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Briefs

Legislative forum Saturday

Iowa legislators representing Worth County will be in Northwood on Saturday to meet with their constituents. A legislative forum will be held on Saturday, February 20, at 9 a.m. in the Olson Community Room in Northwood. Taking part in the forum will be Representative Jane Bloomingdale and Senator Waylon Brown. Masks are suggested for those attending. Social distancing is recommended. The forum is sponsored by Winn-Worth Betco and the City of Northwood.



Keeping on track

As evening arrived last Wednesday, these railroad employees were spotted working on the tracks at the crossing on Central Avenue in Northwood. Sparks flew just before the picture was taken, which may have had the dual effect of playing a part in the maintenance efforts, while also providing some warmth to the crew.

Supervisor election set for March 23

A special election to fill the vacancy of Worth County's District 2 supervisor will be held on Tuesday, March 23. The precincts in District 2 will vote in this election. District 2 consists of the cities of Fertile, Hanlontown, Joice and Kensett; and the townships of Bristol, Brookfield, Danville, Fertile, Kensett, Silver Lake and Fertile. The polls at the will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The last day to file nomination papers with the auditor is Friday, February 26. This includes non-party political organization (NPPO) candidates and candidates nominated by petition, and Democratic and Republican Election, see Page 2

N-K blood drive set for March 10

The Northwood-Kensett FCCLA will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 10. The blood drive is a way for people to make potentially life-saving donations. FCCLA students can also use their involvement to support 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, 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. Appointments are available between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

With petition upheld, District 2 special election proceeds

The process of filling the vacancy of Worth County supervisor representing District 2 continued on Friday as a hearing was held to consider the validity of petitions filed to hold a special election. The District 2 supervisor position was set to be filled by Gary Hanson, after he was elected in November 2020. However, he was

unable to assume office and the position became vacant on January 12. At the same time, the District 3 supervisor seat was also vacant, with a pending election. However, to certify that election and seat the third member of the board, two board members would need to be in place, including someone representing

District 2. A committee of county auditor Jacki Backhaus, recorder Teresa Olson and treasurer Jake Hanson had to decide whether to appoint someone for District 2 or call for an election. The committee appointed current District 2 supervisor Mark Smeby to remain District 2, see Page 2

WCPH continues vaccine rollout in Worth County

As vaccinations continue through Worth County Public Health (WCPH), Worth County residents are asked to remain patient as supplies remain limited. Last week, WCPH officials shared that they are continuing with vaccinations for WCPH, see Page 2

Farm Pesticide Recertification held Feb. 23 in Kensett

The Worth County Private Pesticide License. More information is available by contacting Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension office manager, at 641-324-1531 or at ljwaller@iastate.edu or Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or at djohn@iastate.edu. This program is for all farmers who are attending an annual update meeting each year to renew their

N-K school board approves \$5,701,953 bid for activity center

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Education on Thursday approved a bid for a project that will include a variety of sports and fitness resources for school students and members of the commu-

nity. The project, known as the Vikings Activity Center, is a two level addition to the junior/senior high school campus. The first level includes a gym space

that includes two courts for basketball, volleyball and other activities, as well as a wrestling room. The first floor also includes locker rooms, a lobby, meeting areas N-K, see Page 2

Meyer chosen 'HERO' of annual bowling tournament

By JoAnn Lower This year's "hero" recipient of the Dave Waters and Alex Ritzert Memorial Bowling Tournament contribution is seven-year-old Kelyn Meyer. Kelyn, son of Ryan and Kari Meyer of St. Ansgar, was diagnosed this past June with acute T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia. "He is a resilient little boy with a good attitude," said his grandma, Kathy Meyer, of rural Northwood. "Little Kelyn is presently at home on a feeding tube and in a harsh phase of chemotherapy. The

chemotherapy administered weekly and sometimes daily, will continue for the next three years." Proceeds from the bowling tournament are split between the Relay For Life of Worth County and a local individual or multiple heroes currently undergoing treatment for cancer. This started as a fundraiser for Dave Waters and Alex Ritzert and has grown into a continued effort to help in the fight against cancer in memory of both of them. These Meyer, see Page 8



KELYN MEYER

The Week's WEATHER

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Sun. Feb. 14	-3	-19	
Mon. Feb. 15	-10	-20	

District 2
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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. A petition was filed by February 4. As the County prepared for the next step, objections were filed to the petition. One objection was to incorrectly filled out forms, which invalidated at least one set of signatures, according to a person that filed the form. Other signatures

were also objected to, along with the mention of white out used to fix errors made by those signing forms. A hearing was held on February 12, and those objecting to the petition had the option to make their case. Those presenting petitions could also respond to objections. At the conclusion of the hearing, the petitions were upheld. A special election will be held to decide who will fill the District 2 seat. Smeby may remain in

office until after election results are certified, unless he opts to run and is elected. The person elected will fill the remainder of the term, through 2024. More details on election, candidate filing and voter registration can be found on the front page and in future issues of the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal, on the Worth County website at www.worthcounty.org or by contacting the county auditor's office.

WCPH
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those 65 and older, as well as those that fall into the five qualifying tiers. Those 65 and older in the county number more than 1,000 people eligible for the vaccine, without the consideration of the additional residents in the eligible tiers. From WCPH, on February 11: "We continue to vaccinate group 1B at this time. "We have started to transition to Tier 2 in this group, which is

frontline essential workers in food, agriculture and manufacturing sectors who live or work in settings where you cannot social distance and individuals with disabilities living in home settings and their direct care staff. "If you fall into this Tier please give us a call to get scheduled. We will continue to split our vaccine with the age 65 and over age group as well during the entire phase of

group 1B. If you fit into Tier 1, still give us a call and we will get you vaccinated as well." Those that fall into the eligible groups or who have questions may contact WCPH at 641-324-1741. WCPH is also sharing updated information on vaccine availability on its Facebook page, found by searching for "Worth County Public Health Department."

Election
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parties' nominations. The auditor's office will be open until 5 p.m. on February 26. The voter pre-registration deadline is Friday, March 12. The county auditor must receive all registration forms no later than 5 p.m. unless post-marked on or before Monday, March 8. Voters may request an absentee ballot at

the auditor's office at any time. If the ballots are not at the office at the time of request, they will be mailed to the voter as soon as they are available. The deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 12. Voters may request and vote ballots at the auditor's office until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 22.

N-K
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and a space that the district will lease to a physical therapist. The second floor includes a walking track, along with a weight area and a fitness area on either side. There were 10 bids received for the project. The lowest was presented by Dean Snyder Construction. With a variety of alternates up for consideration, the district

approved a total construction bid of \$5,294,920. With other construction fees and a camera system sourced locally, the total cost of the project was expected at \$5,701,953. Funding for the facility will come from a combination of school funds totaling up to \$4.2 million borrowed against some combination of sales tax or infra-

structure levy revenue; from funds raised by a community committee of over \$500,000; a state grant of roughly \$450,000; and other available school funds. The school board also discussed postponing a new transportation facility/bus barn, which had been planned for this summer. Superintendent Michael Crozier explained that the dis-

trict would have the funds in the future for the \$1,400,000 project, which includes \$200,000 to access the proposed location north of the northwest corner of the secondary campus. He said that the district is currently working with the City of Northwood to share in the cost of the road portion of the project and that they weren't sure they'd be ready by the summer.

Briefs

Outdoor graduation planned at N-K

Northwood-Kensett has announced its plans to go ahead with graduation on its scheduled day, but with accommodations in place. The N-K class of 2021 will take part in commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 23, at 12:30 p.m., a bit earlier than in past years. The ceremony will be held outside on the school's football field. The goal of the outdoor location is to allow for masks to be optional. In case of weather issues, the ceremony will be held in the high school gym and masks will be required. In either location, there will be no limits on the number that can attend.

Kruger appointed to Grafton council

Last week, the Grafton City Council filled a vacancy on its council, after a previous council member took on the role of city superintendent. Former council member, now city superintendent Tim Kruger left the position on December 31, to begin his employment with the city. At their regular meeting on February 10, the Grafton City Council appointed Chris Kruger to fill the council vacancy. Chris Kruger will remain on the city council through the upcoming city election in November.

