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Briefs

Weather spotter training tomorrow

Those interested in learning more about weather spotting can do so with a training opportunity set for tomorrow, Thursday, March 12.

There is no registration required and not cost for the training. The program is open to new and experienced weather spotters.

The training will be held at the Emergency Operations Center, at 99A Ninth St. North in Northwood, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., tomorrow.

More information is available online at www.weather.gov/dmx/stormspotting.

Pro-wrestling comes to Northwood March 21

The American Wrestling Federation (AWF) will present the "Vikings of the Squared Circle" on Saturday, March 21, at the Northwood-Kensett High School.

The show is sponsored by the Pony Express Riders of Iowa.

Proceeds from the event and concessions will benefit local groups.

Tickets are $10. Children 5 and under are free.

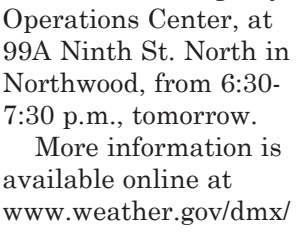
TUNE hosts trivia Saturday

TUNE will host a trivia night fundraiser this Saturday, March 14, and is looking for players.

Doors for the trivia night open at 5 p.m. Food will be served at 5:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7 p.m.

Funds raised at the trivia night will go towards the project to

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Kathy Christianson is pictured with some of the gowns and cocoons she has made for the Born an Angel.

Dresses, gowns repurposed to help those grieving loss

By JoAnn Lower

Kathy Christianson has been sewing for most of her life. She made her own clothes in high school, sewed her own wedding gown and made clothes for her kids. Now, along with making clothes for her grandchildren, Kathy's sewing skills are taking her in yet another direction.

"My daughter Kim told me about Born an Angel, an organization that transforms wedding dresses and formals into infant-sized gowns for children who are stillborn or who die as infants. When Kim said the organization needed seamstresses, she called me."

Christianson attended her first workshop in Algona last September. She began sewing in October and will soon attend another workshop.

Born an Angel began only a year and a half ago, and already 144 men and women from the state of Iowa are sewing and attending the workshops. People who have never sewn have started to sew for this organization. There are also people who knit caps, gowns, diapers and blankets.

"It's a process," Kathy said. "First I wash the wedding gown, then dismantle it. Using the Born an Angel patterns printed from Pinterest, I sew on the embellishments – buttons, ribbons, vests for the boys – and then sew the pieces together.

"Every gown has to be lined and without seams, so I actually make two gowns – one of satin or flannel, the

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Getting the ax

Northwood residents may soon say good bye to the iconic fir tree that towers over the intersection of Eighth Street and Central Avenue. Discussions at City Council meetings have led to a general agreement that the tree may have outgrown its time in the downtown mini-park. The city has struggled with vandalism of the Christmas lights, and there is some concern that roots may be affecting the basement of the neighboring building.

Lions need help with blood drive March 19

The local Northwood Lions Club and the American Red Cross are making a plea for new blood donors.

It seems the need for life saving blood continues to increase. Approximately 40,000 pints of blood are needed annually, discounting when the need is even greater due to disasters. Recently, a local resident expressed that upon admission to a local hospital he received three pints of blood his first day.

The opportunity to help with this life-saving effort will take place with the blood drive planned for next week.

The local Lions and the Red Cross will hold the drive at the local VFW on Thursday, March 19, from 1 until 6 p.m. New and former donors are

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Republican party county convention set for March 14

The Republican Party 2020 County Convention will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, in the Olson Community Room on the west side of the Northwood Public Library at 906 First Ave. South in Northwood.

All precinct delegates and central committee members that were elected during the Caucus are required to attend.

The agenda will include voting to elect central committee officers for 2020, debate and approval of the Worth County Republican Party Platform, the election of delegates to participate in the 1st District and State conventions and committees and any new business proposed at the convention.

Convention packets will be

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Kavars loses appeal of conviction for dog neglect

By Erin McCord

Barb Kavars, the Manly woman convicted of animal neglect, has lost her appeal of her criminal conviction of 14 counts of the charge.

Kavars had been sentenced to two years probation, a suspended jail sentence and $910 in fines for the misdemeanor charges.

Kavars had alleged that she had been intimidated by the Worth Count Sheriff's Office into relinquishing her dogs and that the original search warrant had been overbroad and vague.

District Judge Colleen Weiland ruled that Kavars had not proven that there was substantial evidence that her conviction was unjust or that her sentence was too harsh.

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Primary filing underway

Filing for the June primary election, to choose who will represent each political party in the November general election, is currently underway. That includes those that want to represent their party for several county offices.

Filing for the primary election for county offices is open through Wednesday, March 25, at 5 p.m.

County offices up for election in 2020, on primary ballots, will include sheriff, auditor and supervisor representing District 2.

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City sets hearing on 1.99% property tax increase

On Monday, March 16, the City of Northwood will hold a public hearing to give the public a chance to ask questions and comment on the increase in property taxes proposed for the coming fiscal year. Confusion on a new state law means that the City will also have to reapprove the city budget following a hearing on March 30.

A state law, known as "truth in taxation," put in place requirements for local governments to hold an additional hearing regarding how much the plan to increase their property tax askings.

Confusion arose amongst some local governments, including the City of Northwood, about a 2% limit mentioned in the law. Some thought that only those governments raising

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Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday — See Page 5

Public Health Bulletin Board

What you need to know about COVID-19

By Dr. Stephanie Seemuth
Worth County Board of Health

COVID-19 is a virus belonging to the same group of viruses which caused the MERS and SARS epidemics. It is different in that it attaches itself to receptors in the lungs, making it more dangerous for those with even mild emphysema, smokers and those with COPD. It is found more frequently in those 65 and older. Children seem less likely to become ill.

The early cases were seen in travelers returning from areas having the illness or from personal contact. Now, the virus is being seen without those parameters. This is known as "community spread" when no source is identified.

To help prevent contracting or spreading this virus, as well as the influenza virus:

- wash hands with soap and water several times a day and always before eating and after using the toilet
- routinely disinfect hard surfaces with sanitary wipes and wipe down backpacks also
- cover the mouth with the upper arm or tissue when coughing or sneezing
- keep hands away from mouth and face
- stay home when sick

It is important to prepare for school or work closings by having a 30 to 90-day supply of prescription medications and over-the-counter meds you regularly use.

For many, the symptoms of this virus are mild, but should you develop fever, cough, chest pain or shortness of breath, seek medical attention immediately.

Timely information on the status of the COVID-19 virus in Iowa may be found at idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues.

This site also lists resources for businesses, schools, childcare centers and long-term care facilities. It provides a link to a CDC travel site with an interactive world map giving the status of COVID-19 in other countries.

The Worth County Public Health site on Facebook also has information on this and other local health issues.

NIACC bond approved

Voters across North Iowa turned out on Tuesday, March 3, to approve a bond measure requested by North Iowa Area Community College.

According to the NIACC website, this is the first time NIACC has asked for a general obligation bond from citizens since the college was founded over 100 years ago. Previously, the funding formula for NIACC had not changed since the creation of the Iowa Community College system in 1967.

The bond will finance the development of Regional Career Centers to support workforce training needs, expand workforce training, upgrade classroom technology, renovate the North Iowa Community Auditorium, improve campus safety with additional lighting and security, among many other planned improvements and upgrades.

The cost of this referendum is shared by the taxpayers in the college's 11-county region, including Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.

The bond is not to exceed $15 million for various renovations, repairs and improvements.

According to NIACC, the increase in property taxes on a home assessed at $100,000 is 85 cents per month, or $10.20 per year, in addition to the levy previously in place. Agricultural land will be levied an additional 2 cents an acre per month, or $0.24 per year on agricultural land. NIACC's current total tax rate is 77.7 cents per $1,000 of taxable assessed valuation.

Across Worth County, 427 people voted in the election. Of those 333, or 77.99%, voted in favor. There were 94 votes opposed.

In the Central Springs school district, including those outside of Worth County, voters passed the measure 307 to 93.

Those in the Northwood-Kensett school district passed the measure 125 to 30.

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other of the wedding gown. I use every usable piece of fabric, except netting, as it's too scratchy for the baby's skin. Any netting is donated to humane societies for use in pet pillows and beds."

"Losing a baby hasn't happened to me but it has to close friends, and I try to put myself in their shoes. From start to finish, I think about the little baby that will be using this dress or cocoon."

In the event of a baby's death, Born an Angel is notified, the information put on Facebook, and seamstresses respond if they have a dress that would fit that particular baby. Finished items are distributed to hospitals and funeral homes at no cost.

Comments recently posted on Facebook:

"Thank you for making the only wedding dress my daughter will ever wear."

"We have a new angel that was born at 35 1/2 weeks gestation. Shadow Rose, born after many hours of labor, was wrapped lovingly in a beautiful yellow crocheted afghan and bonnet."

