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Briefs

Absentee voting opens Monday

Starting this Monday, those planning to vote by absentee ballot in the state of Iowa can do so by mail or in person, as other election and registration deadlines approach.

Many in the area have received absentee ballot request forms in the mail, ready to be filled out and returned to their county auditor.

Those that want to practice social distancing and vote by mail can do so by requesting an absentee ballot using one of the forms mailed to them, by contacting their county auditor or by downloading a request form from the Iowa Secretary of State's website.

County auditors will send those absentee ballots starting this Monday, October 5. Absentee ballots must be received by the county auditor no later than October 24, at 5 p.m.

Those that want to vote in person, but still want to avoid gatherings on election day can vote absentee in person in Iowa.

In-person absentee voting also begins this Monday, October 5, at Iowa county auditor offices. Iowans may vote absentee in person until Monday, November 2.

Those planning to vote absentee in person need to bring an ID with them.

Those that want to vote on election day, can do so on Tuesday, November 3, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Those planning to vote on election day should look for announcements of polling places with sample ballots in upcoming issues of the Northwood Anchor, as polling places may have changed this year.

Those planning to

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The Week's WEATHER
by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Sept. 22	74	48	
Wed. Sept. 23	79	51	
Thurs. Sept. 24	79	56	
Fri. Sept. 25	75	51	.04
Sat. Sept. 26	84	55	
Sun. Sept. 27	80	55	
Mon. Sept. 28	65	48	T



N-K's 2020 Homecoming court

This Thursday night the Homecoming coronation will be held, with the king and queen selected from this year's Homecoming court, pictured above. Seniors voted amongst themselves for the five king and five queen candidates. The rest of the high school will vote for the king and queen, who will be crowned tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7 p.m. on the football field. Pictured are queen candidates (in front, from left) Brylee Hoeppner, Hallie Varner, Jozalyn Munson, Ruthie Conlin and Olivia Stilley, and king candidates (in back) Cade Hengesteg, Carter Severson, Kael Julseth, Nathan Hannemann and Isaac Renteria.

N-K's 2020 Homecoming is underway

The Northwood-Kensett community is once again celebrating Viking pride this week with Homecoming events. While the celebration is continuing, it looks a bit different amidst safety precautions this year.

The Homecoming celebration has once again included days where students and staff dress up for daily themes.

That began on Monday when students brought a little ag into their attire with Farmer Day.

Some swirling colorful clothes were the order of Tie Dye Day on Tuesday.

Students and staff came dressed to represent their grade with class color day today, Wednesday. That included seventh graders in orange, eighth graders in green, freshmen in pink, sophomores in red, juniors in blue and seniors in black, as well as the staff, dressed in purple.

Tomorrow (Thursday) will be Dress Up Day.

On Friday, all those in the school, and the community, are encouraged to wear clothes showing their Viking pride for Spirit Day.

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening, at 7 p.m. on the football

N-K, see Page 2

Worth 4-H Fire-Up Zoom meeting Oct. 11

Worth County 4-H will host its annual "4-H Fire-up" on Sunday, October 11, virtually on Zoom from 3 to 4 p.m.

All new and prospective 4-H members are encouraged to participate.

There will be presentations and an opportunity for 4-H member sign up.

Due to complications of the pandemic all newly enrolled 4-H members will have the regular $30 enrollment fee paid by the Worth County 4-H Foundation.

Worth County 4-H members that are re-enrolling will be only paying half of the normal cost and will be able to re-enroll for the 2020-21 4-H program year at the $15 level.

There will be a listing of 4-H Club Leader contacts and a sharing

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GARY HANSON



MARK SMEBY



JANE BLOOMINGDALE



JANE PODGORNIAK



WAYLON BROWN



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Commercial pesticide continuing instruction courses available

Worth County Extension will be offering a number of commercial pesticide continuing instruction courses in the coming weeks.

Participants must call Worth County Extension Office Manager Lacey Waller at 641-324-1531 to register.

Spots will be limited to only 10 people. Masks are required, social distancing will be enforced and no food or beverages will be allowed in the building.

- October 21 - 9 a.m. Roadside, Forest, and Aquatic Pest Management 2, 5, 6, 10 - $35
- October 28 - 9 a.m. Mosquito and Public Health Pest Management 7D, 8, 10 - $35
- November 4 - 9

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Candidates vie for county, state offices

This Monday, October 5, absentee ballots will be available at county auditor offices and will be sent to those that have mailed absentee ballot requests. Polls will open on November 3.

Below is information and answers to questions submitted by the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal to the candidates for local and state offices on ballots this year.

That includes the office of Worth County supervisor representing district 2. Appearing on ballots will be Gary Hanson, representing the Republican Party. Incumbent Mark Smeby has also started a write-in campaign to be re-elected.

Running for Iowa Senate representing Didstrict 26 are incumbent Waylon Brown and Deb Scharper.

Running for the Iowa House of Representatives representing District 51 are two Northwood residents. That includes incumbent Jane Bloomingdale and Jane Podgorniak.

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Vikings get their mojo back — See Sports Page 1B

Worth COVID rates continue fall

With 6 new cases since last week, Worth County's COVID-19 positivity rate continues to decrease slightly.

As of press time on Monday, September 28, the number of COVID-19 cases in had reached 109.

Since the last time the Anchor and Signal shared figures, from September 14, COVID-19 cases in Worth County have increased from 103.

Of the cases currently confirmed in Worth County, 16 are in those 0-17 (up 2), 48 (up 1) in the 18-40 age group, 31 in those 41-60 (up 2), 13 (up 1) in those 61-80 and one person over the age of 80.

In Worth County, there are 81 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 28 potentially remaining active.

A total of 1,686 Worth County residents have been tested for COVID-19. With 109 confirmed, that makes a current positivity rate of 6.5%.

Meanwhile, the 14 day positivity rate in Worth County was 4.6%. That number is one of the considerations for Iowa schools as they decide if they need to take additional precautions.

A rate of 4.6% means that Northwood-Kensett remains in the category of minimal transmission, in the range where schools are recommended to use basic COVID-19 safety measures.

The other district with facilities in Worth County, Central Springs, also falls within three other counties. Amongst those, the highest 14-day rate was in Floyd County, with 11.6%, in the minimal to moderate range. That range brings additional restrictions on gatherings and events. The lowest rate for CS counties was 3.9% in Mitchell County.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 3,998 cases, as of Monday, including 317 in Winnebago, 193 in Hancock, 1,058 in Cerro Gordo, 351 in Floyd and 191 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 546 in Freeborn and 1,342 in Mower in Minnesota.

A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found online at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html. Those experiencing symptoms should call a health care provider before going into the office.

Those with symptoms, or who may be interested in being tested can also take an assessment and get more information at testiowa.com.

Information on COVID-19, including the number and locations in Iowa, can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

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field, the Homecoming king and queen will be crowned, selected from this year's Homecoming court, which includes queen candidates Ruthie Conlin, Brylee Hoeppner, Jozalyn Munson, Olivia Stilley and Hallie Varner. King candidates include Nathan Hannemann, Cade Hengesteg, Kael Julseth, Isaac Renteria and Carter Severson.

Following the coronation, a jersey auction will be held by the Booster Club. That will be followed by the junior and senior girls facing off for the Powder Puff football game.

Junior and senior high school students will take part in class competitions on Friday afternoon.

The Homecoming parade starts at 3 p.m. on Friday. The parade will be held at the Worth County fairgrounds this year.

Before the Homecoming game, a meal will be available as a Post Prom fundraiser, with the tailgate supper at 5:30 p.m.

The Homecoming football games begins at 7 p.m. with the Vikings taking on the Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Warriors.

The week of school spirited activities continues on Saturday with the Homecoming dance at the fairgrounds. This year, as a safety precaution, only N-K students in grades 9-12 are invited.

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a.m. Ornamental and Turf Applicators 3O, 3T, 3OT, 10 - $35

• November 17 - 9 a.m. Fumigation 7C, 10 - $35

• November 18 - 9 a.m. Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Management 1A, 1B, 1C, 10 - $35

• December 2 - 9 a.m. Pest Control Operators 7A, 7B, 8, 10 - $65

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vote may find more information, including resources for registration, online at voterready.iowa.gov or by contacting their local county auditor's office.

4-H
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of what programs are available to 4-H members in Worth County.

Those wanting to participate in the 4-H Fire-up Zoom meeting are asked to please register with Mindy Tenold, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator, at 641-390-1461 or at mtenold@iastate.edu or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at djohn@iastate.edu or at 641-390-0795. Families may also call Lacey Waller at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

Mental health first aid program available virtually

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide virtual Mental Health First Aid trainings throughout the fall of 2020.

Due to the increased stressors produced by the COVID-19 pandemic, drought conditions and the derecho, this virtual program will be offered to provide adults with tools they can use to identify when someone might be struggling with a mental health and/or substance use problem.

Attendees also will learn how to connect others to appropriate support and resources when necessary. A five-step action plan will be taught to guide participants through the process of reaching out and offering appropriate support.

Everyone can benefit from taking a mental health first aid course, from agribusiness professionals, producers, paramedics and faith leaders to teachers, mothers, fathers, siblings and friends.

Learning more about mental health can help reduce the stigma associated with behavioral health problems, recognize signs of trouble and help people get the assistance they need, said David Brown, behavioral health specialist for ISU Extension and Outreach.

ISU Extension and Outreach will offer Mental Health First Aid on a variety of dates. Each virtual program will last for 4 1/2 hours. Unique URLs to access the Zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the program. Those dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, October 1, at 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m.

The cost is $35. However, agribusiness professionals, producers, commodity group members, bankers, veterinarians and vet techs can register at no cost for any of these programs by using the code AGPRO when registering. To register, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/MHFA.

Prior to attending the instructor led virtual course, participants will be required to complete a two-hour, online self-study class.

More information is available by contacting David Brown at dnbrown@iastate.edu or Anthony Santiago at ads@iastate.edu.

Other resources

Iowa Concern, offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or, visit the website, www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or, email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress or crisis and disaster issues.

Finding Answers Now. As Iowans deal with disruptions to their families and communities, this website at www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/disaster-recovery provides information to help cope with concerns about stress and relationships, personal finance and nutrition and wellness.

COVID Recovery Iowa offers a variety of services to anyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual counselors and consultants provide counseling, family finance consultation, farm financial consultation, referral information and help finding resources for any Iowan seeking personal support. Iowans of all ages may join groups online for activities and learn creative strategies for coping with the effects of the pandemic. COVID Recovery Iowa will announce upcoming programs on the website and via all social media to help Iowans build coping skills, resilience and emotional support. To request support, go to www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org or call the Iowa Warm Line at 1-844-775-9276.

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The heart of Worth County at the fair

The Worth County Beautification Board is pictured with the final completion of statues at the Worth County Fairgrounds. With the latest addition, there are now statues representing all of the towns in Worth County. All seven communities are represented with statues at the fairgrounds and corresponding statues located in their towns. Pictured with the new Kensett "Heart of Worth County" statue that was placed this past week are (from left) Harlan Helgeson, Worth County Fair board member and Beautification Board members Merlin Bartz, David Lawyer, Myra Harris and Dennis Johnson and Beautification Board President Dean Mueller.

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Worth County Supervisor

Gary Hanson lives in rural Northwood with his wife Deb. They are the parents of Joey, 38, and Dane and Levi, 34.

Hanson worked at John Deere Equipment for 5 years, Randall Ready Mix for 2 years, Northwood Coop Elevator for 8 years and the Worth County Secondary Road Department for 29 years.