N-K board discusses mask policy

With state mask and gathering requirements no longer in place, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education discussed whether to make any changes at its February 11 board meeting. With Iowa's COVID-19 safety measures lifted on February 5 by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, school board member Susan Kliment asked if the board would consider lifting the requirement on mask-wearing in district buildings. Kliment said she had heard from parents that wanted their kids to have a choice about whether or not to wear a mask. Superintendent Michael Crozier said that eliminating the district's mask policy would create problems when COVID-19 cases are identified. The need for more quarantining, remote learning and

additional staff duties would be amongst the concerns. COVID-19 guidelines set earlier in the school year by state and federal agencies recommend that anytime students or staff testing positive for COVID-19 come in contact with others for 15 minutes or more, when either person is not wearing a mask, should quarantine for as many as 14 days. Board member John Anderson said he thought it was too soon to consider a change. He noted that the mask policy had been effective up to this point in the school year. Board member Cindy Pangburn agreed. She noted that masks can be uncomfortable and wished they weren't necessary, but also noted that teachers have only had one course of the vaccine at this point. Pangburn also said

that she wanted to hear from the parents that had issues with the policy, so that they could explain in person why they thought the mask policy should change. It was also mentioned that the district would be in a situation that more parents may pull their children from school if they were concerned about masks being optional. Board member Roger Harris and chair Larry Hovey echoed sentiments that the school has seen few COVID-19 impacts so far with masks required and didn't see a reason to change that. Teacher Steve Hartman was at meeting. He said that the staff has gotten used to wearing masks and he often forgets he is wearing one when he is alone and doesn't have to have one in place. He said that he didn't think the policy should

change, at least until after spring break when all the teachers that wanted a vaccine could get one. Hartman also noted that the district has benefitted from a decrease in absences caused by other illnesses and that he had seen less sickness in the classroom. Language arts teacher Allison Clark also said that she worried that making masks optional would create issues of peer pressure, where those that didn't wear masks might ridicule others. Clark also said that she thought that the impact of having to quarantine more students may have more of a negative impact than the discomfort of masks. With the general consensus in favor, masks will remain a requirement for students in N-K buildings.

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Rep. Bloomingdale leads two bills to address Iowa's child care crisis through Iowa House

On Wednesday, February 10, Representative Jane Bloomingdale (R-Northwood) of House District 51 floor managed two pieces of legislation to help address Iowa's child care crisis.

House File 230 increases the income threshold for a Child Care Tax Credit from \$45,000 to \$90,000. This will allow more Iowans to qualify for the credit. HF 230 passed the House with a bipartisan vote of 90-1.

House File 370 creates an incentive for employers to provide child care for their employees by providing a tax credit up to \$150,000. HF 370 passed the Iowa House with a bipartisan vote of 88-6.

"This bill helps solve

two problems facing Iowa," said Bloomingdale on HF 370. "Iowa has a workforce shortage and a child care provider shortage. Incentivizing employers to help fill our child care needs will not just benefit parents, but will benefit the employers as well by helping them recruit and retain their workers."

Bloomingdale also voted in favor of additional child care legislation on Wednesday. These bills included:

HF 260 – Allows individuals providing child care in their homes to take care of 6 or fewer children, an increase from five or fewer.

HF 292 – Raises Iowa's child care rates to the 50th percentile according to the Market



Rate Survey.

HF 302– Creates an "off-ramp" from Child Care Assistance program so parents can continue to grow in

their career without losing their child care assistance entirely, all at once.

HF 301 – Creates a fund to provide child

care workforce grants on a dollar for dollar matching basis from communities. These programs will help move child care pro-

viders up the pay scale and the education pathway.

COVID rates up again, while vaccine rates up too

In the past week, the slowing increase in new COVID-19 cases in Worth County remained, as more vaccines were administered in the County and rates were up, but remained largely steady.

As of February 15, 1,090 vaccines have been administered in Worth County. A total of 215 have received two doses, for a full course of the vaccine.

In the past week, the positivity rate for those tested increased from 4.9% on February 8 to 7.9% on February 15.

The 14 day positivity rate reflects the number that have tested positive out of those tested, falling within the two

week window that COVID-19 may be transmitted and in which symptoms may develop, according to the CDC. Quarantines and isolation are recommended up to the 14 day window.

In Worth County, the 14 day positivity rate, as of February 15, was 8.1%. That was up from 4.9% on February 1.

From February 1 to February 8, cases increased to 638, an increase of 1.6%. In the past week, from February 8 to February 15, cases increased to 648, an increase of 1.6%.

Overall positivity rates also were up, though only slightly. Positivity rates are the

amount of residents with COVID-19, out of those taking a test since testing began.

From February 1 to February 8, the rate remained at 19.2%. From February 8 to February 15, the rate increased to 19.3%.

A total of 3,358 Worth County residents had been tested as of February 15. A total of 10,197 tests had been taken by Worth County residents.

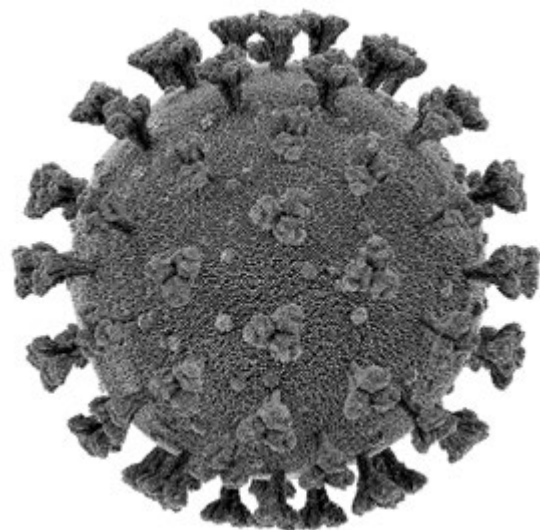
In Worth County, there were 606 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 42 potentially remaining active on Monday.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 16,862 con-

firmed cases, as of Monday, up 153 from the previous week. Cases in neighboring counties included 1,272 in Winnebago, 1,358 in Hancock, 4,922 in Cerro Gordo, 1,461 in Floyd and 1,185 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 2,721 in Freeborn and 3,943 in Mower in Minnesota.

Including Worth's four COVID-19 related deaths, 271 have died in the eight county region because of COVID-19, up five from February 8.

Those with symptoms, or who may be interested in being tested should contact their health care provider, or take an assessment and get more information at



testiowa.com.

Information and resources on COVID19 in Iowa can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

Local information,

including about vaccine access and availability can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page.

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Duvall named to UofI President's List

Mackenzi Duvall, of Northwood, was among the almost 900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2020 fall semester.

Duvall is a student in the Iowa's College of Education, majoring in Elementary Education.

Duvall began at the University of Iowa in the fall of 2018 and was on the Dean's list her first three semesters.

The president's list was established in the fall of 1983 to recognize academic excellence.



MACKENZI DUVALL

In order to be included on the list a student must have a minimum 4.0 grade point average in all subjects for the semester.

Worth County Fair 4-H and FFA swine weigh-ins held in March

The Worth County 4-H and FFA will be holding the Worth County Fair Junior Swine Show Weigh-ins on Friday, March 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the N-K High School Ag Shop in Northwood.

Exhibitors need to have the pigs ear notched and castrated. Members may weigh up to eight market gilts

or eight market barrows with a maximum weight of 85 pounds.

More information is available by calling Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531 or Marty Cotter, Northwood-Kensett High School Vocational Agriculture Instructor, at 641-324-2142.

Worth County 4-H round up applications due on April 15

Worth County 4-H Animal Science Round Up applications are due to the State 4-H Office by Thursday, April 15.

All 8th grade to 12th grade Worth County 4-H members are to submit their applications to become eligible to participate in the annual 4-H Animal Sci-

ence Round-up at Iowa State University in Ames during the State 4-H Conference.

Those interested may contact Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist by calling the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.



A sweet endeavor

This year's celebration of Valentine's Day at Northwood-Kensett included safety precautions that prevented deliveries of flowers and candy to students. Members of Northwood-Kensett's FCCLA group offered an alternative. They spent hours preparing candy grams for students and delivered them on Friday. Students that took part in the preparation and delivery included Marli Backhaus, Kyle Buehrer, Hadley Buenzow, Annalisa Coyle, Teagan Johnson, Macy Thorson, Addison Tasker and Emmy Wahl.

CDC recommends learning in-person, with masks, distancing in place

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on Friday issued an updated "operational strategy" for how schools could safely remain open amidst COVID-19. For schools like those in Worth County, the CDC's strategy has been in effect since August and has been largely effective at keeping students and staff safe at school.

The CDC strategy is framed for schools that are looking at how to bring students back for in-person instruction. Area schools opened the school year in-person.

According to the strategy document, "schools that have strictly implemented mitigation strategies have been able to safely open for in-person instruction and remain

open." Essential elements for safe in-person instruction, as detailed by the CDC, include: Universal and correct use of masks

Physical distancing Handwashing and respiratory etiquette Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

Contact tracing in combination with isola-

tion and quarantine, in collaboration with the health department.

All of these have been a part of the COVID-19 policies at both Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs schools since before their school years began, and remain in place.