Both Kathy and her husband Tom enjoy this "God-driven mission." While Kathy sews, Tom, a sewing machine expert, helps keep her machines in tip-top shape.

Donations are appreciated. Something Blue in Ankeny has graciously donated several wedding gowns to Born an Angel seamstresses, and Kathy is grateful for the donations of ribbon, satin and gift cards to fabric stores she has already received.

If you have questions or would like to donate, please call Kathy at 641-390-1129.

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Current officeholders include sheriff Dan Fank, auditor Jacki Backhaus and supervisor Mark Smeby.

Nomination papers are available at the Secretary of State's office and online at sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/primary. Nomination papers are also available at the auditor's office in the Worth County Courthouse.

Nomination papers for County offices must be filed with the county auditor's office.

Amongst the nomination papers are petitions that candidates must have signed by eligible voters. That includes anyone that is eligible to vote. That does not have to include those that are registered to vote.

Voters must also be U.S. citizens and must be at least 17 years old, as long as they will be 18 by the general election on November 3.

More information may be found at the Secretary of State's website, sos.iowa.gov, or from the Worth County Auditor.

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levies above 2% had to hold a hearing. The law actually states that those governments have to approve the levy increase by a 2/3 vote of their elected body. Those staying under 2%, like Northwood, need a simple majority to pass, but still must hold a hearing on the increase.

Fortunately the confusion was cleared up in time for the City of Northwood to hold hearings and approve the property tax increase and re-approve their budget before deadlines passed.

With that in mind, the notice of the City's property tax levy appeared in last week's issue of the Northwood Anchor.

In the notice, Northwood's taxable valuation for the current totaled $52,097,931. Regular taxable valuations for the proposed property taxes for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2020, and ends on June 30, 2021, would total $58,529,284.

The tax rate, according to the notice, will go from $12.808063 per $1,000 of taxable valuation this year to $11.62863 in the coming fiscal year.

Based on the valuations and levy rates, the total property taxes to be collected on city property, according to the notice in the paper, showed $667,303 in the current fiscal year and $680,615 in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

That would be an increase of $13,312, and an increase of 1.99%, which would fall below the requirements for a 2/3 vote of the City Council.

The public hearing on the proposed property tax levy will be held at a special meeting this Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

A public hearing to be held before the council considers approving it again, has tentatively been set for Monday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

Input requested for culvert project on Highway 9

The Iowa Department of Transportation is requesting public input for a proposed replacement of the Iowa 9 bridge over Beaver Creek, 0.5 miles west of Worth County Road S-18 (Dogwood Avenue).

The project includes replacing the existing 80' x 30' steel deck girder bridge with a triple 10' x 12' reinforced concrete box culvert.

Construction of the project is expected to begin in 2021.

Through traffic on Iowa 9 would be detoured during construction using Worth County Roads S-14 (Balsam Avenue), B-20 (310th Street) and S-18 (Dogwood Avenue).

For general information or to make a comment regarding the proposed bridge project, contact Jacob Page, district design engineer, Iowa DOT District 2 Office, 428 43rd St. SW, Mason City, Iowa 50401; by phone at 641-423-7584 or 800-477-4368; or by email at jacob.page@iowadot.us.

Comments about this project may also be submitted online at http://bit.ly/iowadot3182.

Comments must be received by Tuesday, March 17, to be considered.

Additional information about this and other public involvement opportunities for projects is available online at www.news.iowadot.gov/pim/index.html.

Information about scheduled public meetings and hearings, and opportunities to offer input to the Iowa DOT during the development of certain projects is available at www.iowadot.gov/pim.

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Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Let Us Talk

Today I need to talk about Trash. I don't mean a plastic bag blowing across the street, although we can all pick them up also. I mean trashy yards, trashy houses, trashy businesses which all lead to a trashy town. Every town big or small fights to keep from becoming a trashy town, Northwood has been working hard for many years to not end up a trashy town.

The city has many ordinances to try to convince home and business owners to keep their properties clean and in good repair. Many different approaches have been tried to enforce these ordinances; it really comes down to doing the right thing. The city also has several programs to help support new and established businesses. In leu of a new housing development, the dollar lot program has helped replaced older homes with several new houses.

The city also supports Clean Up Days, which this spring will be April 22 through April 25. This is a great opportunity for residents of Northwood to do their part in cleaning up the city of Northwood.

As the melting begins and the puddles (lakes) appear everywhere, let's remember that curb and gutter is a very expensive fix to the problem. The city is working to reduce the impacts of the melting process. Let's also make sure that our sump pumps are not pumping water into the sanitary sewer system.

Although we thought that our budget process for the 2020-2021 year was complete, we were informed that the new legislation that was passed last year in Des Moines demanded more work. The city will be publishing, holding public hearings and voting two more times to approve the same budget that we thought was done. Thank you, Des Moines!

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood

Northwood streets weren't always so by the number

By Kris Kenison

What's in a name? For Northwood's streets, the answer is not much more than the number of blocks from the center of town, or from the west edge of the town border. However, that was not always the case.

Prior to April 11, 1924, Northwood's east to west streets were not named for the number they are now, but instead for historical figures and one season. At the time, they also weren't the avenues they are today, but streets.

The name changes were put place by "An Ordinance to provide for changing the names of certain streets and numbering the buildings in the town of Northwood."

That started at the center of the town, as Northwood's former Main Street became the present Central Avenue.

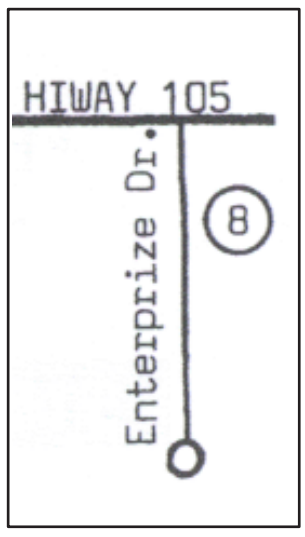
Going north from the new Central Avenue, Washington Street became First Avenue North. Second Avenue North was formerly Jefferson Street. Monroe Street became Third Avenue North. Fourth Avenue North used to be Lincoln Street. Douglas Street became Fifth Avenue North. Sixth Avenue North was Grant Street.

Going south from Central Avenue, Franklin Street became First Avenue South. Spring Street became Second Avenue South. And Adams Street was changed to Third Avenue South.

At the time, there were only those nine roads north and south of Central Avenue listed. Today, Northwood's east/west roads number to 11th Avenue North. To the south, a Fourth Avenue South, Eighth Avenue South and 12th Avenue South are in place today.

While Northwood's north to south roads were numbered prior to 1924, they were not split by north or south designations. The same ordinance that renamed other streets also added north or south to those streets, starting from Central Avenue, turning Eighth Street into Eighth Street South and Eighth Street North, for example.

The exception for north/south streets were the then Elm Street and Maple Street, which became North 17th Street and North 18th Street respectively.





While the ordinance made it so that all of the city's main roads were numbered, developments over the years have brought some words back to the city's addresses. That includes Shell Rock Drive, Nature Avenue, Nature Court, School Street, Atwood Road, Airport Road, Clover Court and Woodland Drive.

One other street that was developed later added a name to the city's street signs and business addresses. However, there is some debate as to the exact spelling of that road. Some say it is Enterprise Drive, while other sources say it is actually Enterprize Drive, with a "z." Some businesses list the dictionary spelling. Others prize the latter choice.

Most online maps and resources show it as Enterprise Drive. However, an older official map shows it is spelled Enterprize Drive. Those traveling to that area of town will note that the street sign would have one believe that it is Enterprise Drive.

City officials don't have a definite answer when it comes to the street's name, and so it remains up to the interpretation of those businesses that call the road home. Meanwhile, for most of the rest of the city, where they live, for the last 96 years, has been more by the number.

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mailed in advance to the Delegates/Committee members. All registered Republicans are invited to attend but will not be allowed voting privileges.

Anyone with questions may contact Jeff Gorball at 641-529-0975.

Kavars
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The case originated on November 12, 2018, when the Worth County Sheriff's Department worked with the ASPCA to remove over 150 Samoyed dogs from Kavar's rural Manly acreage. Investigators had testified that the conditions the dog's were kept in were "not adequate at all." Those conditions had included feces-filled enclosures, untreated wounds, and empty food bowls and frozen water buckets.

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encouraged to participate.

Interested persons may call 641-324-2252 and set-up an appointment at a time convenient for their schedule.

Another option for donors is online at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to do preliminary work online. The Red Cross states the RapidPass option saves time.

Donors may also call directly to the Red Cross to schedule an appointment at 1-800-733-2767.

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Drinking green beer? Call a designated driver

The following message was shared by the Worth County Sheriff's Office:

If you are heading out to a St. Patrick's Day celebration this year, make sure you have more than just the luck o' the Irish on your side.