Hanson is a graduate of the Northwood-Kensett School District and has an AA degree from NIACC.

In school, Hanson served 4 years on the N-K student council and 2 years on the NIACC student senate. He served 7 years on the Northwood Beautification Committee, 15 years as a Worth County 4-H leader, 20 years as a Worth County Fair board member, 12 years on the Kensett Fire Department and 2 years on the Vote "YES" committee for the Diamond Jo Casino.

Anchor: Why are you running for office?

Hanson: I have always been involved in Worth County activities all of my life. It is important to me to always keep Worth County moving forward.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Hanson: I have had several Worth County residents discuss the amount of windmills and the future of these projects. I feel it is important to listen to all opinions.

I feel it is important to move Worth County towards new economic development, which I feel will benefit all residents of Worth County in the future.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Hanson: I would suggest looking into a moratorium in regards to regulations with this project.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

Hanson: I am always willing to listen to the opinions or concerns of all Worth County residents. It is important to me not only in District 2 but all districts in Worth County.

Mark Smeby lives in rural Joice with his wife, Lori. He has a daughter, Joa Koeneke, son-in-law, Andy, grandkids Ida and Rex; son Brandon Smeby and wife Lauren, and grandkids Clara and Holden.

Smeby has worked in construction, metal fabrication and tile drainage, is a lifelong farmer and is the current District 2 Supervisor for Worth County.

Smeby graduated from Lake Mills in 1979 and attended Iowa State's winter quarter farm op program.

Smeby has served on the Worth County Board of Supervisors, representing the County on the boards of Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, North Iowa Juvenile Detention, NIACOG Hazmat and Transportation, Worth County Public Health, North Iowa Community Action Organization and Iowa Work Force Development.

Smeby has also served on the Bethany Lutheran Church board and Northern CO-OP Service board.

Anchor: Why are you running for office?

Smeby: I have enjoyed serving Worth County for the past four years and have several projects that I would like to be a part of and need to be finished. I have gained a lot of experience in the past four years and would like to use that to keep moving Worth County forward.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Smeby: We need to keep new developments coming to Worth County, like the I35 Exchange area, wind and solar project. We also need to look at getting better ambulance service, at least to the central part of Worth County. This will all help keep and bring people to Worth County.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Smeby: In the past four years I have worked hard for Worth County. Not everyone has always agreed with my decisions, but I have always tried to do what is best too keep moving Worth County Forward.

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Down to the bones

The 4-H Exhibit Building at the Worth County Fairgrounds has been under construction recently as the building's footings needed some work, and the siding was replaced in the process. While the building wasn't used in 2020, all involved anticipate the chance to fill the fixed-up building with 4-H'ers and their projects in 2021.

Cemetery walk honors notable Northwood resident



The annual Founders Day celebration once again included a tribute to a group of residents buried at Sunset Rest Cemetery, with the cemetery walk.

This year's walk included presentations on Homer Doolittle, Lowell Gangstad and Mrs. H.A. "Nellie" Dwelle, featured below.

By JoAnn Lower

Mrs. H.A. "Nellie" Dwelle

The life story of Mrs. H.A. "Nellie" Dwelle was researched and told by Ms. Jeanine Vorland.

Nellie (Leffingwell) Dwelle was born in Massachusetts in 1875. She came to visit her brothers and study at the Art Department of the Nora Springs Seminary in 1893. It was there she met her future husband, Horton A. Dwelle, who was born and raised in Northwood, the son of parents who had pioneered to the area soon after it was opened to settlement. Nellie and Horton married in 1894.

Deeply involved in education, Horton started as a teacher in Northwood. After serving as teacher, principal and superintendent in several areas around the state of Iowa, he returned to Northwood in 1916 to enter business.

Nellie lived as a middle class woman of the Victorian age. Homemaker, mother and helper to her husband, she was known to be somewhat frail. Running a household in the late 1800s and early 1900s was labor intensive – no electricity or modern appliances. She appreciated the beauty of nature. A talented artist, her paintings filled the walls of her home.

Although she lived a life of relative comfort and her brother-in-law was a local doctor, she shared the fate and sorrow of so many women of losing her son Elmer in infancy.

Nellie died at the age of 43 of influenza on January 1, 1919. Her husband, small daughter, mother and sister were all ill with the disease at the time of her death. Nearly 300,000 deaths were reported in the United States in 1918 between September and the time of Nellie's death.

This influenza had the combined effect of being both highly infectious and highly lethal. While many diseases are most consequential for the very young and very old, the 1918 flu was somewhat unique in having a high mortality rate for adults between 20 and 40 in the prime of their lives. The Center for Disease Control estimates the average life span in the United States decreased by 12 years between 1917 and 1918. It was not uncommon to find death notices for more than one victim of the influenza side by side in local newspapers. This was the case in the Northwood Anchor where Mrs. H.A. Dwelle's obituary appeared with that of little Orion Groe, age 2 and a half. Orion, it was noted, died of blood poisoning. He, like many victims, had been ill for several weeks and likely succumbed to a secondary bacterial infection that took hold after he was weakened by the influenza.



Northwood City Clean Up Days

October 14-17



The City of Northwood will provide Dumpsters for Northwood Residents Discardable Items at the Northwood City Yard

Located on Highway 105 East

Open Wednesday, October 14 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Open Thursday, October 15 from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Open Friday, October 16 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 17 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Assistance available by calling City Hall at 641-324-1075.

The City does NOT authorize the public to remove discarded items from the dumpsters.



RULES: Regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.
Following items will not be accepted: Computers & Accessories; Construction Debris; Tires; Batteries; Paint; Hazardous & Flammable Items; Fluorescent tubes/bulbs.

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2020 N-K FALL SPORTS



N-K varsity football

Members of the 2020 N-K varsity football team include (front row, from left) cheerleaders Hayley Wallin, Hallie Varner, Madelyn Berge, Jozalyn Munson, Lindsey Moore, Haddie Hanson, Emma Logeman, (second row) Noah Woltzen, Dante Sims, William Kraft, Dalton Logeman, Lamonte Sims, Michael Janssen, Treycen Rollene, Trace Low, Carter Severson, Isaiah Heeren, (third row) Logan Mayberry, asst. coach Trevor Hunt, asst. coach Marty Cotter, head coach Dave Capitani, asst. coach Daryl Love, asst. coach Ryan Parker, asst. coach Tristan Rothove, Brandon Varner, (fourth row) Andrew Wilder, Jace Gentz, Isaac Renteria, Justin Mills, Josiah Kliment, Thomas Rodemeyer, Kael Julseth, Cade Hengesteg, Isaiah Anderson, (fifth row) Te'Juan Whitelow, Nolan Senne, Benjamin Yezek, Tyler Mills, Aaron Davis, Mason Thofson, Jake Steinman and Jason Hanson.

N-K varsity volleyball

Members of the 2020 N-K varsity volleyball team include (front row, from left) Madelyn Berge, Jozalyn Munson, Shallon Batton, Sydney Welch, Addyson Bachtle, Jesslyn Sims, (second row) manager Ella Fritz, Isabella Efflandt, Emma Davidson, Hallie Varner, Carly Hengesteg, manager Gracie Stoneking, (back row) head coach Heather Rheingans, Olivia Stilley, Ruthie Conlin, Kayla Senne, Brylee Hoeppner, Marli Backhaus and asst. coach Annika Della Vedova.





N-K cross country team

Members of the 2020 N-K cross country team include (from left) Drake Tiedemann, Christopher Madson, Samantha Tindall, Megan Ocel, Rachel Hill, Nathan Hannemann, Hayden Moore and David Block.

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September 15 was National Online Learning Day, and while this newsletter will be coming out later than that day, the issues National Online Learning Day recognize are important, and even more so as more and more students are learning online.

Over the last several years, we have not only passed several bills to give more students online learning options, but also bills to help expand broadband to rural areas, making online learning possible for rural families. In 2018, we passed Senate File 475 and Senate File 2131. SF 475, the 'Education Omnibus' bill, made a number of changes to the state code addressing education. One of these changes was getting rid of limitations on online schools, including enrollment caps, giving schools more power to offer online education to students and allowing school districts to develop their own online courses. SF 2131 expanded the Iowa Learning Online program to allow students receiving private instruction to participate, giving all Iowa students more options and giving parents the opportunity to increase their child's academic success.

In 2019, the Senate passed Senate File 394, which allows school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to use Iowa Learning Online for subjects that are required to be offered to students, but cannot find a licensed teacher to fill the job opening or not enough students are registered for the course. It also allows schools to work together to develop an online curriculum for students across different schools. Lastly, this year, the Senate passed Senate File 2310, which provided additional flexibility to the Iowa Department of Education and the Area Education Agencies to develop a new statewide, online-learning platform to fill the gap in the state's current online learning offerings amid the pandemic.

Online learning isn't always a viable option for everyone, especially families living in rural areas of the state. Last year, the Senate passed a $5 million increase for rural broadband expansion to expand and improve coverage to rural parts of the state. This year we made a number of policy changes to create more flexibility in the Empower Rural Iowa program and encourage more private investment in rural broadband expansion. Both bills are important to help get internet access to rural areas of our state and give more opportunities to all students, regardless of their zip code.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Town Hall event

Ashley Hinson, Republican candidate for Congress, and State Senator Waylon Brown spoke to and heard from residents of Worth and Mitchell counties at a town hall event in Carpenter last Wednesday evening. Social distancing and masks were evident among the participants.

Local students named to BVU's summer Dean's List

More than 130 students were named to Buena Vista University's Summer 2020 Dean's List.

The following local students made the list, Kari Seger of Northwood, Sawyer Dalluge and Derek Jorgensen, both of Grafton, and William Hillson of Manly.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Bolan

Pretty soon, like the plan is for October 11, the Trinity UM Church family will be attending church services in the church! There will be proper mask wearing and distancing, but it will be so good to be able to be in our place of worship. BUT, this coming Sunday, October 4, the worship service at the Bethel UMC parking lot will start at 10:30 a.m.

Please note that time change. It is a little "chilly" for the set up crew for the church service at 8 a.m., therefore the change in time.

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Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Outdoor Worship, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, Pins and Needles, 2 p.m., Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Thursday, Waldorf Association Meets, 10 a.m., MANNA Open 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Radio Broadcast of Worship on 97.1 FM or Kensettia.com, Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m., GeoParish Meeting at Bethany, 7 p.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon

Pastor Tom Martin

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship in Bethel Parking lot, 9 a.m., Streaming on Bethel of Manly Facebook Page, 10:30 a.m., Radio Station 97.1.

Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Northwood UMW Meeting, 10 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish

Wednesday, "The Bible Jesus Read" Bible Study - Salem, 10 a.m., 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - Winnebago, 6:15 p.m., 9th Grade Confirmation - Winnebago, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, "The Bible Jesus Read" Bible Study - W, 7 p.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins - W, 10-11 a.m., "Listening for God" Bible Study - SL, 1 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Immanuel, 8 a.m., Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Worship - Silver Lake, Sunday School - L, 9:30 a.m., Worship - Winnebago, Sunday School - SL, 10:30 a.m., Worship - Lunder, 11 a.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Worth County Flu Clinic - B, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m.

Check with your local church about online services, updates and changes.

