizona, Breta's creative spirit flourished. She poured her artistry into painting gourds, proudly displaying her work at craft shows beside Denny's wood carvings, still side by side, just as they had always been.

She is survived by her husband, Denny; her children and grandchildren; and her sisters, Mary (Lonnie) Hopperstad and Sonya Dahle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howe and Nora Pacey; and her sister, Jane Grosland.

Her life was beautiful not because it was loud, but because it was steady, faithful and full of love.

Carol is survived and lovingly remembered by her children, Eugene (Laura) Handeland of Warsaw, Missouri, and Wayne (Angie) Handeland of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren, Rachel Handeland, Holly (Ryan) Kardell, Scott (Beth) Handeland, Samantha (Wayland) Edwards, Taylor Handeland and Madison Handeland; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Orlan Handeland; second husband, Gerald Anderson; five brothers, Claude, Pat, Skinny, Lefty and Hubert; and four sisters, Hazel, Maxine, Alice and Muggs.

breast cancer, surgery on her spine and an MRSA infection. She was indeed a formidable fighter and survivor.

Caryl was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Merlin; and a great-niece, Kellie Ann Sharp.

Surviving are two sisters, LaVonne Sharp of Decorah, and Phyllis Cutsforth of Ottumwa, Iowa; one brother, John (JoAnn) Sharp of Decorah; nephews, Brian (Keitha) Cutsforth, Ottumwa, Iowa, Patrick (Shannon) Cutsforth, North Liberty, and Sean Cutsforth, Ottumwa, and Andrew Sharp of Ankeny; nieces, Heather (Brian) Steele of Mechanicsville, and Lauren (Ryan) Kimber of Ridgeway; great-nieces, Emily (Justin) Rader and Alison Cutsforth of Ottumwa; and great-nephew, Thomas Cutsforth of Dav-enport.

Steven Smith

Steven F. Smith - August 18, 1942 - February 11, 2026

A time to greet friends and relatives will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at The Timbers, 500 Central Ave., Northwood, IA 50459. Burial will be in Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood.

Conner Colonial Chapel. 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, IA 50459. 641-324-1543.

Water Cont. from Page 8

Right now, Iowans across the state are recognizing and speaking out about the fact that we have a real water challenge. And they are no longer asking us to make a change. Some are begging, some are demanding, and some are crying out from their children’s hospital rooms.

And Iowa doesn’t start from a great position- unlike many states, we don’t have a strong understanding of our water resources. Without the underground data of a century-old oil and gas industry; without monitoring of non-point sources; without fully funding our State Geologist’s office like other states do to map aquifers; and without finding the funds for the Iowa Flood Center to maintain and grow the Iowa Water Quality Information Sensor network; we have pieces of a very big puzzle, but too many are missing.

What do we know? Our waters are impaired, but our majority leaders want to stop looking, stop monitoring, and stop protecting us. Our well levels are dropping, but water use permits are still under consideration that would send Iowa water out of state. And Iowans, so, so many Iowans, are sick. Young people being diagnosed with cancer flood our social circles. Autoimmune disease. Complications in pregnancies. Stories every week from and about our friends and neighbors.

So, how do we find the other pieces? House Democrats have proposed a few places to start with the Iowa Healthy Waters Act. First, the Act fully funds the statewide water monitoring program at \$600,000.

Supervisors

March 2, 2026 Tenth Day
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Enos Loberg, present. All members voting “AYE” unless noted.
Meeting called to order by Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today’s agenda and February 23, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adopt Resolution 2026-08 Approval of the 410th Street Paving Project and County Engineer Authorization to Sign Contract Document in Doc Express. Roll call vote: Smeby, Stone, Loberg – AYE. Motion carried. (Full text available in auditor’s office).
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to set bid letting and public hearing date for Project L-100-73-98 for 342nd Ave/Fir Ave with public hearing being on March 30 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of \$179,132.00 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Don’s Truck Sales, Inc., EQUIP-ENG.....\$179,132.00
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for Johnson Brothers Ag, LLC/Johnson 3 - #57824. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 8:52 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY 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

Next, it triples funds for the voluntary nutrient reduction strategy, allowing partners across the state to enroll all willing land stewards and get the practices in place from the Mississippi to the Missouri River. Finally, the Act recognizes the foundational role farmers can play, right in our soil, in improving our water statewide, but they need state and federal policies that make regenerative agriculture financially feasible for more producers. When policy supports farmers who embrace best practices for nitrate reduction, including wetlands, buffer strips, bioreactors, and cover crops, we take the first steps towards healthy water for the entire state.

