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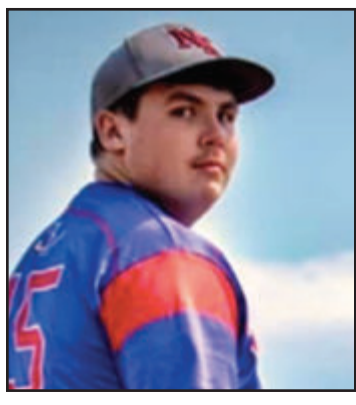
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2021 N-K grads awarded $840,728.12 in college scholarships

Northwood-Kensett's class of 2021 graduated this past Sunday. During the commencement ceremony, scholarships and scholarly recognitions were announced for the 45 members of the class.

This year's graduating class received $ 650,728.12 for their first year of college and $840,728.12 in scholarships for their full college careers from scholarships announced on Sunday.

Of the scholarship money going to this year's graduating class, $263,100 went to 21 students from local scholarships. A total of $577,628.12 went to graduating seniors from the Worth County Development Authority's education funds.

Ruthie Conlin earned the highest academic honor in her class, as the N-K Class of 2021 valedictorian. Brylee Hoeppner earned salutatorian honors.

Isabella Efflandt was presented with the Iowa

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Briefs

Grassley visits Worth June 3

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley will visit Worth County on Thursday, June 3, as a part of his annual 99 county tour of the state.

Grassley will be at the town hall in Manly, at 106 South Broadway, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, for a Q&A session.



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Memorial Day observed around Worth County

This Monday, people throughout the nation will honor those who gave their lives serving their country. Several area communities will hold their own Memorial Day services this Monday.

Government offices and most businesses will close on Monday to allow family and friends to gather to honor the memory of their loved ones.

• In Northwood, Memorial Day services begin at 11 a.m. at the Sunset Rest Cemetery.

Reverend Clay Ellingson, of Morehead, Minnesota, will be the speaker.

Musicians from the Northwood-Kensett High School band, directed by instructor Jared Barnes, will provide patriotic music. The VFW Color Guard will provide military honors.

In case of rain, the observance will be held in the Worth County Fairgrounds shelter house.

• Memorial Day services conducted by the VFW Color Guard will be held at the State Line Cemetery north of Northwood at 9 a.m.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Shell Rock Community Center in Gordonsville.

• Memorial Day ceremonies will be held in the Kensett Community Center beginning at 9 a.m.

Kermit Singelstad will give the Memorial Day address. N-K graduating senior Ryder Lestrud will recite "In Flanders Field." Nathan Hannemann, also a 2021 N-K graduate, will deliver the Gettysburg Address. The Northwood-Kensett Junior/Senior High School band will provide music throughout the ceremony. A Salute to the Dead will be provided

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Royalty represent N-K at returning North Iowa Band Fest

This weekend, Northwood-Kensett marching musicians will take part in the 82nd North Iowa Band Festival in Mason City, after the event was canceled in 2020. As N-K joins other area schools, two members of the band, Bella Efflandt and Nathan Hannemann, will represent them for the last time.



ISABELLA EFFLANDT



NATHAN HANNEMANN

Each school taking part in the parade sends students to represent them as band royalty. Efflandt and Hannemann, recent graduates, were selected as this year's N-K band king and queen.

Both members of this year's band royalty have taken the opportunity to perform in various bands and musical activities at N-K and elsewhere.

Efflandt played in marching band and pep band. She also played in the pit orchestra for the Cedar Summerstock Theater, as well as for her church.

Hannemann played in concert band, marching band and jazz band. He took part in Iowa Bandmasters Association events, Large Group Festival, Solo and Small Ensemble Festival, the River City Honor Band, NCIBA MS Honor Band, Top of Iowa Conference Honor Band and NCIBA Honor Band.

Both Efflandt and Hannemann plan to continue with band performances after high school.

Hannemann plans to enlist in the Iowa Air National Guard before enrolling at Iowa State University in the fall of 2022. He hopes to be able to continue playing in bands in the future.

Efflandt will attend Wartburg College to study secondary education, where she plans to continue in ensemble band.

Efflandt, Hannemann and the rest of the N-K marching band will take part in the North Iowa Band Festival Parade this Saturday, as a part of the 82nd year of the "largest free marching band competition in the Midwest." The parade begins this Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m.

Efflandt and Hannemann will join other school band royalty for the awards ceremony that will take place at 2 p.m. on the main stage in downtown Mason City. Marching band awards will also be announced at that time.

N-K on track at State — See Sports Page 16



Making a community contribution

Last week, members of the Viafield Community Enhancement Foundation presented a contribution to the community effort to build the Vikings Activity Center. Viafield representatives (from left) Chris Menke, Courtney Bartz, Steve Bodensteiner and Brandon Severson are pictured at the construction site with superintendent Mike Crozier and members of the community committee that helped raise funds for the project, Ron Hengesteg, Amber Julseth and Steve Peterson. The Viafield Community Enhancement Foundation presented a $10,000 contribution, with a matching grant from CoBank.

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by the local Honor Guard. Other speakers at the ceremony will include Herb Thompson, opening and closing the ceremony, as well as giving a tribute to deceased veterans.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

• Memorial Day services in Manly will begin at the city park at 8:30 a.m. for those assembling to parade to the Manly Cemetery, for the Memorial Day services, which begin at 9 a.m.

The day's ceremony will include a salute to the fallen, brief remarks, prayer, patriotic selections by the band, a rifle salute and taps.

Social distancing and masks are suggested.

• Memorial Day services will begin at 10 a.m. at the Grafton cemetery on Monday.

Participating will be the American Legion Honor Guard and the St. Ansgar Middle School Band. The service will be conducted by Post Commander Philip Hackbart.

The guest speaker will be Natalie (Braun) Gregerson, a native of Grafton, daugher of Chris and Teresa Braun. She graduated from St. Ansg High School in 2009 and went on to work as marking officer for Capitol Bank in Madison, Wisconsin, and owner of Marketing Artisan, LLC. Her husband, Jake will provide special music for the service.

In case of inclement weather, services will be held in the Grafton Community Center.

• Sion Lutheran Church, in rural Northwood, will host a Memorial Day Dinner, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu features homemade scalloped potatoes and ham. The cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children 10 and under.

• Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Killdeer Avenue, Kensett, will offer refreshments on Memorial Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., hosted by the Elk Creek Lutheran Cemetery Association. With a free will donation, coffee and treats will be available to take and go. Donations go towards cemetery upkeep

Awards
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Bar Association's American Citizenship Award. The American Citizenship Award is voted on by faculty, with qualities that include being a leader, a serious student, having an informed education and being reliable.

A total of 37 students each received a scholarship for $7,600.37 from the WCDA's education funds.

The WCDA scholarship money is given to students who live in Worth County for their junior and senior years. The funds are given to the colleges where seniors attend, to be used in four years.

Northwood High School graduate and successful businessman Sidney Swensrud established the Swensrud Scholarship in 1953.

This year's Swensrud scholarship recipients include Ruthie Conlin, Kael Julseth, Ryder Lestrud, Jozalyn Munson, Evelyn Ocel and Hallie Varner.

The Swensrud Foundation also awarded the Sadie Boysen Scholarship this year. The scholarship is named for Swensrud's high school English teacher. The award is given to a student with outstanding accomplishments and promise in English/language arts. Sydney Welch received the scholarship this year.

This year's Swensrud Scholarship and Boys Scholarship recipients will each receive $2,000 for the coming school year. They will receive $7,000 in their second, third and fourth years of college, for a total of $23,000. In the history of the Swensrud Scholarship, 398 recipients have been awarded over $3 million.

Jayda Delle was named this year's recipient of the Hellen K. Holstad Scholarship. The award is a four year renewable scholarship. Delle will receive $2,000 for her freshman year, $2,100 for her sophomore year, $2,300 for her junior year and $2,500 for her senior year in college, for a total of $8,900.

The Janssen Family Scholarship was established by the estate of 1954 Northwood High School graduate Don Janssen. Efflandt, Austin Foss, Ella Fritz, Kayla Senne, Grace Stoneking and Olivia Stilley received the scholarship, for $2,000 for each of their first four years of college.

Efflandt, Fritz, Nathan Hannemann, Cade Hengesteg, Brylee Hoeppner and Senne received the Richard Moen Aviation Scholarship, which is a one year award given to graduates pursuing a career in aviation, education or medicine. This year's recipients will each receive $5,000.

The Truman and Lorraine Julseth Scholarship was established in memory of avid N-K supporters Truman and Lorraine Julseth. Madelyn Berge, Foss and Lestrud were awarded the scholarship this year, receiving $3,000 towards their college education.

Hengesteg, Isaac Renteria and Jake Steinman were named the recipients of the Oren and Carrie Igou Scholarship. They will each receive $2,000 for their first year of college.

Wheelin' with Worth set for June 6

The second annual Wheelin' with Worth car cruise and car show will be held on Sunday, June 6. The event offers unique car owners a chance to show off their efforts on a cruise through area communities, before an afternoon car show. The event raises funds for the American Cancer Society.

Registration for the car cruise begins at Strike Zone in Northwood from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The cruise starts at noon.

Food will be available at the Worth County Fairgrounds, from Signatures, starting at 1 p.m.

The car show begins at 3 p.m. Registration will be at the north gate of the fairgrounds starting at 1:30 p.m. Awards will be announced at 4:30 p.m. Awards will include those chosen by cancer survivors, people's choice, top cars and others announced at the show.

Those entering the car show will also be encouraged to bring a bucket for donations to the American Cancer Society. Those at the show will place donations in the buckets of their favorite cars. There will also be an award for the best decorated bucket.

The events will include a silent auction, which will close at 5 p.m.

Those taking part or attending the events are asked to observe the appropriate COVID-19 measures that are in place at the time.

Those with questions about the Wheelin with Worth events may contact Teresa Stehn at 641-390-1578 or Tracy McCoy at 507-319-8032.

Blood drive set for June 4 in Manly

The next opportunity to make a life-saving donation in Worth County will take place on Friday, June 4, in Manly.

The blood drive will be held at the Edward Tosel Legion Post 110, at 110 E. Elmore St., Manly. It will be held from 1-4:30 p.m. on June 4.

Those interested in making a donation may schedule an appointment by contacting JoAnn Andera at 641-454-2451. Appointments may also be scheduled by texting LIFESERVE to 999-777, calling 800-287-4903 or visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org.

N-K School audit report released

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. recently released an audit report on the Northwood-Kensett Community School District.

The District's revenues totaled $8,913,027 for the year that ended on June 30, 2020, a 2.17% increase from the prior year.

Expenses for District operations for the year totaled $7,872,775, a 1.25% decrease from the prior year.

Increased revenues from operating grants, contributions and restricted interest and unrestricted state grants led to the increase in total revenues while the decrease in total expenses occurred primarily in the instruction function.

Audit findings addressed issues such as a lack of segregation of duties, supplementary weighting variances and unallowable investments. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. provided the district with recommendations to address each of the findings.