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The Mezuzah



The Mezuzah, Hebrew for door post, is a small case attached to the doorposts of homes by some observant Jews, and containing a scroll upon which certain sacred verses are inscribed. Those who follow the tradition of the Mezuzah believe that the command in Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 is to be taken literally: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates." Such outward signs of faith are important and can actually be the vehicle by which God's commandments are impressed upon our hearts. The Mezuzah, like the phylactery, is meant to be a reminder to live a Godly life, and not a show of religious superiority. Jesus warned against the hypocrisy of following religious edicts for show while not actually living a Godly life. To put it in modern parlance, we shouldn't just talk the talk; we've got to also walk the walk. —Christopher Simon

"Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 'The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.'" – Matthew 23: 1-3

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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

Fredericksburg, Texas, is in the beautiful hill country of the Lone Star State. The area is cooler and greener than some more southern parts of Texas and attracts thousands of visitors each year. I always enjoy time there and on one trip came home with the "Fredericksburg Home Kitchen" Cook Book. My copy is the 13th Edition, published in 1996 by the Fredericksburg PTA. The first one was a run of only 500 copies published in 1916 so we know cooking is part of Fredricksburg's history. This cookbook also celebrated the 150th anniversary of the city and a lot of very special recipes went into the project. The following are from the chapter titled "Traditional German Recipes" as the town has a very definite German "flavor" in the shops, restaurants and attractions. These recipes are reprinted from previous editions of the book.

Braune Bohnensuppe
(Brown Bean Soup)
Eleventh Edition – 1975
by Mrs. Arthur Borchers

3 quarts water
1 1/2 cups dry pinto beans
1 large sweet potato
a small ham bone or shank
Green onion tops, to taste
Dumplings: 2 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cold water

Cook the beans until soft. If soaked overnight, cooking time will be shorter. Add the ham bone and cook another 30 minutes. Peel and dice the sweet potato and add to the pot along with salt and green onion tops. Cook 30 minutes more. Mix the dumpling ingredients to make a soft dough (you might need a bit more flour or water; use your best judgement). Drop the dumplings by teaspoonsful into the soup. Cook 15 minutes before serving. SANDY'S NOTE – 2020: Use your crock pot to cook the beans and ham or do them in the electric pressure cooker.

Spareribs and Sauerkraut
Ninth Edition – 1967
by Mrs. Elmer Bierschwale

3 pounds spare ribs
2 cups sauerkraut, canned or fresh
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut the ribs into 3 or 4 rib pieces and season with the salt and pepper. Brown them in a deep heavy skillet in a small amount of vegetable oil, over medium heat. Add 1/2 cup water, cover, lower heat and cook slowly for 1 hour. Remove the ribs from the pan and skim off some of the fat. Rinse the kraut, if desired, and add to the skillet. Put the ribs back in on top and cover again. Cook slowly for 1 more hour. Serves 4.

Bratkartoffein
(German Fried Potatoes)
Eleventh Edition – 1975
by the German Section Committee

6 medium new potatoes
1 medium onion, chopped
3 tablespoons bacon drippings
Salt and pepper to taste

Scrub the potatoes and boil them in their skins. When cool enough to handle, peel them and cut into bite-sized cubes. Sauté the onion in the drippings until clear but not brown. Remove and set aside. Fry the potatoes cubes to a golden brown. Add the onions back and season to taste with salt and pepper, mixing gently.

Mandelbrot (Almond Squares)
Eleventh Edition – 1975
by Mrs. A.H. Kneese

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon EACH nutmeg and cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cardamom
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup chopped almonds
4 eggs, beaten
powdered sugar

Sift the dry ingredients except the powdered sugar. Add the almonds, mixing well. Stir in the eggs until well blended. Place in a greased 9x13-inch baking pan and bake at 350 degrees F. for about 30 minutes. DON'T overbake. Cut into squares while still warm and sprinkle with powdered sugar. You can also make a thin vanilla icing to drizzle over the squares. Makes about 35 squares.

I won a rubber chicken in Fredricksburg one year doing the chicken dance at a local theater. It was one of my finest hours but Gregg about died of embarrassment! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Butler – Kisner wed on July 25

Logan Butler and Casey Kisner were married on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Country View Acres in Joice, Iowa, with Linda Prestholt presiding.

Logan is the son of Lynn and Shana Butler and grandson of Pat and Steve Smith, MaryAnn and Gary Christianson and the late Carroll Butler, all of Northwood.

Logan is a 2013 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and is employed by the City of Northwood.

Casey is the daughter of Jason Kisner (Lisa) and Tami and Craig Johnston, all of Manly, and granddaughter of Kenny (Jodi) Kisner and Vicki Marchand, all of Manly.

Casey is a 2015 graduate of Central Springs and is a radiologic technologist at MercyOne North Iowa.

The maid of honor was Kylie Bottjen of North Liberty.

Bridesmaids included Megan O'Keefe of Manly, Megan Peterson of Grafton, Marlee Nelson of Northwood, Miranda Woltjer of Mason City, Michaela Worrell of Smithland, Maren Davidson of Northwood and Liz Yezek of Manly.



LOGAN AND CASEY BUTLER

The flower girl was Braelynn Worrell of Smithland.

The best man was Brady Cotter of Northwood.

Groomsmen included Sawyer Dalluge of Grafton, Eric Otis of Ankeny, Zach Nelson of Northwood, Colin Salz of St. Ansgar, Colton Kisner of Northwood, Dylan Buechele of Grafton and Codie Gordon of Grafton.

The ring bearers were Knox Worrell of Smithland and Brooks Nelson of Northwood.

The ushers were Neil Meinke of Myrtle, Ryan Meinke of Northwood and Zach Williamson of Myrtle.

Personal attendants were Alayne Buseman of Mason City, Jade Lowe of Ventura and Jen Smith of Mason City.

Logan and Casey reside in Northwood and honeymooned in Montana.

Manly blood drive set for Friday

A blood drive will be held in Manly this Friday, October 2, at the Edward Tosel American Legion Post 110, at 110 E. Elmore Street.

Blood donors are required to wear a mask for the duration of their appointment. Donors who do not have masks will be provided with one.

The Manly Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, October 2, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. Appointments are required. Donations may be scheduled online at lifeservebloodcenter.org or by calling 800-287-4903.

WCTA's virtual annual meeting was held on September 24

WCTA's Annual Meeting was held virtually on the evening of Thursday, September 24, to hear reports on Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association operations.

"I am honored to be able to serve with the dedicated board members, work with the best employees in this industry and to offer amazing service and customer service to each of our members," stated CEO Mark Thoma.

Curt Helland of Emmons and Shanan Redinger of Hanlontown were elected as Directors to hold office on the WCTA Board for a term of three years. Other WCTA Board members are Larry Foley, Mark R. Johnson, Dale Meinders, Mike Stensrud and Steve Thorland.

Members voted by mail and approved the changes to the Articles of Incorporation. Annually, the board reviews these articles and suggests updates to keep them from becoming outdated.

WCTA prize winners included: Thomas Hopperstad of Leland, Elaine Steinberg of Osage, Chad Forland of Emmons and Dennis Fredrickson of Glenville, were winners of 50" 4K TVs. AJ Taylor and Jackie Haverly, both of Forest City, were winners of the Roomba Robot Vacuums. Danny Swearingen of Thompson and Tayah Lande of Kensett were winners of the Echo Show. Kylie Shackleton of Joice and Virgil Schewe of Albert Lea were the winners of Apple iPad Air tablets. James Meyering of Woden was the winner of the Home Security Pack.

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Calendar of Events for October 2020
October 1–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room (Fairgrounds), 10 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Extension Office Manager, Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
October 6–Iowa Agriculture Extension Association Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
October 7–Worth County Green and White 4-H T-Shirt Day at Worth County Schools, All Day with Dennis Johnson and Mindy Tenold
October 7–Worth County 4-H KATE Radio Interviews at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 8:05 A.M. with Dennis Johnson and Mindy Tenold
October 7–Worth County 4-H 4th Grade School Zoom Presentation at Northwood-Kensett Elementary School, 8:45 A.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 7–Worth County 4-H County Council Zoom Interviews at Worth County Extension Office Community Room (Fairgrounds) and Virtual Zoom, 4 to 8 P.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 8–State 4-H Monthly Webinar Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Virtual Adobe Connect Meeting, Northwood, 9 A.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 8–Worth County 4-H National 4-H Week KIOW Radio Interviews at KIOW Radio at Forest City, TBD with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
October 8–Worth County Fairboard Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
October 9–Worth County 4-H 4th Grade School Zoom Presentation at Central Springs Elementary School, Nora Springs, 8:45 A.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 9–Worth County National 4-H Week Radio Interviews, 10 A.M. at KGLO Radio, Mason City with Dennis Johnson
October 11–Worth County 4-H Fire-Up, 3 P.M. at Worth County Fairgrounds Virtual Zoom Meeting, Northwood with Dennis Johnson and Mindy Tenold
October 14–KGLO Iowa State University Extension 4-H Week Radio Interview at Radio Park, Mason City, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
October 14–Region 4 4-H Staff Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting from Cerro Gordo County Extension, Mason City, 9:30 A.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 15–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 10 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 15–State 4-H Strategic Planning Meeting at Virtual WebEx Meeting, 1 to 3 P.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
October 20–North Iowa Foods Coalition Meeting at Virtual Zoom Session from North Iowa Land Fill, Mason City, 3:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
October 21–Roadside, Forest and Aquatic Pesticide Recertification at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 9 to 11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller
October 26–ISU Extension County Services Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
October 28–ISU Extension Crop Harvest KGLO Radio Interview at Radio Park, Mason City, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson and Eric Fleming, KGLO Radio Farm Broadcaster
October 28–Mosquito/Public Health Pest Management Pesticide Recertification at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
October 29–North Central Regional Extension Agriculture Team Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
October 29–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 11 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
TBD–Worth County Top of Iowa Recreational Trail Committee at Fertile Community Center or Virtual Zoom Meeting, 6:30 P.M. with Tom Reid, President of Top of Iowa Trail Committee and Dennis Johnson
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Cemetery walk honors longtime N-K teacher

The annual Founders Day celebration once again included paying tribute to a group of residents buried at Sunset Rest Cemetery, with the cemetery walk.

This year's walk included presentations on Homer Doolittle, Mrs. H.A. "Nellie" Dwelle and Lowell Gangstad, featured below.

By JoAnn Lower

Lowell M. Gangstad

Lowell M. Gangstad was born on January 8, 1935, near Deerfield Wisconsin. Raised on a dairy farm, he helped with milking cows and feeding pigs. He raised sheep for his 4-H projects; for college tuition money he raised his own tobacco crops.

One day this young Luther College man offered to drive a few classmates back home to Wisconsin for Christmas break. The back seat of his '41 Chevy was filled with happy college kids, but it was the girl from Edgerton who caught his attention.

"She had been the high school prom queen and, when I saw her picture on the front page of the Edgerton Reporter, I vowed I'd someday marry that girl." The pretty girl he fell in love with was Leila Hestenes.

After his graduation from Luther in 1957, Lowell was hired to teach K-12 music education at the Northwood schools. That same year he began as choir director at First Lutheran Church.

In 1958 Leila graduated from Luther. The couple married on June 4, 1958 and moved to Northwood where Leila taught second grade and Title I reading, later substituting for 28 years.

After one year of teaching, Lowell received a letter from the draft board and decided to enlist in the Iowa Air Force National Guard where he served for six years.

Blessed with four beautiful daughters: Sandy, Lori, Julie and Kari, the Gangstads chose Northwood as their permanent residence, and for more than 60 years they selflessly served our community in countless ways. They were active in community celebrations: July 4th, Founders Day, Special Events activities, ecumenical services and county fair volunteers. Leila was a 4-H leader for several years and is still active in our community today.

