

**Briefs**

# Wrights bond over community service

By JoAnn Lower

Angela and Brad Wright have made great strides in improving the Northwood Community Center in the past couple of years.

Angela, with a degree in business management, began as the Center's Director in January 2017, her husband Brad coming on board in November that year.

"Brad, with his degree in business administration, stepped in when I was pregnant with our youngest," said Angela. "Although he'd had no previous experience in grant writing, he has done a wonderful job in obtaining grants that have improved our building and the services we provide to the community."

"On June 1, 2017, we opened our permanent onsite food pantry. When COVID hit and we saw a 232% jump in local families needing assistance, the food

pantry became our focus. We needed to feed our community and were blessed that community members were so generous with monetary donations that we could keep up with demands."

"With support from local businesses and permission from the City of Northwood we have been able to modify our mobile food pantry to make it a drive-through. Within Worth County we deliver food from the pantry for people who don't have access to a vehicle or can't drive. We go wherever the need is."

"Several projects are presently in the works. One is a greatly needed extension for our second building, which holds our food pantry."

"Another is an indoor playground with padding and a viewing area so parents can see their kids through big safety glass windows."

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## Valentine's contest ends tomorrow

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce is once again holding a contest, with a variety of prizes that the lucky winner and their special someone will love. The drawing will be held tomorrow, February 11.

Those interested can sign up at several local chamber members. That includes CarQuest Auto Parts, Northwood Anchor, Kelly Hardware, Ver Helst Drug, Shade Tree Liquors, Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill, Knudtson Auto and Modern Gardens Floral and Gifts.

Winners will be contacted after the drawing.

## N-K blood drive set for March 10

The Northwood-Kensett Family, Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA) will be hosting its second blood drive of the school year on Wednesday, March 10.

Not only does the blood drive provide a way for people to donate and potentially save a life, but community support also helps the members of the N-K FCCLA with opportunities for scholarships.

Those that would like to donate at the blood drive can go online to the LifeServe Blood Center website, at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org), under the Donate link, by searching for the N-K blood drive.

Those that would like to donate may also contact FCCLA advisor Megan Thorson at the school or by email at [mthorson@nkvikings.com](mailto:mthorson@nkvikings.com).

Appointments are available between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Governor ends COVID requirements, encourages practices instead

On Friday, February 5, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued her latest Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, essentially eliminating the existing COVID-19 safety requirements previously in place. Instead, the governor is encouraging Iowans to take measures to keep each other safe.

In the new proclamation, Reynolds no longer requires, but strongly encourages businesses and other employers open with in-person operations to take reasonable measures to ensure the health of employees, customers

and members of the public. That includes social distancing, increased hygiene and other public health measures to reduce the risk of COVID transmission.

That section of the proclamation also says that it shall not be used to close or take other action against businesses or employers that don't follow that encouragement.

As for gatherings, Reynolds again strongly encourages those that host or hold gatherings to ensure the health of those taking part, with

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# N-K considering moving 6th grade to middle school

As the Northwood-Kensett secondary campus prepares for the addition of the Viking Activity Center, school staff are looking at options the facility presents to shift where and how students are educated.

At a recent school board meeting, and in the February Viking Dispatch, discussion took place about the space that will be made available by the addition of the activity center, and how that may allow the district to relocate students to better support their educational progress.

As secondary principal Keith Fritz shared in the recent Dispatch, with the Vikings Activity Center currently set to be complete by the summer of 2022, there will be some space freed up in the secondary building for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Vikings Activity Center

includes new wrestling, weight and fitness areas. With students using the new facility, the existing rooms dedicated to those purposes may become available.

Fritz shared that N-K staff have considered the possibility that the rooms could be used to relocate the N-K sixth grade to the secondary campus.

Fritz stressed that this is currently only a consideration and the district doesn't currently have plans in place to make the change.

The goal of the move would be to make a space for a middle school environment that includes grades 6-8, shifting from the current junior high to a middle school approach to education for those grades.

That change would take into account the unique educational approach that may work better

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# District 2 supervisor to be chosen in special election

Worth County's District 2 supervisor seat may once again be up for election, after the current officeholder was appointed in January.

In November 2020, Gary Hanson, rural Northwood, was elected to be the new District 2 supervisor. However, he was not able to assume the office and the position was vacated as of January 12.

With the District 2 office vacated, a committee of coun-

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## Throwing fire

Thomas Block can be seen above testing out a flamethrower that his father, Dan Block, helped acquire. Besides the "big kid fun" of using a flame thrower, as Dan described, and the perhaps inefficient melting of snow, the device will also likely be used to help with prairie burns in the spring, or more practically, when someone wants to start something on fire "over there" without the effort of moving to the spot.



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# While Iowa restrictions lifted, N-K maintains safety measures

As of this past Sunday, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds had lifted COVID-19 safety restriction in the state. While state rules have been lifted, Northwood-Kensett schools will keep most precautions in place.

On Monday, superintendent Michael Crozier announced that the district will maintain its social distancing practices. Masks will also still be required of all those that enter N-K facilities.

The only change, announced by Crozier, is that there will no longer be a limit on the spectators allowed at events, beyond the social distancing and mask requirements mentioned above.



## Not a hare out of place

In the aftermath of last week's blizzardy winter storm, many were left making their way through the additional snow. That included this rabbit, who was spotted foraging in Northwood before retreating to the safety of a bush nearby.

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"The kitchen is also in the process of being updated as we serve onsite meals to 80-100 families once a month."

The Wrights have two children, Ethan, 5 and Stella, 2 1/2. They live on an acreage outside Northwood, where they have horses, cows, chickens, turkeys, ducks and an orchard. They also do their own butchering.

Brad enjoys bowling, woodworking and spending time with his family. Angela is a bit of a workaholic and has a diverse career background, including run-

ning summer camps, after-school programs and working with the Autism Society. She has a passion for teaching and has taught various community education classes in everything from sign language, cooking, homesteading and cheese making to gardening. She is a certified horseback riding and therapy-riding instructor and has spent years teaching swimming lessons and water aerobics.

The couple's new venture is setting up a gourmet popcorn and hard-serve ice cream

business in the old Shade Tree building.

Angela and Brad wish to thank the Center's dedicated board members and volunteers who are always willing to help out at a moment's notice.

At this time the Northwood Community Center at 829 Central Avenue is open only for the pantry service on Mondays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Mobile pantry it's the first Tuesday of the month from 4-6:30 p.m.

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ty auditor Jacki Backhaus, recorder Teresa Olson and treasurer Jake Hanson had to decide whether to appoint someone or call for an election.

In the recent past that decision had typically been made to call for an election. However, at the time the District 3 supervisor seat was also vacant, pending an election that took place on January 19.

To certify that District 3 election two supervisors would need to be in place to act as a quorum of the three member board. The only way to

accomplish that would be to appoint someone to the District 2 position.

The committee of county officials appointed current District 2 supervisor Mark Smeby to remain in that seat.

The appointment of Smeby started a timeline in which eligible voters in the district could call for a special election to fill the District 2 supervisor seat instead.

The deadline was last Thursday and a petition was filed. However, the petition has been challenged by other members of the public.

County officials were set to review the objections to the petition this week to determine if it is valid and if a special election will be held.

Smeby may remain in office until the status of the petition is decided and, if upheld, until after election results are certified, unless he opts to run and is elected.

If an election is held, the winner will fill the remainder of the term, through 2024. If Smeby remains as appointee, he will serve through 2022, through the next county election.

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social distancing, increased hygiene and other public health measures.

The proclamation does not mention face coverings specifically. Previous proclamations had included them

amongst the requirements for businesses and gatherings where social distancing may not be possible.

The change was set to take effect on Sunday, February 7.

Other sections

address requirements to keep schools open for in-person learning, while allowing remote learning as families chose and in emergency situations.

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# N-K makes plans to keep Valentine's Day safe

With Valentine's Day on the way Sunday, N-K schools asked students and families to help make the celebration more "low-key" this year to keep everyone safe.

Elementary principal Brian Costello shared in the February Viking Dispatch that N-K schools would be altering some of its Valentine's celebrations with COVID-19 safety in mind.

"Valentine's Day has traditionally been a special time here at Northwood-Kensett Elementary. Sharing a friendly card and a piece of candy are part of this tradition," Costello wrote. "With COVID still part of our daily lives, we have to rethink

how to safely continue these traditions."

With that in mind, changes to Valentine's Day at N-K this year include:

All cards and candy had to be brought to the school the week prior to the Valentine's celebration and all candy had to be individually sealed.

The school will not be accepting outside cards or balloons delivered to students. The FCCLA at the high school put together a Valentine Candy Gram instead.

Classroom teachers planned to continue honor social distancing and mask mandates during classroom activities.



## Putting the 'e' in cookie

Students in the Northwood-Kensett Math Club recently spent some time preparing cookies to sell at last Friday's home basketball game in awareness of "e Day." The day is chosen based on the irrational number e, which is similar to pi. The approximate value of e is 2.718281. And so the date, February 7 (2-7) is recognized as "e Day." The Math Club students prepared brownies and cookies with a frosted "e" on the top. Math Club members pictured include (from left) Jadyne Beland, Weston Willand, Kenny Conlin, Nathan Hannemann, Thomas Block, Andrew Brietsprecher and Teagan Johnson.

# Worth County 4-H State Capitol virtual Legislative Day held on February 17

The Worth County Extension Service is organizing and sponsoring an eighth, ninth and 10th grade Intermediate 4-H virtual legislative day from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom on Wednesday,

February 17.

All eighth, ninth and 10th grade Worth County 4-H members are encouraged to participate and will be observing the House and Senate in session.

Those interested or

who would like further information may contact Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-324-1531 or djohn@iastate.edu.

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with sixth graders as opposed to those in the upper classes.

It would allow the school to accommodate different classes, schedules and looks for a middle school and high school environment, instead of the junior

high and high school overlaps currently in place.

With construction not yet underway on the Vikings Activity Center, the idea is very much up for discussion.

Fritz said that he and elementary princi-

pal Brian Costello are discussing the possibilities with a team of teachers.

Fritz also encouraged those with thoughts or ideas about the potential move to share them with him.

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## 2020 fall semester dean's list honorees announced

More than 7,400 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2020 fall semester.

Local students named to the list included:

Mackenzi Duvall of Northwood, College of Education, Primary Area of Study: Elementary Education;

Peyton Pangburn of Northwood, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Primary Area of Study: International Relations;

Alexis Oppman of Manly, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Primary Area of Study: Biomedical Sciences;

Braxton Pinske of Manly, College of Lib-

eral Arts and Sciences, Primary Area of Study: Nursing Interest;

Brianna Bork of Grafton, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Primary Area of Study: Art;

Kaitlyn Bruns of Fertile, College of Nursing, Primary Area of Study: Nursing-RN;

Scott Magnuson of Hanlontown, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Primary Area of Study: Political Science;

Katie Van Cleve of Hanlontown, College of Nursing, Primary Area of Study: Nursing-RN; and

Stephanie Nettleton of Joice, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Primary Area of Study: Psychology.



## Alliant Energy reminds customers to stay safe as winter storm brings bitter cold

Alliant Energy reminds customers about some common tips to help keep warm and safe during the ongoing below zero temperatures. The company also wants customers to know that they are prepared to keep the lights on and gas flowing during the bitter cold days.

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- Make sure space heaters are properly vented and placed at least three feet away from other objects. Shut them off when going to sleep or leaving the area.

- Use a sturdy fire-place screen when operating a wood-burning stove or fireplace.

- Check furnace and water heater vents and keep them clear to prevent equipment malfunction or buildup of carbon monoxide. They may become blocked due to condensation caused by running overtime. Likewise, check gas meter vents to ensure they haven't become blocked by snow.

- Keep heating equipment in good working order. Don't warm a car up in the garage. This could cause carbon monoxide (CO) to gather in the home.

- Have CO detectors on every floor of a home and test their batteries to ensure they are functioning. This is the only way to detect CO – a deadly, odorless, colorless and tasteless gas.

- Never use a portable generator inside the house or a closed garage.

- Never use a cooking stove or a grill, either gas or charcoal, to provide heat inside a home.

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## Worth County Historical Society to meet February 16

The Worth County Historical Society will meet at the Museum in Northwood on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 9:30 am.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Students in Northwood-Kensett's Ecology class have recently taken part in a unit that has provided them with some knowledge about some fine feathered friends. The lessons have taken them from food to vomit, from local to extinct and a wide variety of topics about the anatomy and behavior of birds.