Two of the three findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The district's Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the community school district's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports.

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Did you know?

By Ann Hendrickson



The word "memories" is still on our minds this month with Memorial Day close at hand. We go to cemeteries with flowers in memory of our loved ones. The museum has received a wonderful family memory in the form of Ruth (Rislov) McHenry's Majorette uniform, including the hat, uniform, baton and boots. How very special to have this on display as some have said they can just see Ruth marching along leading the band.

Thinking of Memorial Day brings our thoughts to all those who lived before us, whether they be our grandparents, parents, siblings, friends, co-workers or those who died in war. Our world is still in turmoil, whether in our own country or far across the ocean. We all wish for peace. The following poem was written by a high school senior, for which she won a $1,000 national award. I'm proud to say she is my great-niece. Please read and ponder the words:

"My Vision of Peace"

All around the world there is talk about peace, but somehow the wars and hatred do not cease. Some may say we need to be accepting and change, but those who are different seem to be strange. When something goes wrong we put up all defenses, but never seem to think about the consequences. People risk their lives for their nation. Perhaps war is the world's worst creation. We fight for freedom, but ignore the aftermath; some are winners, some face another's wrath. "Join together" President Eisenhower once did say Open your eyes and see the light of day. Combine the power of everyone's voice and watch the world and it's people rejoice. War and hatred can cease if only people came together and spread the peace.

We are happy to announce the Northwood Historical Museum will be open on Sunday afternoons 2-4 p.m. beginning in June and continuing through August. We look forward to your visit to view our "memories." Until Next time…



A porcine performance

Students in Northwood-Kensett preschool classes recently held their graduation and end of the year play, sharing the tale of three little pigs and a visiting less than neighborly wolf. Pictured above is the market, where the pigs' building materials were chosen. Pictured at left is the wolf, paying one of the pigs a visit.

Historic Northwood structure may soon open its doors



A building that once sported graffiti "Burn it Down" may once again become a respected part of the community in Northwood. The historic Stromstein Building is nearing the final touches of a 10-year fully volunteer project to transform the 1898 architectural gem.

The building in Northwood's Central Avenue Historic District is available to lease and taking applications from prospective tenants for opening in the fall.

"We have had a number of potential tenants contact the society about the building," said Worth County Historical Society President Ann Hendrickson. "We are confident that we will have a business operating in the building by Labor Day."

The Worth County Historical Society acquired the building in 2011 after it was approved for a "training burn." Preservation Iowa subsequently listed it as one of Iowa's 10 most endangered properties in 2012. The Worth County Development Authority was instrumental in supporting the project, as well as the State of Iowa and individual volunteers.

Restoration included temporarily moving the building to construct a new foundation. More than 3,000 bricks from the old foundation were salvaged, scraped and cleaned by volunteers to resurface the new foundation. A new roof, authentic siding, windows, balcony and mechanical equipment were later added. There is also a walk out to a patio from the basement with unparalleled views on three sides. A balcony overlooks Central Avenue on the north and the south and east views overlook the landscaped city park, Swensrud Park and the Shell Rock River.

There are 600 square feet on each of three levels.

The first floor includes an open retail space, restroom, utility room and stairways to the upper and lower levels.

The second floor includes a living room/office, bedroom/office, bath with shower, balcony off of the living room/office and full kitchen. The upper floor can also be accessed from the outside and both levels can be separated for separate uses/renters.

The basement includes the new forced-air furnace/AC and lots of storage space within a totally new foundation and concrete floor.

Interested tenants should contact the Worth County Historical Society with a business plan or extensive prospectus that details the nature of the business and plans for financial stability by June 1.

As vaccinated rates rise, COVID rates up slightly

The numbers of those vaccinated in Worth County continues a slow by study rise, while COVID-19 rates in the county are up slightly.

According to the CDC, as of May 24, 2,782 residents of Worth County have been fully vaccinated, for 37.7% of the total population. Of that, 1,198 of those 65 and over, the first age group that could receive the vaccine, are fully vaccinated. That makes 77.5 % of that population. Of those that have locally been able to receive the vaccine since early April, those 18 and over, 2,762 have been fully vaccinated, for 47.2% of that population.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, of those that have received a vaccine, 211 people in Worth have received a first dose, 2,602 have received both doses of a two dose vaccine and 153 have received a dose of a one shot vaccine. That makes a total of 2,966 Worth residents that have received at least one dose, for 40.2% of the county's population. That is up 64 in the past week.

The number of those with COVID-19 has increased, with rates up slightly. As of May 17, the rate decreased to 3.8%. On May 24, the seven day rate increased slightly to 3.9%.

There were only 2 new COVID-19 cases identified in Worth County in the past week, up to 795 cases as of May 24.

In Worth County, in the past week, also the span in which those with the disease may develop symptoms or spread the virus, as of May 17, the 14-day rate was 6.5%. On Monday, it was down to 2.4%.

A total of 4,038 Worth County residents had been tested as of May 24. A total of 13,760 tests had been taken by Worth residents.

In the eight county area that includes Worth and surrounding counties, there were a total of 21,131 confirmed cases, as of Monday, up 131 over the last week. Cases in neighboring counties included 1,540 in Winnebago, 1,597 in Hancock, 5,891 in Cerro Gordo, 1,796 in Floyd and 1,376 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 3,444 in Freeborn and 4,692 in Mower in Minnesota.

In the eight county area, there have been 308 deaths to COVID-19, including 8 in Worth County. That numbrer was up one since last week.

Information and resources on COVID-19 in Iowa can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

Information on vaccination in Iowa can be found online at vaccinate.iowa.gov or by dialing 211.

Local information can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page.

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Iowa's emergency notification system receives upgrade

Iowa's emergency notification system is receiving an upgrade that will increase its capabilities to provide emergency and public safety information to citizens.

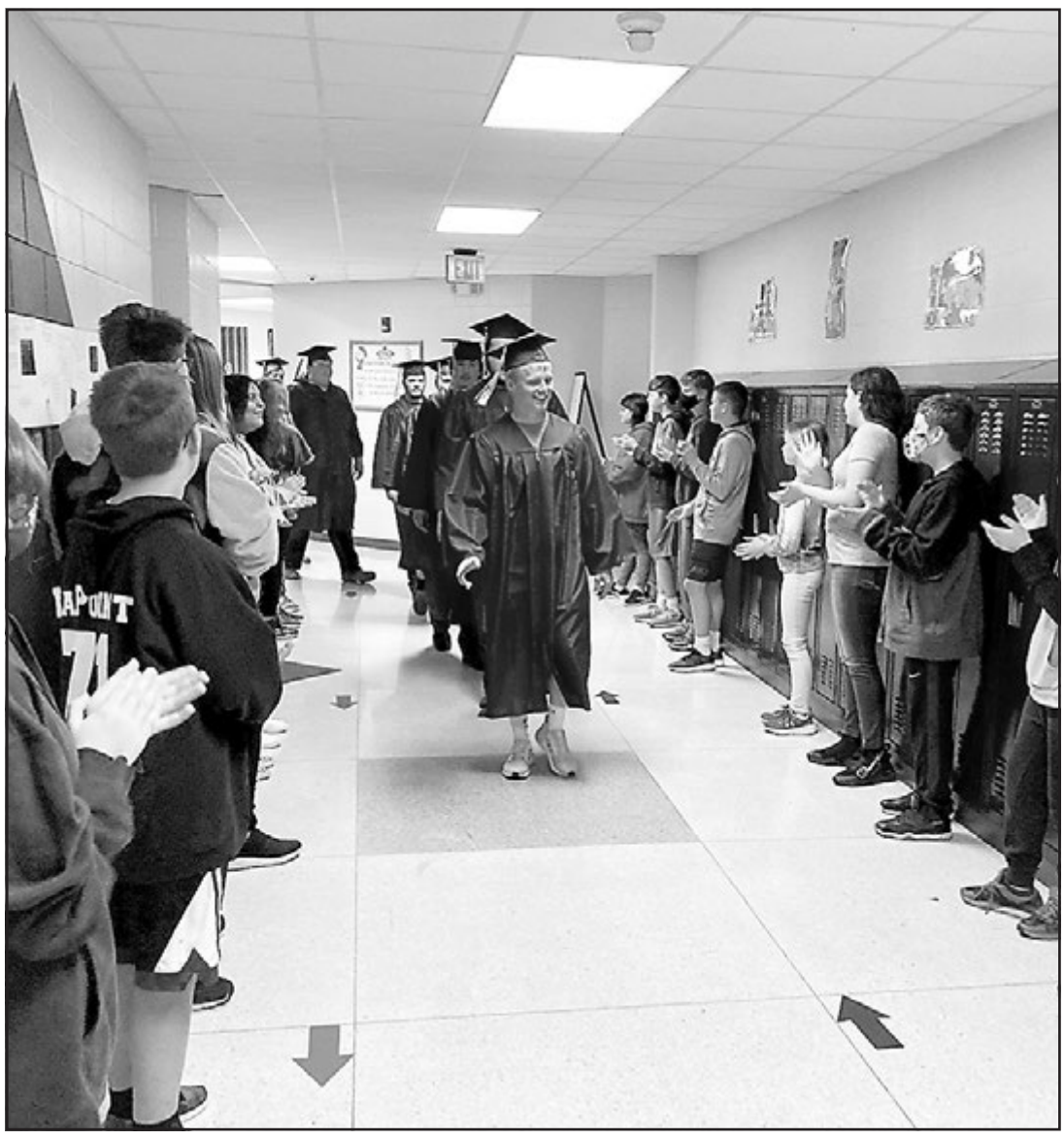
Alert Iowa is a statewide emergency notification system that enables State and local officials to communicate emergency information directly to citizens. The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) is making improvements to the system, which has been in place since 2014, that will utilize improved technology to make it easier for officials to issue alerts and will provide more options for the public to receive vital information.

"Through Alert Iowa, millions of emergency and public safety messages have been delivered to Iowans," said HSEMD Director Paul Trombino. "This technology will give Iowans the ability to receive important emergency and safety information in the ways that they choose when it matters the most."

Alert Iowa was developed by HSEMD to provide all counties with access to a single, statewide notification system that provides local control of how and when to disseminate emergency and public safety messages to residents. Upgrades to the system are being provided through a new platform from Rave Mobile Safety, and will benefit both the people who receive the alerts and the officials who send them. Residents will be able to sign up through a web portal, via text message, or by downloading an app. They will also be able to choose how to receive alerts, including by voice call, email, or text, and may have the ability to choose to receive alerts in their preferred language and provide information to an access/functional needs registry for participating counties. For the officials who send the messages, the upgraded system will make it easier to create and send alerts, give them the option to use social media to deliver emergency messages, and offer 24/7 support.

Currently, 90 counties, including Worth County, are using Alert Iowa. Residents will begin receiving messages generated by the new platform by July, when the system transition will be complete.

To learn more about Alert Iowa, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov or alert.iowa.gov. Officials in participating counties will provide information to residents on local sign-up options.