Besides the measures in school buildings, the CDC strategy document also stresses the importance that staff members, parents, students and other members of the community do their part to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the communities around the schools.

This includes testing to limit transmission and outbreaks. It also includes vaccination for school staff and throughout the community, as supply allows. Both local schools have offered a first dose of vaccine to staff that want to receive it.

The document also notes that, with students at low risk and essential mitigation like masks and distancing, schools can be the last settings to close, only after all other mitigation measures in a community have been put in place. And that in-person instruction should be the priority. At the same time, remote learning should remain an option for families of students or with others at high-risk.

Water Rocks! Launches new spoken word workshops for middle and high school students

By Hilary Pierce Communications Specialist

Iowa middle school and high school students have a new opportunity to learn about natural resources and how they can develop their own conservation voice.

Water Rocks! Spoken Earth is a new program being offered by Water Rocks!, the statewide water education program based at Iowa State University and part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The workshops are delivered virtually and offer a new twist on conservation and natural resources education for secondary students. With a combination of science, spoken word poetry, literature, art, popular culture and advocacy, the workshops have garnered

excellent reviews from teachers and students alike.

"A big part of the Water Rocks! mission to educate tomorrow's leaders about conservation and natural resources, is to help them find their voice and provide them with the confidence and power to use it to create change in their world," said Ann Staudt, Water Rocks! director. "Spoken word poetry has a long history as a vehicle for protest and promoting change, and we are hopeful that today's students will embrace this art form in sharing their passions for the earth and our future. It has been exciting to watch the light bulbs go on in so many students when they create and share their own spoken word artwork."

Designed for sec-

ondary students, the workshop incorporates learning objectives which help fulfill Iowa Core writing standards for literacy in history/social studies, science and technical subjects for each grade level. Details are available online.

Kate Boonstra, ELP teacher at Prairieview School and Timberline School in the Waukee Community School District, recently hosted the workshops in her eighth and ninth grade classrooms.

"I appreciate any opportunity to connect my students with adults who model pro-

fessional practice in a variety of domains," said Boonstra. "Working with an expert in the area of spoken word poetry was a great way to expose students to another avenue to express themselves and share their voices."

The 40-minute workshops provide an introduction to the history and power of spoken word poetry, science-based learning about biodiversity and ecology, an opportunity for students to create their own spoken word pieces, and a chance to perform their original work for the class.

To learn more

about Water Rocks! visit www.waterrocks.org. To request Water Rocks!

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2020 N-K WINTER SPORTS



N-K varsity wrestling team

Members of the 2020-21 N-K varsity wrestling team include (front row, from left) Brandon Varner, Drake Tiedemann, Treycen Rollene, Dalton Logeman, Dante Sims, Hayden Moore; (back row, from left) manager Belle Efflandt, Mason Thofson, Tyler Mills, Josiah Kliment, manager Harley Reich and manager Jesslyn Sims.



N-K varsity girls basketball

Members of the 2020-21 N-K varsity girls basketball team include (front row, from left) Emma Davidson, Sydney Welch, Addyson Bachtle, Briar Anderson, Peyton Shoger, Madalynn Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, (back row) assistant coach Katie Herther, assistant coach Trevor Hunt, Olivia Stilley, Ruthie Conlin, Hayley Wallin, Chloe Costello, Marli Backhaus and head coach Daryl Love.

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88th General Assembly:

It was another busy week at the Capitol. This week was full of subcommittee meetings, committee meetings and some debate.

I mentioned last week that I had a forum in New Hampton on Saturday. We had a great discussion on many topics, including window tint, tenure in universities, 296 code update needs, home bakeries, bottle bills and E-verify. Thank you to all who attended the discussion. It was very insightful.

The biggest piece of legislation passed out of the Senate this week was SF 269. This week, the Senate passed Senate File 269, approving additional education funding for the next school year. This bill allocates an additional \$45.2 million for



Waylon Brown
State Senator
District 26

K-12 education in the fall. It appropriates money for a regular increase in education spending, for costs schools have incurred for in-person learning throughout the last several months, and for per pupil and transportation equity.

The pandemic has posed many challenges, and education in our state is no different. Iowa's education spending formula depends on the number of students enrolled in school, and with thousands of families keeping their kids home, the potential effect for future budget years could create compound-

ing funding challenges. Senate File 269 allocates a sustainable amount of funding for this year and future budget years in anticipation of enrollment returning to normal next year.

Education spending is one of the biggest allocations of funding we make during the legislative session. Iowa spends \$3.5 billion on K-12 education in our state. In total, the average amount spent on Iowa students for their education annually is \$14,000. Like other education bills we have talked about this year, there have been a number of unsubstanti-

ated claims with this bill and education funding. K-12 education has been fully funded while Republicans have been in the control of the budget. There have been no cuts throughout these last several years. We have promised and delivered every single dollar. For the last five years, Senate Republicans have passed sustainable and reliable budgets for the state, education funding included. This practice has put our state in a strong financial position through the pandemic. Despite a decline of hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenue, every promise made to education funding was kept. This budget commitment will ensure promises to Iowa schools continue to be kept.

I would like to note the federal government has also supplied additional

funding for education for Iowa schools totaling millions of dollars through the Cares Act.

I was happy to move a bill I introduced out of committee this week to help add more flexibility for individuals in regard to CEU's. Senate File 163, which provides an extension for professional and occupational licenses for those working on continuing their education. This means Iowans licensed by the state for their occupation can apply for an extension to their licensing board if they were unable to meet continuing education requirements by the renewal deadline due to an unforeseen financial or medical hardship. While we work to bring more Iowans into our workforce and get our economy back on track, this is one way we can help our state

and those people working hard to succeed.

As I am writing this newsletter I am also preparing to move SSB 1175 through Ways and Means.

SSB 1175 conforms Iowa's tax treatment of Paycheck Protection Program loans with federal law and Congress' intent in providing small business much needed relief during the pandemic. The bill provides that PPP proceeds, used to keep small businesses open and retain jobs throughout the pandemic, remain deductible business expenses. This will ensure that Iowa's small businesses receive the full measure of the relief provided by Congress.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.
Senator Waylon Brown

Continuing work on child care, education

Week Five

This week was again filled with committee meetings and floor debate. Wednesday evening, we debated and passed 25 bills with bipartisan support. The total vote on the 25 bills was 2,298 to 43. Six pieces of legislation addressed the child care shortage I discussed in my last newsletter. I floor managed two of the pieces of legislation; HF 230 increases the income threshold for the Child Care Tax Credit from \$45,000 to \$90,000 and HF 370 creates an incentive for employer to provide child care for their employees. This is a non-refundable credit up to \$150,000.

The focus the rest of the week was on K-12 school funding.

SSA/Per Pupil Fund-



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

ing

This week, the Senate and the House agreed on a 2.4% increase in SSA and an additional \$10 per student to narrow the District Cost Per Pupil gap. This increases the State Cost Per Pupil amount, including the additional \$10 per pupil, from \$7,048 to \$7,227 and increase of \$179.

This also continues to address the high transportation costs many rural schools face. The goal is to make sure no school pays more than the state average. This puts money back in the general fund to be used

in the classroom.

Additional Funds for Schools Offering In-Person Learning

There is ongoing discussion about supplemental school funding. It is an additional \$30 million appropriation to help schools with the extra costs of providing in-person learning during the pandemic.

In Local Government, we moved several bills out of committee last week and are looking to consider several more this week. Local Government Committee deals with a range of topics, often addressing concerns

from our local elected officials. This week we will discuss County Compensation Boards, Vehicle Licensing, Length of Service Award Programs for our volunteer firefighters, and a couple other issues brought forward from the County Association.

Senator Brown and I will be holding our first forum in Northwood on Saturday, February 20. It will be at 9 a.m. in the Olson Room of the Northwood Library. There will be social distancing and masks are recommended.

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 Anchor

Fertile Lutheran Church

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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

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FM (Previous Sunday's Service), 10 a.m.

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Rev. Rob Lanphere

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday - 9 a.m. worship, also available to watch live on the Facebook page; Wednesday - 5:45 p.m. Confirmation

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

Bolan

Kelsie Willert is doing a Graduate Assistantship in History researching the Black Student Union at the University of Northern Iowa under the direction of Dr. Cheryl Dong, Director of Public History.

Cole Willert is on the fall semester 2020 Dean's List as a student of University of Northern Iowa Business. Cole is also a member of the UNI Track Team. He ran the 400M on Saturday afternoon at the Iowa

State Classic in Ames in the time of 50:88. The Willert family and Joe and Linda Nydegger were able to watch from a distance online.

Due to extremely cold weather the Bolan Trinity UMC

did not have in person worship services. This is two Sundays in a row; perhaps the third Sunday will be the charm. It is to be much warmer this coming Sunday!