The Ecology class is what teacher Rachel Symonds describes as one that features a lot of learning through experiences. They study plants in the school's nearby prairie, learn about the cycle of rebirth that comes through burning the prairie, study and net fish while also testing water in local streams.

Recently, they have been studying birds for their ornithology unit.

The unit has had the students learning about native Iowa birds and non-native species as well.

The lessons have included bird feeding habits, anatomy, brooding and caring for young, backyard bird feeders and raptors.

They've also learned about some unique occurrences, like gynandromorphism in cardinals, which is when the birds are half female and half male, with characteristics of each gender visible on opposing halves of the bird.

The lessons have also

focused on the infamous Dodo bird, and how humans played a part in the bird's extinction.

One classroom activity while learning about owls involved investigating owl pellets, which are bones, hair and other indigestible material that the owls regurgitate. The activity provides a unique hands on feel for what owls eat.

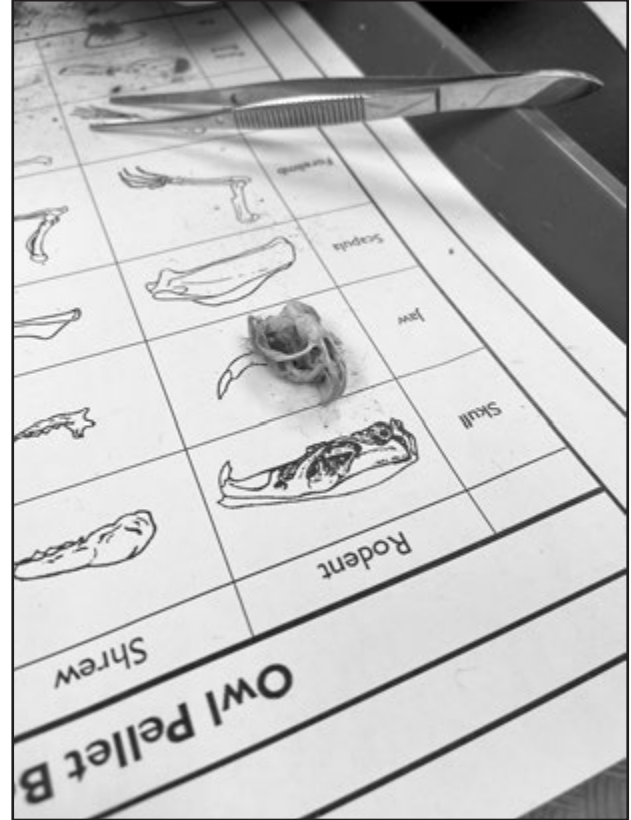
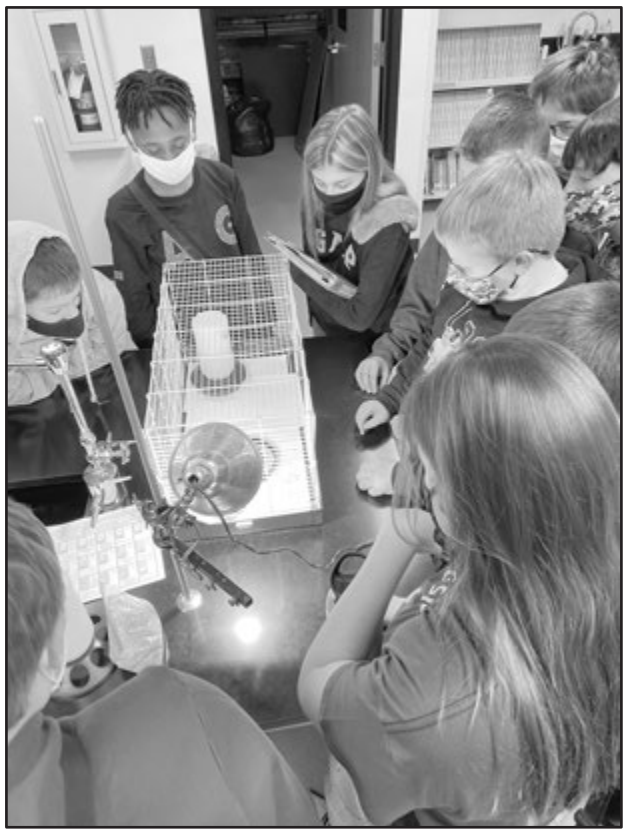
More recently students got to take part in the incubation process.

The students had eggs in the classroom, kept at around 99 degrees for about 21 days. The students rotated the eggs manually through the day.

They also took part in candling. The process is named for the candles that were the original light source for the process. For the students, the lights on their phones served the same purpose. They would shine a light through the egg, which would show if an egg was developing an embryo.

Their efforts recently paid off and the classroom has since become a popular destination for visitors wanting to check in on the baby birds.

"Students from all classes were excited about the process and enjoyed seeing the hatched chicks when they arrived!" Symonds said.



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The Northwood Chamber of Commerce's annual Valentine's Day contest will once again include a variety of lovely gifts. That includes flowers like those pictured here, prepared by Modern Gardens Floral & Gifts. See below for more information on prizes and where to enter, as well as Valentine's specials at area businesses.

**Davidson on Central College women's track and field team**

Lindsey Davidson, a 2020 Northwood-Kensett graduate, is a distance runner on the Central College women's track and field team as a freshman.

The Dutch return 18 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished fifth at the American Rivers Conference Indoor Championships.

The outdoor season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Weight thrower Kennedy Morris (senior, from Earlham) and heptathlete Mary Gray (senior, from West Des Moines, Waukee HS) are returning All-Americans after qualifying for



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

the Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships. That meet was also cancelled due to COVID-19.

Central started its

indoor season this past Saturday, February 6, in Waverly at the Wartburg/Coe Triangular.

*Northwood Chamber of Commerce*

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## The Constituent Connection

### 88th General Assembly:

Last week was a crazy whirlwind of a week both legislatively and personally. Due to the passing of my father-in-law, I was excused from the Capitol and was home with my wife and family. One thing I have always held true in life is that family always comes first and I was where I needed to be. With that being said, thank you for your patience as I catch up on emails, phone calls and letters.

The biggest piece of legislation last week was SF 159, which was voted upon in my absence. I am busy reviewing everything that was in it and will continue to monitor the language as it is now in the House.

Getting back into the swing of things this week brought multiple subcommittees on a variety of topics. We discussed drug tests in regards to synthetic urine, labor brokers in construction projects, robot delivery systems and weight in motion scales and systems just to name a few.

One of my new roles this year is being the chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. We advanced five bills out of committee this week and saw floor action on three of them. They were: special driver permits for farm minors, abandoned vehicle require-



**Waylon Brown**  
State Senator  
District 26

ments and salvage title requirements.

Two weeks ago I spent Friday out in the district. I had stops at Howard County Regional Health Center. While there we discussed vaccine roll out, saw a demonstration on new equipment they are using to disinfect and sanitize rooms, and discussed EMS services.

From there I made a quick stop at Dough and Joe's. It's not a trip to Cresco without a doughnut and a cup of coffee. I then had a great conversation with Spiff and Jason about economic development and housing in Howard County. My last stop of the day was at Plant Peddler, where Mike took time to show me their new robots they installed to assist in the sticking process. It is always great to get out and visit with the people in the district.



Tomorrow I will be in New Hampton for a town hall and hope to do a school visit next Friday in Charles City.

Thank you for your patience as the start of this session has been like no other I have experienced. The Senate has taken many precautions to lessen the chances of a COVID spread, one of which was making all subcommittees virtual. This allows anyone to participate in the process safely. To my knowledge, as of today we have not seen any cases in the Senate. I hope we are able to continue to progress with session without any delays this year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out and I will do my best to answer your questions or provide assistance if needed.

## Childcare and education bills discussed

### Week Four

This week the focus was on subcommittee meetings, amending bills and passing bills out of committees. Floor debate this week consisted of several small technical bills and an education bill that eliminates voluntary diversity plans. Only a handful of schools in our state have these plans, but they limit a student's ability to open enroll. Open enrollment laws are now consistent across the state.

Child and dependent care

Outside of COVID-19, childcare was the number one issue I heard when knocking doors. Several bills have passed out of committees and are floor eligible. These bills are part of a legislative package to increase child care workforce, increase provider rates to maintain existing child care facilities, provide incentives to develop new child care facilities and support working families with the cost of child care.

- HSB 3: Addresses the Child Care "cliff effect" by establishing a state funded off-ramp from Child Care Assistance that will gradually decrease assistance as income increases.

- HSB 2: Provides significant rate increases to child care providers accepting Child Care Assistance.

- HF 230: A bill to double the income eligibility for the child care tax credit from \$45,000 to \$90,000

- HF 6: A bill that aims to expand the child care workforce in the state by creating a child care workforce grants program to bring child care workers to eligible communities

- HSB 7: Will increase access to child care, particularly in rural areas, by allowing nonregistered child care homes to increase by one school-aged child.

- HF 3: Allows the building of onsite daycare facilities or expansion of existing daycare



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facilities to qualify as projects under the high-quality jobs program, qualifying them for tax incentives or project completion assistance.

- HF 2: Creates tax incentives for developers that construct child care facilities

- HF 4: Provides a tax credit for employers building, leasing or contracting for child care for their employee's children.

I have heard concerns and unfortunately some misinformation about SF 159. This is the Governor's education bill passed by the Senate last week. This is a large bill and there are many good things in SF159. The increase in teacher expense deduction and the increase in the tuition and textbook credit are two things

that will be good for all educators and many families will be eligible for this credit. As for the Iowa First Scholarship program (many are referring to it as a voucher), this will only be available to a few schools and at a minimal cost to the State. With that said, I have stated many times "public dollars for public education" and I will vote accordingly. This bill or parts of this bill, SSA and school funding will be priorities this week.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with any questions, comments or concerns. I can be reached at jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov. Check out my Facebook page for other updates.

## Northwood Church

### Fertile Lutheran Church

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

### Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Outdoor Worship, 9 a.m.

### Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

### Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Wednesday, Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, Living Waters Conference, 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., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, Bethany Council Meeting, 7 p.m., MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon.

### Pastor Tom Martin Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship Service with Communion, Church Family Meeting Afterwards, 9:10 a.m., Virtual Worship Service/Communion on Bethel of

Manly Facebook, Check out YouTube: Bethel Website, 10:30 a.m., Radio Station 97.1 FM (Previous Sunday's Service), 10 a.m.

### Pastor Cory Allard Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

### Rev. Rob Lanphere One In Christ Lutheran Parish

Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 8 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366, Wednesdays 6 p.m., KC (Kids & Christ) Night; 9:30 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; All services require masks and social distancing.

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

## Cultivate a Sense of Leisure

The expression "for the love of God" is often uttered as a mild curse, an expression of exasperation when we might feel like screaming something worse. It's certainly better to say "for the love of God" than to utter something worse, but it still probably falls into the category of using God's name in vain when we don't mean it literally. And that is a shame because it's really a very beautiful expression, if we think about it and what it literally means. We should do everything for the love of God. If that is our motive then there is nothing to fear. If you are afflicted by doubts about your salvation, it might help to ask yourself simply whether you are acting for the love of God. If you are truly acting for the love of God it won't matter so much whether you are saved or damned, though you surely won't be damned if that is truly your motive. We should do all for the love of God. Joy will surely follow. — Christopher Simon

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."* — Matthew 22: 37-38

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# Cook Bookin'

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



Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert  
by Sandy Olson

To contact Sandy Olson for comments or suggestions, please email her at: [midwestfoodie@gmail.com](mailto:midwestfoodie@gmail.com)

Tuna is not just for sandwiches anymore! OK...perhaps that's not exactly true because good tuna mixed with real mayo, some minced onion, some diced celery on hearty bread does make a dandy lunch. But...that little can of fish that so many people keep in their cupboards at all times, can also morph into a main dish in no time that is economical and tastes great. That being said, buy the best tuna you can find. Remember, one 7 ounce can, even if it costs \$4 or more, can feed 2-3 people and that's not a bad price for the protein in a meal. Don't think of cost per can, think cost per portion.

The "Tuna Cookbook" was published at a time when we didn't have the number of choices, flavors and styles of tuna available in 2021. Authored by Sheila Metcalf (1972, Doubleday & Company, Garden City, NY). Ms. Metcalf would be amazed that tuna is now available in glass jars, pouches, in various spiced and flavored version as well as the traditional style packed in either oil or water. The following recipes were adapted for today's kitchen from the Entree section of the cookbook.