Along with George Feuerhelm, Lowell started the first Pops Concert at the Northwood-Kensett Schools. He spent 39 years as music educator in the N-K School District and more than 60 years as First Lutheran Church Choir Director, involving Junior Choir and Golden Tones Choir.

His church choir performed on KGLO Television in the 60s and 70s, Veterans Day services, Easter and Lenten cantata services and Music Sundays, where First Lutheran choirs have led the worship service one Sunday during the year. For many years that included the candlelight service at First Lutheran's Christmas observances.

"We've enjoyed delivering a good message in song and by leading the congregation and giving them a way to praise God," Lowell said. "I'm proud of all the choir members I've worked with. They've all performed with talent and dedication." Of course, that included his "right arm," his wife Leila who has accompanied the choir for more than 40 years.

Lowell was also dedicated to several service organizations during his years in Northwood, including the Jaycees and Lions Club.

After a short illness, Lowell was able to say goodbye to his family – his wife, four daughters, four sons-in-law, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, before he died on July 1, 2018.

At Lowell's gravesite the crowd gathered to listen as his daughter Julie (Gangstad) Grotness told the story of her father's life. The microphone was then passed from one person to the next, each with a little anecdote about the wonderful man we all know and love, Lowell Gangstad.



New food preservation classes coming online in October

More Iowans than ever are exploring how to home preserve their garden bounty to enjoy that fresh taste of summer all year long. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering two new online workshops to help Iowans safely "Preserve the Taste of Summer."

"Due to the pandemic, our regular hands-on, in-person workshops are on hold. In October we are offering online workshops at no cost so Iowans still have the opportunity to learn safe food preservation techniques," said Sarah Francis, an associate professor and nutrition and wellness state specialist.

Preserve the Taste of Summer: Totally Tomatoes. During this one-hour session, you will learn how to safely can tomatoes via hot water bath canning and pressure canning, as well as how to make salsa and other tomato products, and freeze and dry tomatoes. Four sessions are scheduled in October on Thursday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Monday, October 12, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Preserve the Taste of Summer: All about Apples. During this one-hour session, you will learn the proper ways to safely can, freeze and dry apples. Four sessions are scheduled in October on Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

While participation in these sessions is complementary, registration is required. Reserve your spot today at https://bit.ly/3k1DmVc.

More information is available by contacting an ISU Extension and Outreach human sciences specialist in nutrition and wellness:

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Baird claims big lottery prize in Mega Crossword Game

A Worth County woman has won a $10,000 lottery prize.

Cheryl Baird of Manly won the big prize in the Iowa Lottery's "$100,000 Mega Crossword" scratch game. She purchased her winning ticket at Casey's in Manly, and claimed her prize Friday at the lottery's Mason City regional office.

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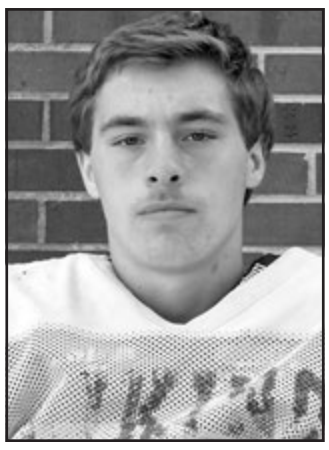
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Anchor Sports



BRANDON VARNER

Stat of the Week: *One thing I always like about N-K's Brandon Varner is how easy he makes it for me to select a Stat of the Week. When Brandon gets the ball in his hands, he delivers. Varner touched the ball 12 times in last Friday's 62-30 win over Riceville and he scored on half of those touches, scoring six touchdowns to run his season total to a team high 11, 10 rushing and one receiving.*



HAYDEN MOORE

Stat of the Week: *Just to show how far the N-K cross country teams have come in the last few years, this week's paper will have its first boys cross country Stat of the Week. With Lindsey Davidson and now Megan Ocel dominating for the girls team, it's been a struggle to get people to even know that the boys run as well, but no longer, Hayden Moore is changing all of that. Moore had some very successful races last week, placing 14th at West Fork and 30th at Central Springs, leaving a much brighter outlook for the future of not just the girls, but now the boys as well.*



N-K's Drew Wilder (#1) drags down a Riceville ball carrier for no gain in last Friday night's 62-30 win. Wilder has 23 tackles for the year, including 17 solo, third best on the team. (Photo by Jesus Renteria)



N-K quarterback Kael Julseth runs through a huge hole last Friday night in Riceville. Julseth rushed for 97 yards and one touchdown while throwing for another score in the 62-30 district win. Julseth has an incredible 139.6 passer rating for the year. (Photo by Jesus Renteria)

Vikings get their mojo back with 62-30 win over Riceville

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

You could see it in the way they walked, in the way they talked, this was new territory for most of the young men wearing a Northwood-Kensett football jersey to see the team surrender 110 points in two consecutive losses.

But that swagger, that feeling that if we do what we do well, even if you know its coming, you're not going to be able to stop it, that attitude might just be infecting the team once again after last Friday night's 62-30 takedown of Riceville on the Wildcats' home field.

After 34 combined points scored in the first 12 minutes of play alone, the Vikings, who trailed 8-0, 8-7, 14-6 and 14-12, finally took the lead as the first quarter came to an end when Brandon Varner scored on a three-yard run with just 26 seconds remaining to give N-K its first lead at 20-14.

It didn't take the Wildcats long to get back in front though. They scored just four minutes later to retake the lead at 22-20 when Carter Mauer scored from a yard out.

But then the Brandon Varner show started. The talented Viking halfback scored four consecutive touchdowns, a 77-yard reception for a score and three three-yard runs for touchdowns that gave the Vikings an insurmountable 46-20 lead before the defense allowed the Wildcats another score.

Varner scored his sixth touchdown late in the third quarter and then Carter Severson capped off the night's scoring with a 13-yard run with under five minutes to play in regulation, giving the Vikings a convincing 62-30 win.

Varner and Kael Julseth led the team with 100 and 97 yards rushing respectively while TJ Whitelow hauled in a team high two catches for 32 yards. Tyler Mills was again a beast on the defensive side of the ball, leading the team with eight tackles, seven of those solo.

With the win, the team's ninth in 11 games against Riceville, the Vikings are now 2-3 overall and 2-3 in district play.

N-K will host Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock this Friday night for Homecoming.

N-K 62, RV 30

NK	20	20	14	8	– 62
RV	14	8	8	0	– 30

Team Totals

	Vikings	Wildcats
First Downs	19	11
Rush-Yards-TD	46-305-7	41-204-4
Pass Yards	149	100
Comp.-Att.-TD-Int.	4-6-1-0	12-23-0-0
Total Yards	454	304
Penalty-Yards	7-54	5-35
Turnover-Lost	0-0	0-0`

Scoring

First Quarter
RV – Isaac Harken 3-yard run (conv. good)
NK – Carter Severson 10-yard run (PAT failed)
RV – Theo Klaes 1-yard run ((conv. failed)
NK – Kael Julseth 4-yard run (conv. failed)
NK – Brandon Varner 3-yard run (conv. good)

Second Quarter
RV – Carter Mauer (conv. good)
NK – Varner 77-yard reception from Julseth (conv. failed)
NK – Varner 3-yard run (PAT good)
NK – Varner 3-yard run (PAT good)

Third Quarter
NK – Varner 3-yard run PAT failed)
RV – Mauer 1-yard run (conv. good)
NK – Varner 35-yard run (conv. good)

Fourth Quarter
NK – Severson 13-yard run (conv. good)

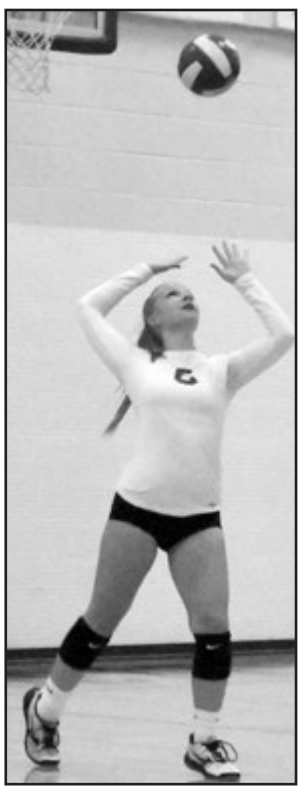
8-man District 2 Standings

	Overall	District
1. Janesville	4-1	1-0
2. Tripoli	4-1	3-1
3. AGWSR	3-2	3-0
4. North Iowa	2-2	1-0
5. Northwood-Kensett	2-3	2-3
6. RRMR	2-3	2-3
7. Turkey Valley	2-2	2-2
8. Riceville	1-4	1-3
9. Clarksville	0-4	0-2

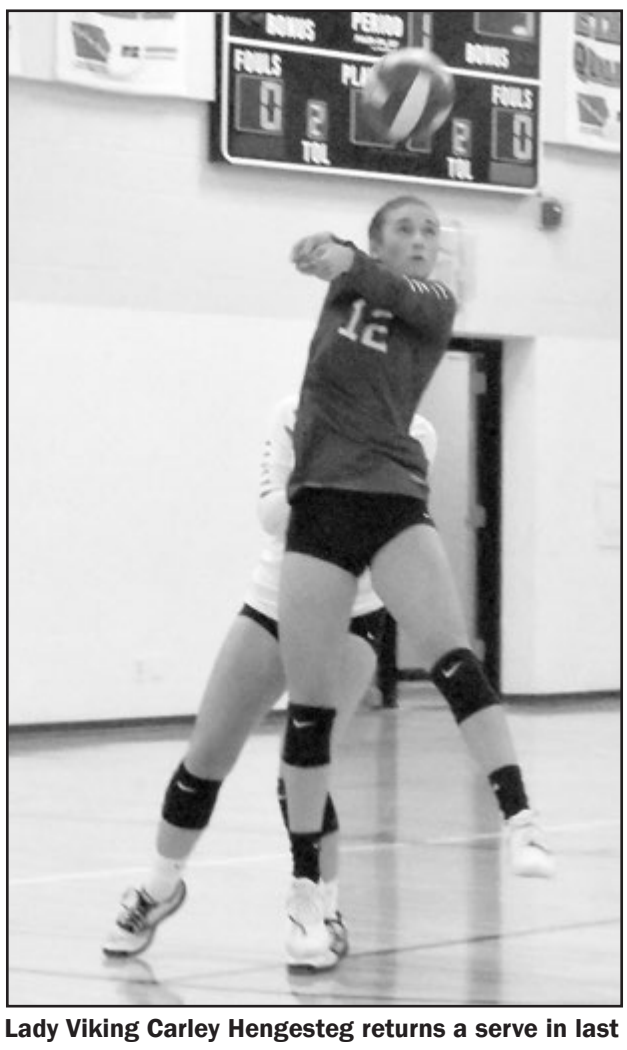
Lady Vikings fall below .500 with 3-0 loss to Central Springs

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett volleyball team fell below the .500 mark with last Tuesday night's 3-0 (14-25, 13-25, 16-25) Top of Iowa Conference East loss to its Highway 65 rival Central Springs.



N-K libero Hallie Varner takes her turn at the service line in last Tuesday's 3-0 loss to the Panthers. Varner has proven to be the team's most accurate at the service line with an incredible 95.3 serving percentage, going 61--64 on the year.



Lady Viking Carley Hengesteg returns a serve in last Tuesday night's 3-0 loss to Central Springs. Hengesteg has seen time in all seven matches this season and is fourth on the team with 34 digs.

The Panthers have had N-K's number the last few years. With Tuesday's win they have won 10 straight matches against the Lady Vikings, winning 25 sets without a loss. The last time an N-K team beat the Panthers was in 2015 when the Lady Vikings came back from a 2-0 deficit to win 3-2.