This holiday, March 17, 2020, is one of the biggest drinking nights of the year and this, unfortunately, means more impaired drivers on the roads.

Drunk driving accounts for nearly one-third of vehicle related fatalities in the United States. Nationally, in 2018 alone, 73 people (39% of all crash fatalities) were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period and 33% of the pedestrians aged 16 and older killed in crashes had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) at or above .08. In 2019 in Iowa, there were two crashes over the holiday which killed four people.

To combat the increased impaired driving around the holiday local law agencies will be stepping up traffic enforcement March 14 – 17, 2020. Officers will especially be watching for drunk and drugged drivers and anyone not wearing seat belts.

Drinking and driving should never be combined. It's essential to plan a sober ride in advance if the holiday celebration will include alcohol. The alternative could change your life, not to mention the lives of your passengers, pedestrians, or other drivers and passengers nearby. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day responsibly!

The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau remind you, driving while impaired is illegal!

If you feel different, you drive different!



Snow day adventure

Northwood-Kensett sixth graders and county Naturalist Dan Block are shown at the Hormel Nature Center in Austin, Minnesota, where they enjoyed a day of snowshoeing, skiing and fire building.

Iowans returning from countries affected by COVID-19 urged to self-isolate

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently requested Iowans returning from a country where novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is spreading to voluntarily self-isolate for 14 days following their return.

Areas in this travel notice currently include:

- China,
- Hong Kong,
- Iran,
- Italy,
- Japan and
- South Korea

Individuals returning from affected areas are asked to stay home and monitor their symptoms for 14 days and if they become ill and need to seek medical care, they should call ahead to their doctor's office and inform them of their recent travel.

"We recognize staying at home for 14 days is an inconvenience, but it is an important way to limit the spread of a variety of illnesses, including COVID-19. The department urges employers to work with staff to consider flexible leave policies and tele-working options," said IDPH Medical Director Dr. Caitlin Pedati.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa; however, experts predict there will eventually be community spread. The proactive actions announced by the department can help delay and/or control this potential spread.

There are things all Iowans can do to help prevent the spread of all viruses, including influenza and COVID-19:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or upper arm/elbow
- Clean hands frequently with soap and water
- Contain germs by staying home when ill

Residents should prepare for the potential of COVID-19 in the same way they prepare for severe weather or other events that could disrupt their normal routine. This includes making a plan and discussing it with your family.

Symptoms of the COVID-19 in people who have been exposed can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Reported illnesses have ranged from people with little to no symptoms to people being severely ill and dying.

Information and updates related to COVID-19 can be found online at idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus, or by following IDPH on Facebook (@IowaDepartmentofPublicHealth) and Twitter (@IAPublicHealth).

Fiesta Fundraiser at Fertile Library

The Fertile Public Library will be having their third annual Fiesta Fundraiser on Saturday, March 21, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The fundraiser will feature a silent auction and tacos will be served. Some silent auctions are shown on the Fertile Public Library Facebook page.

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renovate the old downtown lumberyard into an event center for Northwood.

Anyone interested may contact Theresa Cooper at 641-390-0908.

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Celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday









A Seuss-ical birthday party

Northwood-Kensett Elementary School spent a day celebrating the life and works of Theodor Seuss Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, on Monday, March 2. That included a birthday party hosted in the library by library associate Deanna Katcher, with assistance from elementary students in the Junior Vikings group and school resource officer Shane Hoch. Attending the party were students in the kindergarten classes, who played party games and enjoyed mini cupcakes with a certain feline's trademark hat on top.





















It's all fun and games

The elementary students ended Dr. Seuss' birthday with an assembly. The students learned which three books were voted their favorite, as presented by Things 1 and 2 and the Cat in the Hat. The favorite book was "Green Eggs and Ham," followed by "Fox in Socks" and "Hop on Pop." Mrs. Katcher and officer Hoch then presented a quiz on Dr. Seuss facts before two students from each grade faced off in a number of games, hosted by reading teacher Elaine Hansen, with their classmates cheering them on.





Making the cut

One of Northwood's newest downtown businesses was officially welcomed by the Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce recently. A ribbon cutting was held at MJ's Bar, with representatives of several chamber businesses taking part. Pictured above, holding the ceremonial scissors is MJ's Bar owner Mandy Zipse. MJ's is located at 834 Central Avenue in downtown Northwood.

Democratic county convention set

The Worth County Democratic Worth County Convention will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at the Northwood-Kensett Elementary Gymnasium, located at 1200 1st Ave N, Northwood. The doors will open at 9 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. Those who are attending should use the door located on 11th Street.

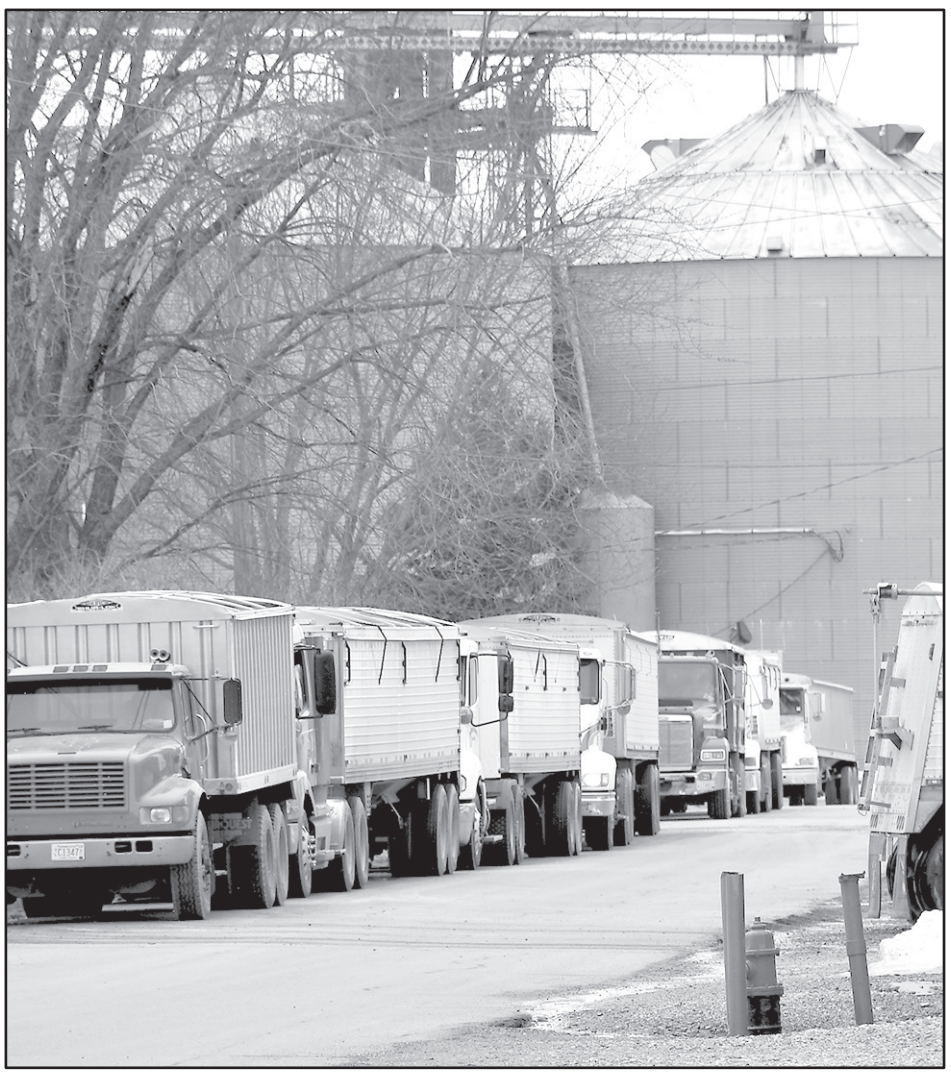
This is the gathering of all delegates and alternates elected at the county caucus.

The Worth County Democratic Party will be accepting resolutions put forth, electing chair, vice chair, secretary and precinct chairs at this meeting. They will accept sign ups for the committee positions available, including platform, committee on committees, arrangements and rules. Delegates will be elected to attend the district convention set for April 25 (location to be determined). Those delegates will be elected from the delegates and alternates that attend the meeting.

Senate candidate to visit Northwood

United States Senate candidate Kimberly Graham will be making a stop at the Worth County Democratic Headquarters this Saturday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Graham is a guardian ad litem and attorney for children in Family Treatment Court. She lives in Indianola.



Get in line

With the arrival of warmer weather, many area farmers took the opportunity to bring their trucks to area elevators. In Glenville, pictured above, that meant a line of vehicles was parked along the road back to and along Highway 65 for several hours.