One more walk through the halls

A fairly new graduation week tradition resumed last week, as Northwood-Kensett's graduating seniors walked through the halls of the elementary school. Their visit allowed the younger students to applaud the grads-to-be while also getting a look at their future

Northwood-Kensett seniors recognized with awards

Northwood-Kensett graduating seniors were recognized during a ceremony held on Senior Awards on May 19. A number of academic awards and scholarships were announced.

Following are the awards announced:

Aristocrats Car Club Scholarship, $500, presented by club president John Anderson to Ryder Lestrud

The Bernie Saggau Award went to Sydney Welch.

NIACC Foundation Area 2 High School Scholarship-faculty and staff from the high school select the student for this award. The 2021-22 Area 2 Scholarship is awarded to Sydney Welch

Dr. John B. and Mary Jane Dixon Scholarship-The Dixons created this endowed scholarship fund in 2000 to assist full-time NIACC students. Mary Jane was a social worker for several nursing homes in Mason City and Dr. Dixon worked as an ophthalmologist. The Dr. John B and Mary Jane Dixon Scholarship was awarded to Cade Hengesteg and Ethian Tasker.

NIACC Link Scholarships are made available through the generosity of NIACC employees, board members, alumni, businesses, organizations and other friends of the College. This scholarship is for graduates of Area II high schools that have earned college credit and achieved a college GPA of 3.25 or higher. Those receiving scholarships included Ryder Lestrud and Bryce Paulson.

The Kenneth A. Loeb Memorial Scholarship was established by Kenneth's father, John Loeb. Kenneth died as a result of a car accident while he was enrolled at NIACC during his sophomore year. This year's recipient is Ryder Lestrud.

Del and Mary Laudner Agricultural Scholarship-Del and Mary Laudner, longtime friends of NIACC established this endowed scholarship fund to assist an agriculture student in furthering their education. Both Del and Mary spent their early years on farms in Floyd County. This year's recipient of the Del and Mary Laudner Agricultural Scholarship is Ethian Tasker.

The River City Street Rods Club established an annual scholarship to help students who are car enthusiasts to further their education. The scholarship is awarded to students in the second year of the automotive program who have a good work ethic and plan to make a career in the automotive industry. Ryder Lestrud is this year's recipient.

The Wrestling Boosters scholarship, $100 for each year in the sport, for $400 went to Brandon Varner.

The Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever chapter scholarships were presented by Erik Butler. Casson Moretz and Kayla Senne will receive $500.

The Esther E. Losee Memorial Scholarship was started by a local woman named Esther Losee, a widow from Texas who lived east of Northwood for many years. A unique woman, she was known to often carry a pistol, and could fly an airplane. Childless, but with a heart of gold, she left part of her estate to support young people in their pursuit of an education. This year's scholarship for $1,000 goes to Harli Reich.

Nick Wigo from Viafield awarded $1,000 to Kael Julseth.

Melissa Moretz from Worth County Farm Bureau presented $1,000 to Austin Foss.

The Math Club Scholarship of a TI-84 graphing calculator went to Nathan Hannemann.

Leon and Nick Schiltz presented Sydney Welch with the $500 Polly Schiltz Memorial Scholarship.

The Ernie & Erma Hanson Heritage Farm Scholarship is a new local scholarship that was started this year by Ernie Hanson and his children. Ernie's grandfather purchased farms in Worth County in 1867, and Ernie had farmed the ground since he and Erma's marriage in 1949. Ernie was honored by the Worth County Cattlemen's Association in 2008 for farming more than 60 years. This year's scholarships in the amount of $1,000 went to Madelyn Berge, Austin Foss and Kael Julseth.

Kael Julseth earned a $5,000 Robert and Arlene Hamilton Excellence in Agriculture scholarship from Ellsworth.

Ryder Lestrud earned a $2,500 scholarship from the Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation.

Kayla Senne earned a $1,000 scholarship from the Mayo Clinic Health System.

Jared Barnes presented the Gilbert Charles Stevens scholarship, awarded to a Northwood-Kensett graduate that has displayed a high degree of interest and dedication to the study of music and plans to continue with music in college. The scholarship is in the amount or $2,000 a year for 4 years. This year's recipient is Bella Efflandt.

Barnes also presented the Margaret Sigmond Music Scholarship, established to assist students pursuing a music major, or to assist students planning to minor in or participate in music in college. Students minoring or participating in music in college are awarded $1,000 per year for 4 years. This year's recipient is Sydney Welch.

Every year each school in the state names its top senior for the Governor's Scholar Recognition Program. This year N-K was proud to name Ruthie Conlin.

Representing N-K as this year's Des Moines Register Academic All State senior from N-K was Ruthie Conlin.

Students named to the Top of Iowa All Academic Team have participated in 4 years of a sport and have a 3.25 cumulative GPA at the end of the first semester of their senior year. This year's honorees are Madelyn Berge, Ruthie Conlin, Bella Efflandt, Nathan Hannemann, Brylee Heoppner, Kael Julseth, Jozalyn Munson, Kayla Senne, Carter Severson, Jesslyn Sims, Olivia Stilley, Hallie Varner and Sydney Welch.

The Top of Iowa Academic Excellence Award is given to the juniors and/or seniors with the top 5 ACT scores in a given year. This year the awards go to Ruthie Conlin, Bella Efflandt, Austin Foss, Nathan Hannemann and Brylee Hoeppner.

Brylee Hoeppner and Ruthie Conlin are this year's KIMT's Scholastic All Stars for Northwood-Kensett.

The Academic All Conference Awards are voted on by N-K teachers. Awared by teachers in their subjects included: Math- Ruthie Conlin, Language Arts- Austin Foss, Science- Harli Reich, Social Science- Grace Stoneking, Business- Carter Severson, Vocational- Isaac Renteria, Visual Arts- Kaden Mayberry, Speech and Drama- Bella Efflandt and Band and Choir- Sydney Welch



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The second floor includes a living room/office, bedroom/office, bath with shower, balcony off of the living room/office and full kitchen. The upper floor can also be accessed from the outside and both levels can be separated for separate uses/ renters.

The basement includes the new forced-air furnace/AC and lots of storage space within a totally new foundation and concrete floor.

The historic character has been rescued and restored with improvements that make a comfortable, distinctive building: New roof, windows, insulation, appliances, utilities. There is a small adjacent city lot for off-street parking.

Interested tenants should contact the Worth County Historical Society with a business plan or extensive prospectus that details the nature of the business and plans for financial stability by June 15.

For further details or to submit a business rental proposal, please contact: wchsiowa@gmail.com, or call Amanda during business hours at (641) 324-1180.

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Learning about the library

With just a few days left in their school year, students in Northwood-Kensett's first grade classes paid a visit to the Northwood Public Library. While there they signed up for library cards, giving them more opportunities for summer reading. They also toured the library to learn more about what resources are available, had a bood read to them by library director Morgan Johnson and got to try some of the computer programs available for young readers.

N-K Trap

By Dean Mueller
N-K Trap Team

The Viking trap team attended the Cardinal Classic at the Ventura Gun Club on Monday, May 17. Teams also participating were. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Nashua-Plainfield, Charles City, St. Ansgar, Osage, Algona, Bishop Garagin, Mason City and Lake Mills.

Algona won the shoot with a score of 230, second was Mason City with a 229 and third was Charles City with 221. The Vikings posted a score of 205.

The women's individual competition was exciting, with seven girls tied for third with scores of 42. They were Haddie Hanson (NK), Alexa Thayer (O), M. Walling (SA), S. Ross (CC), Mae Gasteiger (SA), M. Van Fossen (CC) and H. Herr (LM). Gasteiger won the shoot off to take third. Ava Ciavarelli was first with a score of 47 and second was J Zwiefel (A) with a 44.

In the men's division there was a three way tie for first between Haydan Pestorious (NK), Andrew Thayer (O) and C. Crooks (CC), all with 49. Thayer won the shoot off to take first, Pestorious was second and Crooks third.

On Thursday, May 20, the Vikings hosted the Osage Green Devils at the Worth County Ikes.

Osage won the shoot with a score of 224 with the Vikings posting a 220. The high scores for the Vikings were Hayden Pestorious with 50, Breyden Hoeppner with 45, Collin Houg with 44, Loghan Nelson with 41 and Richard Walker with 40.

The women's champion was Alexa Thayer (O) with a score of 48, second was Hanna Kock (O) with a score of 38 and third was Haddie Hanson with a score of 36.

In the men's division, the champion was Hayden Pestorious with a score of 50, second was Breyden Hoeppner with a score of 45 and a five way tie for third at 44 were Collin Houg (NK), Andy T. (O), Alex Hemann (O), Conner Mehmann (O) and Tate Williamson (O).

On Saturday, May 22, the trap team attended the Mohawk 100 at the Ventura Gun Club.

The winning team was Osage with a score of 466, second was Mason City with a 453 and third was GHV with 451. The Vikings finished a distant fourth with a score of 451 out of 500.

The woman's champion was Ava Ciavarelli (MC) with a score of 93, second was Alex Thayer (O) with a score of 90 and third was M. Walling (ST) with a score of 87.

Men's champion was Ben Popp (O) with a perfect 100, second after a shoot off was Andrew Thayer (O) 46 and third was Sebastion Brock (MC) with a 46. The high boys score for the Vikings was Haydan with a 45 and the high girl was Haddie with a 80.

Ending the session with tax cut package, EMS opportunities



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

WEEK NINETEEN – After a week at home

We were back at the Capitol early Monday morning to finish our work for this session. Last week I discussed the House tax policy and this week we passed the compromise between the House, the Senate and the Governor. After extensive negotiations with the Iowa Senate and Governor's Office, the House delivered a tax cut package that eases the tax burden on Iowans while maintaining the responsible, conservative budgeting principles that have gotten the state where it is today.

SF 619 includes:

- Removal of triggers from the 2018 tax reform bill that ensures income tax cuts for all Iowans and goes into effect Jan. 1, 2023
- Increases eligibility for the Child Care Tax Credits from families making $45k to $90k
- Exempts COVID-19 grant money & Paycheck Protection Plan loans from state income tax
- Phases out the state inheritance tax over five years
- Increases workforce housing tax credits to $40 million for Fiscal Year 2022 and $35 million for the following years
- Phases out the mental health property tax levy over two years, with guardrails to control for quality and equality of services as well as future costs to the state
- Expands the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit for leases of livestock building or storage units
- Increases the volunteer fire fighters and EMS credit from $100 to $250
- Expands the Elderly Property Tax Credit

SF 615 -- Standings Appropriations

This is the last bill before the end of session and the gem of the bill this year is the amendment that establishes EMS as an essential service. The voters of a county must adopt a resolution declaring EMS to be an essential service within the county. If such a resolution is adopted, the board is required to coordinate efforts within the local EMS agencies to establish a county EMS system advisory council to recommend an amount of taxes necessary and assess the EMS needs of the county. This allows rural volunteer EMS to levy for appropriate financing. It also provides for a workforce pipeline with Iowa's Community Colleges. This is a huge deal for rural Iowa and the emergency needs of all Iowans. Passed 55-31

Visitors again this week-- Students from Pine Grove School and Trinity Catholic School visited and toured the Capitol this week. I appreciated the opportunity to visit with some of the students and staff during their tour, but unfortunately missed the students from Trinity Catholic.