"I think what our downfall right now is that we're only getting one competitive match in a week," said Lady Vikings head coach Heather Rheingans.

With just that one match to make a statement each week the Lady Vikings got off to a slow start in last Tuesday night's match, falling behind 13-5 before they were able to get their game on track. After narrowing the gap to just six at 16-10 the Lady Vikings were unable to keep up with Central Springs down the stretch and fell by 11 points, 25-14.

In the second set N-K's Kayla Senne stepped to the service line to start the set and gave the Lady Vikings their first lead of the night at 1-0. That advantage soon evaporated as the Panthers took the lead at 2-1 and went on to win the second set convincingly, 25-13.

In the third and final set the Lady Vikings held their biggest lead of the match when they started out with a 2-0 lead. But that quickly turned in to a 2-2 score before turning into a 13-7 Panther advantage.

Never ones to give up though, the Lady Vikings battled back and pulled to within three at 17-14. That rally though came with a price as N-K wasn't able to sustain the momentum and eventually fell to its TIC East rival, 25-16.

"You can tell now that the season has progressed a bit that the teams who are playing in some weekend tournaments have that competitive edge that we just don't have right now. We'll get there eventually, we just aren't there yet," Rheingans said.

With the loss the Lady Vikings are now 3-4 overall and 2-4 in the TIC East.

With its decision to opt out of playing in any weekend tournaments this season N-K once again had just one match on the schedule this week, a Tuesday night trip to Saint Ansgar to face the 11-4 (4-1) Saints.

CS 3, N-K 0

TIC East Standings

	Overall	TIC East
1. Osage	15-1	6-0
2. North Butler	14-4	4-2
3. Saint Ansgar	11-4	4-1
4. Central Springs	9-4	3-3
5. Nashua-Plainfield	9-14	3-3
6. MC Newman	9-9	3-3
7. Northwood-Kensett	3-4	2-4
8. West Fork	3-9	1-4
9. RRMR	1-16	0-6

Northwood Anchor Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

When the Republican Leadership is crushing Labor Unions, destroying the U.S. Postal Service, dismantling Social Security and Medicare, not taking responsibility of the COVID-19 outbreak, or helping in anyway to curb it. Turning back environmental protections, so corporations can destroy OUR air and water quality. These actions aren't making America great, they are bring this country to third world status.

Then the Republican leadership goes full force on peaceful protests, and encourages armed responses to these peaceful protests. These same Republican leaders seem to be afraid to confront these large right wing armed groups.

The only thing that has been made better in America is RACISM, and profit for the 1%! For middle America / the working class, this is destroying the Middle Class, which in return is destroying America.

American Pride is when we vote the Republican leaders out of office who are helping destroy America. This is the way WE, the middle class make America GREAT again!!!

James Berge
Kensett

Political letter policy

The Northwood Anchor will accept letters to the editor of a political nature up to Thursday, October 22, to be published in the last week in October, before the November election.

The Anchor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published, but will make a good faith effort to make sure each candidate's supporters are represented, should a decision have to be made about whether or not to publish a letter.

Letters may be edited for newspaper style, to fix grammar and typos or for length, but no content will be altered.

Anyone with questions may contact kris@nwdanchor.com.

Kris Kenison, Publisher



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

How is your job going?

It's going really, really, really, really well.

Really?

Not really.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: My carpenter aunt (she built houses) had given me an encyclopedia. I was hoping for a set because there would be something about everything in that collection, but it was just one book. It was the accumulated wisdom of the ages that in a single volume compendium presented the total of all the world's knowledge from moth to oyster.

Before I'd ever heard of COVID-19, a granddaughter played in a national basketball tournament in Chicago. My wife and I attended and are glad we did as her team went undefeated. We stayed in a snazzy hotel where the nightly parking charge matched the value of my car and the hotel staff had palms twice as long as the average person. The richest 1% of Americans account for over half the value of equities owned by US households according to Goldman Sachs and an analysis of Federal Reserve data found 84% of stocks are owned by the wealthiest 10% of Americans. I didn't feel wealthy in that hotel, but I don't in a dollar store either.

Life can be as tricky as standing in a hammock

Each day is the greatest of journeys. I cleaned my glasses with ketchup because Heinz sight is 20/20. I told my wife that I was taking two masks. "Masks" is one of those words, "wasps" is another, that doesn't want to end. The next time, I might just say, "I'm taking this mask and another mask."

Why can't telemarketers offer something I'd be interested in? A guy called and wanted to deliver my prize from Publishers Clearing House. I didn't know PCH still existed or that I could win a contest without first entering. Another call was from someone pushing septic tank additives. University research has found that no matter how many educated enzymes or boffo bacteria an additive offers it does no good and may cause harm.

The bad joke department

What does a duck and a Buick have in common? They both have a steering wheel except the duck.

A pandemic was unleashed on the world by ticks that lived around the mouths of alpacas. Global chaos ensued. The disease wiped out 99% of the human population and the desperate survivors were forced to live in a post-alpaca lip tick wasteland.

Are you happy?

To determine the happiest state, WalletHub examined 32 key metrics, including depression rate, positive COVID-19 testing rate, income growth and unemployment rate. The happiest are 1. Hawaii 2. Utah 3. Minnesota 4. New Jersey 5. Maryland 6. California 7. North Dakota 8. Iowa 9. Idaho 10. Connecticut. At the other end are 41. Oregon 42. Alaska 43. Alabama 44. Mississippi 45. Tennessee 46. Kentucky 47. Louisiana 48. Oklahoma 49. Arkansas 50. West Virginia. Minnesota had the highest adequate-sleep rate and the second-highest volunteer rate. Find a full report at https://wallethub.com/edu/happiest-states/6959/

I've learned

None of life's trials last forever, not even if it involves OJ Simpson.

The quietest person will always strike up a conversation when you're hurrying to the bathroom.

Not to spend a lot of time deciding what socks to wear. That decision never makes it into any best-selling memoirs.

Nature notes

I wandered outside to see if the yard was still where I'd left it. Unruly plants had become less so. I'd heard the calls of both an eastern screech owl and a great horned owl during the night. The vocalizations likely served territorial functions. I hoped the screech owl was vigilant as great horned owls prey upon other owls. Mushrooms were much in evidence. Seeing a fairy ring tickled me. A fairy ring is a ring of mushrooms that has fostered much folklore. One is that a ring is caused by fairies dancing. Look for large, twisting flocks of blackbirds of mixed species. It's the joining of various factions. Most waterfowl migrations occur at night. Migratory movements typically intensify shortly after sunset and peak in the middle of the night. Waterfowl also make shorter, local movements at night.

Meeting adjourned

In my kidhood, I was helping to load steers. I had the pet of the herd on a short rope. As that steer watched the other cattle move onto the truck, it became agitated. It had some pounds on me and began to pull me away from the truck. I dug in my heels as I heard my father say, "Hold on as long as you can." Good advice for many things.

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Fit to print...

Ethics of presidential slogans:
They may be catchy, but can we believe them?

By Michael Bugeja
Iowa Capital Dispatch
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"In God We Trust" is the official motto of the United States, but the first to appear on a circulating coin was "Mind Your Business," conceived by Benjamin Franklin.

The motto appears on the 1787 "Fugio" cent — the Latin for "I fly" is a reference to "time flies." The coin also is printed with a depiction of a sundial, symbolizing the popular saying "Time is Money." Franklin penned that, too, in his 1748 essay "Advice to a Young Tradesman."

"Mind Your Business" encourages entrepreneurialism and privacy, two very American beliefs.

Family mottoes also express beliefs, some dating back centuries and appearing in coats of arms. For instance, the Bugeja family crest depicts a cow or bull with the bovine motto, "To the Willing, Nothing is Impossible."

Well, yes and no. Determination helps achieve goals, but lots of things are impossible, no matter how willing we are to realize them.

What if you lack a family crest or dislike what yours stands for?

I pose that to my media ethics students who create their own personal heraldry, choosing colors that represent heritage or culture and designing symbols associated with ethics or lifestyle. They add icons to the left and right of a chevron illustrating career path or aspiration. Their motto, or "moral brand," goes under the chevron.

Family mottoes are powerful. We hear them as children and heed them as adults. Here are a few from my class:

Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Respect your elders.

Never apologize.

Cheating is okay as long as you don't get caught.

As you can see, some mottoes are true (Golden Rule), some mostly true (depends on the elder), mostly false (apologies also free us), and false (cheating is never okay).

Assess your own mottoes and put your beliefs to the test.

Presidential slogans are as memorable as mottoes. Campaign officials conceive, test and promote them. Sometimes a candidate says a catchy phrase in a speech, and supporters adopt it.

When candidates put slogans on buttons and banners, they function like political coats of arms.

Slogans fall into broad categories. Some play off candidate names or share platforms, promises and values. Memorable ones inspire unforgettable images or catchy rhymes.

In 1964, Barry Goldwater adopted this slogan: "In Your Heart, You Know He's Right." Lyndon B. Johnson countered: "In Your Guts, You Know He's Nuts."

Candidate Names

In 1852, Franklin Pierce alluded to prior fellow Democrat James K. Polk: "We Polked you in '44, We shall Pierce you in '52." In 1856, James Buchanan resurrected that, adding, "We Po'ked 'em in '44, we Pierced 'em in '52, and we'll Buck 'em in '56.'"

In 1872, Ulysses S. Grant espoused, "Grant Us Another Term." In 1912, Woodrow Wilson campaigned on "Win with Wilson." In 1924, Calvin Coolidge asked voters to "Keep Cool and Keep Coolidge."

"I Like Ike" propelled Dwight D. Eisenhower to office.

Party Platforms

In 1840, Martin Van Buren envisioned an "Independent Treasury and Liberty." In 1888, losing candidate Grover Cleveland observed, "Unnecessary taxation oppresses industry." Four years later, Cleveland won on "Tariff Reform." Theodore Roosevelt was victorious in 1904 promising "National Unity. Prosperity. Advancement."

Ethical Standards

Abraham Lincoln's character was immortalized in 1860 as "Honest Old Abe." Jimmy Carter asked voters in 1980 to support "A Tested and Trustworthy Team." In 1988, George H.W Bush envisioned a "Kinder, Gentler Nation." In 2000, George W. Bush advocated "Compassionate Conservatism."

Borrowed slogans

Sometimes candidates pilfer successful slogans from past campaigns. In 1908, William Howard Taft promised, "A Square Deal for All." Four years later, Theodore Roosevelt echoed: "A Square Deal All Around."

One of the most memorable slogans was Lincoln's 1864 phrase, "Don't change horses in midstream." Franklin Roosevelt, seeking a fourth term in 1944, stole it.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan ran on "Let's Make America Great Again." Donald J. Trump deleted "Let's."

Best slogans

Here's my top 10:

10. "A Chicken in Every Pot and a Car in Every Garage," – Herbert Hoover, 1928

9. "Vote as You Shot" – Ulysses S. Grant, 1868

8. "All the Way with LBJ," Lyndon B. Johnson, 1964

7. "I like Ike" – Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1952, and "I Still Like Ike," 1956

6. "It's the Economy, Stupid" – Bill Clinton, 1992

5. "Don't Change Horses Midstream" – Abraham Lincoln, 1864

4. "Happy Days Are Here Again" – Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1932

3. "Are You Better Off Than You Were Four Years Ago?" – Ronald Reagan, 1980

2. "Yes, We Can" – Barack Obama, 2008

1. "The Union Must and Shall Be Preserved" – Abraham Lincoln, 1864

In 2020, incumbent Donald Trump is running on "Promises Made, Promises Kept" and "Keep America Great" and Joe Biden on "Restore the Soul of America" and "Anything is Possible, No Malarkey!"