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Sunday, Worship, 8:30 a.m. at Lake Mills
David Emmons, Pastor

First Shell Rock
Sunday, Worship service, 10:45 a.m.
David Emmons, Pastor

Deer Creek Valley Lutheran
Glenville, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 11 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Myrtle, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - London Independent
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Followed by Coffee Hour.
Pastor Kent Otterman

Mona Lutheran Church
Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Summit School, 4 p.m., Communion 1st & 2nd Sundays.
Lydia J. Mittag, Pastor

Peace Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time. Bible Study reviewing the scriptures of the day is after fellowship time together. Sunday School is during Bible Study time. Worship services are at 902 2nd Avenue, Northwood. Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like a ride or have any questions please contact Sam Duncomb at 641-390-1158.
Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Wednesday, Bible Study at Bethel, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m., Lenten Services at Bethel, 5 p.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

First Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Lenten Meal, 6:15 p.m., Lenten Service, Sr. High Youth, 7 p.m., Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 p.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service of the Word, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., LRH Communion, 3 p.m., Financial Peace University Class, Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Interims
Pastor Burton Everist & Pastor Jack Gannett

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Lenten Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Lent - Bethany, 7 p.m.; Thursday, WELCA General Meeting, Pastor's Conference, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open 4:30-6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:15 a.m., Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m., Bethany Congregational Meeting Following Worship; Monday, Bethany Council Meeting, 7 p.m., MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon.
Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, WAGS Meal, 5:30 p.m., Lesson, 6 p.m., Lent Meal, 5:30-7 p.m., Lent Worship at Grace, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Quilting - B, 9 a.m., Quilting - G, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, WAGS/Land of Hope Fundraiser at Grace, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4-H at Bethlehem, Lenten at BUM, 5 p.m.; Monday, WIC at Bethlehem, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, Pins & Needles/Quilting at Grace, 1:30 p.m., B Altar Guild, 1 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m., Lenten Study, 5 p.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton
Sunday, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Fellowship & Coffee, 10:30 a.m.
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One In Christ
Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran, Northwood

One In Christ
Sunday, Worship, 11 a.m.

Northwood Baptist Church
Thursday, Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with the Lord's Supper, 11 a.m.
Pastor Wolfe

Otranto Community Church
Worship Service, 9:30 p.m.
Ron Hulshizer - Lay Minister

Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter
Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Lance Kittleson, Pastor

Bethel United Methodist, Manly, Iowa
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Cory Allard

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Wednesday, "The Bible Jesus Read" Bible Study at Mills Harbour, OIC Mission Circle - SL, 10 a.m., Mills Harbour Worship, 1:45 p.m., Lake Mills Care Center Worship, 2:30 p.m., 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - W, 5 p.m., KC Night - Bethany, Parish-Wide Lenten Meal - W, 6 p.m., Parish-Wide Lenten Worship - W, 7 p.m., Celebration & Praise Teams Practice - W, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Living Waters Conference Pastors at St. Paul's Lutheran, 9:30 a.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins at Winnebago, 1-2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - L, 8 a.m., Sunday School - L/W, Worship - B, 9 a.m., Worship - I, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - SL, 9:45 a.m., Worship - W, 10:30 a.m., Worship - SL, 11 a.m., Bethany Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m., Naomi Circle - Kathy Kreuscher's, 2 p.m., Vespers, 4 p.m., Joice City Council Meeting - B, 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m., Council Meeting I/L/SL - SL, Winnebago Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Guard Your Heart



We live in a wishing-cap world where many desires can be almost instantly fulfilled. Think of how easy it is to have food delivered right to your door, and how most material things can be delivered within hours, or at most a few days, assuming you have the means to pay for them. Almost any sound, image or piece of information can be summoned almost instantaneously via the internet. And not just ephemeral sounds or images, but whatever you desire. If you want a boy- or girlfriend, there are apps which can help you with that. Looking for a spouse, or a house? There are apps and websites to help you there too. But what does this really do for us? The internet and all that goes with it doesn't just gratify our desires, it also expands them. We are arguably living in a time when most of us are demonstrably more anxious, frustrated, and uncertain about what we actually want out of life. With so many choices before us, we become paralyzed and unable to decide what we really want. What is a person to do? We should start by looking at our values. If we value love and integrity, as we should, perhaps we should be careful about what we let enter our lives. Dating apps are fine, and arguably make it easier to find someone who shares our values, but they might also make it too easy to instantly gratify urges or desires which don't align with our deeper or more fundamental values. Consider your values before gratifying your unruly and ever-expanding desires. –Christopher Simon

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." – Proverbs 4:23 NIV

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

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

"The Best of Bridge Cookbooks" is a series of eight recipe collections compiled by a group of seven bridge-playing cooks in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Aces: More Recipes From The Best of Bridge (1992, Best of Bridge Publishing Ltd. Calgary, Alberta, Canada) is more of the same good cooking presented in their other cookbooks. This one has an index to the complete series as it is often difficult for people to remember which book contained their favorites when they want to make them again. I have discussed one or two of the other books but the desserts in this one called my name and with Easter soon to be celebrated it seemed appropriate to share them. Recipes are adapted from the chapter titled "Baddies…but Goodies."

Upside-Down Chocolate Fudge Pudding

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons baking cocoa
1/2 cup whole milk
2 tablespoons real butter, melted
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup chopped pecans (optional)
1/2 cup baking cocoa
2 cups boiling water

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and 3 tablespoons cocoa together, combining well. In a separate bowl combine milk and melted butter. Add to the dry ingredients to form a stiff mixture. Add nuts if desired, blending them in well. Place this dough into a greased 8X8-inch baking pan. Combine the brown sugar, 1/2 cup cocoa and boiling water. Carefully pour this over the batter. Bake for 40 minutes then scoop into serving dishes. The sauce ends up at the bottom and the cake on the top. Delicious served with ice cream or orange sherbet. Serves 4-6.

Sour Cream Apple Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup real butter, softened
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup real sour cream, not low-fat
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 large egg, beaten
2 cups finely chopped, peeled baking apples

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine flour, brown sugar and butter. Mix on low speed of an electric mixer until crumbly. Stir in the nuts. Take out exactly 2 3/4 cups of this mixture and press into an ungreased 9x13-inch baking pan. To the rest of the crumb mixture add the rest of the ingredients except the apples. Mix gently but well, then fold in the apples. Spoon this mixture evenly over the crust. Bake for 30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the middle. Cut into serving-sized pieces and serve warm with real whipped cream or ice cream.

Orange Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 cup real butter, softened
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
3 cups quick cooking oats, not instant
1 teaspoon salt
Grated rind of 1 orange
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 large orange, peeled and chopped
2 cups chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and both sugars together until well blended. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until smooth. Add the dry ingredients, orange rind and orange pieces to the creamed mixture, mixing well. Stir in the chocolate chips. Drop by spoonsful onto a greased cookie sheet and flatten with a fork. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 48 cookies.

Bridge players of my acquaintance also enjoy treats after the game is over. Apparently, in Canada, there is the same mindset. The seven woman who compiled this entire series of books know their way around both the card table and the kitchen table. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Bean and Bistro owner Jen Lombard with her employees, Jessica Koebrick and Jenny Rambo, on a recent morning toasting to their good health. Lombard has been fielding calls regarding a recent news story that led local residents to wonder if there was COVID-19 in Northwood. "Nothing could be further from the truth," said Lombard.

Coronavirus misinformation affects local business

By Erin McCord

A recent KIMT news story has led to rumors of the dreaded coronavirus in Northwood.

Jen Lombard, owner and proprietor of downtown coffee shop Bean and Bistro, was interviewed recently by KIMT regarding her niece, who had been quarantined for two weeks on the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan. Lombard's niece and family live on a military base in Japan.

Lombard had kept in contact with her niece throughout their quarantine by phone and social media, but was never in physical contact with the family.

Following the release of the KIMT story, Lombard began receiving calls asking if she had been quarantined and if the Bean and Bistro was still open.

"It's crazy how these rumors spread," said Lombard as she chopped onions, "One news item can kill a business."

Lombard said that she had contacted KIMT about the story, but it seems the damage has been done.

Business has dropped off drastically, according to Lombard, and she is still receiving phone calls a week later asking if she is being quarantined.

"Of course not!" Lombard said, "If there was coronavirus in Northwood, it would be a pretty big deal."

The Bean and Bistro is open for business, as usual, and is 100% coronavirus free.

Iowa high school graduation rate is record high 91.6%

The graduation rate in the state of Iowa climbed to a record high of 91.6 percent in 2019, continuing a trend of long-term growth across nearly all groups of students, including those from diverse backgrounds, according to new data from the Iowa Department of Education.

The Northwood-Kensett school district tops even the state percentage, graduating 100% percent of students in 2019.

Data shows that 91.6 percent of students in Iowa's Class of 2019 graduated within four years, up from 91.4 percent in the Class of 2018. Since 2011, Iowa's four-year graduation rate has increased 3.3 percentage points overall, with significant gains in nearly every student demographic subgroup.