We simply must bring in every Iowan to be a part of the solution, and we really can. Whether we drink and paddle, whether we till and sow, whether we float and noodle, or whether we do all of it, water is in all of our futures, and now is the time to fight for it.

State Representative Elinor Levin is a Democrat from the Iowa House District 89 in Iowa City and is the Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee.

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Northwood-Kensett Community School District
Elementary Roof Replacement
Northwood, IA
The Board of Education of the Northwood-Kensett Community School District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed contract for the Northwood-Kensett Community School District – Elementary Roof Replacement project at the Administrative Building, 1496 480th Street, Northwood, IA on Thursday, March 26, 2026, beginning at 6:02 p.m. local time. The public hearing will be held for a Single Construction Contract. At the public hearing, any resident, or taxpayer may appear and express an opinion of the proposed project.
By /s/_
Kim Hengesteg
Board Secretary/
Business Manager

Supervisors

March 4, 2026 Special Meeting
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Enos Loberg and Mark Smeby, present. Jesse Luther, sheriff; Jacki Backhaus, auditor; and Kris Kenison, Northwood Anchor were also present.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today’s agenda. Motion carried.
The following budget items were discussed: General Basic, General Supplemental and Rural Basic levy rates, Back the Blue, Northwood Law Enforcement Agreement and Manly Law Enforcement Agreement.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:57 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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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Sewing with 4-H

Worth County 4-H recently started a new club to share skills for clothing selection, creation and repair. The Sew & Style Club welcomed Tom and Kathy Christianson at a February meeting. Tom explained about what sewing machines can do and helped set them up correctly.

		NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed NORTHWOOD-KENSETT Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Location of Public Hearing: Administrative Office Building: 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA		Date of Public Hearing: 3/26/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 05:30 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: https://www.nwood-kensett.k12.ia.us/vnews/display.v/SEC/Departments%7CBusiness%2			
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.			
	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1 2,377,624	2,377,624	2,430,708
Instructional Support Levy	2 299,348	299,348	224,491
Management	3 359,698	359,698	736,546
Amana Library	4 0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5 260,232	260,232	288,559
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6 128,174	128,174	142,126
Reorganization Equalization	7 0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8 0	0	0
Debt Service	9 375,145	375,145	376,221
Grand Total	10 3,800,221	3,800,221	4,198,651
	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
Grand Total Levy Rate	11.98561	10.75686	11.98561
Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	568	587	3.35
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,471	2,743	11.01
Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year. Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: Increase cost of expenses such as Insurance Premiums and Local Government Natural Gas Risk Pool			

		NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed LAKE MILLS Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Location of Public Hearing: Library-Media Center, Lake Mills Community School District, 102 S 4th Ave E, Lake Mills, IA 50450		Date of Public Hearing: 3/30/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 05:00 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: https://www.lake-mills.k12.ia.us/district/board-of-education/			
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.			
	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1 2,485,989	2,485,989	2,786,017
Instructional Support Levy	2 130,660	130,660	139,176
Management	3 512,682	512,682	425,314
Amana Library	4 0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5 505,178	505,178	517,385
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6 124,410	124,410	127,416
Reorganization Equalization	7 0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8 0	0	0
Debt Service	9 0	0	0
Grand Total	10 3,758,919	3,758,919	3,995,308
	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
Grand Total Levy Rate	10.92886	10.76019	11.44509
Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	518	561	8.30
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,253	2,619	16.25
Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year. Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: The District will implement a cash reserve levy in the general fund to maintain stable school operations and to help offset special education costs that are not fully funded by the State of Iowa’s school funding formula.			