We have completed our work in Des Moines and I look forward to meeting with constituents over the summer and hearing your concerns. We passed good legislation this year and I will compile a summary over the next few weeks for my next newsletter. After that, I will talk about legislation left on unfinished business.

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 Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Thursday, Mary Circle, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service Graduation Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast of Worship on 97.1 FM or Kensettia.com, Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Tom Martin

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, 7-8 Grade Confirmation, 5:45 p.m., Bell Practice, 6 p.m., Senior Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service with Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m., also available to watch live on the Facebook page; Monday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.

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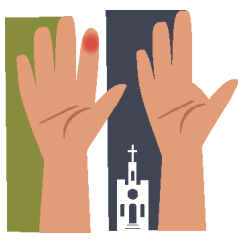
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It Can Always Be Worse



On the day that I was receiving the news that this would indeed be my last day of employment my next-door neighbor was getting the news that she had a brain tumor. I did not know about her very serious diagnosis until the next day. In fact, I was doing my best to keep my spirits up, calling friends and family, and frankly feeling a bit sorry for myself when I ran into her out front of my house. When she told me the news, and she was incredibly positive about it, I realized immediately that being out of work is of very little concern in comparison to a serious health issue. The good news for her was that the tumor is not malignant and that surgery is an option, and apparently a pretty good option in her case. Sometimes the news is really bad, and we are told that the tumor is malignant, or that there isn't anything that can be done for us, but even then there is always hope. Sometimes the hope is simply that they can keep us comfortable in our last days, or that we will have time to spend with family and friends. But ultimately, the great hope of Christians, and of people of almost every faith, is that a loving God is looking out for us, and waiting to welcome us to our eternal home when our sojourn here on earth is done.
– Christopher Simon

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11

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Cook Bookin'

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

The first grill I ever owned was an inexpensive charcoal-powered cooker. I think that's the case with many who have grilled for years and years. Today you can use a gas grill, a pellet grill, an off-set post burner but the charcoal kettle grill remains very popular. Charcoal gives meat a flavor like no other and, yes, I have heard it's not good for us to eat things that have been cooked over that fuel. But, occasionally, I still get out my Weber kettle grill and have at it. "Elegant Fare from the Weber Kettle: New Dimensions in Outdoor Cooking" was published by the Weber Company in 1978 and I have owned it since that time. Author Jane Wood begins with clear instructions on the use of the kettle grill for both direct and indirect cooking then goes on to provide nine chapters of recipes. Here are some choices adapted from this great old book.

NOTE: Direct heat is when the charcoal is in a single layer across the entire cooker; the food is on the grill, right over the heat. Indirect heat is when the charcoal briquettes are only spread on one side of the grill and the food is placed over the "cool" side.

Stuffed Bacon Busha Burgers

2 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1 large tomato, cut into 6 slices
6 slices of cheese, your choice: Cheddar, Mozzarella, Monterey Jack, Colby etc.) SANDY'S NOTE: My favorite is blue cheese!
6 slices good bacon

Make 12 thin patties, about 5-inches across and 1/2-inch thick. Place a slice of tomato on 6 of them, topped with a slice of cheese. Top with the remaining 6 patties and carefully seal the edges. Wrap a slice of bacon around the outside edge of each stuffed burger; secure with a round toothpick. Grill using the direct heat method for 5-6 minutes per side. This will give you a medium burger; grill longer for well-done meat. Serve on sturdy hamburger buns, top with lettuce or onion or whatever else you enjoy on your burgers.

Pineapple Pork Kebabs

2 1/2 to 3 pounds lean pork, loin or fresh ham.
1 cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy salt.
OR….omit the salt and use regular soy sauce
2 large eggs, beaten
3 very small white onions
2 green bell peppers
1 1/2 cups pineapple chunks, in juice not heavy syrup
Peanut oil

Soak wooden skewers in warm water for at least 30 minutes OR use metal skewers. Trim away any fat or gristle from the pork and cut into 1-inch cubes. Combine the sugar, salt, soy sauce and eggs. Stir in the pork, cover and refrigerate for several hours, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, cut the onions in half and the green peppers into 1-inch squares. Remove the pork from the marinade and dredge in cornstarch. Discard the marinade. Skewer the meat, alternating with onion, pepper and pineapple pieces. Cook by direct heat but position the hot briquettes with space between them so the heat isn't so intense. Grill for 15-20 minutes or until the peppers and onions are tender and the meat is thoroughly cooked. Turn frequently, basting with some peanut oil after the first 5 minutes. Serves 4-6.

Buttered Turkey Breast

1 whole turkey breast, 4-5 pounds
1/2 cup REAL unsalted butter (not margarine!), softened
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Peanut oil

Bone and skin the turkey breast (or have the butcher do it for you). Reserve the skin. Lay the breast, cut side up, on a board and flatten to an even thickness with a small mallet. Spread the butter evenly over the meat and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roll the meat tightly and wrap the skin around the rolled roast. Tie with butcher's twine every 2 inches to keep it together. Rub the outside with more softened butter. Roast by indirect heat for 1 1/2 hours or until the internal temperature reads 170 degrees F. Baste frequently while cooking with peanut oil. If you need extra coals for this longer cook, have some warming up around the edges of the grill and put them on top of the original coals as needed. NOTE: Try to save the skin as this is what crisps up and keeps the moisture in the turkey. It doesn't matter if it isn't in a perfect sheet; a few holes won't matter, just cover them with some butter.

I enjoy many things cooked over charcoal such as thick pork chops, brined bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts and, of course burgers. Give your fancy grills a rest occasionally and haul out this old-fashioned outdoor cooking gadget; it's one step up from cooking over an open fire! And if you decide you love to grill over charcoal, there is always the Big Green Egg ® And…that's all she wrote.

Mediacom participates in Emergency Broadband program to assist customers financially

Mediacom Communications recently announced its participation in the federal government's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) designed to help families and individuals struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EBBP is a temporary program being administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). It provides eligible new or current customers with up to $50 off their monthly internet service bill. Program eligibility is defined by the FCC.

"Mediacom's participation in the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is one more way we ensure that reliable broadband is available to families and individuals who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mediacom Senior Vice President Ed Pardini. "In all Mediacom service areas, our team will encourage eligible individuals and families to use this temporary benefit to stay connected to loved ones, and to access online education, healthcare and employment resources."

Enrollment for EBBP began on May 12. Those interested in the benefit must pre-qualify for the program through the National Verifier. After customers are verified, they may opt into the program by choosing Mediacom as the participating internet service provider. The monthly credit of up to $50 applies only to broadband services.

Information about the EBBP can be found online (below) or by calling 855-330-6918 (toll-free).

www.getemergencybroadband.org

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Northwood library director Morgan Johnson (left) and Winn-Worth Betco director Melissa Michaelis are pictured with one of the portable photo boxes that are available at Worth County libraries.

Portable photo studio initiative comes to Worth libraries

Melissa Michaelis of Winn-Worth Betco, in partnership with America's SBDC Iowa and the NIACC Pappajohn Center has delivered portable photo boxes to libraries in Worth County communities.

These photo boxes have been provided to all communities to help businesses get their products online and able to post to www.shopiowa.com, or on their own websites, to increase sales.

"We are delighted to announce our tremendous outreach project to distribute portable photo studios all across the state," said Lisa Shimkat, SBDC State Director. "We have found throughout the pandemic, that access to quality photos for websites and e-commerce is essential as businesses are pivoting operations. The studios along with training resources will provide access to any small business in Iowa, including home-based businesses. The studios will be available at key places in communities."

For additional information about the initiative, go to iowasbdc.org/photo-box/. The webpage also includes a downloadable Portable Photo Studio and Digital Marketing Guide as well as a training video.

"The photo box functions as a full photo studio in a portable box!" stated Michaelis. "All you need is a camera or phone and an outlet, and you are set to start taking professional photos to post on your website or at www.shopiowa.com."

Brook Boehmler, Director of the SBDC in the Pappajohn Center, states that "Businesses should start working on a minimum of 20% of their revenues to be related to their online presence and having a good picture of their products is the first step." The Pappajohn SBDC provides no cost confidential business counseling to people who own or are considering owning a business.

Locations where people can use and/or check out these photo boxes, and contact information for questions include:

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Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Sunday, Wednesday and Friday CLOSED

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Sunday and Monday CLOSED

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Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Joice library: 102 North State Street, Joice jhawks@wctatel.net 641-588-3330

Tuesday 9 – noon and 1 – 6 p.m.

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Friday 1 – 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 – 11 a.m.

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Interesting facts about Memorial Day

Each year on the last Monday of May, Americans celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that honors and mourns American military personnel who died while performing their duties in service to the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day has a rich history and one that's worth revisiting as the nation prepares to honor the sacrifices made by its military personnel over the centuries.

• Freed slaves played a role in the establishment of Memorial Day. The American Civil War is the deadliest military conflict in American history, as the Union and the Confederacy each suffered more than 800,000 casualties by the time the war ended in 1865. According to History.com, as the war drew to a close, hundreds of Union soldiers who were being held as prisoners of war died and were buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp in South Carolina. After the Confederate surrender, more than 1,000 now-freed slaves honored those recently deceased Union soldiers during a ceremony in which they sang hymns and distributed flowers. The ceremony was dedicated to the fallen soldiers and served as a precursor to what is now celebrated as Memorial Day.

• Confederate soldiers were honored, too. Confederate losses during the Civil War outnumbered Union losses, and those losses were not forgotten by southerners who survived the war. History.com notes that, in 1866, the Georgia-based Ladies Memorial Association, one of many similar organizations to arise in the aftermath of the war, pushed for a day to honor fallen Confederate soldiers. In fact, these efforts are believed to have influenced General John A. Logan. In 1868, General Logan, a Civil War veteran who was then serving as commander-in-chief of a group of Union veterans, ordered the decoration of Union graves with flowers on May 30. The day would ultimately be known as "Memorial Day."

• It took a long time for Memorial Day to become a federal holiday. Despite tracing its origins to the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, Memorial Day did not become an official federal holiday until 1971, more than a century after the war ended. This is the same year the holiday was officially designated as taking place on the last Monday in May. The designation has periodically drawn the ire of veterans and military supporters who suggest it is now more widely seen as the unofficial beginning to summer and not a day in which the sacrifices of fallen U.S. soldiers are honored to the extent that they should be.

• Debate exists about which town has the longest history of celebrating Memorial Day. A handful of towns claim to be the first celebrants of Memorial Day. That debate figures to continue in perpetuity, but History.com notes that Waterloo, New York, was officially recognized by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson as the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966. Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and Rochester, Wisconsin are some other towns that claim to have celebrated Memorial Day since the mid-1860s.

Memorial Day has a rich history that highlights the importance of honoring the men and women who have given their lives while in service of the United States military.