For example, graduation rates for Hispanic students have climbed by 9.3 percentage points, students whose first language is not English have increased by 8.8 percentage points, and African American students have gone up 8.4 percentage points since 2011.

"Iowans should be proud of our consistent, upward trend in graduation rates," Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise said. Iowa graduation rates are calculated with a formula established by the U.S. Department of Education. Unique student identification numbers allow school districts to account for all ninth-grade students as they move through high school. At the state level, the method helps determine when a student graduates, even if the student has switched districts in Iowa during high school.

Iowa's annual dropout rate reflects the percentage of students in grades 9-12 who drop out of school during a single year. The annual dropout rate dipped to 2.61 percent for the 2018-19 school year from 2.67 percent for the previous school year.

More information is available on the Iowa Department of Education's website.

N-K welcomes pies for Pi Day

The Northwood-Kensett Math Club will once again be celebrating Pi Day, and is looking for help for the numerical celebration.

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14, for its numerical relationship to the first three digits of pi, 3.14.

However, as N-K will be on spring break on Pi Day, the Math Club will hold their annual event on Friday, March 20, instead.

The Pi Day celebration will once again include a silent auction for pies, the dessert whose area can be determined using pi.

The Math Club is looking for members of the community that would be interested in donating pies to help raise funds for calculator scholarships for club members. Pies would need to be ready by 8 a.m. on March 20.

Those that would like to donate a pie, or bid on a pie on March 20, may contact the N-K High School office at 324-2142.

Relay For Life of Worth County set for Saturday, June 6

The annual event honoring the lives of those affected by cancer, remembering those lost to the disease and raising funds to battle cancer, will be held on Saturday, June 6.

The Relay For Life of Worth County will once again be held at the Worth County Fairgrounds, with a theme celebrating the birthdays lived by cancer survivors with a birthday party.

As the Relay approaches, other events are planned. Look for more information in the Northwood Anchor or at the Relay For Life of Worth County page on Facebook.

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Sunday, March 15
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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Some surprising effects of insufficient sleep

Daylight Saving Time may have cost many an hour of sleep this past weekend. And while that likely has little impact on their health, more prolonged sleep deprivation may create issues.

Many people wish they could get more sleep. Whether they're professionals facing the challenges of demanding careers or parents juggling the responsibilities of work and family, many men and women find it difficult to get a full night's sleep.

A restless night here or there likely is not much to worry about. However, a recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that more than one-third of adults in the United States were not getting enough sleep on a regular basis. Routinely failing to get a good night's rest can have a profound effect on a person's overall well-being, including some surprising side effects.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, insufficient sleep will not make a person sick any more than getting enough sleep will prevent illness. However, the NSF notes that failing to get enough sleep can adversely affect a person's immune system. That makes people more susceptible to cold or flu. That vulnerability is linked cytokines, a type of protein made by the body that targets infection and inflammation. Cytokines are produced and released during sleep, so without enough sleep, a person won't produce or release enough cytokines. That can throw off the immune system response, rendering it less effective when confronting colds and the flu.

The NSF also notes that vaccines might not be as effective if people are not getting enough sleep. That's because chronic sleep loss, which refers to prolonged periods of inadequate sleep as opposed to random nights in which shut-eye proved elusive, reduces the body's ability to respond to viruses like the flu. Even people who have been vaccinated against the flu need their immune systems to be operating at full strength to fight the flu. Without adequate sleep, the immune system cannot perform at peak capacity.

A heightened risk for diabetes is another surprising side effect of prolonged periods of insufficient sleep. The online medical resource Healthline.com notes that lack of sleep affects the body's release of insulin, a hormone responsible for lowering blood sugar levels. People who do not get enough sleep have high blood sugar levels, which increases their risk for type 2 diabetes.

Busy adults often sacrifice sleep to meet the demands of everyday life. But such sacrifices can produce some surprising side effects that may make men and women reconsider their daily sleep routines.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My Uncle Cuthbert died and left me his bathroom scale.

Why did he do that?

To show me that where there's a will, there's a weigh.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I had a neighbor named Claude Bias. Claudie, as most called him, was one of those people who not only didn't try to keep up with the Joneses, he was most comfortable lagging far behind them. Claudie didn't have electricity on his farm. He had countless canines instead. He had so many dogs, I feared Claudie would succumb to a Roverdose. He didn't.

The legend of Gene Dodge

I headed down the Hog Highway — I-90. It's used to haul hogs to Hormel or to ride hogs to Sturgis. I was on my way to watch a basketball game in Sioux Falls. I listened to a tournament game on the radio. The skilled announcer painted effective word pictures. He talked of referees working with the official timekeeper to make sure there wasn't a second too many or too few on the clock. Being an official of any kind at an athletic event can be challenging. Fans yell, coaches yell and a few gifted players might consider themselves above fouling. They don't realize that a snow.

You've heard the reports. A coach said something harsh to a referee. The referee responded, "What did you call me?"

The coach replied, "Guess. You've guessed at everything else."

Another coach asked a ref, "Would you call a technical foul on me if I thought you were the world's worst referee?"

The official replied, "Definitely not. I'm no mind reader."

"Good," said the coach, "because I think you are the worst."

I had a coach who offered his eyeglasses to a ref saying, "Here, you need these more than I do."

Gene Dodge was a fine man, proprietor of Dodge's Hardware, and heavily involved in community affairs. He was a responsible, well-mannered citizen, but got his blood up during high school basketball games. He had one-sided, strident discussions with referees he found flawed. The story goes that to curb his badgering of the arbiters of fouls and other violations, the school made him the official timekeeper, a serious position.

It worked well until a game when Gene couldn't take it anymore. A referee had become an example of all that was wrong with the world. After taking a heap of heckling, the frustrated referee said to Gene, "I thought you were supposed to be the timer?"

Without missing a beat, Gene said, "And I thought you were supposed to be a referee."

Thoughts during a timeout

If you want your home to be more wildlife-friendly, leave a door open.

If your cellphone battery lasts a long time, you probably have a life.

The ancient Egyptians worshiped cats. Anyone who has been online knows we do too.

Good moods don't need reasons.

Putting money into a vending machine demonstrates optimism.

In local news

Tailor Swift promises quick clothing alterations and repairs.

The Merchant of Venison Butcher Shop offers each employee a steak in the company.

All seats at the Mangy Corners Conference Center have been taken for the upcoming Kleptomaniacs' Convention.

Nature notes

Winter isn't an easy companion. The citizens of the yard stay busy because they need to eat. Goldfinches generally become more common customers at the feeders during the second half of winter, as if inspired by a coach's halftime talk. Juncos trilled as if it were the next season. Horned larks fed on roadsides. The darling of the yard and my minimum daily bird requirement, a chickadee, sang of spring.

I stumbled outside into a day exactly my size and found an owl pellet. Owls swallow small prey whole. The gizzard is a thick-walled organ that uses digestive fluids and grit to grind and dissolve the usable tissue from the prey. The types of tissue that can be dissolved by an owl's digestive system include muscle, fat, skin and internal organs. Bones, teeth, feathers, fur and insect shells collect in the gizzard. The bird regurgitates the indigestible materials as pellets.

Meeting adjourned

This was part of the obituary for a friend, Jack Moon of Kiester: "In honor of Jack, kiss your sweetheart, hug your kids, entertain your grandchildren, go for a long ride in the country, practice your faith, read a good book, sing a song, volunteer in your community, tell a joke (over and over again), enjoy nature, be a good neighbor and live every day as the blessing it is."

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Fit to print...

Saints and shamrocks

This Tuesday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. The holiday celebrates Irish heritage, in addition to the namesake St. Patrick. It's also a day to celebrate by imbibing in Irish alcohol, or at least green-tinged versions of other drinks.

Below is some interesting information on St. Patrick and one of the symbols of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day that started out as a humble teaching tool.

St. Patrick is a man revered in Ireland and around the world. Despite being an influential figure in the history of Ireland and Christianity, St. Patrick is a saint in name only.

Millions of people around the world celebrate whom they believe to be an official saint each year on March 17. However, according to Irish Central and writer Ken Concannon, the formal canonization process in the Roman Catholic Church was not in place during its first millennium, a period of time in which Patrick was active. The official process for canonization was not instituted until around the 12th century, long after Patrick died. St. Patrick joins two other Irish saints who were never formally canonized. The only Irish saint to be canonized is Fergal, also known as St. Virgil of Salzburg. He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1233.

St. Patrick became a "saint" by popular opinion. In the early years of the Church, many martyrs and those whose lives were especially holy were considered saints, even if they were not canonized. It is probable, with the approval of a bishop, that St. Patrick was considered a saint for these reasons.