### Baked Tuna with Mushroom Sauce

2 cans (7 oz. each) tuna packed in oil, drained and flaked  
1 medium onion, sliced into thin rings  
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and sliced into thin strips  
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh parsley  
1 can (10.5 oz.) cream of mushroom soup  
1 small can sliced mushrooms, drained  
1/2 soup can of whole milk  
1/2 cup finely shredded medium Cheddar cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Grease a 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Make a layer of one can of flaked tuna, 1/2 of the onion rings, 1/2 of the green pepper strips and 1 tablespoon of the parsley. Repeat with a second layer. Mix the soup, the sliced mushrooms and the milk to make a sauce. Pour the sauce over the layered ingredients. Sprinkle the cheese over the top. Bake for approximately 20 minutes until bubbly. Serves 4.

### Creamy Spaghetti

8 oz. fusilli (the curly-type spaghetti)  
1 package (4 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese (green can style is okay here)  
3/4 cup half and half  
1/4 cup chopped chives, fresh or dried  
2 cans (7 oz. each) good tuna packed in water, drained and flaked  
1/4 cup real butter, not margarine  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish  
Paprika for garnish

Cook the spaghetti according to package directions until al dente; don't overcook it. While it is cooking, combine the remaining ingredients except the butter and parsley and blend well. When the spaghetti is done drain and add the butter; toss to coat. Pile onto serving plates or a large platter and top with the cream cheese tuna sauce. Sprinkle each serving liberally with chopped parsley. Sprinkle with a bit of paprika for color. Serves 4-6.

### Tuna A La King

2 tablespoons real butter, not margarine  
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and diced  
1/4 pound fresh mushrooms (white button, baby bellas or a mixture) sliced  
2 cups basic white sauce (find a recipe in any basic cookbook)  
2 cans (7 oz. each) tuna packed in water, drained and flaked  
1 can chopped pimiento, drained  
Salt and pepper to taste  
English muffins, split and toasted just before serving or kept in a bun warmer.  
In a heavy saucepan, melt the butter. Saute the green pepper and mushrooms until the pepper is tender. Add the white sauce, tuna, pimiento, salt and pepper. Heat through but don't boil; use medium-low heat. Serve on the warm English muffins. Serves 6-8 as part of a brunch.

Tuna packed in olive oil or water... that is the question. While it's apparent that the water-packed tuna is lower in calories, it is also lower in taste. For a dish that has fewer robust ingredients, such as the baked tuna, use the oil-packed for more flavor. When the added oiliness is not needed, use the water-packed. For tuna sandwiches it's a personal preference; either will work well. I have not yet tried the gourmet tuna made from the belly of the fish rather than the loins but I understand it's tuna nirvana. It runs about \$10 for an 8 ounce glass jar so it must be something special. It's on my foodie bucket list! And...that's all she wrote.

# Northwood Anchor Society



## Giving it a shot

Last Friday, while classes were called off due to the cold, members of the staff at Northwood-Kensett came to school to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, administered by Worth County Public Health. The vaccine was given to over 60 people, including superintendent Mike Crozier, pictured above.

## Lifelong Learning Institute semester kickoff coffee

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) will start the spring semester off with a kickoff event and a chance to meet new members, potential members and faculty of the Lifelong Learning Institute.

NIACC President Dr. Steve Schulz and Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, Director of the Lifelong

Learning Institute, will kick off the year with a welcome to those attending on Tuesday, February 16, from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Muse Norris Conference Center at NIACC. There will also be an option to attend online.

Spring classes will be discussed and faculty introduced. Anyone interested in learning more about Lifelong Learning Institute classes and opportunities is encouraged to call 641-422-4358 to register, free of charge, for the spring kickoff. This semester, a new format will be introduced. While the conference center will be limited to a 50 percent capacity, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy coffee in their own homes while virtually attending the event. When registering, those interested can indicate which method of participation will be most comfortable for them.

Several new classes will be introduced in the subject areas of history, literature and culture and cooking. The first day of classes will begin on Thursday, February 18. Registration can

take place at any time throughout the semester.

Membership and registration in the Institute requires a yearly fee of \$99, which allows a member to register for any or all classes for two consecutive semesters without additional tuition. The spring semester is from February - June and the fall semester is from September- December. Each semester offers more than 30 classes to choose from. Members become NIACC students with a Student ID, as well as the added benefits of the use of the library and other NIACC facilities. Further membership benefits include Performance Previews (when available), passes to athletic events, and Continuing Education computer classes at half price (when available).

The brochure is available online at [www.niacc.edu/lli](http://www.niacc.edu/lli) and online registration is open at [www.niacc.augusoft.net](http://www.niacc.augusoft.net). To request a brochure to be mailed, contact the NIACC LLI office at 641-422-4358. Brochures will also be available at the kickoff event.

## MercyOne Northwood Family Medicine now open on Fridays

MercyOne Northwood Family Medicine now offers additional clinic hours to better serve the health needs of area patients. As of February 5, Northwood providers were available for in-office visits and telehealth appointments on Fridays from

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in addition to the Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. schedule.

Staying healthy is more important now than ever.

"We have numerous precautions in place to reduce the risk of exposure and provide a safe

environment for care." Appointments may be scheduled at [MercyOne.org/NorthIowa/ScheduleOnline](http://MercyOne.org/NorthIowa/ScheduleOnline) or call 641-324-1221.

It is critical all continue to practice safety measures to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Practice social distancing with those outside your household.
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Stay home if you feel sick.

## Worth County Farm Pesticide Recertification held in Manly on Tuesday, February 23

The Worth County Extension Service will host a Private Farm Pesticide Recertification meeting on Tuesday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the Kensett Community Center.

This program is for all farmers who are at-

tending an annual update meeting each year to renew their Private Pesticide license.

More information is available by calling Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, at 641-324-1531 or emailing

Lacey at [ljwaller@iastate.edu](mailto:ljwaller@iastate.edu) or Dennis Johnson at Worth County Extension at

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# Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

## Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

What's up?  
I'm trying to remember what day this is.  
That sounds exciting.  
It is when I get it right.

## Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. My wife wanted to go out to eat for her birthday. It was cold, windy and it was snowing, but we sat on the front steps and ate. We talked of family. My son Brian acquired the nickname Ding from his friends early in life. Ding Batt. Dingbat was the term Archie Bunker used to refer to his long-suffering, loving wife Edith on the TV series "All in the Family." Dingbat means a silly or empty-headed person. We are all silly, but my son isn't any more empty-headed than the rest of us men. It's a chronic human condition. An aptonym or aptonym is a name that matches the occupation or character of its owner, often hu-

morously or ironically. Herb Caen, the late San Francisco columnist, called it a namephreak. Nominative determinism is the hypothesis that people gravitate towards areas of work fitting their names. Psychologist Carl Jung suggested the idea. I thought Brian might become a doorbell repairman or an ice cream truck driver, but he didn't.

## Dialog from a lasting marriage

What's Kyle's name?  
Kyle.  
Oh, yeah. Thanks.

## The cafe chronicles

"Don't put your elbows on the table," is something every mother learned to say in mom school. It wasn't polite and it showed as the Neanderthals we were. I recall being a young man who stopped at a greasy spoon. I entered smirk first. The cafe offered good food and had both flies and sticky flypaper ribbons. I sat down, ordered the breakfast special and put my elbows on the counter. I was wearing a long-sleeved white shirt. It wasn't the best shirt, but it was my

good shirt. I figured the "don't put your elbows on the table" rule didn't apply to counters. I was wrong. My elbows became stuck to that sweet epoxy made from escaped maple syrup.

## Porky Pig was no weathervane

I wonder what happened to our old weathervane? We had several, but the one I remember most clearly involved the likeness of a hog and was perched on a high point of the barn. A free-spinning directional pointer was wider on the back end of the arrow and narrower toward the arrow's head, allowing it to point into the wind. A change in the wind meant a change in the weather. South winds brought warm temperatures, north winds ushered in the cold, and wind changes from west to east brought storms. In the ninth century A.D., the Pope decreed that the rooster be used as a weathervane on church domes or steeples. We used a pig because it was good with directions.

## Bad jokes department

You're more likely to

die on your way to buy a lottery ticket than you are to win a lottery.

Do you know what always catches my eye? Short people with umbrellas.

I used to crastinate. Then I went pro.

Vegetable soup is nothing more than a hot, wet salad.

People think I'm self-centered, but enough about them.

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? Supplies!

Would you donate to a charity named CAW CAW CAW CAW if it's four good caws?

"You ran that red light!" exclaimed the passenger. "Don't worry, my brother does it all the time," said the driver. They continued through the city and drove through another stoplight. "You ran another stoplight! You're going to get us killed!" screamed the nervous passenger. "Don't worry, my brother does it all the time," repeated the driver. Moments later, they approached a green light and the car stopped. "Why are you stopping?" asked the anxious passenger. The

driver replied, "Because my brother might be coming."

## Things to notice while walking uphill everywhere

Starling bills are dark in winter but turn yellow as the breeding season approaches. They are changing now. House finches singing their exuberant, tumbling song. Cardinals whistling "what-cheer" in honor of a town in Iowa. Wild turkeys gobbling. Red-tailed hawks perching close to one another is a sign of Valentine's Day.

Skunk cologne in the

air. Bright scarlet stems of red osier dogwood (the red veins of spring). Snow fleas atop the melting snow around the base of trees or foundations of buildings on sunny days. Snow fleas look like spilled pepper.

"If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow." — proverb

## Meeting adjourned

"What I regret most in my life are failures of kindness." — George Saunders

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# Fit to print...

# School days past and present

*Following is something written by Elaine Bergan. Her daughter, Diane, submitted it this past fall. Elaine passed away last week. The Anchor will miss the stories she shared of Maple Court and her life.*

## By Elaine Bergan

Education is somewhat different from days of yore for many of us. With school now in session throughout the country, we hear of various methods of teaching and classroom arrangements approved by school boards as well as parental choice to protect students and teachers from exposure to COVID-19.

Granddaughter Kara's college major had been English as a Second Language with a Spanish minor. Following her marriage, three children whom she home schooled and the family move to Colorado, she began teaching ESL in a public school after the children were in college and high school.

ESL teachers are advised to encourage their students to retain their original language and culture, but learn the new tongue of the country where they live. A young Mexican boy informed his parents, English in school, Spanish at home!

I may have felt like today's immigrants on my first day of country school in 1934. Would I like my new teacher? Would the other students like me? Would I like them?

My first day memories are only good ones. Everyone must have helped me transition easily into a new language, as I can scarcely recall how it happened. What I do remember are my hidden resentments of feeling old-fashioned while growing up in the modern country of America! This feeling remained hidden within me for many years.

My third generation American parents were bi-

lingual, but spoke only Norwegian in our home for the benefit of those in our household. I was the only child for five years until my sister was born, Grandma Fjone lived with us and there was ALWAYS a hired man, usually a young, newly-arrived emigrant from Norway who had followed his dream to the promise of America.

Our farm home was blended into a cohesive unit, with Dad's confidence that farm chores would be handled when he attended meetings. Dad was a 1926 Lake Mills graduate with a year at St. Olaf College before he married and started farming. He must have been aware of the country's need for change in areas of technology as he became involved in many areas of community service. His most notable areas of volunteerism involved schools and rural electrification.

After serving as Center Township school treasurer, Dad was elected to the Winnebago County Board of Education. Because of financial reasons, the board cast the unpopular vote of closing the Scarville school and bringing the students to Lake Mills. Rural county schools were also gradually closing as school populations dwindled. The county Board of Education closed, too, when the new AEA agency was established in Clear Lake.

In 1937, Dad was the Winnebago County Farm Bureau president when interest grew among farmers to bring electricity to the farms. Dad and several other members began canvassing the county to gather opinions and signatures of intent to pursue the next needed steps. Interstate Power Co. of Albert Lea had already begun making inroads into the county. Before long, Farm Bureau requested that Dad and two other members fly to Washington, D.C., to bring back

the first U.S. government loan to begin construction of the new power plant.

Glenn Bergland, a recent Luther College graduate, was hired to be the first manager. His first desk was a card table in a corner of the Farm Bureau office in Thompson! Dad's term of office ended at about this time.

Glenn's reputation as an electrical engineer became known around the nation as he became involved in leadership and advisory boards in Washington's rural electrification dept. He also developed the county RTA, Rural Telephone Assn, that shared office space with the REA. Before Glenn retired, he moved the telephone enterprise to Lake Mills. It later became a cooperative, known today as WCTA.