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Clear Your Mind of Can't

When Samuel Johnson told his friend Boswell to "clear your mind of cant," he was using the word "cant" in the sense of "insincere speech full of platitudes or pious expressions." (American Heritage Dictionary, 3rd edition) In eighteenth century England, expressions such as "I am your humble servant" were considered cant, because the speaker probably had no intention of being anyone's humble servant. Johnson tells his friend Boswell that everyday speech is full of such expressions, but we shouldn't let them infect our minds. That is, we may say all sorts of insincere things that sound good, such as "I'm sorry to bother you" or "We really should get together sometime" or "How nice it is to see you," but we shouldn't be fooled by the expressions into believing them. We commonly use language to conceal, rather than reveal, our true feelings, and there is no need to spoil the decorum of polite society by constantly telling everyone the bitter truth all the time, but it doesn't mean we have to believe all the insincere drivel we are compelled to utter.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. - R.S.V. Colossians 4:6



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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

Since we spend a good number of months in Texas, my love for Southwestern cooking has remained steady. "Southwest Cookery OR At Home On The Range" (1969, Doubleday & Company, Garden City, NY) is one of my oldie cookbooks that I bring out now and then for its good solid recipes. These have been adapted for our newer cooking styles. They all feature corn, beloved ingredient in both this style of cooking and all of the Midwest!

Enchiladas Verdes (Green Enchiladas)

1 teaspoon fine ground red chile. This is NOT chili powder, it's pure chile
1 can (4 oz.) diced green chiles, mild or hot, your choice
1 teaspoon oregano, Mexican if you can find it
4 cups condensed chicken broth OR regular which you have reduced to 1/2
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 tablespoons real butter, no margarine
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
8 medium-sized corn tortillas
8 oz. shredded Mexican-blend cheese

NOTE: you reduce the broth by simmering it over low heat until evaporation reduces the amount by half. You would start to 8 cups of regular broth to end up with the 4 cups needed in this recipe.

In a heavy saucepan, simmer the green chiles and the ground red chile together in the chicken broth until it is reduced to 3 cups. Make a paste of the flour and butter and slowly work it into the hot liquid, whisking to eliminate lumps. Set this aside to keep warm. Heat about an inch of oil in a small skillet and dip a tortilla into it quickly. Let the oil drain back into the skillet and lay the tortilla into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Spoon some of the chicken broth/chile mixture onto the center of the tortilla and add some cheese. Roll the tortilla and place, seam side down. Repeat with the rest of the tortillas until all are filled and rolled. If there is any of the broth mixture left, spoon it over the rolls. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F, and bake the enchiladas for about 15 minutes; don't let them dry out. NOTE: this is a meatless dish but you can add a can of white meat chicken breast, shredded, to the chicken broth and chile mixture then use as directed for a more hearty meal.

Carne Santa Fe (Santa Fe Steak)

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 pounds round steak
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 can (4oz.) diced green chiles, hot or mild as you prefer
1 medium-sized red onion, sliced thinly
1 can (about 10 oz.) diced tomatoes with their juice
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground fennel OR whole fennel seeds
2 cups beef broth OR 1 cup water and 1 cup red wine
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper.

Cut the steak into about three pieces that will fit into a Dutch oven or deep heavy skillet. Combine the flour, salt and pepper. Pound the flour into the meat with the edge of a saucer until all the flour is used. Heat the oil in the Dutch oven and brown the steak pieces on all sides. Add everything else including the broth or wine/water. Cover, reduce heat to low and cook for 90 minutes or until the meat is tender.

Picadillo (Spanish Hash)

1 medium-sized yellow onion, peeled and chopped
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
3 cups cooked ground meat: beef or pork. You can grind leftover roast.
2 medium-sized ripe tomatoes, peeled and quartered
1/2 cup beef broth or stock, canned is fine but use low-sodium style
3/4 cup raisins, dark or golden
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander or cilantro
1 pinch of ground cloves

Heat the oil in a deep heavy skillet, then add the meat, stirring vigorously. When the meat is browned add the tomatoes and mix well with a wooden spoon. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for about 30 minutes. Serve over hot cooked rice or use as filling for tacos.

There are different styles of Southwestern cooking: Mexican, Tex-Mex, Spanish or a combination. All are tasty, filling and economical. And... that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



No snowmobiling at the cemetery

With plenty of snow on the ground, those with snowmobiles are taking the opportunity to get out for a ride. But one spot that is not open for the winter recreation is the Sunset Rest Cemetery. With the sighting of some riders, the City of Northwood recently put up its signs reminding people that the winter traffic isn't allowed.

Northwood Public Library

By Morgan Johnson
Library Director

Greetings friends of the library! We continue to offer our services to the public five days a week with some restrictions. Masks will continue to be required until we note otherwise. Once the weather has warmed up we also plan to reopen to our full hours.

We are looking ahead to this summer and our Summer Reading Program and hoping we can have a more "normal" looking program. This summer's theme is "Reading colors your world!" We will not be sending out requests for donations this year because we have some generous donations left from last year when we couldn't have the programming we had planned. However, if anyone would like to make a donation to our summer reading

program we will gladly accept. Please mail in or drop off your donation at the library and include "SRP" on the memo line. We have so much fun encouraging kids to read, and we look forward to some fun this summer!

Make sure to check out our new display in the library of the "Best of 2020" according to Goodreads. Our library has acquired quite a few of them and hope you enjoy them as much as the readers of Goodreads have!

Kids/parents be sure to stop by every two weeks for a new to-go craft bag kit for kids. Since we still can't have our Friday morning story time or evening story hours, these are a fun way for kids to continue to do some craft activities at home.

New items this month at the library
Adult Fiction: "The

Russian" by James Patterson, "Four winds" by Kristin Hannah, "The survivors" by Jane Harper, "The children's blizzard" by Melanie Benjamin, "Before she disappeared" by Lisa Gardner, "The last garden in England" by Julia Kelly and "The power couple" by Alex Berenson.

Large Print: "The secret guests" by Benjamin Black, "Colors of truth" by Tamera Alexander, "The promise of us" by Jamie Beck, "Miss Janie's Girls" by Carolyn Brown, "Until I met you" by Tari Faris, and "Thief river falls" by Brian Freeman.

As always stay up to date with us by following us on Facebook and please contact us with any questions or concerns you might have. Our phone number is 324-1340 and my email address is morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us!

Local registration down as Iowa sets state records

At the start of the new year, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announced that the state of Iowa had set a record for the number of active registered voters in the state for the third month in a row. Meanwhile, Worth County's turnout was high, but hit its record following the previous presidential election.

Iowa's new record in January reached 2,124,895 active registered voters.

"We are consistently one of the best states in the country for voter registration and participation, and that trend continues," Pate said. "The reforms we have put in place, including online voter registration, our high school voter outreach efforts and the Safe at Home address confidentiality program for survivors of violence, have all played a role in these record numbers. I'm proud of Iowans' unparalleled level of civic engagement."

More than 90 percent of Iowa's eligible population is registered to vote.

The current statewide active voter registration totals breakdown as follows:

Democratic: 700,430
Republican: 727,977
No Party: 678,188
Other: 18,300
TOTAL: 2,124,895

In Worth County, the voting record, based on data available on the Secretary of State's website, was set following the 2012 presidential election, when there were 5,530 registered voters in Worth County in December 2012. Of those, 1,823 were Republican, 1,604 were Democratic and 2,103 were no party or other.

Following the previous presidential election, in December 2016, there were 5,477 active registered voters, including 2,005 Republicans, 1,398 Democrats and 2,074 others.

As of this past January, when Iowa set its third record, Worth County had 5,444 active registered voters, including 2,070 Republicans, 1,418 Democrats and 1,956 non party or others.

The data also demonstrates that the county and state are more politically polarized.

The numbers for the months after each presidential election, prior to December 2020, showed

that the number of Worth County and Iowa residents that did not register with either major political party outnumbered those that did.

In December 2012 and December 2016, the highest numbers of Worth County voters were those with no declared Republican or Democratic affiliation, with 2,103 in 2012 and 2,074 in 2016. In January 2021, the number of voters registered as Republicans was 2,070, higher than non-party and other voters.

In Iowa, the shift went from 722,348 non party in 2012 to 717,794 in 2016, both higher than either party in each year. In January 2021, there were 678,195 non-party voters, compared to 700,426 Democrats and 727,975 Republicans.

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Tiedemann beats third ranked wrestler, advances to first state tournament

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Northwood - Kensett's Drake Tiedemann had a long and successful youth career long before he suited up in an N-K singlet, but that success continued into his high school years with last Saturday's district tournament championship, earning the talented junior his first trip to the state tournament.