The concept of St. Patrick not being an official saint adds to the mystery of the man, who was born in Britain and was said to have converted the Irish from paganism with fabled symbolism that borrowed from ancient traditions.

Even if his status as saint is informal, St. Patrick certainly made his mark, with a world-renowned celebration commemorating his achievements.

When talking about Ireland and its culture and symbolism, many different images come to mind. Affectionately known as the Emerald Isle, Ireland is perhaps best known for its bright green hue. Irish flags and even harps are symbolic of the nation, but there is perhaps one symbol that most widely represents the country: the shamrock.

A shamrock, by definition, is a young sprig of clover. However, plant experts actually have said that shamrocks are a distinct species of the clover plant, believed to be the white clover. The word "shamrock" is derived from the Irish "seamróg," which translates as "young clover." Over the centuries, this diminutive plant has come to symbolize Ireland and many things Irish. The shamrock also is a popular symbol of St. Patrick's Day.

The shamrock and Irish culture are so intertwined thanks to Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick. Legends attest to St. Patrick using the three petals of the shamrock to illustrate the mysteries of the Holy Trinity to the Celtic pagans. Each leaf represented the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The shamrock of Ireland has three leaves, not four as many people believe. The number three had significance in Ireland long before St. Patrick began to convert the masses. According to Blarney.com, the number three was believed to have magical properties and was a recurring theme in Celtic folklore. Because the Celts were familiar with the shamrock, it became easy to convert their knowledge of the shamrock to the magic of the trinity. The three leaves are also said to stand for faith, hope and love.

The four-leaf clover is a separate entity and a rarity. That is why the fourth leaf is deemed to be "lucky." But that lucky clover is not the traditional Irish symbol.

Thanks to their connection with Ireland, shamrocks are often gifted by the Prime Minister (Taoiseach) to the President of the United States in the White House each St. Patrick's Day. They are presented in a special Waterford crystal bowl featuring shamrocks in the design. This practice started in 1952.

Shamrocks also can be seen on Irish clothing designs, the Erin go Bragh flag and the uniforms of several Irish sports teams. Of course they also are seen during St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The shamrock and Ireland will always be linked.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 10, 1920

Fire which evidently started some time in the early hours destroyed the Slosson Opera house and badly wrecked the Mrs. R.P. Johnson building adjoining it on the west. It is not known exactly where the blaze started by it is presumed that the heating plant in the theatre basement was the cause. In spite of all the men could do the fire soon communicated to the Quandahl Confectionery, which is part of the theatre building and in a short time and almost gutted it. Smoke and gas prevent much salvage there. For a time it was thought the trouble could be confined to the theatre building but the fire soon caught in the Johnson building, some where in the roof and before it was subdued had ruined the upper portion of the building.

About 160 Northwood voters gathered in the court house assembly room to hold a joint caucus for the selection of nominees for the offices of mayor, five councilmen, assessor and treasurer. The caucus was called by S.F. Lundberg, and T.O. Groe, chairman of the democratic and republican central committees, respectively. Geo. E. Whitcomb, the retiring mayor, was elected to conduct the meeting at which E.M. Sabin was nominated as candidate for the mayor of Northwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dishon, southeast of town, are the happy parents of a fine baby girl which arrived at their home Monday morning. This makes an ideal family for Mr. and Mrs. Dishon, three boys and two girls.

75 years ago

March 15, 1945

"I believe Worth County will raise about $12,000 in the Red Cross War Fund drive this year," said Glen S. Cleveland after receiving partial reports from 11 out of 19 districts in the county which showed $6,917 already collected. The county's quota is $8,000, but last year with a $6,000 quota Worth contributed nearly $11,000.

Pvt. Morris G. Blegeberg, reported killed in action in Italy on May 31, 1944, has been posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement in action." Announcement of the award coming to The Anchor from headquarters of the 45th division of the 7th army in France.

Mrs. Rose S. Hanson of this city has received word that her youngest son, Robert Savre Hanson, is now a major in the Army Air Force. Administrative air inspector at Napier Field, Dothan, Alabama. Major Hanson has been in the service three years, and was in business in Minneapolis at the time of his entry. He is a son of the late T.S. Hanson of Northwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Butler have purchased the Nesbit Cafe at Garner and will take possession of the business on or before April 1. Their daughter Elaine plans to remain here until about June 1. Mrs. Butler has been employed with the local electric power company for 22 years and has served as chief of the fire company for the past four years.

50 years ago

March 12, 1970

LaVerne "Bud" Kittleson has been appointed Conversation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service at Northwood, effective on March 8, 1970 as announced by Eldon Weber, Area Conservationist at Mason City. Kittleson will be under the direction of Paul Ohland, District Conservationist recently named to the Worth County Soil Conservation District. He will be responsible for the application of conservation practices in the Worth District in the position formerly held by William Baugh who recently transferred to West Union.

Mrs. Joe Orth, Northwood, has been named District Advisor for the North Iowa Girl Scout Council, according to an announcement by Mrs. Gertrude Fick, director of the council. She began her work on March 2. Mrs. Orth will be the professional advisor of the third district of the council, which includes the northern area from Swea City to Mason City. Her work will be with troop leaders as an advisor.

Lloyd L. Heinselman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heinselman, Plymouth, was inducted into the Army on February 26 at the Des Monies Induction Station and ordered to report to Fort Lewis, Washington, for basic training.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company was called to the scene of a truck fire, 1/2 mile east of Northwood on Highway 105. The truck, filled with sawdust is considered a total loss.

25 years ago

March 15, 1995

Seven-year-old Ben Read kept his book bag and his snowsuit high and dry and his eye on the waves at his feet while wading home from school, when temperatures in the high 50's and the remains of last week's 9-1/2 inch snowfall combined to flood low-lying sidewalks.

Seven Northwood-Kensett High School seniors got a little behind in spelling Friday and Saturday nights during the "Pops XXVII" concert in the West Elementary auditorium. The N-K seniors are, Chris Hengesteg, Steve Helgeson, Gerd Bents, Luke Hoffman, Chad Nelson, Tim Thofson and Troy Low. Before dropping trio, the boys told the audience that they wanted to show a side of themselves that very few people had ever seen before. The lettering on their backsides spelled out "Class of '95."

Samantha Jean Zipse, daughter of Brad and Jeanette Zipse was baptized at services on Sunday, March 12, at First Lutheran Church Rev. Tom Hankins officiated. Her sponsors were Melissa Zipse, John Carlson, Judy Rogness and Melissa Harang.

Gary and Joyce Barnhart, Greeley, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter Lori, Omaha, Nebraska, to Michael Lee, Omaha, Nebraska, son of John and Marie Lee of Northwood.

10 years ago

March 17, 2010

For several hours, a massive jam of floating ice collected upstream from the walking bridge in Swensrud Park below City Hall, diverting the river through the park and ball diamonds. All at once, the jam cut loose, rapidly sweeping downstream, scraping the bridge. Awestruck by the event was Jeremy Nagle and Justin Low, experiencing the vibrations as the ice and debris pass below their feet.

N-K cheerleaders Tyler Davis, Samantha Duckert, Lauren Severson and cheerleading coach Cindy Pangburn are preparing for the halftime performance at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando.

The four young people took advantage of one last chance to play in the snow by building a unique snowman, dressed in tropical attire and made with tropical materials, such as the skins of avocados for buttons, mango for the mouth and kiwis for the eyes, as well as a spiky hairdo made from the top of a pineapple. At Carolyn Goeders' Kael Julseth, Shallon Batton, Carly Hengesteg, and Marisa Halbach were the snowman-gineers.

Several area law enforcement agencies and fire departments were called to Northwood to assist in responding to a fire in the building that formerly housed the Viking Restaurant. Members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Department are preparing to enter through the clouds of smoke pouring from the building.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Steven Geerlings

Steven Geerlings, 67, of Sparks, Nevada, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Steve was born in Macon, Missouri on February 22, 1953. He was a graduate of Northwood/Kensett High School. Steve earned his Bachelor's degree from University of South Carolina and continued on to receive his MBA from San Francisco State University.

He was a military veteran and federal employee of 30 years.



STEVEN GEERLINGS

Steve enjoyed bowling, football and classic cars. He also had a love for animals and volunteered at the Sierra Safari Zoo in Reno.

He is survived by his father, Lee; wife, Rebeeca; son, Henry; and brother, Paul.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Geerlings Flaa and his brother, Jeff Geerlings.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sparks, Nevada. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Aforementioned Church or Sierra Safari Zoo of Reno.*

Broadband addressed in the House



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

This week marked the 50th day of the 100-day legislative session. We continue to debate bills and advance legislation before the second funnel week. This week was the week to address broadband in the House. The legislature is determined to ensure all Iowans have access to high speed internet. The internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity in today's world.