Back to my Kittleson country school days, a local farmer had donated an acre of land for a school that had been named after him. Each day began with devotions, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America" sung to Kate Smith's phonograph record.

A school teacher's day was long and busy as she prepared and taught lessons to all eight grades using the prescribed curriculum needed to prepare the eighth grade students for the exams taken at the county court house in order to matriculate into high school. She was also the custodian who managed the heat in the winter and cleaned the classroom on a daily basis. Often the students were assigned to help with certain tasks.

There was no indoor plumbing, so during the first recess each day, two older students walked to a neighboring farm to bring back a pail of drinking water. It was poured into a crock in the basement with a dipper hanging beside it. There were two necessities (toilets) located outside

the building with the girls on one side and boys on the other. Winter visits were swift and cold!

Our lunch buckets or pails (former syrup containers) remained in the cloak room until noon when we ate our lunches at our desks before dismissal to spend the remainder of the hour outdoors. We played games such as ball, cricket, ring around the Rosie or used the teeter totter and swings. On rainy days or in the winter, we could be found playing hopscotch in the basement, jacks on the classroom floor or cat or rat and hangman on the blackboards. The afternoon school session began with our teachers settling us down again by reading an interesting book that appealed to all ages. Bambi was a favorite, as I recall.

Lessons and classes resumed and the teacher's innovative methods of teaching the three R's, the basis for future learning, continued as we returned from class with seat work assignments while she continued to call upper classes to the front of the room for their learning. The drawing and coloring assignments given us may have been the teacher's assessment of art work, but we students thought of them as busy work. Probably the biggest hidden benefit received was listening to the upper grade classes' recitations while we pretended to be busy with our assignments.

More classes and study with a short recess passed before school was dismissed for the day. Classroom discipline was maintained by punishing those caught whispering or misbehaving. A certain number of demerits (our names on the blackboard) resulted in after-school detention, while the rest of the students were free to walk home.

The highlight of the school year was the fall

fundraising program that turned the students into actors and actresses for one night as they performed on a raised stage, complete with draw curtains. I admit, however, that nobody went on to Hollywood!

We thought those days of youth would never end, but they did! Years later, a son-in-law asked me who Don, my husband, and my great-grandparents had been. I was unable to answer him, which became the key that unlocked my repressed heritage rejection of my early days.

After many years of intense research, I now own many books of Bergan/Ness genealogy. The climax of my quest was realized in 1990 when Don and I spent three wonderful weeks in Norway visiting a few relatives, farms and areas where ancestors had once lived before emigrating from Norway. A special memory of the three days spent on Upper Nes, Telemark was sentimental as I recalled the many generations of family who had lived in the house, owned yet by a family member, to be used by relatives as a vacation home.

I was honored, too, when Virginia Kingland of Lake Mills invited me to become a member of the commission being planned to erect a large bronze family monument to honor the early European settlers of the area. Her vision of such a memorial was brought to fruition under her leadership and the efforts of the commission. Today we see the Norwegian-American family monument seeming to welcome all passersby arriving in Lake Mills from the east.

I am now a full-blooded Norwegian-American who is proud of the struggles, victories and Viking courage it took for our ancestors to leave their homes for a new world of opportunity-America!



# Northwood Anchor Early Files

# Northwood Anchor Obituaries

## 100 years ago

February 9, 1921

The second annual declamatory contest of Worth County high schools was held at Manly. The two schools to compete with the entertaining one were Grafton and Northwood, the former entering only one contestant, the latter three. The silver cup of first place was awarded Manly's representative of the

humorous section, Gladys Enabnit, while that of second place was given to Northwood's oratorical one, Vernon Thompson.

Preparations are now underway for the play, which will be presented by American Legion local post sometime early in March. A full cast has been secured and two rehearsals have been held within the last 10 days. "Easy Money," a political play with comedy, is the selection. E.K. Pitman has the general direction of the play.

The pupils of school

District 138 very pleasantly surprised their teacher, Miss Olava Rohne, on Friday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. A lunch of sandwiches, assorted cakes, salads, cocoa and candy was served. A very pleasant time was had by all.

Frank Johnson and sisters, Misses Ellen, Anna and Mrs. T.O. Lund, were at Albert Lea Thursday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. O. E. Olson. The lady was a sister of Mrs. Johnson, who passed away 10 years ago.

## 75 years ago

February 7, 1946

Weather that ranged from a spring thunderstorm and a high reading of 47 degrees at midday, to a blizzard and a temperature of 20 degrees marked a pronounced variation in climatic conditions within a 12 hour period. And a robin was reported seen by Mrs. E.M. Sabin.

Orlando Grove, living four miles north of St. Ansgar, has sold his 115-acre farm, which has been in the Grove family since 1853, when

his grandfather, the late Ole Grove, bought it from the U.S government for \$2 per acre. The new owner of the farm is Irving Groth of near St. Ansgar.

The Vikings were unable to get to "Clicking" in Tuesday night's conference tilt at Britt, which they lost 30 to 32.

A business partnership existing in Northwood for 26 years is dissolved this week and a new partnership has been formed. Urdahl and Vold's grocery business now becomes Carl and George's Grocery, with Carl N. Urdahl and George L. Mielke as partners and continuing the business in the

same location.

"Tom Sawyer," an operetta in three acts based on Mark Twain's well known and widely read story of boyhood life along the Mississippi River about a century ago, will be given by pupils of the Northwood grade schools on February 15, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Lieut. Lloyd Madson is home on terminal leave after serving about 15 months as a pilot with the Army air forces in the south Pacific. He arrived the first of last week and is now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Madson, west of town.

## 50 years ago

February 11, 1971

Lee Swenson, cashier and farm representative at the Northwood State Bank, was sworn in as a new councilman. He replaces Harry Rozen, who resigned and has purchased the Chevrolet dealership in Clear Lake. Swenson served as councilman from 1963 to 1967.

Becky Schmitt and Larry Bonker, playing the parts of Mrs. Manningham and Rough,

respectively, go through a scene from "Angel Street" by Patrick Hamilton. The play is the original from which the movie "Gaslight" was adapted, and will be presented to the public at the West Elementary building on February 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. Patrick Ellis is the director.

The proper procedure in bathing a baby was demonstrated by Mrs. Harold Quisley, R.N., to Julie Trogstad, Karen Roppe and Delores Kuhlmann in the Red Cross babysitting course sponsored by the Northwood Cadette Girl

Scouts. The third of the four sessions will be a lesson on emergency procedures taught by Police Chief Gene Weitzel. Twenty-Two girls are registered in the program, which meets from 4 to 6 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church annex.

Millard McNutt, owner of Gulf Farm Center, Northwood, was a guest last week of Gulf Oil Chemicals Company at its fertilizer plant at Donaldsonville, La. With McNutt was Coy Babb, division sales representative, Des Moines.

## 25 years ago

February 7, 1996

Faced with the problem of clearing the city's roadways of 14 inches of snow, the Northwood public works crew put in long hours to move uncounted tons of snow in a nine-day stretch that ended on Saturday.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company recently elected five of their fellow firefighters to executive posts. Pondering a recent decision are treasurer Ellert Nodtvedt, first assistant chief

Russ Julseth, fire chief Rick Hanson, second assistant chief Dan Low and secretary Randy Severson.

Robert and Cathy Braun, Ames, became parents of twin girls of January 12. Jackie weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz. and Jordyn weighed 2 lbs. 14 oz. Grandparents are Ron and Jeanne Bruggeman, Northwood, and Dale and Viola Braun, Emporia, Kansas. Great-grandparents are Mae Thofson, Northwood, Lawrence and Maxine Bruggeman, St. Ansgar, and Millie McPhail, Osage.

Luther College stu-

dents Ann Davidson, Brian Lease, Sarah Meyer-Reyerson and Beth Steinmetz, of Northwood, have been awarded Glenn and Delia Bergland Scholarships for the 1995-96 academic year.

Northwood cattle and hog breeder Buck Pangburn presented the grand champion judging trophy to Glenville FFA advisor Merle Hanson and team members Brad Schumacher and Darin Madson. Team members Ryan Anderson and Ryan Hajek were not present for the photo. Pangburn Stock Farms of Northwood sponsored the trophy.

## 10 years ago

February 9, 2011

Like many throughout the area, a preschool pair was pictured eagerly anticipating Valentine's Day. In their case, however, it is more likely related to the sweet treats that often accompany the arrival of the holiday. Heart in hand were Emersyn Wahl, daughter of Ryan and Jenny Wahl, and Jackson Deyle, son of Amber and Dan Deyle. They are students at Children's Garden Preschool.

The Northwood family, Kris Kension, John Podgorniak, Jane Podgorniak, Lloyd Madson, Dawn Batton, and Becky Haberman were present when Jane was honored as a 2011 Master Editor Publisher at the Iowa Newspaper Association Convention held in Des Moines on Friday, February 4, 2011. Jennifer Moe was not available for the photo.

The Northwood-Kensett sixth-graders seen above recently took part in the future Problem Solving State Qualifying Bowl. The event was held on

Friday, January 28, in Forest City. The future problem that was the subject of the bowl was "Genetic Testing." Tegan Cotter, Matt Parcher, Chelsea Boyden, Calli Christiansen, Mackenzie Costello, Hayden Halbach, Brett Bachtle and Jade Stubbe. Deb Nagle is the FPS coach at N-K.

Nik Werner continued to be a steady force this season for the Vikings as the junior guard poured in eight points in two N-K losses last week. To round out his game, Werner also had 11 boards, nine assists and five steals for the 0-18 Vikings.

## Mary Ihnen

Mary Ellen Ihnen (Harris) died on January 28, 2021, at Mitchell County Regional Health Center Hospice with loved ones by her side. In accordance with her wishes she was cremated. Visitation and a memorial service will be held on a later date, with burial at Sunset Rest.

She was born on April 7, 1928, to Leo and Amanda (Littauer) Harris in Chickasaw County, was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, Nashua, and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Charles City. She graduated from Charles City High School and attended Wartburg College, where she met the love of her life, Raymond Ihnen. They were



MARY IHNEN

married on August 29, 1948, and to this union they had five children: Jeffrey (Marcia) Ihnen of Arlington, Virginia, Bryan (Karen) Ihnen of Des Moines, Iowa, Stephanie (Butch) Perkins of Northwood, Kerry (Joan) Ihnen of St. Ansgar, Iowa, and Joel (Jean) Ihnen of Princeton, Minnesota. In addition to her children and their spouses, she

had 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was a Brownie scout leader, a Cub Scout leader, and a stay-at-home mother until her youngest was in fourth grade. She worked for Ag Chem for 12 years. She was an avid reader, quilter and crocheted. She was a member of the New Century Club for over 30 years until they disbanded. She taught Sunday School and Bible School for several years at First Lutheran Church, where she was a member for 57 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, her parents, two brothers, a sister-in-law, her husband's parents and her husband's sister and her husband.

## Elaine Bergan

Elaine May (Ness) Bergan, 91, of Northwood, Iowa, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, due to the lingering effects of COVID-19.

Due to Elaine's concern for limiting contact exposure to the virus, a private family service was held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at the Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church, south of Joice with Rev. Kevin Olson officiating, and burial will be in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Lake Mills.

Elaine was born to Olaf L. and Agnes (Fjone) Ness on June 14, 1929, west of Joice, Iowa. She was baptized by Rev. Johannes Granskou and confirmed by Rev. H.F. Huseth in the Winnebago Lutheran Church. She graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1947 and worked 1 1/2 years for Kingland Motor Co., before her marriage on September 17, 1949, to Donald Bergan of Lake Mills.

The couple lived on the Bergan farm, where Don became a Grade A dairy farmer. They were parents of three children, Kathleen, Diane and David. After the children entered school, Elaine worked seven years as a bookkeeper at the Farmers Co-op Elevator in Lake Mills before attending NIACC and Mankato State College, graduating cum laude in 1973, with an English/Theatre Arts degree. She worked 20 plus years as an educator, was a Sunday School superintendent and teacher for many years, and was very busy in the women's work of the church, having served as president and other officer positions on local, conference, cluster and synod levels. She was a faithful member of Salem Lutheran Church, having served on the constitution committee, board of life and growth, church historian, updated the congregation's history, gave many inspirational messages throughout the years and wrote



ELAINE BERGAN

many church skits that were used and placed on file at the Lutheran Communication Center in Clear Lake. She was a member and president of the L.M. Care Center Residency Committee, township election board official, long-time member of the L.M. Literary Club and the L.M. Library Reading Club. She wrote many newspaper articles in the Graphic about the early town and immigrants, wrote two books (histories of Lake Mills and Joice), was a member of the Norwegian/American Monument Commission and was sometimes called "The Town Historian." She was a member of the Lime Creek Genealogical Society, walked cemeteries and recorded thousands of obituaries from the area. In 1997, she was named "Iowa Mother of the Year" and competed in the national contest at Scottsdale, Arizona.