CITY NAME:

NORTHWOOD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF NORTHWOOD - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CITY #: 98-947

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: City Hall - 627 Central Ave. Northwood, IA 50459

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

www.northwoodia.org

City Telephone Number

(641) 324-1075

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	67,145,430	73,938,767	73,938,767
Consolidated General Fund	522,808	522,808	558,935
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	137,797	137,797	150,000
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	123,820	123,820	125,000
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	74,725,831	81,570,770	81,570,770
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	784,425	784,425	833,935
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	11.68248	10.60912	11.27872
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	1,416,660	1,565,768	1,565,768
Ag Land	4,256	4,256	4,704
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.71815	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	554	553	-0.18
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,408	2,581	7.18

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Due to inflation of expenses, we are proposing a tax increase to help pay for the police protection contract, street overlay project, increased expenses in streets, swimming pool, library, and purchase a new loader.

Lake Mills News



Kindness rocks

Third graders at Lake Mills recently took part in a special project, painting “Kindness Rocks.” The students watched online tutorials to create their own unique designs, and messages of kindness for their rocks. The students will keep their rocks until spring arrives and then they will place them in parks, walking trails and playgrounds. Their goal is spread kindness and school spirit with those that find the rocks.

Lake Mills

Speech success

Lake Mills students traveled to Forest City on February 28 to compete in the District Individual Speech Contest. Six of the performances advanced to State competition. That included Emily Charlson - Solo Musical Theater: “What It Means To Be A Friend”; Peyton Stelpflug (10th) - Solo Musical Theater: “Poor Unfortunate Souls”; Kyhanna Guthart (10th) - Prose “A Friend”; Kaylie Sylvara (11th) - Poetry “Through Blue Eyes”; Avah Klebsch (12th) - Solo Musical Theater “Evil Like Me”; Teyla VanHeiden (12th) - Storytelling “Jessica.” Earning a Division 2 rating was Gracie Pederson, for her Poetry performance, “Black Hole.” Lane Rygh was also selected for the Large Group All-State Festival.



Briefs

Easter Egg hunt March 28 in Lake Mills



The Lake Mills/ Northwood Girl Scouts will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, starting at 10 a.m. at the Lake Mills school.

The hunt will include a chance to register for a prize drawing and take pictures with the Easter Bunny before the hunt begins.

The hunt will start at 10:20 a.m., with ages 0-4 in the high school gym, 5-8 in the middle school gym and 9-12 in the auxiliary gym.

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CARD OF THANKS: The family of Steve Hengesteg wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered their kindness, prayers and support during this difficult time. We are grateful for the many visits, cards, condolences and memories in honor of Steve's memory. Carol Hengesteg Julie, John and Grace Bergeson Paul Hengesteg*

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NOTICE

The Worth County Conservation Board will be accepting sealed bids for mowing in the County Parks for the 2026 and 2027 seasons.

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.

Call Supervisor Stone with any questions at 641-430-1410.

All bids are due by
Wednesday, March 18 at 4 p.m. at the
Worth County Conservation Office.

Miscellaneous
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Champ and tops at Super Pee Wee State

Three young wrestlers recently competed at the Super Pee Wee State Wrestling Championship. Taking home the top spot in the first grade, 55 pound weight class was Breckynn Madson (above), who shared her appreciation for those that helped her meet her goals. Also having success at the Championship were Kennedy and Cambry Schulz (pictured below). Cambry (right) took third place in the second grade 55 pound weight class. Kennedy (left) took seventh place in the kindergarten 40 pound weight class.



Vikings led by junior Landen Nelson

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team was led this season by junior Landen Nelson who received Top of Iowa All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. Nelson played in all 23 games and led the team in points scored with 285, led the team in assists with 80, and led the teams in steals with 45. He was second on the team in rebounds with 123 and third in blocks with nine.