Broadband bills debated in the House this week included:

HF 2213: Extends the Iowa Cell Siting Act to streamline regulations and deploy 5G faster

HF 2520: Establishes broadband expansion as an economic development tool and reduces installation costs for providers

HF 2459: Empower Rural Iowa which will provide broadband grants and authorizes more accurate mapping • In Appropriations

HF 2575: Exempts broadband grants from state income tax

HF 2442: Creates a study on internet exchange points to establish Iowa as a Silicon Prairie

We are continuing discussions on the Governor's Invest in Iowa Act. This is the one cent increase in sales tax that would fund natural resources and outdoor recreation and shift mental health costs from property taxes to sales tax. It also increases the income limits for the child care tax credits, repeals the water excise tax, and provides new sales tax exemptions. Governor Reynolds is committed to visiting all 99 counties to discuss the proposal. I am seeing a lot of support at my forums, but would love to hear from constituents with opinions or questions.

The House and Senate finalized the K-12 education funding package at just short of a $100 million increase, with additional resources specifically targeted towards rural transportation costs and per pupil equity. With school funding settled, the Education Committee continues to work on ways to ensure the best learning environment for students by helping teachers deal with disruptive behavior and make classrooms safe. (HF2532)

Congratulations to the Osage and Saint Ansgar Girls Basketball Teams on their State Tournament appearances. You certainly represented Mitchell County well. Congratulations also to NIACC, passing their bond issue with 80% support. It was nice to have the Community Colleges at the Capitol last week and meet with students from NIACC and NICC. It was also nice to visit with Ron Balek, who was at the Capitol with the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives.

To get updates more frequently, check out my Facebook page- - Jane Bloomingdale (the one with a picture) and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov

North Iowa Deer and Turkey Expo held set for Saturday

All things deer and turkey related will be celebrated this Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center in Osage, for the Deer & Turkey Expo.

Local lockers, taxidermists, hunting experts and conservation professionals will be on hand to help with any of the hunting-related needs.

Those with interesting or amusing trail camera photos should also bring a copy or email Chelsea the best trail camera photos, whether they are big bucks/toms, local wildlife, funny pictures or something else.

There will be an archery shoot to try to win a brand new bow.

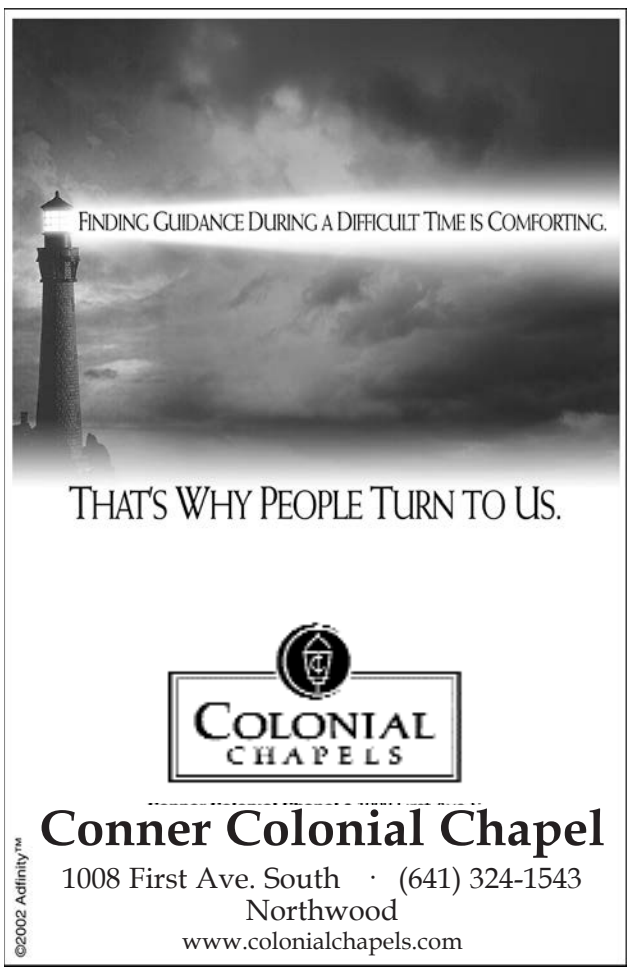
A contest will feature local certified scorers to score racks/sheds/beards/spurs. Animals from any year will be accepted. Previous winners can be entered into the "Hall of Fame."

Categories for contest entries are Biggest Buck/Turkey/Shed/Matched Shed, People's Choice, Biggest Youth (Turkey and Buck) and Trail Camera Photo Contest.

The rules are a $5 registration to enter the contest. Those entering must provide legally harvested animals such as white-tailed deer and Eastern wild turkey only.

Skull plates must be intact, unless entering shed. Skulls must be clean (European mount) and dried and entries will be accepted until 2:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation.









Bolan Trinity United Methodist Church celebrates World Day of Prayer with a Noon luncheon of Zimbabwe foods and a program to follow.

Bolan

There was a very good crowd at the World Day of Prayer luncheon on Friday at Bolan Trinity UM Church.

Being the World Day of Prayer program was written by the women of Zimbabwe, recipes from Zimbabwe were made for lunch. These included, Zimbabwean chicken and vegetable soup, Dovi (peanut butter stew), sweet potatoes, coleslaw salad, cornmeal cake, sweet potato cookies and molasses water.

The Program entitled "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" started at 1 p.m. and a few ladies who were unable to attend the luncheon came to the program. This brought the total in attendance to at least 40 with seven churches represented.

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009201
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Harold B. Reyerson, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold B. Reyerson, Deceased, who died on or about January 21, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on February 26, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on February 26, 2020.

Brian Reyerson,
Administrator
of the Estate
320 Lake St. E,
Emmons, MN 56029

Brian Ross McPhail,
ICIS#: AT0005344
Attorney for
the Administrator
McPhail Law Firm PLC
631 Main Street
Osage, Iowa 50461

Date of second publication 11th day of March, 2020. 10-2t

Notice

IN THE IOWA JUVENILE COURT FOR CERRO GORDO COUNTY
Case No. JVJV008959
NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING
IN THE MATTER OF
S.D.L.,
A Minor Child,

TO: CHAD JEFFREY LUTCAVISH

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file, at the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Juvenile Division, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa a Petition in Cerro Gordo County Juvenile No. JVJV008959, which prays for a termination of your parent-child relationship with S.D.L., a minor child born on September 18, 2005, in Rochester, Minnesota. For further details contact the clerk's office. The Petitioner's attorney is David A. Grooters, whose address is 103 E. State Street, Suite 800, P.O. Box 1588, Mason City, Iowa 50402-1588. The telephone and facsimile numbers for the Petitioner's attorney are (641) 423-4264 and (641) 423-3145, respectively.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that there will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate

Parental Rights before the Iowa Juvenile Court for Cerro Gordo County at the Courthouse in Mason City, Iowa, at 1:15 P.M. on the 26th day of March, 2020, and at said time and place you will be given an opportunity to be heard before the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, as a person against whom a proceeding for termination of parental rights is brought, you have the right to counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 600A.6A. If you are financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for you if the criteria set forth in Iowa Code section 600A.6A(2) are met.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you appear hereto and defend, at the time and place identified above, termination of parental rights may be decreed as prayed in the Petition.

CERRO GORDO
COUNTY CLERK OF
COURT
Cerro Gordo County
Courthouse
220 North Washington
Mason City, Iowa 50401
Phone: (641) 424-6431
Facsimile: (641) 424-6726
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Form 631.1 — Department of Management

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET ESTIMATE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

City of **KENSETT**, Iowa

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at KENSETT CITY HALL
on 3/28/2020 (Date) xx/xx/xx at 9:00 A.M. (hour)

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below.
Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property . . . . . $ 12.55555

The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is . . . . . $ 3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

641-845-2388
phone number

LORI J. MCNALLY, CMC
City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME

		Budget FY 2021	Re-estimated FY 2020	Actual FY 2019
		(a)	(b)	(c)
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	78,992	79,090	64,400
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	78,992	79,090	64,400
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	24,607	23,654	40,153
Licenses & Permits	7	105	695	830
Use of Money and Property	8	34,987	36,150	13,082
Intergovernmental	9	51,489	49,716	48,649
Charges for Fees & Service	10	94,215	92,410	89,787
Special Assessments	11	0	0	1,523
Miscellaneous	12	667	0	183,262
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	0	0	45,542
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	285,062	281,715	487,228
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	9,721	9,721	8,591
Public Works	17	55,609	54,121	59,389
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	61,570	63,271	181,869
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0	0
General Government	21	85,062	84,335	128,928
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	211,962	211,448	378,777
Business Type / Enterprises	25	71,532	70,267	61,872
Total ALL Expenditures	26	283,494	281,715	440,649
Transfers Out	27	0	0	45,542
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	283,494	281,715	486,191
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	1,568	0	1,037
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	228,486	228,486	227,449
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	230,054	228,486	228,486

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009202
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIA PATON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Julia Paton, Deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on February 28, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on February 28, 2020.