Elaine's greatest love was for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and her family for whom she prayed daily. She was greatly interested in her Norwegian heritage. After researching family roots, she and Don spent three weeks visiting Norway. She attempted to preserve the Scandinavian influence in her home and community. She baked lefse at MBT for Syttende Mai (May 17), in "Granny's Kitchen" at Christmas and at the Welcome Center for "Norwegian Days." She sewed queen sized quilts for children and grandchildren and baby quilts for the babies. She also enjoyed doing Hardanger embroidery.

Survivors include her children, Kathleen (Harold) Schumacher, Waverly, Iowa, Diane (David) Folkerts,

Thompson, Iowa, and David (Shelley) Bergan, Lake Mills, Iowa; grandchildren, Jason (Sarah) Schuhmacher, Papillion, Neb., Kara (Doug) Butte, Parker, Colo., Nathan Schuhmacher, Waterloo, Iowa, Jennifer Bradley (Dennis LeGrange, husband) and Jessica (Josh) Blasdell of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Katie Bergan, Lake Mills, Iowa, and Callie Bergan (Jake Schmitz) Grimes, Iowa; and great-grandchildren, Kyle (Chinyoung) Schuhmacher, Katelyn (Ryan) Humphreys, Rebekah Schuhmacher (Cooper Kesterson), Caleb, Daniel, Adam, Bethany and Benjamin Schuhmacher, Isaac, Malachi and Siri Frazier, Micah, Andrew and Abigail Butte; Jacob Bradley (Torrie Kofron), Avery, Ben and Emily LeGrange, and Tyler and Josh Jr. Blasdell. She was also blessed by three great-great-grandchildren, Sophia, Ian and Anna Humphreys. Also surviving are sisters-in-law: Mary Jane Calgaard and Gayle McMullen; stepsister-in-law, Ruth Vermedahl; stepbrother-in-law, Rev. Wayne Halvorson; a niece; and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Bergan; her parents and in-laws; siblings, Ruth Lerohl and Marvin Ness; step-sister, Lois Halvorson; stepbrother, Claire Vermedahl; sister-in-law, Ruth Disrud; brothers-in-law Robert Calgaard, Alfred Disrud and Rev. Alden Lerohl; a nephew, Andrew Lerohl; and a niece, Pat Preul.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church, 3906 Bluebill Ave. Joice, IA 50446 or to the donor's choice.



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**Notice**

**Public Notice**  
 IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY PROBATE NO. ESPR009239  
 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICKI L. HUNGERFORD, DECEASED  
 To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Vicki L. Hungerford, Deceased, who died on or about April 6, 2020:  
 You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of January, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Vicki L. Hungerford, deceased, bearing date of the 14th day of October, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael J. Hungerford 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 this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are

reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.  
 Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
 Dated this 1st day of February, 2021.

Michael J. Hungerford  
 1636 370th Street  
 Manly, Iowa 50456  
 Executor of Estate

Michael S. Vervaecke  
 ICIS Pin No. AT0008118  
 Laird Law Firm P.L.C.  
 11 Fourth Street NE  
 P.O. Box 1567  
 Mason City, IA 50402-1567  
 Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 17th day of February 2021. 6-2t

**City of Kensett**

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 1/11/21 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Parker, Heiken & Douglas.  
 Absent: Pilkington.  
 Visitors: H. Thompson – Library Board, D. Fank & M. Tomlinson – EMC Board, and R. Bauer – city maintenance.  
 Mayor called meeting to order.  
 Motion to approve agenda by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.  
 Motion to approve consent agenda of minutes, resolutions and ordinances by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.  
 Maintenance discussed lagoon draw down and general maintenance.  
 Clerk discussed finances and correspondence.  
 Mark Tomlinson and Dan Fank representing the EMC Board discussed possible future building plans for EM Services.  
 Herb Thompson discussed librarian salaries. The board requested a \$.50/hour increase for both the library director and library assistant. It was noted that each are receiving a \$.50/hour increase from the county beginning July 1, 2021. Motion to approve library director a \$.50/hour increase from \$10.50/hour to \$11.50/hour (both entities), and the library assistant receiving a \$.25/hour increase from the city, going from \$10.50/hour to \$11.25/hour (both entities), by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried. Heiken voted Nay.  
 Old Business: Grant applications discussed.  
 Mayor discussed new one call procedures.  
 New Business: Motion by Heiken, 2nd by Douglas to approve a \$.45 cent/hour increase for the city maintenance person, going from \$13.55/hour to \$14.00/hour, carried unanimously.  
 Motion by Parker, 2nd by Douglas to increase the city clerk salary 5% (\$1323.10), going from \$26,462.00/year to \$27,785.10/year, carried unanimously.  
 Committees and Appointments: City Attorney – John Greve, City Bank – NSB, City Clerk – Lori McNally, Mayor Pro-tem – Dave Heiken, Landfill Representative – Corey Pulju with alternate Ron Parker, WWBETCO, Emergency Management and County Meeting Representative – Corey Pulju with alternates Kris Woltzen & Ron Parker, Beautification – Woltzen & Douglas, Budget & Finance – All council, Streets & Lighting – Parker & Pilkington, Ordinance and Utilities – All council, Public Property – Mayor, Council, Clerk & Maintenance.  
 Clerk has touched based with the cemetery mowers from last year and they are

willing to do it again this year at the same cost.  
 Motion by Douglas, 2nd by Woltzen to set Max Levy Heating for February 8th, carried unanimously.  
 Treasurer's Report: December 2020 Revenues by Fund: General 7,855.15, Utilities 6,029.78, Special 5,166.83. Total Revenues: \$19,051.76. Stands approved as read.  
 Motion to pay bills by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.  
 Payable: Alliant Energy 2369.30, WCTA 273.48, B. Luckason 270.09 (net), S. Overy 598.43 (net), R. Bauer 1366.86 (net), L. McNally 1941.97 (net), Federal & SS 1871.59 (payroll), Ipers 932.40 (payroll), Ag Source 25.50 (water tests), Kensett Water 100.50 (sewer fees), L. McNally 75.98 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1379.20 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #23 – 321.98 (casino \$ – general), R. Bratund 210.00 (sexton – quarterly – general), One Call 19.80 (service – water & sewer), R80 22.21 (gas – city – road use), Northwood Anchor 60.60 (publications – general), Kelly Hardware 1.32 (supplies – water), Green Canopy 82.00 (service – general), Peterson Excavating 450.00 (service – water), Baker & Taylor 61.57 (books), Midwest Tape 79.71 (dvd's), Culligan 10.70 (supplies), A. Bergdale 84.00 (service), L. Albright 30.00 (snow removal), Tswails.com 30.95 (supplies).  
 Disbursements by Fund: General 3,826.46, Special 1,449.93, Utilities 1,178.67, Payroll 7,501.83 (gross).  
 Total Disbursements: \$13,254.84.  
 Motion to adjourn by Woltzen, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.  
 Lori J. McNally, CMC, City Clerk  
 Corey Pulju, Mayor

**Bolan**

Well, good ole Mother Nature took care of our "in person" worship service at Bolan Trinity UMC last Sunday. Such COLD weather we are not used to yet. The month of January was pretty nice! Therefore, we shall try again

for Sunday, February 14. Many of the Trinity Church family are anxious to get back to regular worship services. Of course, we will still wear our masks and be socially distance.  
 Ash Wednesday is coming up fast. Pas-

tor Cory will be having a Lenten Study using Adam Hamilton's book "Creed: What Christians believe and why." Anything by Mr. Hamilton is a very interesting study.

**Supervisors**

**February 1, 2021 Fifth Day**  
 The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby and Enos Loberg present (A.J. Stone present 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, Smeby and Loberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: None.  
 Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the February 1, 2021 board agenda.  
 Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the January 25, 2021 board minutes.  
 Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement between Worth County and the City of Fertile and Worth County and the City of Hantown.  
 Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to appoint Enos Loberg to the Winn Worth Betco Advisory Board, Board of Directors – Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services, Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority Board of Directors, North Central Iowa Decategorization Project Governance Board, P4C CPPC –

Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC), North Iowa Children's Alliance, North Iowa Regional Housing Authority, Worth County Emergency Management Agency, Worth County 911 and to appoint Enos Loberg, Genie Foss and Melissa Michaelis to Homeward Housing Trust Fund Committee.  
 Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution No. 2021.02.01: R E S O L U T I O N  
 Amend Fiscal Year 2020/21 Worth County Budget  
 WHEREAS, RESOLUTION #2021.02.01 Amends Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Worth County Budget as was published in official County newspapers (Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal) January 20 & January 21, 2020, to authorize an amendment and appropriation of funds to the appropriate departments as specified;  
 WHEREAS, increase/decrease in revenues are: Secondary Roads, Miscellaneous Receipts..... 4,000,000 Data Processing, Reimb from Private Source..... 196,643 ..... 4,196,643  
 WHEREAS, increase/decrease in expenditures are: Secondary Roads, Construction..... 4,600,000 Secondary Roads, New Equipment..... 350,000 Disaster Service/Emergency, Contr to Others-HAZMAT.....

..... 456 Medical Examiner, Diagnostic Evaluation-No Com ..... 5,000 Medical Examiner, Medical & Health Services ..... 5,000 Insurance, Unemployment Compensation..... 10,000 Insurance, Unemployment Compensation..... 1,000 Data Processing, Data Processing – Capital Outlay ..... 196,643 Organizations, Contributions to Others-Winn Worth Betco ..... 50,000 Planning and Zoning, Salary-Elected Official/Department Head..... 3,000 ..... \$5,221,099  
 BE IT DULY ADOPTED this 1st day of February, 2021, with the vote thereon being as follows:  
 AYES: Stone, Smeby and Loberg  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
 Aaron Stone, Chairperson  
 Mark Smeby, Co-Chairperson  
 ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Board Clerk and County Auditor  
 Enos Loberg, Supervisor  
 Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:12 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, February 8, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.  
 Jacki A. Backhaus  
 Auditor  
 Aaron Stone  
 Chairperson

**Notice**

**WORTH COUNTY ANNUAL SALARIES FOR 2020**  
 As per the Iowa Code Chapter 349.18, the salaries of persons employed by the County shall be published annually showing the total amount of annual salary.  
 Employee Name, Salary  
 AAMODT, ROBERT ..... 57,049.75  
 ABRAMS, KENNETH ..... 24,453.02  
 ANDERSON, RICK ..... 44,386.01  
 ANDERSON, TAYLOR ..... 37,845.94  
 BACKHAUS, BRETT ..... 54,318.44  
 BACKHAUS, JACKI ..... 57,803.48  
 BAKKEN, GERALD ..... 3,495.13  
 BALEK, RONALD ..... 15,45  
 BEENKEN, KELSEY ..... 10,426.44  
 BERG, JAMES ..... 3,405.13  
 BINNEBOSE, TYLER ..... 38,826.79  
 BLOCK, DAN ..... 25,717.41  
 BODE, MICHAEL ..... 56,707.41  
 BODTKE, TERI ..... 40,401.18  
 BOECKHOLT, LISA ..... 41,139.88  
 BORCHARDT, WILLIAM ..... 51.60  
 BRUMM, RICHARD ..... 127,337.52  
 BRUNSVOLD, BLAIR ..... 25,973.65  
 BUECHELE, LISA ..... 9,326.92  
 BUTLER, LYNN ..... 55,058.89  
 BUTLER, MARGIE ..... 45,777.05  
 BUTLER, SHANA ..... 49,625.04  
 CHRISTESON, RICK ..... 50,337.39  
 CHRISTIANSON, SARA ..... 68,673.87  
 CLAGETT, THOMAS ..... 35,754.92  
 COLSTRUP, MADISON ..... 3,646.86  
 COOK, TYLER ..... 53,208.45  
 COTTRELL, MARK ..... 6,657.60  
 CRAWFORD, RANDY ..... 41,193.00  
 DALLUGE, JACOB ..... 3,795.36  
 DORSEY, TERI ..... 44,457.76  
 DOTY, CHELSEY ..... 35,161.92  
 DOTY, DUSTIN ..... 40,314.92  
 EILERTSON, EMILY ..... 25,849.25  
 FANK, DAN ..... 73,952.52  
 FAUGHT, CHRIS ..... 8,022.81  
 FERLEY, PAUL ..... 600.00  
 FLATTUM, CALLIE ..... 41,398.84