Voters might judge those slogans by the ethical standard of true, mostly true, mostly false and false. Did Trump keep promises and make America great again? Did America lose its soul and, if so, can Biden restore it? Is anything really possible, or is that malarkey?

We'll know the answers in November.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

September 29, 1920

Had you thought that Northwood had only 1597 inhabitants? Hadn't you been answering inquiries as to the population by an off hand guess of from 1800 to 2,000? Well you have all been wrong if you guessed that way. The official figure just given out by the Census Department credits Northwood with only 1,597 inhabitants and the figures are corroborated by Miss Helen Wright, the official enumerator.

At home of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. J. Shauger, in Manly, Mr. Harold J. Williams, of that place, and Miss Nina Kroghk of Northwood, were married on Friday, September 24, at 5 p.m. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. R. Williams, of Sibley, Iowa, father of the bridegroom, at one time a supply pastor of the Baptist church of Northwood and well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Mellem were the recipients of a pleasant surprise at their beautiful farm home four miles east of Joice. A large number of friends gathered on that day to give them a farewell reception before their departure for their new home in Minneapolis, to which place they, with their daughter, Minnie, went on Monday.

Additional honors have come to the Tenold Creamery and their butter-maker, H.C. Stendel, with the announcement for the first premium award for a 20 lb. tub of butter entered at the state fair at Des Monies. Mr. Stendel was formerly butter-maker at Vinje.

75 years ago

October 4 , 1945

Mrs. Amy Willing of this city received a letter this week dated September 15 written by Gen. George C. Kenney of the U.s. Army Air Force advising that her son, S/Sgt. John A. Willing, had recently been awarded the Air Medal "in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country and to you."

Edwin Field of Hanlontown has been presented the Silver Star medal won by his son, Technician Fourth Grade Harold F. Field, before he was killed in action in France. The medal was presented to Mr. Field at his home in Hanlontown by Captain Everett M. Robie, chaplain at the prisoner of war camp at Algona.

With a temperature of 27 degrees recorded here on Saturday morning the growing season for crops in this area was definitely terminated. Estimates made by farmers vary greatly as to the damage to corn, the crop most affected. One farmer stated to a representative of The Anchor that his corn "would not be much damaged except for a few ears that would not have got ripe no matter how late the frost held off," giving 90 percent as his estimate of the crop unharmed.

Ardis Neals and Darlene Olmstead were awarded the Curved Bar, the highest award of the Girl Scout organization, at the Court of Awards held in the parlors of the Baptist church. Mrs. L.A. Baken is leader of the local troop.

50 years ago

October 1, 1970

Representing N-K High School as king and queen candidates for the upcoming homecoming events are Janice Julseth, Jerry Jaspers, Greg Hanson, David Halland, John Anderson, Gary Estes and Ruth Anderson, Janelle Rupert, Koralee Trenhaile and Jackie Arendts.

Isabel Chavarria, a Costa Rican student in N-K High School, observed her birthday anniversary on Friday. Ten of her school friends were invited to the John Hanson home, where Isabel makes her home, for a buffet lunch after school. Later the girls went to Clear Lake for an evening of roller skating.

Mrs. James (Mildred) Dahlby, Joice, with her secretary, Mrs. Leon Citurs, began duties as Worth County nurse on September 16. She replaces Mrs. James Hanson, who resigned in July. Mrs. Dahlby received her BS degree in public nursing from the University of Minnesota. Her office is located south of the Northwood post office.

The N-K marching band brought back honors on Saturday and displayed the trophy held by Janelle Rupert, band president. Other officers include Kathy Hanson, Stephanie Block and Crissy Welsh, with their director Mr. Feuerhelm. The band received a first placing at a half-time contest at Grand Meadow, winning over the Chatfield group and being in competition with five class III bands.

State Representative Kenneth Logemann and United States Senator Jack Miller admired the barbecued chicken at the GOP sponsored event last month. Some 300 servings of the chicken were made.

25 years ago

October 4, 1995

Northwood-Kensett Homecoming royalty Erin Christianson and Wes Ferley evinced a pensive mood during the coronation dance in the high school auditorium.

A recent project to sealcoat the two-mile stretch of Worth County Road A15 between county blacktops S26 and S22 also resulted in an altered traffic pattern at the intersection of S26 and A15 just west of the old Silver Lake store. Prior to the project, two gravel approaches joined A15 to S26. Now, due to state rules governing blacktop intersections, the A15 approach consists of a single, curved approach. The county secondary roads crew has erected orange-and-white barriers to alert drivers to the new traffic pattern. The County crew completed the entire project at a cost of $30,000, less than half the estimated cost of asphalt pavement for the same stretch.

The vines and underbrush that cover and screen the old Tenold Creamery southwest of Northwood have begun to highlight the structure with the yellows and red of autumn.

The Worth County Board of Health and the Iowa Board of Health saluted Kensett resident Thelma Jorde on her retirement at the conclusion of 58 years of service with the county health board. Jorde received a certificate from state health board consultant Jenny Terrill and a plaque from Worth County supervisor Roy Calgaard during her retirement party at the county nurses' office.

10 years ago

October 6, 2010

Homecoming festivities included the coronation ceremony. Alex Breitsprecher was named Homecoming King. Kelsey Tenold was chosen as Homecoming Queen.

Recent dry weather has provided ample opportunity for local farmers to take to their fields to harvest their crops. Soybean fields have largely been cleared, with the harvest of corn crops getting underway right on, or just ahead of schedule.

During their meeting last week, the Worth County Board of Supervisors paid a visit to the Worth County Sheriff's Office. While there they viewed the department's communications center and were shown the variety of outdated equipment that will be replaced in the coming weeks, making for a more streamlined hub for area law enforcement and emergency agencies to communicate with each other.

Local students have been awarded scholarships from Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Those students recognized include Michelle Medlang, of Kensett, Undeclared Agriculture, Fred Foreman Scholarship in leadership participation, and Allix Tenold of Northwood, Agricultural Systems Technology, Fred Foreman Scholarship for growth in leadership participation.

Trent Millard, Northwood, was awarded a BA in psychology at the University of Iowa summer graduation.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Jayne Lupkes



JAYNE LUPKES

Jayne Marie (Shimek) Lupkes was one of the hardest working, can-do-anything women the world has ever known. Growing up on a dairy farm, she was the fifth of seven children born to Clarence and Roselyn (Bohr) Shimek, Elma. She was a great student and athlete, always with just enough mischief to frustrate the nuns at Notre Dame Catholic High School in Cresco.

After earning a degree at Hamilton Business College, she married Myron Lupkes on September 1, 1979. Together they built a life filled with love, adventure and productivity. Jayne worked in the accounting and bookkeeping field for 30 years, while also farming, volunteering and raising two children, Nick (Sara) and Jackie (Carl). In the last 15 years, Myron and Jayne flipped multiple houses, with Jayne always having a vision for the potential of a home. The greatest of these projects was the recent rehab of the Clausen House in Clear Lake. She also became a licensed home inspector and electrician, starting her own electrical business, Acclaim Contracting.

She spent countless hours volunteering for the Worth County 4-H program and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach. Her passion and dedication earned her a spot in the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. Her love of gardening was evident not only through the beautiful plants at her own home, but her time spent at Central Gardens in Clear Lake, planning the butterfly garden at the Worth County Fairgrounds, and starting a community garden in Northwood.

Without a doubt, her greatest joy was family, especially being "Grammie" to Morgan, Adelyn, Hudson, Isla, Grace and three angel babies in heaven. She was always there to help anyone, as she showed her love by working beside you (and probably telling you how to do it!).

When He was ready, God tapped her on the shoulder and said it was her time. She passed away on Friday, September 11, 2020, as the result of a severe spinal cord injury. Her legacy will live on though her friends, family, accomplishments and contribution to the Iowa Donor Network.

In addition to immediate family listed above, Jayne will be lovingly remembered by five siblings, Jeanene (Ed) Breitenstein of Montrose, Iowa, Anne (Jim) Ott of Cresco, Iowa, Tom (Bobbie) Shimek of Riceville, Iowa, John (Mary) Shimek of Ridgeway, Iowa, and Pete (Randi) Shimek of Cresco; extended family, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and oldest sister, Mary Pat Shimek.

A private funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 3, at Zion Lutheran Church, Clear Lake. A memorial reception will be held at the family farm, 804 425th Street, Kensett, from 1 – 4 p.m. that afternoon. Family encourages everyone to be mindful of COVID, and take appropriate precautions. Individual visits to the farm in the coming months are more than welcome. The service will be recorded and available for viewing afterward on the Ward-Van Slyke website. Interment will be at Washington Reformed Church, Ackley, at a later date.

Memorials can be directed to the family, to be distributed to a variety of causes that were meaningful to Jayne.

Duane Anderson



DUANE ANDERSON

Duane Lee Anderson of Mason City, Iowa, formally of Kensett, Iowa, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2020, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.

Per Duane's wishes there will be no services. Inurnment will be held in Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Trinity United Methodist Church of Bolan, 4214 Tulip Lane, Kensett, IA 50448.

Duane Lee Anderson, son of Gunnar and LaVonne (Rezab) Anderson, was born at home in Plymouth, Iowa, on September 6, 1933. He spent his first few years in Plymouth before his family moved to Mason City. He attended Mason City schools, participating in football and baseball, graduating in 1951. He had a special interest in the sport of boxing and was actively involved with it at the Mason City Armory and in Minneapolis during high school. Shortly after high school he began working for his father in the HVAC business until he was drafted into the Army in 1953 and served in the Korean conflict. Duane received the Korean, United Nations & National Defense Service Medals before he was honorably discharged in 1955 in Seattle, Washington, where he traveled by troop train back to Mason City.

Duane was united in marriage to the one and only love of his life, Betty Lou Johnson of Northwood, Iowa, on September 8, 1956. Duane had started his career as an HVAC mechanic working for the Ray E. Pauley Co. Then in 1980, he began working for Mechanical Air Systems, where he became project manager and estimator. Duane retired in 1995. Duane and his wife lived on an acreage near Bolan, Iowa, where they enjoyed the peacefulness of the property that they cherished and their magnificent garden that they kept. They were members of the Bolan Trinity United Methodist Church and enjoyed participating in activities within the church. If he and Betty were not traveling somewhere in their spare time, you could find Duane fishing and playing cards. During his life he was an avid fisherman. He especially enjoyed the special fishing trips with his brother, traveling up north to Minnesota and Canada. It was a passion that he kept until a few years before his passing.

After Betty's death, Duane moved to Mason City and enjoyed the remaining part of his life living at the Manor. Playing cards, meeting new people and enjoying good meals at his new home, he was especially touched when members of his congregation came to his apartment to sing Christmas carols this past year while living at the Manor.

Duane was a man of many words, ranging from wise ones, smart ones, opinionated ones and hysterical ones. He always was able to pass off some sort of metaphorical advice to the people he enjoyed talking, teaching and preaching to. He will be remembered by his sense of humor, his love of life and how proud he was of his family.

Duane was preceded in death by his father, Gunnar Anderson; mother, LaVonne (Rezab) Anderson; the love of his life, wife, Betty (Johnson) Anderson in 2019; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Merfeld, Dewey Groath and Chuck Harrington; and in-laws Donald and Joanne Johnson and Lloyd and Donna Larson.