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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

There was a skunk in my shed. I grabbed my trusty Super Soaker water gun. I was going to let him have, but I couldn't.

Why not?

He let me have it first and left me smellbound.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I'd gotten nothing done that day other than wrestling with plastic bags in the produce section. Those bags are the reason people don't eat as much fresh fruits and vegetables as they should. Some folks lick their fingers to aid in the opening of the bags. Others carry hand sanitizer wipes to wet fingers. I've found they open easily when I place the unsealed end of the bag between my palms and rub those palms together or rub the unsealed end against my arm. Those actions pull the thin pieces of film apart to create an opening, which I can pull or blow apart, or shake open.

It's a rare home that doesn't have a bag of plastic bags. My wife keeps ours in a container made for holding bags. A friend keeps his in old facial tissue boxes. I'd worry I'd try to blow my nose with a plastic bag.

I was a high-stepper thanks to asparagus

I was born altricial, but by the time I'd become precocial and creeped out by Ouija boards that answered questions one word at a time, I'd obtained employment with the New Richland Step Company. It was a fine business that was dented only slightly by my work there. I was a whoopser for that outfit. I ran a jackhammer, poured cement and installed railings. What's a whoopser? It's someone who has to say "whoops" at least once before the completion of any task.

Some critter is after my asparagus. It chewed on it but didn't eat it. Friends gave me some of theirs. As a kid, I ate creamed corn and cream peas. I didn't mind either. I ate creamed asparagus on toast. It was one of Dad's favorites. Not mine. Now I crave asparagus. Do our discriminating taste buds die of old age or do they give up? Do the creamed asparagus-loving taste buds replace the sour apple-loving taste buds of our adolescence?

Bad joke department

My dentist said I need a crown. Finally, someone understands me.

Why did the lion cross the road? To get to the other pride.

What has three feet but can't walk? A yardstick.

If we aren't supposed to eat in the middle of the night, why is there a light in the refrigerator?

Said one astronaut to another, "I can't find milk for my coffee." Said another, "In space, no one can. Here, use cream."

In the news

Man ordered to never again take his dog named Shark to the beach.

Man's last words were, "You're still holding the ladder, right?"

Sprinter, arrested for brandishing a pistol at track meet, claims he's a self-starter.

Retiree from creamery said, "I've seen butter days."

Successful boat builder moves business to his attic. Sails are through the roof.

In MLB standings, the White Sox are in first place, the Indians are in second, the Royals are in third and the Twins are in Minnesota.

Grilled chicken refuses to say why it crossed the road.

You're getting older if

That which doesn't kill you only makes your knees hurt.

If your idea of exercising is putting on your socks.

If the funny noises your car makes drown out the funny noises you make.

Nature notes

I've talked to bluebirding friends in Midwestern states and they indicated their bluebird numbers are down 10-20% from last year. The harsh winter storms south of us in February killed bluebirds and other early migrants

Dame's rocket grows 2-4 feet tall in woodland edges and ditches. Its flowers are white, pink, lavender and purple. This plant is confused with native phlox, but phlox has five-petaled flowers and dame's rocket has four. Dame's rocket is a prolific bloomer and a single plant produces substantial amounts of seed and can form massive colonies.

Canada anemone, Virginia waterleaf, Solomon seal, wild geranium, lilac, mountain ash, chokecherry, mayapple and that rare yellow flower, the dandelion, are blooming in my wild kingdom.

The bird chorus features the voices of gray catbirds, chipping sparrows, red-eyed vireos, rose-breasted grosbeaks, song sparrows, great crested flycatchers, vesper sparrows, Baltimore orioles, brown thrashers, house wrens and northern cardinals. Birdsong is my pager.

Meeting adjourned

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?"—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

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Fit to print...

The meanings behind grad terms and traditions

Being named a valedictorian or salutatorian is a significant achievement. Every school has its own qualifications, but in general, valedictorians and salutatorians are those individuals who have reached the very highest levels of academic success.

Valedictorian

PrepScholar, a standardized testing preparation company, indicates that the valedictorian is the student who graduates with the highest cumulative grade point average. Grades from advanced placement classes are weighted to account for their rigor and extend extra points toward the GPA. Some schools do not immediately award the title to the highest-ranking student. They may ask students to apply and then consider various factors, including grades, level of academic program, essay submission and even contribution to school and community life.

Salutatorian

Certain schools may have one salutatorian, while others may have two or more. The college guidance resource Transizion says the salutatorian is usually the individual ranked second in the class. A salutatorian will deliver the salutation, known as the opening speech of the graduation ceremony. The valedictorian speaks later in the program.

High-ranking terms

In addition to valedictorian and salutatorian, students also may become familiar with other terminology, including class rank and "cum laude" recognitions.

Class rank refers to a student's GPA in relation to others in the same grade. Class rank may be an actual number, such as ranked 30 out of 900 students, or a percentage like the top 5 percent of the class.

Cum laude is a Latin phrase that means "with praise/honor." Educational institutions use three phrases to signify degrees that were awarded with honor. The phrases usually are utilized by colleges and universities. Schools have different criteria that must be met. Summa cum laude is the highest level of distinction, magna cum laude is next and that is followed by cum laude.

It is an honor to be named valedictorian or salutatorian, and it is an honor worth celebrating at graduation and beyond.

Popular graduation traditions

Graduation is steeped in tradition. Come the day of graduation, many grads might be focusing on receiving their diplomas and then celebrating after the ceremony. The hard work students put in affords them every right to celebrate once they're officially new grads, but before the party begins it can be fun to reflect on the many traditions associated with graduation ceremonies.

Cap and gown

Graduation ceremonies simply wouldn't be the same without caps and gowns. The tradition is anything but new, as Columbia University notes caps and gowns have been linked to academia since the 12th century. Back then, students wore gowns and hoods to emulate the clergy who taught them, but also to stay warm. Many universities dressed their scholars in gowns from the 1700s onward. In 1786, one school, Brown University, even mandated that degree candidates be clad in flowing robes and caps at commencement ceremonies. Though educators and students may no longer wear caps and gowns when attending class or around campus, the tradition of doing so at commencement ceremonies has endured.

Tassel turning

The tradition of turning the tassel does not have the lengthy history of the cap and gown, dating back only decades rather than centuries. Graduates typically turn the tassels after everyone has received their degrees during the ceremony. The turn is symbolic of their transition from student to graduate. Tassels start on the right for high school students and college undergraduates and are then turned to the left, while recipients of master's degrees and doctorates keep their tassels on the left throughout the commencement ceremonies.

Tossing caps in the air

The tossing of graduation caps in the air is believed to date back more than 100 years. Prior to 1912, graduates of the United States Naval Academy had to serve as midshipmen for two years before they were commissioned as officers. As a result, they still needed their graduation caps. But beginning with the class of 1912, graduates were automatically commissioned as officers, so they no longer needed their hats. That led the graduates to throw them in the air, thus beginning one of the more fun and photo-worthy graduation traditions.

"Pomp and Circumstance"

This tradition marked by the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance" is rooted in the work of William Shakespeare, which makes it seem like a perfect fit for graduation ceremonies. Sir Edward Elgar composed "Pomp and Circumstance" in 1901 and the title for the song was inspired by a line in the bard's "Othello." Elgar received an honorary degree from Yale University in 1905, and during that ceremony "Pomp and Circumstance" was played. The song apparently made a strong impression, as it soon began to be played at various commencement ceremonies, a tradition that continues today.

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Early Files

100 years ago

May 25, 1921

The Class of 1921, which consists of 23 members, is thought to be one of the largest to graduate from the Northwood high school. The activities of commencement week start on Friday evening with the banquet. Much interest centers on the annual senior class play "A Pair of Sixes," which will be presented on June 1 and 2. Members of the cast are Vernon Thompson, Hewitt Wardall, Ernest Anderson, Norma Slosson, Donald Kepler, Irving Bagriel, Wilbur Bolender, Russell Lyford, Lester Boe, Gena Bakken, Marian Wilson and Randine Ranum.

Direct from the war devastated regions of France, Madame Blanche Berneron has come to Illinois to arouse interest in a nationwide movement to wear a red poppy on Memorial Day as a tribute to America's dead who sleep in Flanders fields. Legion posts throughout the state are behind the movement to sell the French poppies.

It is estimated that close to one half the membership of the local Lutheran church was in Lake Mills last Sunday to attend the dedicatory services of Salem Lutheran Church of that city. It was a big day in the history of the Salem congregation when the new edifice was dedicated in the presence of the largest crowd the town has seen for some time.

A musical program will be given in the Silver Lake church by the male chorus "Grieg" of that place. The Silver Lake mixed choir will also assist in the program, which is expected to be of musical excellence.

Secretary of State Ramsey is the authority for the statement that in 1922 there will be a new style in automobile license plates. The new style contemplates individual and distinguishing numbers for every county, starting the counties in alphabetical order and giving each county a number between 1 and 99.

75 years ago

May 23, 1946

Neighbors of Keith Kension, who recently underwent an appendectomy, gathered at his farm home near Kensett last Thursday and prepared round and planted beans and corn. Leslie Weieneth had disced the field for corn before that day.

Twenty-three members of Troop 33, Boy Scouts of Northwood, accompanied by Scoutmaster Darrell Gavin, took part in a camporee at Camp McKinley, north of Mason City, from Saturday afternoon until Sunday afternoon.

Northwood High School's 63rd annual commencement will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Diplomas will be presented to 33 young women and men, six of the former having completed their required credits since their honorable discharges from the armed forces.

The Rev. O.H. Hove, pastor of the Northwood Lutheran church, will deliver the address at the Memorial Day program to be given next Thursday afternoon in the public school auditorium.

Leland Burnell Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Larson of Heartland Township, and Edward Donald Gunderson of Hanlontown, who was recently employed in the traffic department at Washington, D.C., left Northwood by bus this morning for Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for induction into the service.

Gust Reyerson, 85, a resident of this vicinity his entire life, died on Tuesday shortly after noon at his farm home in Heartland Township, the place on which he had lived most of the time since his marriage 53 years ago.

At an Eagle court of honor ceremony on Monday evening in the Northwood high school, Elliot Neale, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Neale, received the rank of Eagle Scout.

50 years ago

May 27, 1971

An acute asthma attack took the life of Mrs. Herbert Lund, 48, Albert Lea, early Monday morning. She died en route to Naeve hospital for emergency treatment. Mrs. Lund was the wife of Herbert Lind, formerly of Northwood, and executive vice president of the Security State Bank of Albert Lea and president of the First National Bank of Emmons. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clements Granskou, president emeritus of St. Olaf college. The Lunds are well known to Northwood residents.

William Heimer, a native of St. Ansgar, and Carrol Mace, Algona, are new salesmen trainees at Check-R-Board, Northwood, according to Robert Baier, manager. Mace is assigned here temporarily in the program.

Confirmed at Sion Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 23, were John Tenold and Terry Henderson. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olger Tenold, Northwood, and Terry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson, Lake Mills. Rev. Theo. J. Anderson is the pastor.