..... 57,978.48  
 GANGSEI, DANA ..... 27,890.30  
 GORBALL, JEFFREY ..... 561.88  
 GREVE, JEFFREY ..... 74,557.44  
 HACKBART, PHILIP ..... 771.78  
 HANSEN, RYAN ..... 7,340.23  
 HANSON, GARY ..... 44,496.39  
 HANSON, JACOB ..... 57,978.48  
 HANSON, JAMES ..... 55,576.44  
 HEIMS, JAY ..... 15,095.99  
 HELMERS, CHAD ..... 33,152.55  
 HENGESTE, CHARLES ..... 6,525.00  
 HENGESTE, STEPHANIE ..... 44,988.96  
 HENNIGAR, KIMBERLY ..... 45,132.24  
 HERWEYER, DEBRA ..... 400.00  
 HICKLE, JOLENE ..... 44,704.56  
 HOCH, MELISSA ..... 55,927.08  
 HOCH, SHAYNE ..... 51,185.27  
 HOVEY, ISAAC ..... 13,178.88  
 JACKSON, JACOB ..... 50,021.96  
 JASPERS, PATRICIA ..... 30,938.86  
 JOHANNIS, SHELLIE ..... 44,421.48  
 JORGENSEN, AMY ..... 44,813.96  
 KISNER, COLTON ..... 51,385.46  
 KNUDSON, KEVIN ..... 57,291.65  
 KNUDTSON, DAWN ..... 40,111.35  
 KRONEMAN, NICOLE ..... 25,091.60  
 LEE, STEPHANIE ..... 50,337.39  
 LESTRUD, SCOTT ..... 51,071.70  
 LICHMAN, ADAM ..... 4,112.68  
 LOPEZ, BREANNA ..... 1,010.88  
 LUCKASON, JAMIE ..... 19,381.30  
 LUND, BRIAN ..... 35,521.32  
 LUND, MINDY ..... 28,263.48  
 LUPKES, JAYNE ..... 344.47  
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 PRAZAK, EDIE ..... 16,645.92  
 REID, THOMAS ..... 58,226.67  
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 SMITH, STEVEN ..... 16,581.42  
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 STAYNER, MARILYN ..... 58,349.10  
 STEVENS, AARON ..... 48,493.72  
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 STONE, AARON ..... 31,632.01  
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 WENDEL, KIRSTIN ..... 3,888.79  
 WENTWORTH, THOMAS ..... 56,365.28  
 WURTZEL, CHAD ..... 59,591.16

**Northwood Anchor Legal**

**Notice**  
 IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY Probate No. ESPR009247  
 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELMER L. BRODERSEN, DECEASED.  
 To all persons interested in the estate of Elmer L. Brodersen, deceased, who died on or about September 28, 2020:  
 You are hereby notified that on January 28, 2021, the last will and testament of Elmer L. Brodersen, deceased, bearing the date of December 28, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Marolyn A. Brodersen was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the above 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 the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.  
 Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
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 Executor of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull  
 ICIS#: 000008531  
 Krull Law Office  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF KENSETT - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY**  
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

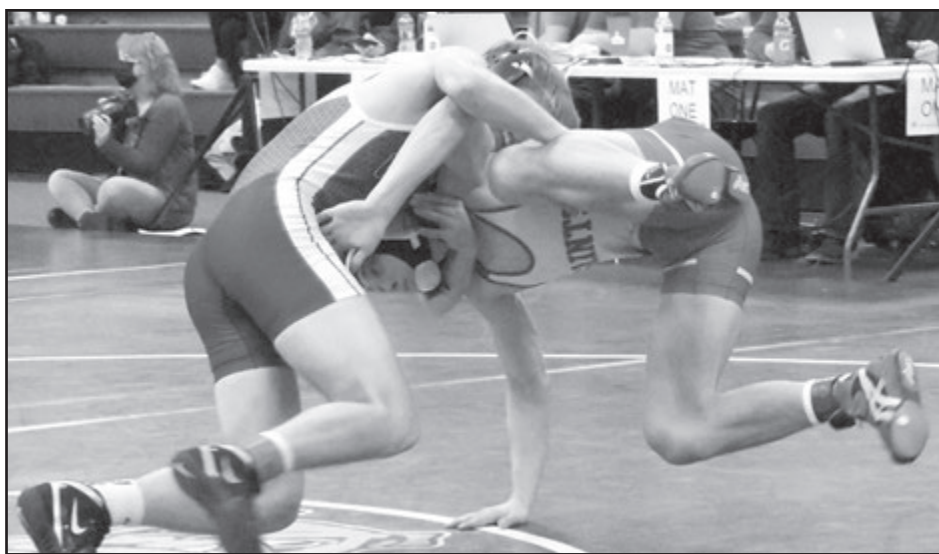
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:  
 Meeting Date: 2/22/2021 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: Kensett City Hall  
 At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)	City Telephone Number (641) 845-2388			
	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2020 - 2021	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2021 - 2022	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2021 - 2022	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	6,213,288	6,610,530	6,610,530	
Tax Levies				
Regular General	50,328	50,328	53,545	
Contract for Use of Bridge	0	0	0	
Cty & Maint Publicly Owned Transit	0	0	0	
Rent, Inc. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr	7,465	7,465	4,500	
Cty & Maint of City-Owned Civic Ctr	0	0	0	
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Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	11,319	11,319	10,500	
Support of Local Emer. Mgnt. Commission	0	0	0	
Emergency	1,678	1,678	1,785	
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0	
FICA & ITERS	7,222	7,222	9,240	
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0	
Total Tax Levy	78,012	78,012	79,570	1.99
Tax Rate	12.55667	11.80117	12.03686	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:  
 \* applicable, the above notice also available online at:  
 \*\*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.  
 \*\*\*Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for those levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year



# Anchor Sports



In one of the toughest matches of the day N-K's Tyler Mills defeated Saint Ansgar's Derek Peterson by a 4-2 decision. Mills went 2-2 on the day but failed to advance to the districts when he placed third after winning his final match 13-9.



The 145 pounder Branden Varner puts South Winneshiek's Toby Conway on his back for the fall in last Saturday's Lake Mills sectional tournament. Varner had a tough bracket, going 1-2 on the day and placed fourth.

## Rollene wins sectional title, advances to districts with Tiedemann

By Mike Simmons  
Sports Editor

The next few weeks are absolutely the most exciting for high school wrestling, but at the same time, it can be a devastating ending for most as with the sectional and district tournaments, you either finish first or second, or you go home, for some seniors, never to wrestle again.

So it was with the Vikings who sent nine wrestlers to last Saturday's sectional tournament in Lake Mills only to end the day with just two men still standing to fight another day.

At 120 pounds, 28-

13 Treycen Rollene was the Vikings' only champion of the day after he won the title with a 2-0 record, both wins coming by fall for the talented sophomore.

The Vikings' other wrestler to advance out of the sectionals to earn a trip to this Saturday's district tournament in Clarksville was 160-pounder Drake Tiedemann, who came into the day's competition boasting an amazing 37-6 record.

Tiedemann, while failing to win a sectional title this season, did nonetheless do what it took to wrestle another day when he placed

second after losing his finals match to Casey Hanson of Lake Mills.

Other N-K wrestlers competing at Lake Mills were Michael Janssen, Dalton Logeman, Hayden Moore, Brandon Varner (4th), Tyler Mills (3rd), Josiah Kliment (4th) and Mason Thofson (3rd).

Rollene and Tiedemann both advance to Saturday's district tournament in Clarksville, where the top two wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the state tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.



## Julseth signs letter of intent at Ellsworth

N-K's Kael Julseth recently signed his letter of intent to play football at Ellsworth Community College. Julseth is just the second Viking to play college football since the team started playing the 8-man game. The other was Josh Einertson. Pictured are Andy Julseth (father), Kooper Julseth (brother and future basketball star), Amber Julseth (mother), Kael and Dave Capitani (head football coach).

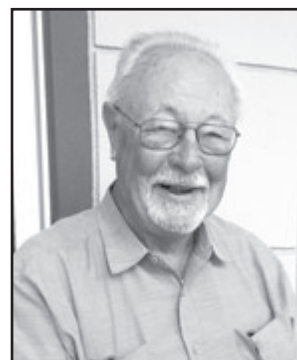
## Northwood Anchor Obituaries

### DuWayne Carnes

Dr. DuWayne Carnes was born in the upstairs bedroom of his grandmother's farm house in Ida County, Iowa, on December 5, 1937. Two weeks later he and his parents returned to their home in Northwood, Iowa, where he spent his childhood.

He graduated from Northwood High School in 1956 and continued his education at Wartburg College. During his senior year in 1961 he met the love of his life, Bonnie Bakkum, and they were married that summer after he graduated. DuWayne began his career in education as a teacher of physics and mathematics.

Bonnie gave birth to their first son, Douglas, in 1963 and their second son, Greg, in 1965, when they lived in Bettendorf, Iowa. After five years of teaching, the family left Iowa for the Uni-



DUWAYNE CARNES

versity of Mississippi, where DuWayne earned a Master of Combined Sciences in physics, a Master of Education Administration and a Doctorate of Education in secondary education.

The family returned to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1969, where DuWayne became a school principal. These were good years for the family and life-long friendships were made. DuWayne continued his career in school administration as principal of Newton

HS and Iowa City West HS, ending in Rich Twp. H.S. District 227 in the south suburbs of Chicago as Associate Superintendent and then Superintendent.

He retired from the Rich position in 1995 but continued to be active as an interim superintendent in 10 different suburban school districts in the Chicago area. DuWayne and Bonnie fully retired to The Villages in Florida in 2014. He died on January 25, 2021.

DuWayne is preceded in death by two sons and is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and two granddaughters, Lindsay and Morgan Carnes.

There will be no formal services, but his fun-loving spirit would certainly enjoy a raised glass and a fond story of remembrance.

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# Anchor Sports



TREYCCEN ROLLENE

**Stat of the Week:** In just his second season wrestling at the high school level the soft spoken 120-pounder from N-K, Treycen Rollene, is now a sectional champion after winning both of his matches on Saturday by fall. The talented sophomore took just one period to dispatch Zach Howes of Central Springs in the finals to secure his sectional crown. Rollene is now 28-13 on the year and will compete in this Saturday's district tournament for a chance to qualify for state.



KAEL JULSETH

**Stat of the Week:** When it comes to the game of basketball most players are highly skilled at one aspect of the game or another, but few have what I would call a complete game. One of the exceptions to that is N-K's Kael Julseth, who, on any given night, can do it all for his team, depending on what it needs. In three games last week the talented senior had 32 points, five steals, four assists and 10 rebounds. That's the definition of having a complete game.

## Vikings take two out of three last week with wins over NB and SA

By Mike Simmons  
Sports Editor

Come tournament time one of the most dangerous teams in class 1A, the team that will most likely pull off an upset, in my opinion is the Vikings of Northwood-Kensett. This team has the talent to do it, if it gets it on the right night, N-K can and has played with any team on its schedule.

The Vikings beat North Butler for the second time this season last Monday night in Northwood, trouncing the Bearcats over the first three quarters, leading 44-15 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Kael Julseth led the team with 16 points while TJ Whitelow and Caden Roberts combined for 20 points and 12 rebounds in the Top of Iowa Conference East win.

Last Tuesday night the Vikings hosted their rival from Saint Ansgar and ran out to an early 10-point lead after the first quarter 17-7. The Saints returned the favor in the second quarter when they outscored N-K 12-6, leaving the Vikings with a 23-19 halftime advantage.

The two teams started

the second half of play running and gunning, pouring in a combined 24 points and went into the final eight minutes of play with the same deficit as it had at the half, an N-K lead of four points.

With that narrow margin the Vikings came out and left no doubt who the better team is this season, outscoring the Saints 16-7 in the fourth quarter to secure the 51-38 TIC East win.

The Vikings had three

players score in double figures, including Roberts (17 pts.), Whitelow (13 pts.) and Julseth (10 pts.).

On Friday night the Vikings ran into class 3A's Osage, and while the Green Devils aren't nearly as lethal as their female counterparts, they nonetheless held a huge 29-14 lead at the halftime break.