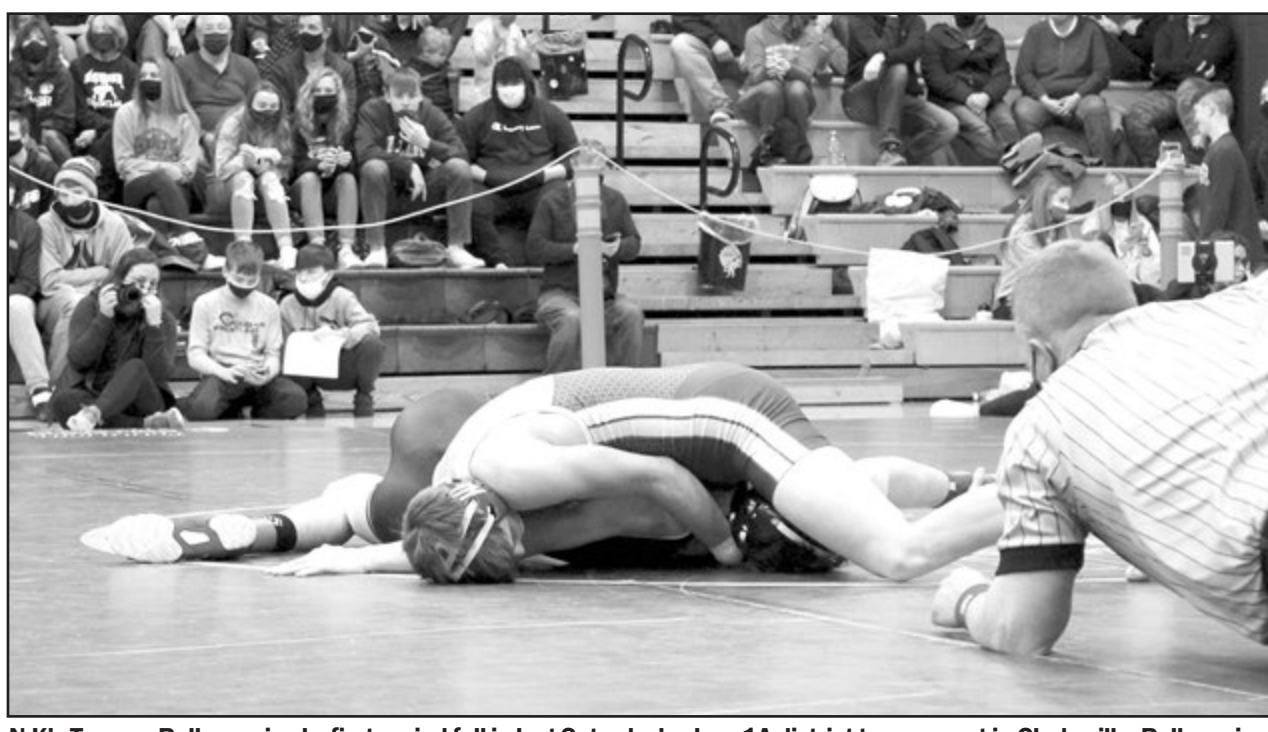
Tiedemann, who enters the state tournament with a 39-6 record and unranked destroyed Tripoli's Giles Cowell in the district semifinals with a 21-5 tech fall, earning him the right to face No.

3 ranked Casey Hanson from Lake Mills in the finals.

In that finals match, one of the best of the day, Tiedemann narrowly came out on top, beating Hanson in a 7-3 decision to win the title at 160 pounds and with it, an inaugural trip to Des Moines.

In the Vikings' other district match sophomore Treycen Rollene lost his semifinals match by fall before taking third place with a fall over Zach Howes of Central Springs.

The state tournament runs from February 17-20 at Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines.



N-K's Treycen Rollene wins by first period fall in last Saturday's class 1A district tournament in Clarksville. Rollene, just a sophomore, placed third with this win over Zach Howes of Central Springs. Rollene finished the year at 29-14 and is now 67-42 for his career. (Picture courtesy of Taylor Kramer)



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I had a chance to win \$500 on a radio show. They asked me how many strings a clarinet has. I guessed five. That was wrong. I know. I should have said four.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. As I was thinking warm thoughts such as cold weather makes soup taste better, I recalled a few Februaries back when I was leading a birding tour in northern Minnesota. My bus was stuffed full with nice folks from Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Alabama. We boarded the bus when the temperature was -33°. By the time we'd reached our first stop, it had warmed up. I announced to the passengers that the temperature was up to -30°. There was no applause. Around the middle of February, the interiors of vehicles

warm when parked in the sun. This happens because of the sun's position in the sky. The sun heats dark surfaces like asphalt and rooftops enough that snow and ice melt when it seems as if they shouldn't.

A friend stopped to say hello as I frisked the mailbox. It was great to see him and we visited for a good spell. Neither of us asked the other, "Cold enough for you?" It's hard not to say that. We've been living hereabouts long enough to know that the weather doesn't require our approval. I stood outside in temperatures well below zero during our conversation but felt no discomfort. I was toasty not because I was properly dressed. It was because the sun and friendship were shining. I try to enjoy all weather and feel no obligation to defend it when it misbehaves.

I'm not tying a tie while riding a bicycle

I was making an appearance in the pulpit. There wouldn't be many in the church as it was a virtual service, but I would be. I decided

to wear a necktie. It'd been a year since I'd worn one. I tied it like greased lightning. I reckon tying a tie is like riding a bicycle, except for all that pedaling.

I've learned

Thanks to wearing a mask, ventriloquism has never been easier.

The only salt substitute we had when I was growing up was pepper.

There are few unforgettable experiences.

In local news

A robot vacuum cleaner escapes through a pet door. Reward offered.

Saint Menard's Hardware Store offers a tool designed to scrape off "My child is an honor student" bumper stickers.

After a tough loss, man throws a ball into the crowd. This ended the bowling tournament on a sour note.

Man loses two pounds after cleaning the sweatpants and sweatshirt lint from his belly button.

Nature notes

Inspired by The Old Farmer's Almanac saying winter's back breaks around the middle of February, I trudged outside into the land of Mark Trail. Mark Trail is a newspaper comic strip created by Ed Dodd in 1946, which centers on environmental and ecological themes. The sun was shining, giving each tree a single follower, its shadow. I love what is near and treasure the familiar. I don't wonder where my sense of wonder went. I carry it with me. The jays cried "Here, here, here" and nuthatches traveled briskly up and down tree trunks. I found enchantment in a pair of cardinals. Their name comes from the red plumage resembling the robes of the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church. The word comes from the Latin cardinalis, meaning serving as a hinge. Things with cardinal qualities are principal, chief or important.

A reader reported a barred owl perched on a shepherd's hook in the yard and wondered why it was there. Barred owls eat small animals, including

a winter menu of squirrels, mice, voles, rabbits and birds. They hunt by perching on an elevated perch and using their sharp senses to scan for prey. They'll perch near water and catch fish. Barred owls swallow small prey whole and large prey in pieces, typically eating the head first and then the body. They occasionally store prey temporarily in a nest, on a branch or on a snag to eat later.

An old Toyota Tercel drove past. A tiercel or tercel is a male raptor used in falconry. He's about a third smaller than the female. It caused me to think of other old cars carrying bird names. Ford Thunderbird, Ford Falcon, AMC Eagle, Buick Skylark, Pontiac Firebird and Plymouth Roadrunner.

Meeting adjourned

You will be happier if you give people a piece of your heart instead of a piece of your mind. Be kind.

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families are no strangers to cancer, and any childhood cancer holds a particularly special place in all our hearts. The recipient is determined on the last night of the tournament by the families of Linda Waters; Michelle and Russ Zeglen, Ben

Ritzert; Mike Waters, Sophia and Payton; Christina and Phillip Rice, Zoey and Hayden; Tim and Gemma Ritzert; and Kris and Aaron Woltzen, Noah and Ava.

The contribution of over \$3,000 was later delivered to the Meyer

home by tournament organizers Tracy McCoy and Kris Woltzen.

"Someday we hope to eradicate the naughty word 'cancer,'" said McCoy, member of the Relay For Life tournament team Junque Yard. "We offer sincere

thanks and gratitude for those who support our fight, and we know that Dave and Alex

smile down on us all for continuing work in their name."

To join Tracy McCoy

and Kris Woltzen in this fight, feel free to call Tracy at 507-319-8032.



Pictured above are scenes from the fourth annual Dave Waters and Alex Ritzert Memorial Bowling Tournament. That includes several of the teams that took part in the event. Pictured at top right are event organizers Tracy McCoy and Kris Ritzert with the family of Kelyn Meyer, the seven-year-old boy who was named a "hero" of the event, and who received assistance for his ongoing expenses. (Tournament pictures courtesy of Linda Waters.)