/s/Jeremy Paton
7130 Town Center Road
Apt. 202
Sunset Beach, NC 28468

/s/Krista Paton
304 East Elmore Street
Manly, IA 50456

Kristen N. Ollenburg,
ICIS#: AT0006007
Attorney for
the Administrator
Pappajohn, Shiver, Eide & Nielsen P.C.
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Suite 800
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Mason City, Iowa
50402-1588

Date of second publication 18th day of March, 2020. 11-2t

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 2/10/20 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Pilkington, Heiken, & Douglas.

Absent: Parker.

Visitors: Richard Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Douglas, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by Pilkington, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously. It was noted that council member Ehlenfeldt was included as present when it should have been Douglas.

Maintenance discussed letter from DNR.

Clerk discussed bar service will be available at the community center, possible tower cleaning and correspondence.

Visitors: None.

Old Business: None.

Public hearing for 2020-21 budget set for Monday, March 9th at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas to allow the Activity Center Fund Raiser Committee to donate the use the community center as an in-kind, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve city insurance increase for property by 2% by Pilkington, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Clerk will send courtesy letter to those that have big truck/box trucks on their property.

City maintenance duties discussed. Maintenance will have more time to do city duties, including all the mowing except the cemetery. Cleaning contract for the community center will remain the same as will the hydrant flushing contract.

Motion to approve Ordinance #2020-1 water rate increase by Heiken, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Ordinance #2020-2 sewer rate increase by Douglas, 2nd by Woltzen, Roll Call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Ordinance #2020-3 garbage rate increase by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion to waive 2nd and 3rd reading of above ordinances by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: December Revenues by Fund: General 6,560.74, Utilities 6,595.97, Special 5,376.06. Total Revenues: $18,532.77. Stands approved as read.

Motion to pay bills by Pilkington, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 3,088.11, WCTA 270.53 B. Luckason 690.69 (net), S. Overy 722.81 (net), R. Bauer 969.98 (net), L. McNally 1,410.08 (net), Federal & SS 1,336.02 (payroll), Ipers 822.82 (payroll), State Tax 641.00 (payroll), Post Office 70.00 (general), Sales Tax 388.00 (water 359.00, sewer 25.32, general 3.68), Ag Source 25.90 (water test), Kensett Water 98.75 (sewer fees), L. McNally 69.60 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1,379.20 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #12 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), State Auditor 475.00 (general), R80 43.63 (gas – city – road use), Schilling Supply 484.15 (paper products – general), Worth County Sheriff 4854.50 (police protection – general), IMFOA 50.00 – dues – general), L. McNally 5.23 (calendars – general), Hydrite 455.85 (chemicals – water), R. Bauer 434.30 (supplies – water), C. Pulju 31.32 (mileage – general), Hach 426.63 (water supplies), Northwood Anchor 77.33 (minutes – general), D & L Equipment 27.44 (snow blower parts – general).

Disbursements by Fund: General 9,751.17, Special 1,487.45, Utilities 2,238.83, Payroll 6,778.10 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $20,255.55.

Motion to adjourn by Douglas, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Lori J. McNally,
CMC, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Supervisors

March 2, 2020
Tenth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone and Mark Smeby present. Kenneth J. Abrams absent due to attendance at the 2020 NACO Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Stone and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Abrams.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the March 2, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the February 24, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Lisa Buechele at $30,000/year and salary increase for Chelsey Doty to $34,000/year as submitted by the auditor's office and payroll eligibility verification for Dana Gangsei at $13.25/hour as submitted by public health.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from CJ Pork, LLP for Norske 3 facility #69958 located in Section 21, Silver Lake Township, Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:33 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 9, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Aaron Stone
Chairperson

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Pictured (front row) Cole Kruse, Kim Bissen, Brant Bissen, Marv Hovendick, Jessie Larson, Tom Shatek, Mike Gott, Cory Kruse, Steve Spalla, (back row) Danny Mullenbach, Ken Krontman, Jason Hovendick, Travis Kroneman, Jared Gragert, Denny Smith, Al Meyer, Leonard Fravel, Stan Mehmen and missing is Kyle Mehmen and Ron Niemeyer.



The Pro Farm Pullers donated $500 to the Riceville School ag department in memory of Roger Grimm and Richard Kruse.

Seventh annual Farm Pullers points meeting held on February 21

The Pro Farm Pullers held its seventh annual points meeting on Friday, February 21 at Goosey's Bar and Grill in McIntire, Iowa. It was a full house attending.

Sandwiches, cheese dip, chips and bars were served before the meeting took place. Tom Shatek, president of the club led the meeting discussing upcoming events and the new 2020 schedule.

Door prizes that were donated by area businesses were handed out to members as well as guests that attended.

Point winners were announced as follows, 8.600 # class first place Tom Shatek of Lourdes, Iowa; second place, Al Meyer of Sumner, Iowa; third place, Leonard Fravel of Cresco, Iowa; fourth place, Denny Smith of Lourdes, Iowa; fifth place, Cory Kruse of Meyer, Iowa; sixth place, Steve Spalla of Ridgeway, Iowa; seventh place, Jared Gragert of Lime Springs, Iowa.

The 9.600 #class first place, Tom Shatek; second place, Leonard Fravel; third place, Denny Smith; fourth place, Al Meyer; fifth place, Cory Kruse; sixth place, Stan Mehmen; seventh place, Steve Spalla.

The 10.600 #Class first place, Leonard Fravel; second place, Al Meyer; third place, Denny Smith; fourth place, Stan Mehmen; fifth place, Steve Spalla; sixth place, Tom Shatek and seventh place, Cory Kruse.

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Northwood-Kensett girls sports banquet

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball program held its annual awards banquet last Monday night, this year's award winners include Jaela Parks (Defensive Player of the Year), Carly Hengesteg (Newcomer), Lindsey Davidson (Most Improved) and Clara Davidson (MVP).



N-K boys sports banquet

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball program held its annual awards banquet last Monday night, this year's award winners include Kael Julseth (Most Improved), Ross DeArmoun (MVP) and Jason Hanson (Newcomer).



Eighth graders end undefeated season

The Northwood-Kensett eighth grade girls basketball team sent head coach Greg Parks into junior high basketball retirement last Thursday night with the completion of an undefeated season. The Lady Vikings went 12-0 this season. Team members include Emily Hannemann, Lindsey Moore, Laney Miles, Mallory Rheingans, Morgan Wallin, Madalynn Hanson, Emma Hengesteg, Chloe Costello, Ella Leonard, Lexi Hanson-Brandsoy, Damaris Peterson, Haddie Hanson and Marisa Halbach.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program 2020 webinar trainings set

In cooperation with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) 2020 webinar training for new and returning farmers market vendors on March 26 and April 15. Eleven ISU Extension and Outreach county offices are hosting the March 26 webinar and 22 extension offices are hosting the April 15 webinar.

On May 5, the webinar will be shown online and at the ISU Extension and Outreach Cerro Gordo County office. This viewing option is provided as a service to individuals without access to a computer or limited internet service.

The Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program consists of the Women, Infants and Children FMNP and the Senior FMNP. The FMNPs are congressionally authorized programs that provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers markets and farm stands to nutritionally at-risk women, infants, children and low-income seniors.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship does not limit the number of vendors who may become certified under FMNP. For more information and eligibility, visit IDALS Marketing, Horticulture and Farmers Markets.

To attend a webinar hosted by ISU Extension and Outreach, simply show up at one of the ISU Extension and Outreach locations.

On Thursday, March 26 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. ISU Extension and Outreach county offices hosting this webinar are Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, 601 S. Illinois Ave. Contact: jblick@iastate.edu.

On Tuesday, May 5, online from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Cerro Gordo County office, Mason City, 601 S. Illinois Ave. Contact: jblick@iastate.edu.

USDA to open sign-up on March 16 for conservation reserve program grasslands

Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands signup beginning March 16. The signup runs through May 15.

"Through this CRP Grasslands signup, farmers and ranchers can protect grasslands, rangelands and pastures, while maintaining the land as working grazing lands," said Amanda De Jong. "The program emphasizes support for grazing operations and plant and animal biodiversity, while protecting land under the greatest threat of conversion or development."

Through CRP Grasslands, participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing or harvesting seed from the enrolled land. Timing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nesting season of birds.

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. The duration of the CRP contract is either 10 or 15 years. FSA will rank applications using a number of factors including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland, and predominance of native species cover, and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside 2 million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. CRP is one of the largest conservation programs at USDA. CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 22 million acres currently enrolled.

More information or to enroll in CRP Grasslands is available by contacting local FSA county office or visit ing fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate a local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

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