Judy Oakland, east of Northwood, was a graduate along with 107 others of the St. Ansgar community high school on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hulshizer served the noon dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hulshizer of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hulshizer of Utica, Minn., and the honoree and her parents, the George Oaklands, and her brother Gary.

Wayne Hall, Kensett, was charged with OMVI Monday when the car he was driving went out of control and hit a parked car belonging to William Jackson near 611 Central Avenue, before hitting the east wall of the Worth County Farm buildings. He was charged in Morris Bakketun's justice of peace court and released on $350 bond to appear in District Court.

25 years ago

May 22, 1996

Northwood-Kensett High School seniors Melissa Hauge and Alan Myli helped classmate Mark Willand try on his cap and gown in preparation for this coming Sunday's graduation ceremonies in the high school auditorium.

Approximately 100 specimens of Old Glory, representing casket flags of deceased veterans, will make up the Avenue of Flags at Sunset Rest Cemetery on Memorial Day this coming Monday, May 27. Members of "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 will set up the flags sometime this weekend, depending on the weather. Anyone who'd like to help can call post commander Art Bendickson.

Six Northwood women received pins honoring their 40 years as members of "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779 during the post's 50th birthday observance on Saturday night. Those honored include LaVon Lindflott, Millie Johnsrud, Mildred Harris, Gerry Arnold, Carol Kelly and Anita Glaser. Auxiliary member Doris Hudson was on hand to receive a 50-year pin. Beulah Bohl, who was honored with a 45-year pin, was unable to attend. In all, 30 women were honored for their years of service to Post 6779.

Northwood insurance agent JC Dawald presented bicycle helmets to the winners of the recent State Farm Bike Rodeo slow speed contest. Winners include Jake Weisert, Ryan Weisert, Travis Johnson, Tyler Stading and Matt Stading. Participants who won helmets in a drawing included Jacob Schroeder, Michael Hankins, Travis LeBarge, Ashley Hillman, Brianna Schroeder, Andy Ouverson, Maddi Arnold, Cody Andrews, Ben Read, Courtney Davis, Nicole Meyer, Kyle Waller, Travis Johnson and Jennifer Beresford.

Gerd Bents, a freshman social work major from Northwood, was selected for the Garnet Larson Award, given to a student who demonstrates commitment to human dignity. Gerd is the son of Mark Bents of Northwood.

10 years ago

May 25, 2011

Bertrum and Bernard Bidne were pictured raising the American flag at Target Field while the national anthem was sung, at a Twins game last September.

Briar Tenold, daughter of Mindy and Lynn Tenold, will represent N-K as band queen this weekend at the North Iowa Band Festival. Alex Breitspecher was selected as king, but was not available for a photo.

Five teachers representing 145 years teaching students at Northwood-Kensett bid farewell to the classroom. Retiring educators included Physical Education and Health teacher Ron Dodd, who began with the district in 1979; associate Vickie Hall, who began in 1998; sixth grade teacher Craig Lease, at N-K since 1968; third grade teacher Becky Okerlund, with the district since 1990; and Mathematics and Science teacher Ron Parker, teaching at N-K since 1975. A retirement open house will be held in their honor on Friday, June 3.

Students in Northwood-Kensett sixth grade classes traveled to the Worth County Fairgrounds last week to take part in an early afternoon spent learning about gardening techniques and a variety of plants that can be grown in the area. They did so as they planted the garden plots encased in the fairgrounds' "4-H" shaped frame. On hand to assist the young gardeners were Worth County Extension office staff and area master gardeners, who provided the students with the benefits of their experience and expertise.

The "Princesses of Bolan" during the stand still parade of Bolan's main street during the Centennial in August 1986 were Jennifer Braun, Kerri Hartman and Sara Berge.

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Obituaries

Cher Barr

Cher Ami Mae (Gunderson) Barr, 78, of Northwood, died on Friday, May 14, 2021, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Celebration of Life was held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Fireside Room in the lower level of First Lutheran Church, 309 Ninth St. N., Northwood.

Memorials may be directed to the family at 506 First Ave. N., Northwood, IA 50459.

Cher Ami was born on January 8, 1943, the daughter of Ernest and Edith (Severson) Gunderson in Des Moines. She graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 1960, Hamilton Business College in 1961 and received her CNA certificate from NIACC in 1993.



CHER BARR

Cher Ami was a member of First Lutheran Church in Northwood, where she was baptized in 1943 and confirmed in 1957, and also volunteered her time in the Joanna and Judith Circle. She operated an in-home daycare for 20 years, was a bookkeeper for Worth County Co-op and Oil as was a nursing assistant at Good Shepherd and MercyOne North Iowa Hospice in Mason City.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and loved all the dogs in the family.

Cher Ami is survived by two children, Charles (Marlene) Barr of Rochester, Minn., and Debra Higley of Northwood; and granddaughter, Mandy Conner of Rochester, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Thomas Faber

Thomas Edward Faber, 68, of Kensett, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at MercyOne North Iowa in Mason City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly with Father Neil Manternach officiating. Visitation was held on Friday, May 21, from 4 - 7 p.m. with a Rosary at 3:45 p.m. at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home at 1211 10th St. S. in Northwood. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Tom was born on September 15, 1952, to Fred and Helen (Scholl) Faber in Mason City. He was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockwell and was confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly. He graduated from North Central High School in 1970, then attended NIACC.

Tom's first marriage was to Sue Schmalholz, and to this union a son was born, Justin. They later divorced. Tom remarried Irene "Blondie" Schipper on March 28, 1998, in Clarion at the United Methodist Church.



THOMAS FABER

Tom was a farmer for most of his life.

Tom enjoyed eating, he was a great omelet maker, playing cards, including cribbage, motorcycle rides with friends and tractor rides. In Texas he enjoyed activities such as organizing the cribbage tournament and refereeing the shuffleboard tournament while wearing an official shirt with a whistle.

Tom is survived by his wife, Irene of Kensett; son, Justin (Beth) of Kensett; stepchildren, Jason (Chantelle) Rollene of Northwood, Melissa (Corey) Acheson of Grinnell and Ryan (Amy) Rollene of Kensett; grandchildren, Kaleob Rollene, Kinlee Rollene, Gabe Rollene, Keaton Rollene, Ava Rollene, Presley Rollene, Maveryk Rollene, Dylan Sporaa, Ethan Rollene, Bradan Schoopman, Jackson Faber, Brynlee Faber, Ivy (Ben) Marwedel, Gideon Rollene, Treycen Rollene and Ashlynn Rollene; great-grandchildren, Eden and Ja'siah; mother, Helen Faber of Manly; sister, Bev Faber; nieces and nephews; sisters and brother-in-law, Linda (Russ) Wibben, Verlyn (Janie) Schipper and LuAnn (Wayne) Green; and many friends.

Tom was proceeded in death by his father, Fred; and niece, Sara Miller.

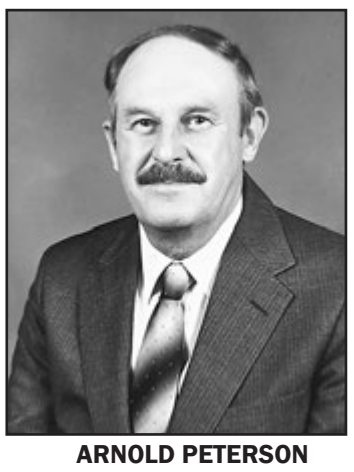
Arnold Peterson

Arnold G. Peterson, 94, of Northwood, passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, with Reverend Kent Ottoman officiating. Burial will be in Wanderer's Rest Cemetery, rural Gordonsville, Minnesota.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral at the chapel.

Arnold Gilman Peterson was born on May 10, 1927, on the farm northwest of Northwood, where his great-grandparents had settled many years before. The fourth child of Gilbert and Alvina (Lau) Peterson, he was one of 16 children. All of these children were born on that farm. In their late teens and near the end of World War II, Arnold and his next younger brother, Maynard, decided to join the Navy. Their dad, a proud World War I Army soldier, told them before they could enlist, they needed to clear the farm of a large stand of oak trees. With this job accomplished, they marched off to join the Navy. Shipping out through San Diego to Yokosuka, Japan, they spent their enlistment aboard an LCD. In 1947, the brothers were honorably discharged. Maynard headed to the Twin Cities to be trained as a train switchman while Arnold sought work for a short time at the Albert Lea Foundry before returning home to the farm. In 1950 their dad purchased



ARNOLD PETERSON

160 acres of land just west of Deer Creek. That fall, he died in a tragic accident. Arnold was 23 at the time. Though very young himself, while his other siblings left in pursuit of other interests, he stayed behind to help their mother save the newly purchased farm and help raise his younger siblings. This was through some terribly rough times.

In 1963, while still farming his mother's farm, he purchased another 160 acres just a mile away. He, their mother and two other siblings moved to Arnold's farm.

For recreation, Arnold loved to go to dances. He was a good dancer and had no shortage of dancing partners.

Arnold's youngest brother, Gordon, helped on the farm from the time he was a young kid. Over time, he and Arnold became farming partners. This partnership lasted until they both retired.

Arnold loved visiting with other people, spending many leisure hours doing just that. He had many friends, serving as best man at many of their weddings. He cherished family, doting on his many nieces and nephews, serving as Godparent to some. Many of these same people could tell you stories of the good times spent with Arnold.

Arnold was not only strong-willed, but generous to a fault. You never had to guess what he wanted: he'd tell you. You could always tell Arnold, but you couldn't tell him much. In later years he liked to talk about the rocks he'd picked off the farms.

Three and a half years ago, Arnold moved to the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. He has made his home there since.

The family appreciates the entire staff at the Lutheran Retirement Home for the loving care given over the years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sister, Genevieve "Jenny" Kirsch; brothers, Palmer Peterson, Lemoine (Pat) Peterson, Norman Peterson and Gordon (Linda) Peterson; and sisters-in-law, Darlene Peterson and Shirley Peterson; as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Gilbert and Alvina; siblings, Belean (Ronald) Johnson, Loretta (Kenton) Nelson, Harlan (Julia) Peterson, Phyllis (Bud) Cordera, Maynard (Maxine) Peterson, Gaylord Peterson, Dorothy (John) Dempewolf, Rena (Jim) Christensen and Arthur Peterson; and sisters-in-law Connie Peterson and Crystal Peterson.

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Shirley Severson

Shirley Jean Severson, 83, died at Park View Manor, Reinbeck, Iowa, on May 10, under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice.

She had previously lived in Plymouth, Minnesota, and Longville, Minnesota. She was born on January 28, 1938, in Osage, Iowa, daughter of the late Orvie and Agnes Severson, who farmed west of Carpenter, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at the Deer Creek Lutheran Church, rural Carpenter, and graduated from Carpenter High School in 1956.

After graduating from the Minnesota School of Business in 1957, she was employed as an Executive Secretary with Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company, then spent two years working in Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon returning to Minneapolis she was an Administrative Assistant at General Mills in Golden Valley and retired after 30 years of service.