Northwood Anchor Early Files

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

100 years ago

February 16, 1921
Last Friday was Mr. N.T. Kjerland's 94th birthday anniversary. He has a marvelous memory for a man of his age and a very genial optimistic nature so it is a pleasure to talk to him. Relatives that evening were entertained at a dinner. The table was decorated with a huge birthday cake with 94 candles. Among the out of town guests was Mrs. N. Quandahl,

Mason City, a niece of Mr. Kjerland.
The old fire whistle was replaced by a new alarm of the siren type, which makes enough noise to be heard all over the town and county it would seem.
L.F. Madson, Nels Thorson, A.O. Westland and John R. Mitchell, the three latter members of the county board, returned the from Minneapolis and St. Paul, where they had been inspecting road building machinery and other mechanical equipment, which will be needed in Worth County outdoor

work.
Mrs. Fred Lyford and Mrs. D. Rhodenbaugh leave for Chicago where they will attend a Red Cross Nurses' Activities convention. Mrs. Lyford expects to visit a short time at the home of her brother-in-law, L.L. Lyford.
Mrs. A.C. Walker entertained a party of about 12 young people in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Alice Walker, and her friend, J.B. Dahl, who are here from Des Moines. The evening was spent at cards and a midnight dinner was served by the hostess.

75 years ago

February 714, 1946
Northwood High School added a victory and a defeat to its North Iowa conference record, defeating Buffalo Center 46 to 30 and losing to Forest City 26 to 35. Both games were played on the local floor.
Prospects for paving of Highway 105 between St. Ansgar and Lake Mills, through Northwood, seem to be brighter. Delegations from the towns of Northwood, Lake Mills, St. Ansgar and Carpenter have worked on the project in recent years.

C.S. Huus, deputy county auditor, has been appointed Red Cross roll call chairman for Worth County, succeeding G.S. Cleveland, who had served in that capacity for two years. A.J. Johnson of Northwood is county Red Cross chapter chairman.
Coming as a shock to the entire community, news of the sudden death of the Rev. Rush F. Wagner caused expressions of regret in countless households and places of business. The popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Northwood and vocational agriculture teacher in the local schools, passed away in a Rochester, Minnesota,

hospital. He was 48 years old.
Northwood high School will be represented by 23 players at the second annual North Iowa band clinic to be held on February 21, at Forest City. Thirty schools from this section of the state will participate and Northwood will have the largest delegation of any school, according to Director Wilbur Harris.
Three large closing out farm sales are set for three days. The first sale is that of O.E. Dahl, 7 1/2 miles southwest of Kensett. On the next day Lewis H. Turvold, six miles southwest of Northwood, will close out his entire line.

50 years ago

February 18, 1971
Katie Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanson, has been named Good Citizenship Girl by the local DAR, northeast District of Iowa. The area includes 12 counties. The award is based on outstanding character traits, which include patriotism and academic ability. She was assisted in the project by Robert Perry and James Tanner, Northwood-Kensett High School faculty members,

where Kathy is a senior. She will appear with candidates from other districts at the state convention in Des Moines in March, when a state winner will be selected.
Larry Bonker, Becky Schmitt, Lee Nelson, and Brian Groe appeared and a little out-of-sorts as Dennis Johnson "busses" Doyle Crome during rehearsal of "Angel Street." The play will be a presented on February 26 and 27 in Northwood. Patrick Ellis is director.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Reyerson announce the engagement of their

daughter, Donna Mae, to Mr. Neil Truman Haugen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Haugen, Leland. The couple both graduated from Lake Mills community school. Mr. Haugen will leave in April to enter the Air Force.
Mr. and Mrs. John Brazel, rural Northwood, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on February 15. John Brazel and Elfreda Boldman were married in 1911 at Watseka, Illinois, where they farmed several years. In 1918 they moved to Minnesota, and in the following year moved to the farm east of Northwood.

25 years ago

February 14, 1996
We don't know if five-year-old Garrett Carlson won Kelly Welsh's heart with his Valentine-shaped box of candy, but he certainly won her pretty smile. Their respective parents are Steve and Linda Carlson and Jamie and Laurie Welsh, all of Northwood. St. Valentine's Day is today (Wednesday).
These Northwood-Kensett High School, junior high and elementary school band members got

together to tune up their instruments in preparation for the annual "Winter Parade of Bands." The concert, which features presentations by all N-K musicians in grade 5-12, is scheduled at the West Elementary auditorium.
Manna of Worth County chairman Chuck Stock got together with Linda Myhre's Northwood-Kensett first grade class to accept their donation to the county food shelf. The youngsters collected a tidy sum by inviting their parents to a special "cafe" they and Myhre created to coincide with their study of money, coinage and change-

making in arithmetic.
The University of Iowa held fall commencement ceremonies on December 15 and 16, awarding 1,360 degrees. Among the students from Northwood who received a degree at the UI commencement is Laura L. Weselmann, BA in economics with highest distinction.
NC/N-K's John Kantaris grimaced during this attempt to turn Cresco's Dean Schuwade in their 171-pound semifinal match in Saturday's Sectional tournament at Osage. Kantaris took an 8-4 decision on his way to a second place finish.

10 years ago

February 16, 2011
Students representing Northwood-Kensett's Math Club took part in the 2011 Rube Goldberg competition, held at Minnesota State University in Mankato. They competed amongst 25 teams, totaling more than 130 students, who were challenged with creating a complicated machine to accomplish the simple task of watering a plant. Members of the team are advisor Lori Willert,

Tyler Bachtle, Ryan Beenken, Lizze Braun, Alex Breitsprecher, Logan Butler, Darin Duryee, Adam King, Dalton Kortsch, Britney Low, Jacob McGrane, McKensie Nicholson, Mark Stoneking, Nik Werner, Deseria Wilcox and Erika Willand. McGrane and Willand were co-captains of the team.
N-K's Spencer Capitani looked at the clock as he dominated Clear Lake's No. 8 ranked Jordan Dahl in Forest City. Capitani beat Dahl 5-1 before losing to Charles City's Oscar Guzman 9-5. The win over Dahl was

enough to earn Capitani a trip to Des Moines for the Iowa State High School Wrestling Championship.
N-K's Savannah Lira looked for another offensive rebound in the Vikings' 57-37 win over CAL, Latimer. Lira grabbed five offensive boards against the Cadets and led the team on the year in that category.
N-K's Tyler Thofson put up a shot in some heavy traffic during the 55-37 win over CAL, Latimer. Thofson second 11 points and grabbed three boards in the Vikings' first win of the season.

Russell Hickman



RUSSELL HICKMAN

Russell W. Hickman, 74, of Northwood passed away peacefully and was ushered to heaven by our Lord and Savior on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center with his family by his side.
Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood with Rev. Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating. A livestream of the services will also be available on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Hogan-BremerMooreColonial-Chapel/.

Visitation and public viewing will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021, at the funeral chapel. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the chapel.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a contribution to the Northwood Masonic Lodge or a charity of your choice in Russell's name.
Russell Warren Hickman was born on January 4, 1947, in Hartville, Missouri, to Ferguson and Ruvella (Brunsvold) Hickman. In March of 1947 the family moved to a farm in Deer Creek Township east of Northwood. Growing up on the farm Russ enjoyed raising livestock and crops. In 1965 Russ graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School.
Russ was united

in marriage to Judy Bartz on June 4, 1966, in Kensett and the two began a family. From this union three children were born, Rhonda, Jay and Scott.
In 1966 Russ accepted a position in the meatpacking industry at Iowa Beef in Mason City. He later relocated his family to Davenport to continue his career at Oscar Mayer, Inc., advancing his way up to Federal Meat Inspector. While at Oscar Mayer, Russ attended Palmer College to earn his Doctor of Chiropractic degree, graduating in 1979.
Russ started his 33-year chiropractic career in 1980 in Osage, where he practiced for 22 years. After leaving Osage he opened offices in both Garner and St. Ansgar where he practiced until retiring in 2013 to care for his wife Judy.
Russ loved spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, boating, golfing and doting over his lawn.
Russ has been a Freemason for over 20

years, most recently as a member of the Northwood Masonic Lodge.
Everyone who has met Russ knows his caring personality, generous nature and witty sense of humor. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.
Russ is survived by his children, Rhonda (Joe) Neubauer of Springfield, Ill., Jay (Amy) Hickman of Hampton and Scott (Shelly) Hickman of Mason City; grandchildren, Joseph Neubauer, Amanda Hickman, Alecia (Jordan) Lorentzen, Jace Hickman, Jaelyn Hickman, Michael Hickman, Taylor Hickman and Rylee Hickman; great-grandchildren, Mya, Kai, Shaelynn, Alec and Chandler; his brothers, Robert "Buck" (Rebecca) Hickman and Harold "Pep" (Sally), Hickman both of Northwood, and Marvin (Nancy) Hickman of Forest City; uncle, Orlan Brunsvold; sisters-in-law, Bonnie (Viril) Deal of Grafton, Sharon (Allen) Anderson of Northwood and Richard "Bud" (Jean) Bartz of Eau Claire, Wis.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.
Russ was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; father, Ferguson Hickman; mother and stepfather, Ruvella and Harry Barnd; sister, Carol Dee Reyerson; nephew, Gary Reyerson; sister-in-law, Betty Jordan; brother-in-law, Elmer Schultz.