Those left to cherish and honor his memory are his brother and best friend, Carl (Margaret) Anderson; sisters, Sharon Merfeld, Bonnie Harrington and Patricia (Robert) Peterson; nieces and nephews, Sarah (Jonathan) Carson, Tyson (Kelly) Anderson, Rod (Julie) Merfeld, Jeff (Patricia) Merfeld, Jenny (Eric) Helding, Lori (Mike) McNally, Larry Larson, Lonnie Larson, Greg and Bruce Johnson and Paula (Chuck) Pilkington; and great-nephews and nieces, Noah, Jonah and Isaiah Carson, Elijah Anderson, Gavin Helding and Abby Merfeld; along with bonus great-nieces and nephews.

In true Duane fashion, See you later alligator! and After while crocodile!

David Dahle

David Dahle, 83, of Kensett passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at MercyOne Des Moines.

Arrangements are pending with Conner Colonial Chapel.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Hazel Stevens



HAZEL STEVENS

Hazel B. Stevens, 87, of Northwood, died on Sunday, September 13, 2020, at the Denver Sunset Home in Denver, Iowa.

Condolences may be directed to Hazel's family in care of Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. S., Northwood, IA 50459.

Hazel Beatrice Hansan was born on March 16, 1933, in Minnesota and was raised on the family farm. She attended country school before beginning work in a local brewery.

On October 9, 1964, she was united in marriage to Richard Stevens in Sioux City, Iowa, and together they would share 53 years before Richard's passing in 2018. For many years Hazel worked as a waitress at various restaurants in the Sioux City area.

The couple eventually settled outside Northwood on the family farm and took over the farming operations. Upon their retirement the couple moved into Northwood and made their home on Clover Court.

In her free time Hazel loved working crossword puzzles and catalogue shopping. Many evenings were spent with Richard watching "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy."

Hazel will be laid to rest in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, next to her husband Richard. She is also preceded in death by her mother, Ethel Foulk, and siblings, LeRoy, Floyd, Ed and Joyce.

Hazel is survived by her brother, Steve (Sandy) Bell and their family.

Mayo Clinic Health System adjusts hours of drive-through COVID-19 test sites

Mayo Clinic Health System has adjusted the hours of its drive-through COVID-19 testing sites in Albert Lea, Austin, Owatonna and Red Wing. This change helped focus support during the hours where there is the most demand from patients.

The new hours of operation at these four testing sites are:

• Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayo Clinic Health System's drive-through COVID-19 testing sites provide a private, safe test environment for patients who meet screening criteria when first contacting their health care provider. The testing locations will continue to provide this service through the upcoming winter months and for the foreseeable future.

"The drive-through test sites have been incredibly helpful to us as we tried to flatten the curve initially and now maintain our low rates of COVID positivity," said Deepi Goyal, M.D., chair of clinical practice for Mayo Clinic Health System, Southeast Minnesota. "We're the only test provider in many of our region's communities, and our patients and community members can continue to rely on us to keep these facilities going until they are no longer needed. If there is a surge in our region and more hours are needed for testing, we will adjust accordingly."

Patients experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should take the following steps:

First, call the COVID-19 Nurse Line at 507-293-9525 to learn about getting tested or contact their local health care provider. If they meet testing criteria, they will be directed to one of the local testing sites.

At the drive-through test location, Mayo Clinic Health System staff will collect the specimens using appropriate precautions. Patients will be advised of next steps.

If patients have life-threatening COVID-19 symptoms, such as trouble breathing, chest pain or pressure, confusion or blue lips or face, they should call 9-1-1.

Growing amaryllis: These flowering bulbs are brought indoors for large winter blooms

By Richard Jauron
Extension Horticulturist

Amaryllis are popular flowering bulbs that are forced indoors for their large, spectacular blooms during the winter months. The trumpet-shaped flowers can be as large as 8 to 10 inches across. Flower colors include red, pink, orange, salmon, white and bicolors. In this Yard and Garden entry from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, horticulture specialist Richard Jauron explains how amaryllis should be handled in the fall.

My amaryllis has been outdoors all summer. When should I bring it indoors and how do I get it to bloom?

Bring the amaryllis indoors in late September (before the first frost or freeze in fall). In order to bloom, amaryllis bulbs must be exposed to temperatures of 50 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks. This can be accomplished by inducing the plant to go dormant and then storing the dormant bulb at a temperature of 50 to 55 F.

To induce dormancy, place the amaryllis in a cool, semi-dark location when the plant is brought indoors in late September. Withhold water. Cut off the foliage when the leaves turn brown. Then place the dormant bulb in a 50 to 55 F location for at least eight to 10 weeks. After the cool requirement has been met, start the growth cycle again by watering the bulb and placing it in a well-lit, 70 to 75 F location. Keep the potting soil moist, but not wet, until growth appears. The other option is to place the plant in a well-lit, 50 to 55 F location in late September. Maintain the amaryllis as a green plant from fall to mid-winter. After the cool requirement has been met, move the plant to a warmer (70 to 75 F) location.

How do you force an amaryllis bulb indoors?

Amaryllis bulbs can be purchased pre-planted in pots or unpotted. When purchasing amaryllis, select large, solid bulbs. The largest bulbs usually produce two or three flower stalks.

When planting an amaryllis bulb, select a pot that is approximately 1 to 2 inches wider than the diameter of the bulb. The container may be clay, ceramic or plastic, but should have drainage holes in the bottom. Plant the bulb in a well-drained potting mix. Place a small amount of the potting mix in the bottom of the pot. Center the bulb in the middle of the pot. Then add additional potting soil, firming it around the roots and bulb. When finished potting, the upper one-half of the bulb should remain above the soil surface. Also, leave about one inch between the soil surface and the pot's rim. Then water thoroughly and place in a warm (70 to 75 F) location.



Check the pot before watering a pre-planted amaryllis bulb. If the container does not have drainage holes, remove the bulb. Drill small holes in the bottom of the container and replant or transfer the bulb to a pot with drainage holes.

After the initial watering, water just enough to keep the potting mix barely moist. When growth appears, move the plant to a sunny window and water more frequently. During flower stalk elongation, turn the pot daily to keep the flower stalk growing straight. Stake flower stalks that lean badly.

When the amaryllis begins to bloom, move the plant to a slightly cooler (65 to 70 F) location that does not receive direct sun to prolong the life of the flowers.

When should I pot up an amaryllis bulb in order to have it in bloom at Christmas?

Most amaryllis bulbs are grown in South Africa and the Netherlands. South African-grown amaryllis bulbs typically bloom three to five weeks after potting. Cultivars commonly grown in South Africa include 'Blushing Bride,' 'Inferno,' 'Lemon Sorbet,' 'Merry Christmas,' 'Rozetta,' 'Snow White' and 'Wedding Dance.' Dutch-grown amaryllis bulbs typically bloom six to eight weeks after potting. Cultivars commonly grown in the Netherlands include 'Aphrodite,' 'Apple Blossom,' 'Baby Star,' 'Christmas Gift,' 'Dancing Queen,' 'Minerva,' 'Naranja,' 'Neon,' 'Picotee,' 'Red Lion' and 'White Nymph.'

For more information, Jauron can be reached at rjauron@iastate.edu or 515-294-3108.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL B. STEVENS, DECEASED

Case No. ESPR009230

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in Hazel B. Stevens, Deceased, who died on or about September 13, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on September 24, 2020, the last will and testament of Hazel B. Stevens, deceased, bearing the date of May 6, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Steve Bell was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Date September 25, 2020.

Steve Bell
Executor of the Estate
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Date of second publication 7th day of October, 2020. 40-2t

Supervisors

September 21, 2020
Thirty-ninth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Kenneth J. Abrams and Mark Smeby present.

Electronic public access was made available by computer or telephone via Zoom.

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, Abrams and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the September 14, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the following claims in the amount of $93,947.00, as per the following schedule:

Forest City Ford, Inc., Vehicle-SHF..... $21,553.00
Forest City Ford, Inc., Vehicle-SHF..... $27,553.00
Pritchard Auto Co, Vehicle-CON $44,106.00
US Postal Service, Postage-AUD $735.00
Grand Total.... $93,947.00

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Breanna Lopez at $15.57/hour as submitted by sheriff's department.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 8:49 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, September 28, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAVONNE D. GREGORY, DECEASED

Probate No. ESPR009231

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in Lavonne D. Gregory, Deceased, who died on or about August 31, 2020.

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of September, 2020, the Last Will and Testament of Lavonne D. Gregory, deceased, bearing the date of May 11, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the 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.

Clerk of the District Court
Collin M. Davison
PIN NO. AT0010905
Heiny, McManigal, Duffy, Stambaugh & Anderson, P.L.C.
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Attorneys for the Estate

Date of second publication 7th day of October, 2020. 40-2t

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THELMA KRULL-BOUTELLE, DECEASED

Case No. ESPR009229

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE OF CREDITOR

To All Persons Interested in THELMA KRULL-BOUTELLE, Deceased, who died on or about August 31, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on September 23, 2020, the last will and testament of THELMA KRULL-BOUTELLE, deceased, bearing the date of December 31, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Paul Krull was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Date September 25, 2020.

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Home: 324-1147

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Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

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John Midtgaard, Agent
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Taking a break

Central Avenue was under construction last week as the City's public works crew worked to fix water issues downtown. The street was broken up on Monday as the source of the issue was investigated. The roadway was repaired later in the week and re-opened.

Anchor Sports

Hayden Moore and Megan Ocel lead an improved XC team

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

While this year's Northwood-Kensett cross country teams, without the services of a superstar like a Lindsey Davidson, have yet to win a meet crown, they have nonetheless shown vast improvement as a team, in numbers and times.

The boys and girls teams are led this season by Hayden Moore and Megan Ocel, one of them (Moore) a veteran and one (Megan) a rookie to the sport at the high school level.

The two teams traveled to Sheffield last Monday to run in a meet hosted by West Fork and while neither team has enough kids to post a team score, they did post some impressive numbers.

In the boys race, after Moore's 14th place finish with a time of 20:20.74, Thomas Block was the next Viking to cross the line with a time of 21:01.72, good for 18th place. Other boys scores include Christopher Madsen (22:48.55) and Drake Tiedemann (24:08.65).

The girls had just two runners post times at West Fork. Ocel placed sixth with a time of 24:41.72 and Rachel Hill placed 27th with a time of 28:36.28.

The cross country teams finished up last week with a meet on Thursday at Manly's Pioneer Town and Country Club.

Top finishers for the boys included Moore (30th, 19:19.78), Block (34th, 19:42.15) Tiedemann (51st, 21:13.66) and Madsen (57th, 21:45.27).

For the girls Ocel placed 16th with a time of 23:22.60 while Hill placed 44th in 26:49.40 and Samantha Tindall placed 67th with a time of 35:16.80.

N-K had just one meet scheduled for this week, Monday afternoon at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura.

Candidates
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Iowa Representative

Jane Bloomingdale lives in Northwood with her husband, Jim. Their children are Mary and Mike and his wife, Courtney. They have one grandson, Carter James.

Bloomingdale started and built her tax and accounting business, which she has operated for 30 years. Prior to this she worked for the N-K school as a coach and substitute teacher.

Bloomingdale has a Bachelors degree in Education from Southern Methodist University. She continued her accounting course work to sit for the CPA exam at Buena Vista University.

Bloomingdale served on the Northwood city council and as mayor. She is currently a member of the Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce and has served on several non-profit committees. She is a member of First Lutheran Church of Northwood.