If the Vikings were hoping to get back in the game to start the third Osage had other things

in mind, holding the visitors to just two third quarter points while expanding its lead to 44-16 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

N-K did rebound in the fourth and had its best offensive quarter of the game, scoring 11 points before the final horn sounded on the 60-27 TIC East loss.

Roberts led the team with nine points while Whitelow destroyed the Green Devils on the boards, pulling down 14

rebounds, including five on the offensive glass.

With its two wins last week N-K is now 6-11 overall and 4-10 in the TIC East.

N-K had games this week on Monday versus Central Springs and Tuesday against North Iowa in the regular season finale. The

Vikings will start district play a week from Monday at Janesville, game time is 7 p.m.

### TIC East Standings

	TIC East	Overall
West Fork	13-0	14-3
MC Newman	13-3	15-3
Osage	12-3	14-6
Nashua-Plainfield	6-7	9-8
Rockford	6-8	7-10
North Butler	5-9	5-13
Northwood-Kensett	4-10	6-11
Saint Ansgar	2-11	3-15
Central Springs	2-12	3-15



N-K's Caden Roberts draws contact and gets the shot off over Green Devil defenders last Friday night in Osage. Roberts led the Vikings with nine points against the Green Devils and now leads the team on the year with 11.5 points per game.



Although it sure looks like there is a lot of contact, there was no foul on this play as N-K's Jason Hanson goes up for two points in last Friday night's 60-27 loss to Osage. Hanson, with just one week left in the regular season, is averaging 6.4 points and 5.6 rebounds per game for the 6-11 Vikings.

## Lady Vikings fall to top two teams in the TIC East

By Mike Simmons  
Sports Editor

For one of the teams in the bottom half of the Top of Iowa Conference East last week's schedule could not have been more difficult – the Lady Vikings, who are 5-13 in class 1A, had the unenviable task of playing Saint Ansgar, who is ranked No. 4 in 1A, and Osage, the fourth ranked team in class 3A.

Let's just say that last week's games didn't go so well, starting with last Tuesday night's contest against the Saints, who crushed Northwood-Kensett by 33 points, 67-34.

The Saints pretty much won this game in the first and second quarters, taking an early 17-4 lead in the first while they continued to pour it on in the second, taking an insurmountable 33-14

advantage into the halftime break.

The Lady Vikings did respond in a positive way, never surrendering as they scored 30 points in the final three quarters to at least make the final score a little more respectable.

Leading N-K was Carly Hengesteg with 11 points while Emma Davidson and Marli Backhaus added six and five points respectively.

After weather cancelled last Thursday night's game with Belmont-Klemme the only game left on the schedule for the Lady Vikings was Friday night's matchup at No. 4 ranked (3A) Osage.

And although the Green Devils held N-K to just two first quarter points, a pair of

free throws by senior Olivia Stilley, the Lady Vikings defense responded as well, holding the offensive minded Osage to a measly 12 points.

Trailing 12-2 after the first quarter the Lady Vikings let it be known to all in attendance that they weren't intimidated at all after being outscored by just six points in the second, 15-9 that led to a 27-11 halftime lead for the home team.

And while N-K might have felt pretty good about the first half of play despite the 16-point deficit, the Green Dev-

ils were angry, and it showed as they came out and poured in a game high 25 points in the third quarter, leading to a running clock shortly after the fourth quarter began as they expanded their lead to over 35 points.

Backhaus led the team with seven points and six rebounds while on the Green Devils side senior Dani Johnson led all scorers with 22 points on 8-15 shooting from the field.

With the two losses the Lady Vikings head into the final week of the regular season at 5-13 overall and 3-11 in the TIC East.

N-K, after its regular season finale on Monday, where it'll host Central

Springs, will start first round regional play on Thursday against North

Iowa, game time is 7 p.m. in Northwood.

### TIC East Standings

	TIC East	Overall
Osage	14-1	18-1
Saint Ansgar	13-1	17-1
West Fork	12-3	13-6
MC Newman	10-7	11-9
Central Springs	7-8	9-11
Nashua-Plainfield	6-8	9-9
Northwood-Kensett	3-11	5-13
North Butler	2-13	3-16
Rockford	0-14	1-16



N-K's Olivia Stilley drives to the basket in last Friday night's 58-24 loss at Osage. Stilley came off the bench to score two points and grab four rebounds in the TIC East loss.



Lady Viking Marli Backhaus puts up a perfect jump shot last Friday night in Osage. Backhaus, whose confidence has soared over the past few weeks, led N-K with seven points and six rebounds in the loss to Osage.

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The six page section of the paper begins with, "These Businesses are Proud to Serve Northwood and the Area With Over a Century of Service." The pages are filled with 110 businesses in the Northwood area.

While the message at the start of the section says that the businesses have served over a century, the businesses have served a combined 4,749 years to area residents. The average time of service for businesses listed in the section is 43 years. The business that

has served the area the longest is the City of Northwood itself, since 1858, for a total of 163 years.

The oldest entries on the list are a community group and business that have each operated for 152 years. The Northern Light Masonic Lodge has been serving Worth County in various capacities since 1869. Also beginning service to the community in 1869 was Worth County Abstract.

Others providing more than a century of service include Albert Lea Monument, the Worth County Fair, Worth Mutual Insurance, the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, the Northwood Anchor, Viafield, Worth County Extension and Worth County Farm Bureau.

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### Farmers State Bank

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Northwood Branch Office, 1996

*Serving Worth County for 100 Years*

### L.R. Falk Construction

Established in **1922**

*Serving Worth County for 99 Years*

### NSB Bank

Established in **1933**  
Kary Paulson, Chairman

*Serving Worth County for 88 Years*

### Olson Insurance

Established in **1934**  
formerly Glenn O. Tenold Insurance, Inc.  
Tenold Olson Hagen, Inc.

GRINNELL MUTUAL  
*Serving Worth County for 87 Years*



# Local veterans have continued their service through VFW for 75 years



**By JoAnn Lower**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is an organization of U.S. war veterans established by James C. Putnam in 1899 in Columbus, Ohio.

On June 19, 1946, Northwood VFW Post 6779 was chartered.

“Our last charter member to pass away was newspaper man Oscar Kelly,” said Paul Ferley, himself a 50-year-member of the VFW.

Paul graduated from N-K in 1963, went into the Navy in September 1965, and married Sharyl three months later at Christmastime.

Returning from serving four years off the waters of Vietnam, he went to work at Wilson & Company in Albert Lea, where, in 1971 he became a member of the VFW. After moving to Northwood he bought his lifetime membership in the Northwood VFW in 1986.

“Our membership has dropped from 100 to the high 60s, partly because we’ve lost a lot of WWII vets, partly because of the time commitment and also that the dues have gone up.”

The VFW is actively

involved in our community. On Memorial Day at the cemetery they provide the speaker, honor guard and a large wreath to honor all veterans.

The VFW leads the 4th of July parade, marching behind the Sheriff’s Department, carrying the VFW flag, the American Flag and the POW and MIA flags – the American flag held highest. Previously a trailer with chairs was provided so that older veterans could ride in the parade. Unfortunately those people are no longer with us.

The VFW does the opening exercise at the Relay For Life, and Founders Day finds the members serving a pancake breakfast.

Speaking of pancakes, the VFW will be serving a pancake breakfast the first Saturday of the month.

They line up the speaker for the Veterans Day program at the high school. They also have what is called The Voice of Democracy for high school kids as well as the Patriots Pen Contest for elementary kids. The VFW picks a winner, each winner is given a \$50 check and a

Voice of Democracy lanyard.

“We are quite proud of Lindsey Davidson, who went all the way to the national contest where she also placed high,” said Paul.

In March, the TUNE Trivia Annual Event was held, the last event in 2020. Everything since then has been cancelled because of the pandemic.

Paul and Sharyl have two children. Daughter Suzette lives in Mount Vernon, Iowa; son Mark in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Ferley, who served as District III Quartermaster for eight years (District III is the largest district in Iowa), reminds us “The VFW is a very worthy organization, the leading force in working to get benefits for disabled veterans.”



**Conner Colonial Chapel**  
Established in **1939**  
Gary Nerlien, 1990  
Megan Ott 2014  
*Serving Worth County for 82 Years*

**Bratrud’s**  
Established in **1945**  
Allan Bratrud, 1961  
Randy Bratrud, 1996  
*Serving Worth County for 76 Years*

**#6779 Northwood VFW**  
Established in **1946**  
*Serving Worth County for 75 Years*

**Northwood Country Club**  
Established in **1948**  
*Serving Worth County for 73 Years*

**Fallgatter’s Market**  
Established in **1948**  
Doug & Gloria Fallgatter  
Casey Connors - 2019  
*Serving Worth County for 73 Years*

**Kensett Volunteer Fire Department**  
Established in **1949**  
*Serving Worth County for 72 Years*

**Welsh Chiropractic**  
Established in **1953**  
by Dr. M.P. Welsh  
Dr. James Welsh, 1984 - 30 Years  
*Serving Worth County for 68 Years*

**Abrams Drainage**  
Established in **1954**  
Ken Abrams & Matt Abrams  
*Serving Worth County for 67 Years*

**Royal Motel**  
Established in **1955**  
Dan Luedtke & Deb Bartman  
*Serving Worth County for 66 Years*

**State Farm Insurance**  
Established in **1956**  
Dave Osborne, Jan. 2019  
*Serving Worth County for 65 Years*

**Izaak Walton League of America Inc.**  
Established in **1957**  
Worth County Chapter of the State of Iowa  
(July 17, 1957)  
*Serving Worth County for 64 Years*

**Larsen Plumbing & Heating**  
Established in **1958**  
Fertile  
*Serving Worth County for 63 Years*

**Beauty Nook**  
Established in **1958**  
Cotter & Co., 1996  
Jolene Cotter  
*Serving Worth County for 63 Years*

**Lutheran Retirement Home**  
Established in **1962**  
*Serving Worth County for 59 Years*



# Robb treasures connections made in 21 years with Century 21

By JoAnn Lower

Julie Hagen Robb is celebrating her 21st year with Century 21. But how many of us knew she began her real estate career working with her sister Nancy?

"Nancy was working as an administrator at a real estate office and thought it would be fun to get her license, so we did it together. I drove to Northfield three days a week because it was a good place to learn. Nancy and I worked together for three years at Edina Realty and had such a good time. Our business card said 'Sisters in Real Estate.'"

Asked why she chose realty as a career, Julie said, "I had always been into decorating and enjoyed seeing people's homes."

"Back in the day I coached some basketball, volleyball and softball. Now I'm coaching people through the home-buying or selling process. It's exciting to hand over the keys to a new buyer, exciting to help someone sell their house so they can move on to their next chapter, exciting to be a part of their major life decisions."

"After 21 years I'm still learning new things. This is more than a career; it's a way of life because your relationships with clients are never done. Once you go through that with someone you form a bond. It's more than a casual hello, you really do want to know how

they're doing."

There have been many changes in real estate in the past few years that have helped to make a realtor's life better, more efficient. "The internet, cell phones, e-signing and lock boxes have changed things so much."

"I remember the time I needed to get signatures from a gentleman in Northfield, but the only time he was coming through was on the train at 10:00. When the train stopped at a crossing, he stepped out and signed the document."

Another interesting sale in her early career was the day she had to get the signatures of four ex-husbands who all had to sign off on one tiny property.

Julie's husband Dan, the UPS man, is enjoying retirement. Their daughter Calsee and her husband Ben live in Seattle with their beautiful 4-year-old daughter Ada Grace. Calsee is employed as Principal Product Manager, Global Mile at Amazon; Ben is working on another internet start-up company.

Son Tyson earned his real estate license when he was 20 years old and worked with his mom for a few years at Century 21 before getting into the rental/renovation business, which he still does along with working with a farmer. His partner Stephanie works in health care. They have three chil-



dren — Tinzley, Henry and Lane.

Julie has a busy life as a realtor, a wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend to all of us. But the brightest spot in her life, well, you guessed it. "I love spending time with our awesome grandchildren!"

"I've had the pleasure of working with my sister, my son and a lot of other wonderful realtors through the years. Being in real estate, we get to meet interesting people and they all have their own story, which is often part of the reason they are buying or selling. Getting to know them and their story is pretty cool. I am truly grateful to be part of their major life decisions!"

For your realty needs, call Julie Hagen Robb at 641-390-0007.