Dean Lindflott



DEAN LINDFLOTT

Dean R. Lindflott, 92, of Lake Mills, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at his home at Rice Lake.
A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at Grace Lutheran Church, 302 E. Fourth St. in Hantontown, Iowa, with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt officiating. Burial was in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, rural Joice, Iowa.
Visitation for Dean was one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.
All were welcome to both the visitation and service, but were asked to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing.
For those unable to attend, a video of Dean's service was recorded and posted on the Schott Funeral Homes website. Go to www.schottfuneralhomes.com and click on Dean to get to his obit page. Click on the "tribute wall" tab to find the link to the video. It was uploaded in the afternoon on Saturday, February 13.

March 28, 1954, at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, Iowa. The couple was blessed with four children, Richard, Robert, Arlette and Ronald. For 15 years, the family made their home in rural Joice and when it was time for Alfred and Selma to retire from farming, Dean and his family moved to the homeplace west of Concordia Cemetery. In 2010, they became residents of the Rice Lake community.
Dean liked to say he was 92 years old and never had a job. He did, however, manage to raise cattle, hogs and crops for over 65 years. Over the years, he was a seed salesman and in the mid-1960s he was named "Outstanding Young Farmer" in the state of Iowa. Both Dean and Shirley instilled many values in their children, including the importance of praising God, helping neighbors, being kind to others and going out for breakfast.
In addition to farming, Dean was a member of the Soil Conservation Board for 36 years, was the treasurer at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church

for many years, held various positions at both Beaver Creek and Grace Lutheran churches, was the catcher for his church league softball team, enjoyed square dancing and he mastered the art of visiting over a cup or two of coffee.
He will be remembered and missed by his family, including his wife, Shirley, of Rice Lake; four children, Richard (Sandy) Lindflott of Joice, Iowa, Robert Lindflott of Swansea, Ill., Arlette Trana of Port Chester, N.Y., and Ron (Karen) Lindflott of Lisle, Ill.; five grandchildren, Dawn (John) Bodenham, Jordan Trana, Anna Lindflott, Ben Lindflott and Sarah Lindflott; and two great-grandsons, Adam and Aaron Bodenham. He is also survived by his sister, Ardis Bang of Albert Lea, Minn., and many nieces and coffee buddies.
Dean was preceded in death by his parents; three infant siblings; and a brother-in-law, Harlan Bang.
You can contact the family with online condolences at www.schottfuneralhomes.com.

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Richard Holstad

Richard Storey Holstad, 86, of Northwood, Iowa, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

He was born on July 5, 1934, to Otto and Margaret (Storey) Holstad at their home in rural Northwood. He was baptized and confirmed at Sion Lutheran Church, rural Lake Mills. He graduated from Kensett High School in 1952. Richard married Helen (Vaage) on August 19, 1956, in Kensett, Iowa, and together raised their daughters, Marcia and Kari,

on their farm west of Northwood.

Richard was a lifelong resident of Worth County and was proud to have achieved the milestone of farming for 60 years before retiring. He was active in his churches, both Sion Lutheran and Silver Lake Lutheran churches, Kensett Lions Club and the Democratic Party, serving as a Worth County Supervisor for a term.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen, of Northwood; daughters, Marcia of Ankeny, Iowa, and Kari (Jim) Maas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa;

and grandchildren, Hayden and Paige of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Orin, Waldo and Arden; sisters-in-law, Mary Lou, LaVonne and Karen; and infant, son Russell.

A private funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 16, at 3 p.m. Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 16, from 4-6 p.m. at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home in Northwood. Burial will be at Sion Lutheran Church at a later date in the spring.

Arlen Groe

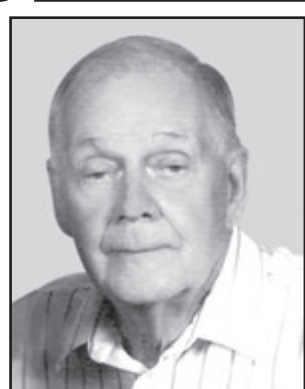
Arlen Virgil Groe passed away peacefully on February 11, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society in Albert Lea. He was 85 years old.

Funeral services were held on February 16, 2021, at First Lutheran Church – Albert Lea.

Arlen was born on August 5, 1935, in Worth County, to Elmer and Pearl (Sime) Groe. He grew up on an acreage near the Silver Lake, Iowa area and was baptized and confirmed at the Silver Lake Church, later becoming a member at First Lutheran Church – Albert Lea.

In 1954, Arlen joined the U.S. Army and was then deployed to assist in the Korean War efforts. On December 15, 1961, he married Rhodette Tangen in Austin, Minnesota. Their union brought together two children.

Over his life, Arlen worked at different places around the Albert Lea area. These included Universal, Wilsons/Farmstead, the Parks Department for the City of Albert Lea and as maintenance staff for Free-



ARLEN GROE

born County. He was a proud member of the American Legion Post 56, Moose Lodge #1703 and the Eagles Club #10559.

Arlen loved cars and tractors. He would take the family to the Northwood parade every year so that they could enjoy all the old cars, and Arlen would somehow know each make and model. He put his knowledge to the test after stripping and restoring a '66 Ford Mustang. Arlen loved watching NASCAR and being a NY Yankees fan. Rhodette and Arlen played a lot of cards together, especially huckleback and poker, and they spent many an evening enjoying polka music. Christmas was a favorite time of year, and the couple

loved shopping together for gifts for their loved ones.

Seen by many as the strong, silent type, Arlen did everything he could to provide a good life for his family. He was proud, private and protective, especially concerning his wife and children. He was a faithful man, and every night prayers would be said before supper.

Arlen's tender heart will be missed by many.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rhodette; children, Terri (Duane) Ganrude and Kevin Groe; grandson, Nicholas Ganrude; sisters-in-law, Louise Groe, Karen Brown and Barb Tangen; brother-in-law Gary (Barb) Tangen; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Arlen is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Pearl; sisters, Carmen Butler and Evelyn Fjelstad; and brothers, Orion, Burnell, Elton, Duane, Gerald, Donald and Eugene.

Memorials in his honor may be sent to the American Cancer Society and to Peace and Power.

Walter Utt Jr.

Walter Kenneth Utt, Jr., 83, passed away on January 31, 2021, of pulmonary fibrosis.

He was born in Sandyville, West Virginia, on July 1, 1937, to Walter K. Utt, Sr. and Ruth Conner Utt.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Judge Lawrence and Helen Eiel Plummer of Northwood; son, Lawrence Utt; and baby grandson, Bruce. He is survived by his wife, Sara Jean; sons, Michael (Karen) and Jonathan; daughter-in-law, Stacy; grandsons, Benjamin, Eric and Gregory; and granddaughters Annika and Anja.

Walter held BS and MS degrees from West Virginia University and attended several other colleges, including UCLA, USC and the U of M.

Walter was a jack-of-all-trades when it came to engineering. With a bachelor of arts in aeronautical engineering he worked on trajectories for the very first com-



WALTER UTT JR

munications satellites in 1960. He earned his masters in physics so he could better understand how things worked. Someone once said that when they couldn't solve a problem they would give it to Walter. Many of his projects required his professional engineering license in electrical engineering. At the end of his career he worked on a mine safety project by using artificial intelligence to ascertain the strength of the rock layers in mine roofs. His career went from space to deep in the earth.

After college he lived in the Los Angeles area for a few years. He met

his wife Sara after moving to Minnesota in 1963 and spent most of his life as a Minnesotan. However, there were moves back to West Virginia and to Colorado, Florida and Spokane, Washington, always coming back to Minnesota.

He retired to his home in New Hope, Minnesota, in 2001 and spent his first year taking physics classes in grad school at the University of Minnesota. His projects at home included a retaining wall and brick path. He and his wife Sara had Minnesota Twins season tickets. Travels included European tours, Caribbean cruises and all 50 states. Highlights were two solar eclipses, one near Aruba and one in Missouri with his family including his five grandchildren.