In her current term as Iowa Representative, Bloomingdale has served on the Commerce, Ways and Means, State Government and Local Government (Chair) committees. She serves on the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee. Bloomingdale was appointed to the Legislative Council, Tax Expenditure Committee, State Government Efficiency Review Committee and the Connecting Rural Iowa Task Force.

Anchor: Why are you running for office?

Bloomingdale: I am running for re-election because I care about our district and its residents. I have enjoyed serving as your Representative and I want to continue to work together to solve problems and accomplish the things that are important to our district and our state.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Bloomingdale: 1. Workforce has been and continues to be the biggest challenge facing our employers. Before COVID, they had jobs open but were not able to find workers with the skillsets necessary to fill them. Issues that impact our workforce include childcare, affordable housing and broadband.

2. Keeping rural schools open and thriving is another challenge. Schools in rural Iowa face challenges that are much different than those in Des Moines or Cedar Rapids. We often have declining enrollments and higher than average transportation costs.

3. Health care in rural Iowa is another issue that needs to be a priority. Not just your traditional health care services, but also emergency medical services.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Bloomingdale:

Workforce: Continue investing in career training programs at our community colleges to help Iowans get the skills needed to fill available jobs.

This session, the House was working on a wide-ranging, bipartisan plan that would reduce child care costs for middle class families, increase access to providers, incentivize employers to offer and expand child care to their employees and address the "cliff effect" by easing Iowans off of government child care assistance programs. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, I managed the child care incentive bills.

These bills were unfortunately sidelined when we paused for COVID, but these are important bills to Iowans and I will continue to work with others to move these forward next year.

We have also expanded incentive programs to spur development of affordable housing and high-speed internet in rural areas. This will help existing businesses grow while also attracting new companies to Iowa to create new jobs.

Education: We are investing in K-12 education at record levels, including a newly created $26 million fund to reduce transportation costs for rural schools, a huge benefit for districts here in North Iowa. By reducing the cost of transportation, schools can put more money back in the classroom. I'll also continue to advocate for funding flexibility so that school districts can better spend their resources in a way that works best for their students, parents, teachers and staff.

Health care: Over the last few years, we have provided rural hospitals with additional funding so that they can remain operational and in good financial condition. I'll continue to make sure that Iowans and their families are able to access critical mental health services and provide funding so services can be delivered efficiently and effectively. We have expanded telehealth giving easier access to health professionals in our rural communities.

I served on the bipartisan subcommittee to develop and craft legislation to designate EMS as an essential service so that local governments would have the resources and certainty to make long-term investments in EMS infrastructure. This was a priority to our local supervisors and would fund life-saving emergency medical services for their citizens.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

Bloomingdale: I have worked to be accessible to my constituents, listen to your concerns, communicate with local elected officials and address your priorities in the legislature. I consider it my honor and a privilege to serve as your Representative and I would appreciate your vote.

Jane Podgorniak lives in Northwood with her husband, John Podgorniak. They have a daughter, Pearl, 38, and son, Ian, 36.

Podgorniak grew up in Northwood and graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School. "Both sides of my family were founders of Northwood and I am the fourth generation to make Northwood my home."

Podgorniak owned and published the Northwood Anchor weekly community newspaper for more than two decades, the Manly Junction Signal for 12 years and continues to publish the Nora Springs Rockford Register, which was acquired in 2006. Podgorniak was honored with the Master Editor-Publisher Award from the Iowa Newspaper Association in 2011 by her peers in the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Podgorniak also worked as a paralegal at a law firm in Golden, Colorado, as well as two other law firms in Laramie, Wyoming.

Podgorniak graduated from Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Communications and attended and graduated from the Denver Paralegal Institute.

Currently Podgorniak is the president (for the third time) for Chapter ES, P.E.O. International Sisterhood, and has held all the other offices in the organization. Podgorniak was the president of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce from 1997-2000. She is currently the secretary/treasurer of the Waking Miss Winifred organization that is restoring the Hotel Northwood. Podgorniak has served on various boards in the Northwood community to raise money for the Northwood Aquatic Center, the Northwood-Kensett All Weather Track and the Northwood-Kensett Community Educational Foundation.

Anchor: Why are you running for office?

Podgorniak: I am in this race because the Iowa government is ruled by one party. The Iowa House of Representatives, the Iowa Senate and the Governor are all Republicans. Because they have the majority I don't believe all Iowans are represented as well as they should be. I believe in two party systems because government tends to be less extreme, supports policies that appeal to a broader segment of the population and generally is more stable. I believe Democrats deserve a seat at the table. It will take only four seats to flip the House to a Democrat majority.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Podgorniak: In recent years there has been many extreme laws passed in Iowa that hurt our workers, our healthcare, our education, our workers and our water quality.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Podgorniak: I believe healthcare is a right. It's obvious that employer based healthcare is not sustainable with people losing their jobs during the coronavirus pandemic. The federal government is continually working to increase healthcare coverage for all. If they agree on a plan I think Iowa should take the fullest advantage of that plan so Iowans with pre-existing conditions will be covered, family planning services are available statewide, ensure access to quality, affordable health care in rural communities and protect seniors from financial exploitation, neglect and abuse.

In regards to better education funding I will advocate to fund our public schools as a top priority so schools can set their budgets on time. Teachers used to have the right to collective bargaining but lost that right in 2017. District 51 is located on the border of Minnesota. I am afraid that we are losing our best teachers to Minnesota because the pay is much higher. I would also like to look into having lower or no cost for Iowa community colleges that can teach technical skills and prepare students who want to further their education by attending universities and four-year colleges.

Our workforce should have the right to organize. Unions have a bad reputation in Iowa but history shows they have created a higher middle class and comfortable retirement for many people. I will advocate for worker's rights and safe workplaces. I believe we can create good jobs by investing in infrastructure improvements and promote Iowa renewable energy jobs.

Iowans deserve sustainable agriculture and better agriculture. Iowa is named the bread basket of the world and I think we should encourage our farmers to improve our soil health by using no till or strip till farming practices, which decreases soil disturbance and planting cover crops. I also think Iowa should increase the barrier zones from waterways so the chemicals do not wash downstream.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

Podgorniak: I want to be elected because I will listen to my constituents and work through problems with my colleagues in the House of Representatives and across the aisle. I have convictions that will make Iowans lives better and Iowa a better place to live.

Iowa Senate

Waylon Brown lives in rural Osage with his wife, Julie (Rosenberg) Brown. They have two children, Reece and Elyse.

Brown owns and operates Waylon Brown Construction Inc. and also farms with his father and uncle.

Brown is a graduate of Riverland Community College's Building Trades/Construction program in 2000.

Brown was elected to the Iowa Senate in 2016. He also serves on the Cedar Valley Seminary Board. Prior to moving to rural Osage he served on the

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St. Ansgar Planning and Zoning Board. He was also a member of the St. Ansgar Rescue. He is a former vice president of Mitchell County Farm Bureau. Brown has served on the Church Council, as Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School teacher at Deer Creek Lutheran Church.

Anchor: Why are you running for office?

Brown: Over the last several years, we have passed a lot of legislation to help our state grow and help Iowa families prosper. As a result of the legislation we passed, we saw one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and strong wage growth. The pandemic has taken a toll on our state and I'd like to continue working to help our economy recover.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Brown: The most important issues for our area are similar to rural areas in my district. Those issues are the consequences of the pandemic and how it has affected Iowa's economy and Iowa families. In the last several months we have seen record unemployment. At the beginning of the year, we had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and it has been a shock to move so quickly from a strong economy to a recovering economy.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Brown: The principles that guided us to become a state with low unemployment, growing wages and numerous job opportunities are going to be even more important as our state looks ahead towards recovery. We need to get Iowans back to work, ensure businesses have the tools they need to reopen safely, providing tax relief to small businesses and working families, and bring forward policies that will allow our state to grow.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

Brown: We saw what our state was capable of when we pass pro-growth economic policies, and I believe we can do it again. We budgeted responsibly so Iowa's K-12 schools still saw a nearly $100 million increase in funding despite the economic downturn. Prior to the coronavirus Iowa had more job openings than people looking for work. With responsible budgeting, policies to support more opportunities and jobs for Iowans, and tax relief for families, our state will be well on its way to again becoming one of the best states to live, work and raise a family.

Deb Scharper lives in Osage with her husband Cory. They have combined families and have five children, including Dylan (Taylor) Nash , 28, who lives in Harmony, Minn.; Alyssa (Chris) Huinker, 24, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Jarett Scharper, 19; Jayden Scharper, 17; and Jenna Scharper, 14.

Scharper is a Radiologic Technologist with 27 years experience, producing clinical diagnostic CT Imaging with cross training in MRI, currently working at Mason City Imaging Center, an outpatient facility in Mason City.

Scharper is a graduate of Rockford Senior High and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital School of Radiologic Technology (1991-1993). Other registries include an ARRT - Radiographer (1993), ARRT - Mammography (1995), ARDMS - Abdominal (1997), RVT - Vascular Ultrasound Registry (1997), ARDMS - Obstetrics and Gynecology (1998), ARRT - Computed Tomography (1998), ARDMS - Breast (2005) and ARRT - Mammography (1995).

Scharper has served numerous roles with the Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD), including as an Iowa Ambassador (2019-Present); AFTD Midwest Regional Coordinator (2016-2019); AFTD Support Group Facilitator (2016-present) - located in Mason City; and AFTD Fundraising, Crusade for a Cure Golf Outing (2016-present) - Osage.

Scharper has also served with the Alzheimer's Association, Walk to End Alzheimer's Volunteer Summit (March 2020-present); Alzheimer's Association, Rally at the Capitol (March 2020) and at Our Saviors Lutheran Church and the Former Children's Choir Director (Served 13 Years).

Anchor: Why are you running for office?

Scharper: I am passionate about helping people. I have a proven track record of successful advocacy and bringing people together. The challenges facing Worth County residents will only get solved if we work together. I pledge to listen to all voters in District 26 and work with anyone in the Statehouse to develop common sense solutions to the issues we face.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth Co?

Scharper: COVID-19 is the number one issue affecting every family in Worth County. Schools, churches, businesses, activities, individuals and families have all been impacted.

School budgets are stretched to the max. COVID-19 forced schools to jump into virtual classrooms. The health and safety protocols required for our children to attend school during the pandemic are exhaustive and expensive. I support increased funding for our children's education and better pay for our teachers and staff. After all, Iowa's future depends on the education we provide our children today.

Many Iowans work full-time and can barely make ends meet. Raising the minimum wage helps workers, their families and our economy.

Our state's infrastructure must be continually strengthened, repaired and upgraded. This includes burying more of our utility lines so they're less susceptible to damage due to natural disasters. Expanding broadband across the state will create jobs and provide data service required to work and learn from home.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of rural Iowa, and I am committed to helping farmers improve profitability. When farmers prosper, businesses and communities do, too.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Scharper: We must keep the public informed with accurate data so they can make wise choices for their families, businesses and communities. It's glaringly obvious that Iowa and the nation as a whole were ill prepared for a pandemic. We must examine our state's response critically and take measures to improve upon it.

The virus continues to plague us and will continue to for quite some time. We cannot put our guard down. We must continue following the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. This should not be political. Everyone should wash their hands frequently, wear a mask in public places and keep a social distance of 6 feet.

Many are struggling financially due to pay cuts, job loss or a reduction in work hours due to COVD-19. Whether it's a small business, farm or family we must find ways to assist them through this difficult time.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

Scharper: We need more health care professionals in the Iowa Senate. Health care is my top priority. Working in the medical field for two-plus decades, I have first hand knowledge of the challenges facing patients and providers. I will advocate for your health and well-being with knowledge, conviction and compassion.

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