SHIRLEY SEVERSON

While working she continued her formal education attending Augsburg College in Minneapolis and also spent time working on family genealogy. She was devoted to her family and never missed their important events until her 11 year battle with Alzheimer's disease prevented her from doing so.

Traveling was one of her great passions and in addition to visiting many parts of the U.S., she visited numerous international destinations in the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Australia. She also enjoyed bowling, golfing and cross country skiing.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, many aunts and uncles and friend Norris Krause.

She is survived by siblings, Carol (Bruce) Gordon Grundy Center, Iowa, and Dennis (Margaret) Severson of Brighton, Colo.; nieces, Melissa (Eric) Frickell, Julie (Andy) Clem and Sarah (Jeff) Spletzer, all of Thornton, Colo.; and nephews, Loren (Deb) Gordon of Chanhassen, Minn., Brian (Kristi) Gordon of Van Meter, Iowa, and John (Brandi) Gordon of Grundy Center. Four great nieces and nine great nephews also survive her.

A memorial service will take place at a later date and cremation rites will take place at the First Lutheran Cemetery, St. Ansgar, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter, Iowa, or Cedar Valley Hospice of Grundy Center.

Bolan

On Saturday a graduation reception was held at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center for Collin Kilbourn, who graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School on Sunday, May 23.

It has been 60 years since the Class of 1961 graduated from Lakota High School. Members of the class and spouses came from Colorado, Kentucky, Minnesota and, of course, Iowa. They met on Friday evening at a restaurant in Mason City and then continued socializing at a meeting room at the motel where many of them were staying. Linda Nydegger is a member of that class.

Joe and Linda Nydegger were able to attend the the Mount Vernon Community High School commencement and parade on Sunday afternoon. They joined Loren and Renee and Ben and Clare at the graduation ceremony, as Anna was a member of the class of 105 graduates. She graduated with Honors, wearing a gold cord, which represented a 3. 7-3.89 GPA, and had a blue cord, which represented "Pay it Forward Community Service Distinction" of 160 plus hours.She also received the "Extraordinary Woman Scholarship," which is awarded to four females with extraordinary energy and drive to succeed. Each recipient received a $1,250 scholarship. After the ceremony there was a parade through town with the graduates in convertibles, pick up trucks or regular vehicles being lead by fire trucks, police cars, etc. It was too bad that midway through there was a complete heavy downpour. Many graduates and drivers were soaked. A parade to remember!

Giving the message at the Bolan Trinity UMC Service on Sunday morning was Joyce Sherman of Lake Mills.

Dorenne Hansen

After a 16 year battle with cancer, Dorenne Kay (Mittag) Hansen passed away in her home on May 18, 2021.

Dorenne won many battles with her disease over the last 16 years, including an initial diagnosis with only a 14% survival rate, the re-emergence of metastasized bone cancer and its accompanying terminal diagnosis, multiple strokes, heart issues and a COVID-19 infection. After each battle she was able to return to a normal life, all the while knowing that the cancer would only have to win once. She never let her life become defined by her diagnosis, providing an example of bravery and courage for all those who knew her. She told those close to her that she was living with cancer, not dying from it.

Dorenne was born on November 3, 1961, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the first child of Donna and Bruce Mittag. A 1980 graduate of Glenville High School, she had a well-rounded educational experience. Dorenne excelled in academics and athletics, including holding the school record in the 440 yard dash for over two decades. She was also active in the school band as a clarinet player, in the Future Farmers of America and the Myrtle 4-H club.

After high school, Dorenne attended the University of Minnesota Technical College-Waseca, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Agricultural Business Management and competed in basketball and track & field.

Dorenne started dating her husband of nearly 39 years, Michael Hansen, after he accidentally hit her in the face with an errant throw at a Myrtle 4-H softball practice. They married on July 24, 1982, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Myrtle. They enjoyed traveling together and with family and friends, with yearly trips to Breezy Point



DORENNE HANSEN

and a few spectacular trips to more exotic locations, including Italy, Australia, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Hawaii and an Alaskan cruise.

Dorenne has had several careers in her adult life, including employment with the Myrtle elevator, Southland High School as a track coach, Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, a Pampered Chef consultant and 10 years with Hormel Foods in Austin, where she retired in 2013. Her days as a Pampered Chef consultant were wildly successful, as she earned family vacations to Disney World and Keystone, Colorado, plus several trips for her and Mike. Her most impactful role has been as a supportive and inspiring wife and mother.

Dorenne was a devoted mother and an avid supporter of her children, developing bleacher butt on more than one occasion, as she cheered on her children and their peers for many sports, concerts, banquets and graduations. She continued the tradition, supporting her children in their extra-curricular activities at Notre Dame (band) and Wartburg College (baseball and football).

Dorenne's love for her community is deep-rooted, as her family has lived in Shell Rock township for over 160 years. This commitment was evident in her volunteer roles as church President, Sunday School teacher, Girl Scout troop leader, youth group leader, 4-H key leader and community activist. She fought to preserve and maintain the natural beauty of the countryside up until her disease would not allow her to.

Dorenne loved to spend time with her grandchildren, playing in the playhouse, reading, painting and baking. She was a diversified crafter and baker/cook, creating beautiful cross-stitch pictures and stockings, sewing purses and card-table houses. Dorenne loved with her whole heart and has left pieces of her love behind in the gifts she has created for her family. Her reward will be great in heaven.

Dorenne is survived by her husband, Mike Hansen; children, Heidi (Sean) Gaston, Alex (Jenikah) Hansen, and Logan (Mallory) Hansen; grandchildren, Jackson, Isabelle and Charlotte Gaston, Madelin and Liam Hansen and Miles Hansen; mother, Donna Mittag; siblings, Bonnie Anding, David Mittag and Brenda Wehking; multiple brothers and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bruce Mittag.

A visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021, at Bonnerup Funeral Service, and one hour prior to services at the church. A funeral service took place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Myrtle with Pastor Josh Blair officiating. Interment followed at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery. A celebration of life meal was held at the Glenville City Hall following committal services.

She asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital to support continued cancer research and treatment options and those children fighting this terrible disease.

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Dated May 18, 2021.

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Attorney for the
Administrator

Date of second publication 2nd day of June, 2021.

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Supervisors

May 17, 2021
Twentieth Day

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

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 May 17, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the May 10, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the final payment voucher for project STBG-SWAP-CO98(074)- - FG-98 as submitted by the county engineer.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $12,966.50 as per the following schedule:

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #11/ Main A, Prof Services ... $6,405.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #13 Open Main, Prof Services $840.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #13/ Lat 3 Ditch, Prof Services $1,593.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #46/ Lat 9, Prof Services $2,873.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #72, Prof Services..... $520.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #34 Main E, Prof Services $105.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #24, Main Tile System, Prof Services $52.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #49, Prof Services..... $52.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #37, Prof Services..... $52.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #52, Prof Services..... $472.50
Grand Total..... $12,966.50

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the clerk of court's monthly report.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the following special claim:

Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-ENG $555.41

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Jordan Helgeson at $53,532.30/ year as submitted by the sheriff and Terry O'Hern, Chris Faught and Gary Brunsvold at $15/hr as submitted by secondary roads.

A hearing on a Civil Tobacco Matter was held at 9:00 A.M. County Attorney Jeff Greve presented the cigarette license for tobacco sales in Diamond Jo's name, the criminal complaint against one of their employees, proof of the plea, proof of service on the notice of hearing and a $300.00 check which is the amount of the civil penalty. Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the Order Assessing Penalty, First Violation and assess a $300.00 civil penalty to The Jo Stop, Diamond Jo Worth, LLC. This sanction is consistent with Iowa Code section 453A.22(2)(a) for a first violation of Iowa Code section 453A.2(1).

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve final retainage payment of $84,742.44 to Wunsch Construction Inc. per Jason Petersburg, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for the I-35/Hwy 105 Top of Iowa Second Additon lot development.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:50 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, May 24, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
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Emma Davidson chips onto the 18th green last Monday afternoon in Lake Mills. Davidson shot a round of 96, just two strokes short of moving onto the state tournament.

Davidson finishes seventh at regional, misses advancing by two strokes

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Putting together a great season on the links after missing out on last year, Northwood-Kensett's Emma Davidson, just a junior, nonetheless failed to advance to the state tournament after missing out on advancing out of the regionals by just two strokes at last Monday's Lake Mills Class 1A, Regional.

Davidson shot a solid 96 over the 18-hole course, but with just the top six individuals advancing to the state tournament, the talented golfer, who came out of nowhere this season to earn numerous medalist honors, will have to now wait until next year for redemption.

Other Lady Vikings on the course included Peyton Wilder (117), Haddie Hanson (120) and Haley Wallin (130).

The boys golf team advanced out of the regionals and competed in the district tournament last Friday in Dodge Center, where they placed 11th out of the 11 teams competing, putting an end to one the most successful seasons in recent memory.

Girls Regional Team Scores at Lake Mills – Bishop-Garrigan 345, Newman Catholic 394, North Union 403, Lake Mills 436, Northwood-Kensett 463, West Fork 478, North Iowa 505, Rockford 560

Boys District Team Scores at Fort Dodge – St. Edmonds 337, Newman Catholic 344, Newell-Fonda 347, Akron-Westfield 352, Harris-Lake Park 358, Remsen St. Mary's 361, Bishop-Garrigan 373, Earlham 375, Coon Rapids-Bayard 385, West Bend-Mallard 389, Northwood-Kensett 390

Iowa logged 37,000 unemployment fraud claims during the pandemic

By Clark Kauffman
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

Iowa has fielded at least 37,000 fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits since the COVID-19 pandemic began, according to state officials.

That works out to more than 87 fraudulent claims filed each day of the pandemic. Those claims are tied specifically to identity theft, wherein people have filed claims pretending to be real Iowans who may or may not be jobless.

"The last few months we saw the largest increase in those numbers, with last week having a significant decrease," Iowa Workforce Development Deputy Director Ryan West said.

It's not known how the total of 37,000 fraudulent claims compares to the previous 14-month period. But in fiscal year 2019, the agency said it had identified $5,362,332 in unemployment overpayments that could be attributed to fraud. In fiscal year 2020, which ended just four months into the pandemic, that number increased 7% to $5,732,627.

It's not clear how the identities of Iowans were compromised or what state officials are doing in response to the situation. Iowa Workforce Development declined to make anyone available for an interview on the topic and West provided only partial responses to a brief, written list of questions on the topic.

Asked whether the known cases of fraud had come to the agency's attention through internal fraud-detection efforts or through information provided by the Iowans whose identities were stolen, West said IWD "uses many fraud detection and prevention mechanisms, most of which we will not discuss publicly to (ensure) their efficacy."

He said the first step in the claims process "requires identity-verification steps that most fraudsters would be unable to pass," and if the questions posed during the process are not answered accurately, a claimant will be asked to provide additional documentation to establish their identity.

West said it's "difficult to say where the personal information is obtained by the criminal elements" making fraudulent claims, it's most likely the result of a data breach unrelated to IWD. "We do know the information is not coming from IWD as we have not experienced a data breach," he said. "And any fraudulent claim made is made by a person or group that already possesses an individual's private information."