Services will be held in the summer when the whole family can gather. Memorial gifts are preferred to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Mary Zmolek

Mary Elizabeth Zmolek, 84, of Boone, Iowa, passed away on February 5, 2021, at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2021, at Schroeder-Stark-Wellin Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Solomon officiating. A private burial took place in Linwood Park Cemetery. Face masks and social distancing were required for those attending the funeral service.

Mary was born on November 11, 1936, on a farm outside of Lake Mills, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Minnie (Wemken) Johnson. She attended country school through eighth grade and graduated from Northwood High School. Mary married Richard Hanson on November 12, 1955. They divorced in 1987. Mary and Ray were married on April 8, 1989. Ray and Mary Zmolek made



MARY ZMOLEK

their home in Boone, loving the view of the Boone County Park from their deck and wintering in Arizona for many years. Mary was a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church. She was very artistic and loved to sing. Mary also immensely enjoyed her dogs' companionship over the years.

Mary is survived by her husband, Ray; two sons, David Hanson (Cindy Meyer) of Stanwood, Iowa, and Kevin (Marianne) Hanson of Phoenix, Ariz.; two step-daughters, Jan (Matt) Vellinga of Urbandale, Iowa, and

Pam (Randy) Cibula of Marion, Iowa; grandchildren, Nicholas Hanson, Mitchell (Kate) Hanson, Anthony Hanson (Kali Romley), Jordan (Connor) McCuen, Derrick (Elizabeth) Cibula, Britni Cibula and Brooke (Tony) Brayton; two great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Sweetie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Charles Johnson and John Johnson; and sister, Phyllis Cook.

Mary's family appreciates the staff in the Hearth Stone Memory Care Unit of the Eastern Star Masonic Home for the wonderful care and companionship they gave to Mary this past year.

Memorials may be directed to the Eastern Star Masonic Home or the Boone County Humane Society.

Online condolences can be left at www.schroederfuneral.com.

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DRAKE TIEDEMANN

Stat of the Week: The person who came up with the phrase nice guys finish last never met N-K's Drake Tiedemann, a champion and a gentleman. Tiedemann is at once one of the fiercest and most polite wrestlers to ever step on the mat. He is the epitome of what good sportsmanship is supposed to look like. The talented junior will be making his first trip to the state tournament after winning his first district title last Saturday in Clarksville. Tiedemann is 39-6 this season and 108-21 for his career.



JASON HANSON

Stat of the Week: With the loss to North Iowa still a day away N-K's Jason Hanson saved his team from a two-game losing streak heading into the tournament with his last second heroics last Monday night in Northwood. Hanson ended the night with 18 points, three steals and two rebounds but it was his shot with just five seconds remaining in the fourth quarter that sealed the win for the Vikings over rival Central Springs. The talented junior averaged 7.4 points and 5.4 rebounds per game in the regular season.

Lady Vikings advance to regional quarterfinals with 27-19 win over NI

By Mike Simmons Sports Editor

With weather delays and COVID-19 protocols leading to postponements and rescheduled games the Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team was left playing its regular season finale and the start of the regional tournament in the same week.

The Lady Vikings, who finished the regular season at 3-12 in the Top of Iowa Conference East, played their regular season finale last Monday night against their TIC East rival Central Springs.

And while N-K didn't start this contest against its class 2A counterparts the way it would have liked, going the first eight minutes of play with just two points on the board, it did nonetheless rebound to play a competitive game the rest of the way.

Trailing 11-2 after the first quarter the Lady Vikings got back in the game in the second, pulling to within four points at the halftime break when senior Ruthie Conlin grabbed an offensive board, was fouled and drained the first of two free throws, making the deficit 16-12.

Conlin started the

third quarter draining three more free ones at the charity stripe, pulling the Lady Vikings to within one point at 16-15, but that was as far as the rally would take them in the eventual 40-32 TIC East loss.

Conlin and freshman Madalynn Hanson led the team with eight points each while Carly Hengesteg added five points and a team high seven rebounds.

After a few days rest the Lady Vikings were back at it again, this time in the opening round

of the class 1A regional tournament when they played host to North Iowa last Thursday night in Northwood.

And while N-K's offense was missing in action for most of this contest, the defensive pressure got them back in the game and helped secure the 27-19 regional win.

"I guess the good thing is since we weren't running the offense correctly and our shots weren't falling, is that we at least played a good game defensively," said Lady Vi-

kings head coach Daryl Love.

That defensive pressure saved the day in the second and third quarters when the Lady Vikings were struggling offensively, scoring just 12 points in the 16-minute span, but they held NI to just three points, taking the 19-11 advantage into the final eight minutes of play, securing the eight-point regional win.

"I think they put too much pressure on themselves knowing they were expected to win," Love said after the game.

"You could just see how tight they were playing, but when they had to, with the game on the line, they responded. We'll take the win."

The win over NI puts the Lady Vikings on a collision course with Bishop-Garrigan, the No. 1 team in class 1A, who was in the midst of a 20-game winning streak before losing to class 4A's Valley in the regular

season finale.

The Lady Vikings faced B-G on Tuesday night in the regional quarterfinals. Look to next weeks Northwood Anchor for full game coverage.

Final TIC East Standings

	TIC East	Overall
Osage	15-1	19-2
Saint Ansgar	15-1	19-1
West Fork	12-4	13-7
MC Newman	10-7	12-10
Central Springs	8-8	10-11
Nashua-Plainfield	7-9	11-10
Northwood-Kensett	3-12	6-14
North Butler	2-14	3-18
Rockford	0-15	1-18



Lady Viking Ruthie Conlin drives the baseline in last Monday night's 40-32 loss to Central Springs. Conlin averaged just 1.6 points per game this season but made up for it on the boards, where she pulled down on average 4.2 rebounds per game, second best on the team this season.



N-K's Carly Hengesteg splashes a 3-pointer in last Thursday night's 27-19 first round regional win over North Iowa. Hengesteg leads the team on the year heading into the regional quarterfinals with an average of 8.3 points per game.

Vikings come from behind to beat CS on buzzer by Jason Hanson

By Mike Simmons Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team split its final two regular season games last week, narrowly beating Central Springs while falling to non-conference foe North Iowa.

The Vikings got the final week of the season started on a high note when they outlasted rival Central Springs in the Top of Iowa Conference East season finale last Monday night in Northwood.

CS got off on a fast start, leading 10-5 at the halfway point of the first quarter before ending the first with a sizable advantage, leading by 10, 20-10 to start the second quarter of play.

In the second quarter the Vikings barely chipped away at the lead,

still trailing by nine, 33-24 at the halftime break, despite playing a much better quarter than they did in the first eight minutes of play.

But after playing better defense in the third quarter, holding the Panthers to just six points, N-K made its move and started play in the final quarter trailing by just three points at 39-36.

The Vikings only lead in the game up to this point was in the first quarter when Kael

Julseth drained a long three to give his team an early 3-2 advantage. N-K took the lead once again early in the fourth quarter when Jason Hanson got a steal and scored

to give N-K a 41-39 lead. With just 1:50 remaining in regulation the Vikings still trailed 48-44. TJ Whitelow stepped to the line and hit one of two, N-K trailed 48-45. With :25.7 seconds on the clock Julseth hit two free throws to pull the Vikings to within one at 48-47.

After a missed free throw by CS the Vikings hurried down court where the ball found Hanson on the baseline for a short jumper with just five seconds remain-

ing, plenty of time apparently for the Panthers to get a crack at an easy shot, but N-K's defensive pressure forced the miss and saved the victory for the Vikings.

Hanson led the Vikings with 18 points while Caden Roberts added 13 points. Lamonte Sims came off the bench and scored a much needed eight points as well.

N-K ended the regular season last Tuesday night with a 60-45 non-conference loss to North Iowa, giving the Vikings a 5-10 TIC East record to go along with their 7-12 overall mark.

N-K started district play on Monday night when it faced Janesville, who finished the season

at 17-4 overall. Look to next week's Northwood full game coverage in Anchor.



Senior Kael Julseth drives to the basket for two points in last Monday night's 49-48 TIC East win over Central Springs. Julseth scored six points in the win and enters tournament play averaging 8.3 points per game, second best on the team.

	TIC East	Overall
West Fork	15-0	17-3
MC Newman	13-3	17-4
Osage	12-4	13-7
Nashua-Plainfield	7-8	10-10
Rockford	7-9	8-11
North Butler	6-10	6-14
Northwood-Kensett	5-10	7-12
Saint Ansgar	3-12	5-16
Central Springs	2-14	3-18



N-K's Caden Roberts splashes a 3-pointer from the top of the key last Monday night in Northwood. Roberts scored 13 points in the 49-48 win over Central Springs and leads the team heading into tournament play with 11.7 points per game, tops on the team.

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