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**Greve Law Office**

Established in **1963**

John H. Greve & Jeffrey H. Greve,  
Law Practice

*Serving Worth County for 58 Years*

**Peterson Excavating & Drainage Inc.**

Established in **1968**

Mike Peterson

*Serving Worth County for 53 Years*

**Century 21 Preferred**

Established in **1971**

Northwood Office, 2003  
Julie Hagen Robb

*Serving Worth County for 50 Years*

**TUNE**

Total United Northwood Effort

Established **1973-81**

Re-established in 2003

*Serving Worth County for 48 Years*

**Patterson Construction**

Established in **1973**

Harvey Patterson

*Serving Worth County for 48 Years*

**Dick's Place Body & Towing**

Established in **1974**

Dick Beenken

*Serving Worth County for 47 Years*

**Northwood Electric**

Established in **1974**

Todd Leonard, 2006

*Serving Worth County for 47 Years*

**ADA Enterprise, Inc.**

Established in **1974**

*Serving Worth County for 47 Years*

**Manly Specialty Care**

Established in **1976**

**Care Initiatives** 1994  
Manly | Specialty Care

*Serving Worth County for 45 Years*

**A & I Auto, Inc.**

Established in **1976**

Al Fredericks & Ivan Fredericks

*Serving Worth County for 45 Years*

**Thofson Plumbing, Heating & Cooling**

Established in **1977**

Tim Thofson 2007

*Serving Worth County 44 years*

**InjecTech Diesel Service**

Established in **1977**

Injection Technology, 1988  
Dennis Stoneking

*Serving Worth County for 44 Years*



### Northwood True Value

Established in **1978**

Kelly Hardware

Dan and Tara Kelly 2018

*Serving Worth County for 43 Years*

### D & L Equipment

Established in **1979**

Dave & Lucy Heiken

*Serving Worth County for 42 Years*

### Hovey's Lawn & Garden LLC

Established in **1980**

Larry Hovey

*Serving Worth County for 41 Years*

### Dewey Kruger Music, Ltd.

Established in **1981**

Duane & Betty Kruger

*Serving Worth County for 40 Years*

### The Real Estate Office

Established in **1981**

Clara Helgeland

*Serving Worth County for 40 Years*

### Agri-Sales

Established in **1982**

*Serving Worth County for 39 Years*

### Ver Helst Drug

Established in **1983**

Dave Ver Helst

*Serving Worth County for 38 Years*

### Worth County Veterinary Service

Established in **1984**

Dr. Mike Dierenfeld

*Serving Worth County for 37 Years*

### Kevin Springer Construction

Established in **1985**

*Serving Worth County for 36 Years*

### Krull Law Firm

Law Practice Established in **1985**

Doug Krull

*Serving Worth County for 36 Years*

### Northland Custom Interiors

Established in **1986**

Sandy Madden

*Serving Worth County for 35 Years*

### Mike's Automotive

Established in **1987**

Mike Weisert

*Serving Worth County for 34 Year*

### North Woods Cabinetry



Established in **1987**

Tom Capranos & Tim Capranos

*Serving Worth County for 34 Years*

### Sue's Corner Post

Established in **1988**

formerly The Corner Post

*Serving Worth County for 33 Years*

### Berge Oil

Established in **1988**

Larry Berge

*Serving Worth County for 33 Years*

### Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home

Established in **1988**

Mitch Schroeder

*Serving Worth County for 33 Years*

### Northwood Insurance

Established in **1988**

John Midtgaard

*Serving Worth County for 33 Years*

### CARQUEST Auto Parts

Established in **1988**

Dan Hendrikson

*Serving Worth County for 33 Years*

### Moonlight Floors & Maintenance

Established in **1993**

Brian Hahn

*Serving Worth County for 30 Years*

### Quality Composites

Established in **1992**

Larry and Jody Porter

*Serving Worth County for 29 Years*

### Bloomington Tax & Accounting

Established in **1992**

Jane Bloomington

*Serving Worth County for 29 Years*

### Signature's Supper Club

Established in **1992**

Rhonda and Mark Taylor

*Serving Worth County for 29 Years*

### Mason City Glass

Established in **1992**

Lois Nelson

*Serving Worth County for 29 Years*

### TruStile Doors

Established in **1995**

*Serving Worth County for 26 Years*

### Ken's Barber Shop

Established in **1997**

Kenny Stambaugh

*Serving Worth County for 24 Years*

### Kenison Construction

Established in **1997**

Brian & Connie Kenison

*Serving Worth County for 24 Years*

### Top of Iowa Welcome Center, Barn Boutique & Coffee Shoppe

Established in **1998**

Jean Stowell



"The Cow" Pie Coffee Shoppe, 2010  
*Serving Worth County for 23 Years*

### Northwood Sanitation

Established in **1998**

Mike Brunsvold

*Serving Worth County for 23 Years*

### Hogen Lawn Care and Tree Service

Established in **1998**

Paul Hogen

*Serving Worth County for 23 Years*

### Shade Tree, Inc.

Established in **1999**

Shade Tree Liquors, 2000

*Serving Worth County for 22 Years*



# Community support keeps Tequila's going strong after nearly 10 years

By JoAnn Lower

The restaurant business had long been Manuel Ramirez's dream. After living and working in California for years, he moved to Algona, where he found employment at the Mexican restaurant Cinco de Mayo. That's where Shawna, a beautiful local hotel manager, who loved Mexican food, met and later married Manuel.

"We soon began driving around smaller towns looking for a place that would work for our own restaurant,

but it was while searching online that Manuel saw potential I didn't see – the building we purchased 10 years ago this coming June, Tequila's."

While Manuel is in charge of the kitchen, the cooking and ordering, Shawna does the bookwork as well as hiring and training.

Employing between 10 and 12 people, Tequila's is open 11-9 Tuesday through Saturday, and 11-8 on Sunday, with daily specials.

"It's interesting that

we have so much carry-over," Shawna remarked. Our phone's always ringing – even before COVID-19."

"Now, more than ever, Manuel and I are grateful for everyone's support. We appreciate the relationships we've made with people who started out as customers and ended up friends."

Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill is located at 846 Central Avenue in Northwood. Their phone number is 641-323-0000.



## Buck's Recycling, LLC

Established in **2000**

Manly, June 2000

Belmond, Dec. 2012; Kensett, July, 2016

Serving Worth County for 21 Years

## Worth County Development Authority

Established in **2003**

Serving Worth County for 18 Years

## Brian Kvam Construction, LLC

Established in **2005**

Serving Worth County for 16 Years

## AJB Enterprises

Established in **2005**

Al & Jerry Brunsvold

Serving Worth County for 16 Years

## Falkstone

Established in **2005**

Serving Worth County for 16 Years

## Country Inn & Suites

Established in **2006**

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON

Serving Worth County for 15 Years

## Gasteiger Electric

Established in **2006**

Jarod Gasteiger & Jessie Gasteiger

Serving Worth County for 15 Years

## Studio 3/Johnson Vinyl Johnson Dirtworks LLC

Established in **2006**

Tim & Alisha Johnson

Serving Worth County for 15 Years

## Kalvig Boarding Kennel

Established in **2006**

Carolyn Kalvig

Serving Worth County for 15 Years

## Worth Brewing Company



Established in **2007**

Peter Ausenhus & Margaret Bishop

Serving Worth County for 14 Years

## Linda Anderson Tax and Accounting

Established in **2007**

Serving Worth County for 14 Years

## Northwood Pines

Established in **2008**

A division of LRH

Serving Worth County for 13 Years

## Eilertson Repair

Established in **2008**

Gene Eilertson

Serving Worth County for 13 Years

## Nate's Powder Coating

Established in **2009**

Nathaniel Julseth

Serving Worth County for 12 Years

## Northwood Theatre

Established in **2009**

Serving Worth County for 12 Years

## Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill

Established in **2011**

Manuel & Shawna Ramirez

Serving Worth County for 10 Years

## Shellrock Repair

Established in **2011**

Troy Hillman

Serving Worth County for 10 Years

## Interiors by Gretchen

Established in **2012**



Gretchen Hengesteg  
390-1003

Serving Worth County for 9 years

## Loberg Construction

Established in **2012**

Eric Loberg

Serving Worth County for 9 Years

## WCTA

Established in **2012**  
Cooperative's inception in 1950



www.wctatel.net  
641-592-6105

Serving Worth County for 9 years

## Knudtson Automotive

Established in **2013**

Kirby Knudtson

Serving Worth County for 8 Years



# From daycare to clothes, Thofson puts her best in what she does

By JoAnn Lower  
 Melissa (Missy) Thofson, a loved and trusted daycare provider, has moved on to a new chapter in her life, her new business – The Rustic Thread.

Twenty years ago Missy decided to be a stay-at-home mom and also care for other people's children. Soon after, many fortunate families began bringing their children to her house.

"When the kids walked in the door I treated them like they were my own," she said. "I had amazing kids, amazing parents. When I closed my doors on December 31, there were lots of tears, lots of emotions; it was so hard."

"Now I'm really excited about beginning something new, excited to use the creative part of me to make a living."

Thofson has taken over the apparel part of Johnson Vinyl Graphics. "I have received all the logos from Tim Johnson, bought all the equipment, and we are working together. Tim still does the signs, but any-



The  
**Rustic Thread**  
 Custom Apparel

*Melissa Thofson*  
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thing that has to do with clothing he sends my way."

Missy has already set up the equipment, even filled some Christmas and business orders. "My shop is on my property so I can still work from home," she smiled. "I can still walk out my door and go to work just like I did before."

"I'm on the Post Prom Committee and do a lot of things for the school. Now everyone can get N-K stuff – sweatshirts, custom orders, personalized gifts. Instead of a catalog you can come to my shop, look at the inventory and together we can make up logos. Shopping local is nice for everyone and it's fun

for me. "I'm used to running my own business, being my own boss. I've switched fields and am very thankful that the community is embracing my new business. I always tried to be the best daycare person and I will try to do my best at my new job. I take a lot of pride in every-

thing I do." Missy's husband Tim owns and operates Thofson's Plumbing and Heating in Northwood. The couple has three sons – Mason, a junior at N-K; Ethan, a student in the electrician program at Riverland; and Tyler, who works with his dad. Tyler and his wife Katelyn have

two sons, Carter and Calvin. And last but definitely not least are Missy's two little French Bulldogs, Sophie and Teddy. They're wondering where all the kids are.

The Rustic Thread is located at 2000 Central Avenue in Northwood. The phone number is 641-390-0181.

**Rock-A-Billies**  
 Established in **2013**  
 Jona Birr and Rose Roulet  
 Serving Worth County for 8 Years


**Northwood Chiropractic**  
 Established in **2013**  
 Sawyer Schulz  
 Serving Worth County for 8 Years

**Northwood Tobacco**  
 Established in **2013**  
 Serving Worth County for 8 Years

**Strike Zone**  
 Established in **2014**  
 Nordic Lanes 1984  
 Serving Worth County for 7 years

**Law Offices of James W. Hackbart**  
 Established in **2014**  
 Serving Worth County for 7 Years

**R80**  
 Established in **2014**  
 Angela Heiken, Manager  
 Kensett and Northwood  
 Serving Worth County for 7 Years

**Pioneer Seed**  
 Established in **2014**  
 Brad Brunsvold  
 Serving Worth County for 7 Years

**Bice Electric**  
 Established in **2015**  
 Brenton Bice  
 Serving Worth County for 6 Years

**Federal Foam Technologies, Inc.**  
 Established in **2015**  
 Serving Worth County for 6 Years

**Wildhorse Trading**  
 Established in **2015**  
 Tim and Patty Machin  
 Wild Horse Trading, Inc., 2006  
 Serving Worth County for 6 Years

**Signature's Hot Beef Sundae Trailer**  
 Established in **2015**  
 Serving Worth County for 6 years

**Worth Lumber Co.**  
 Established in **2016**  
 Serving Worth County for 5 Years

**Fringe and Lace By Brittany**  
 Established in **2017**  
 Brittany Low  
 Serving Worth County for 4 Year

**Worthwhile Wind & Solar**  
 Established in **2018**  
 Serving Worth County for 3 Years

**J & L Auto Body & Custom, LLC**  
 Established in **2019**  
 Serving Worth County for 2 Years

**Exit Realty**  
 Established in **2019**  
 Kris Gordon  
 Serving Worth County for 2 Years

**Modern Gardens Floral & Gifts**  
 Established in **2020**  
 Serving Worth County for 1 Year

**The Rustic Thread**  
 Established in **2021**  
 Melissa Thofson  
 New to Worth County