Junior Gavin Halbach played in all 23 games and led the team in rebounds with 158 and blocks with 67. He also had 183 points, 55 assists and 22 steals.

Junior Caysen Chodur played in all 23 games and scored 178 points, had 103 rebounds, 51 assists, 33 steals and 12 blocks.

Senior Hayzin Jacobsen played in all 23 games and had 168 points, 68 rebounds, 28 assists, 23 steals and four blocks.

Senior Caden Davidson Jacobs played in 20 games this season and had 83 points, 39 rebounds, 18 assists, 30 steals and five blocks.

Freshman Jaxon Reyer-son played in all 23 games and had 32 points, 33 rebounds, 12 assists and eight steals.

Senior Quinton Butler played in 18 games and had 18 points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Freshman Henry Hanson played in 21 games and had 11 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Junior Carson Tufte played in 21 games and had nine points, 25 rebounds, eight assists, three steals

and one block.

Freshman Bryck Abrams played in nine games and had four points and one steal.

Senior Ayden Clark played in 18 games and had three points, seven rebounds, one assist and one block.

As a team the Vikings were 382-1048 shooting, 83-

370 from three-point range and 128-242 from the free throw line. They had 571 rebounds, 257 assists, 169 steals, 99 blocks and 470 turnovers.

The Vikings say goodbye to seniors Hayzin Jacobsen, Caden Davidson Jacobs, Quinton Butler and Ayden Clark.



Wrestling Banquet

Northwood-Kensett held its boys and girls wrestling banquet recently. Award winners included (above, from left) Merrin Hanson - Best Teammate Award, Tegan Trenhaile - Most Promising Newcomer, Harley Logeman - Most Promising Newcomer and Weston Willand - Best Teammate award. MVP's at the wrestling banquet were (at right, from left) Kinley Stambaugh and Alex Tiedemann.

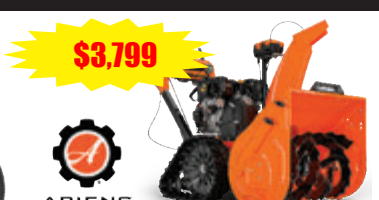
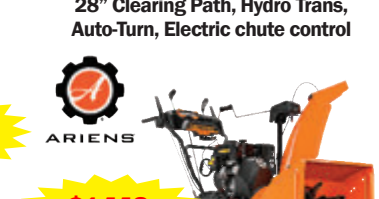


Cheerleading awards

Northwood-Kensett recently held its cheerleading banquet. Receiving awards were (from left) Sophia Butler, MVP; Maci Smith, Newcomer; and Camryn Rheingans, Coaches Award.



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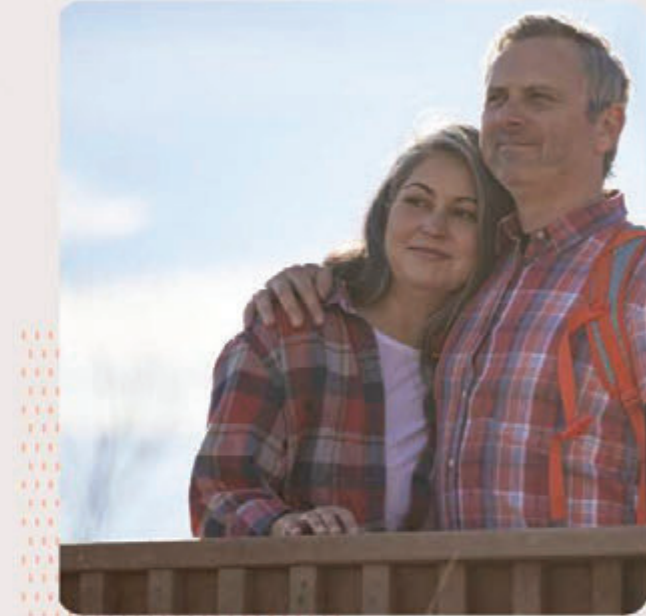
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