Asked how the agency is addressing cases of known fraud, and precisely which cases have resulted in criminal referrals, civil proceedings or other public actions against the perpetrators, West declined to provide any details, except to say that criminal referrals are made when the agency can identify the perpetrator.

According to federal officials, a Sioux City woman stole at least $24,235 from the U.S. Treasury last year through a COVID-19 unemployment scheme. Linda Bosquez, 59, was convicted last month of theft of government funds after admitting that from May through July of last year she falsely claimed, in her name and those of others, unemployment benefits from the states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan and Ohio.

West said unemployment fraud is a national issue and "Iowa is fortunate not to have experienced some of the larger-scale attacks states such as California and Washington have experienced."

West declined to say how unemployment payments can be paid out in a way that bypasses the supposed claimants' bank accounts and is instead directed to the perpetrator, but the fraud appears to rely on IWD routing the money to a debit card that the bearer can use to access the funds.

At a recent Iowa Senate subcommittee meeting, a lobbyist for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry told lawmakers a former president of ABI, David Bywater, was himself the victim of identity theft tied to unemployment claims.

"When you push $4 billion through a fund, there is a certain uptick in fraud," lobbyist J.D. Davis told the senators. "A former president of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, a third-generation owner of a company in Iowa, was notified that he himself had filed for unemployment benefits. He was asked if he, himself, as the employer, would like to contest his own unemployment filing. These things happen."

Bywater said whoever filed the claim used his name and Social Security number but the address they had was for a residence where he hasn't lived for 20 years — an indication the identity theft could date back decades. "The person got my information from somewhere, and I have no idea where," Bywater said.

Daniel P. Finney, a former Des Moines Register columnist and an occasional contributor to the Iowa Capital Dispatch, said it was only through happenstance that he learned of someone using his identity to collect unemployment benefits. He recently called IWD on another issue tied to his unemployment and was told his benefits had been placed on hold pending an investigation into what appeared to be fraudulent claims someone filed on his behalf.

"So there were two weeks there where, even though I hadn't done anything wrong, I was not getting paid benefits," he said. "It was scary because I didn't know how long it was going to last … When you're unemployed, that's your only source of income."

Nationally, the U.S. Department of Labor's inspector general has estimated that at least 10%, or more than $89 billion, of the $896 billion that the federal government has allocated to state unemployment-insurance programs since March 2020 might have been "paid improperly" due to fraud or errors since the beginning of the pandemic.

The inspector general identified $4.5 billion of potentially fraudulent payments to people who used the same Social Security numbers to apply for benefits in different states, or who used numbers belonging to dead people or federal inmates.

The increase in fraud is believed to be a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which triggered a massive influx of federal money into the states' unemployment systems at the same time those states struggled to cope with an unprecedented spike in legitimate claims. Many states were overwhelmed by the increased workload, allowing criminals to file claims that didn't undergo the usual time-consuming scrutiny intended to ferret out fraudulent claims.

In March, the Associated Press reported that many states have failed to adequately safeguard their unemployment systems, and some states would not publicly acknowledge the extent of the problem.

Federal prosecutors are now beginning to crack down on the fraud. Two weeks ago, a federal grand jury in Virginia indicted 23 individuals allegedly involved in a large-scale scheme to collect pandemic-related unemployment benefits. Although the fraudulent claims were made on behalf of just 37 different individuals, the amount of unearned benefits paid out totaled $499,000, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Last week, President Biden recommended "strengthening and reforming" the unemployment-insurance system and increasing fraud prevention using previously allocated funding. "Too often, the safeguards to prevent fraud in the system have been insufficient," Biden's proposal said.

Deputy Editor Clark Kauffman has worked during the past 30 years as both an investigative reporter and editorial writer at two of Iowa's largest newspapers, the Des Moines Register and the Quad-City Times. He has won numerous state and national awards for reporting and editorial writing. His 2004 series on prosecutorial misconduct in Iowa was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting. From October 2018 through November 2019, Kauffman was an assistant ombudsman for the Iowa Office of Ombudsman, an agency that investigates citizens' complaints of wrongdoing within state and local government agencies.

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May is Beef Month in Iowa



The Iowa State Beef Checkoff is pleased to announce that May is Beef Month in Iowa. Governor Kim Reynolds has signed the May Beef Month proclamation in recognition of the importance of Iowa's beef industry to the state's economy. The Iowa Cattle Industry Headquarters presents the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Iowa is a major beef producing state with more than 3.6 million head of cattle as of January 1, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, there is an ever-increasing need for better understanding of the benefits that the beef cattle industry provides to all Iowans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as

BEEF MONTH in Iowa, and urge all citizens to appreciate the contributions the beef cattle industry continues to provide to our state.

Beef. It's What's For Dinner. shares tips for beef safety at home

With more time at home, consumers can confidently reach for beef as a reliable staple to nourish themselves and their families. Beef is not only an excellent source of protein; it also provides bodies with the strength to thrive throughout all stages of life.

To ensure consumers are armed with knowledge to have the best eating experience with beef, the Beef Checkoff is here to provide some quick tips on how to safely handle and prepare beef when cooking at home.

Storing Beef:

Refrigerate or freeze beef as soon as possible after purchasing.

Ground beef can safely be stored in the refrigerator for one to two days before cooking or freezing. Once in the freezer, ground beef can be stored for three to four months before quality is impacted.

Steaks and roasts can safely be stored in the refrigerator for three to five days before cooking or freezing. Once in the freezer, steaks and roasts can be stored for four to 12 months before quality is impacted.

If you plan on freezing, repackage your beef into the right-size portion for upcoming meals.

For longer storage, remove beef from original packaging and place into freezer bags or similar air-tight packaging to remove as much air as possible.

Defrosting:

Defrost beef in the refrigerator, never at room temperature.

Account for 12 to 24 hours to defrost ground beef and steaks.

Use a plate or tray to catch any juices.

Handling:

Wash hands well in hot, soapy water before and after handling raw meat and other fresh foods.

Keep raw meat and juices away from other foods.

Wash all utensils, cutting surfaces and counters after contact with raw meat.

Preparing:

Always use a meat thermometer.

Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F.

Steaks and roasts should be cooked to an internal temperature of 145°F.

Don't forget to refrigerate leftovers within two hours after cooking.

"Beef is a nutrient rich protein that can be a great freezer staple for a variety of dishes and meals," said Alisa Harrison, senior vice president of Global Marketing and Research at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, a contractor to the Beef Checkoff. "With a few simple tips when it comes to storing, handling and cooking beef at home, families can feel confident that their beef meals will be delicious and flawlessly prepared."

When you're ready to get cooking, check out more information on safe handling, hundreds of recipes, and even online cooking lessons. With step by step instructions and tips for a dozen different cooking methods, from grilling to pressure cooking, the cooking lessons are a great resource for all levels of home chefs.

What beef is all about

From the Iowa Beef Industry Council:

ABOUT BEEF - NUTRITION

• It's hard to beat the nutrients you get from a serving of real beef. Beef supplies 10 essential nutrients that support a healthy lifestyle, including protein, zinc, iron and B vitamins.

• Beef is an authentic source of high-quality protein without a long list of ingredients and no added sodium—it's just beef that you're getting for dinner.

• One serving of beef is 3 ounces, about the size of a deck of cards, and provides 25 grams of protein (roughly 50% of your daily value) in about 170 calories.

• Animal proteins such as lean beef are complete, high-quality proteins that contain all the essential amino acids your body needs.

• All beef choices have to meet the same safety standards. Vigilance on farms, rigorous safety inspections, and strict government guidelines ensure the highest level of safety for whichever type of beef you choose.

• You would have to eat 6 tablespoons of peanut butter (564 calories) to get the same amount of protein provided by one 3-oz serving of lean beef (150 calories).

• Lean beef has less than 10 grams of total fat per 3-oz serving. About half the fat in beef is monounsaturated fat, the same heart-healthy kind found in olive oil.

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• Cattle farmers and ranchers have invested more than $30 million since 1993 in safety research and outreach programs. The beef community as a whole invests at least $550 million in safety annually.

• 87% of farmers and ranchers who raise beef follow best management practices consistent with BQA because it's the right thing to do.

• Raising beef today requires less water, land, and energy and has a smaller environmental footprint thanks to continuous improvements by farmers and ranchers.

• Compared to 1960, there are half as many farmers and ranchers today feeding a U.S. population that has more than doubled.

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Iowa and U.S. beef industries, by the numbers

From the Iowa Beef Industry Council:

Iowa's Beef Cattle Industry Statistics

Total Cattle Inventory in Iowa (as of January 1, 2021; -5.2%)

3,650,000

State Rank All Cattle and Calves (January 1, 2021)

Eighth

Cattle on Feed in Iowa (January 1, 2021; -9.3%)

1,170,000

State Rank Cattle and Calves on Feed (January 1, 2021)

Fourth

Yearly Fed Cattle Marketings (2020; -8.5%)

1,722,000

Number of Feedlots (2017 Census)

5,485

Number of Cattle Operations (2017 Census)

25,367

Number of Farms with Beef Cows (2017 Census)

19,171

Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2021; -1.7%)

890,000

State Rank Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2021)

Thirteenth

Number of Farms with Dairy Cows (2017 Census)

1,592

Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2021; +2.3%)

220,000

State Rank Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2021)

Twelfth

Cash Receipts from Cattle and Calves (2019)

$3.932 Billion

Iowa Jobs Directly Related to the Cattle Industry (2017)

19,016

Iowa Jobs Indirectly Related to the Cattle Industry (2017)

9,570

Iowa Jobs Induced by the Cattle Industry (2017)

4,561

In 2017, Iowa's cattle industry contributed in excess of $6.8 billion in business activity to Iowa's economy

Sources: Department of Economics, Iowa State University; Iowa Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 2020 Cattle Inventory Report and 2017 Census of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

U.S. Beef Industry Statistics

- January 1, 2021 Cattle inventory: 93,594,500 -0.2% (USDA NASS)
- 2020 estimated economic impact: $62.014 billion in farm gate cash receipts (USDA ERS)
- 2017 Number of cow herds: 768,542 (2017 Census)
  - 31.158 million beef cows (January 1, 2021 -0.6%) (USDA NASS)
  - 9.440 million dairy cows (January 1, 2021 +1.0%) (USDA NASS)
  - 35.136 million head calf crop (2020 -1.3%) (USDA NASS)
  - 89 percent of cow herds have less than 100 cows (2017 Census)
- 2020 beef and beef variety exports: 1.255 million metric tons (2.767 billion pounds); $7.649 billion (USMEF)
- Top export markets: Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Hong Kong/China, Canada
- Top 5 states for Cattle on Feed (January 1, 2021) (USDA NASS)
  1. Texas – 2,890,000 hd; -3.0%
  2. Nebraska – 2,720,000 hd; +4.6%
  3. Kansas – 2,660,000 hd; +3.1%
  4. Iowa – 1,170,000 hd; -9.3%
  5. Colorado – 1,140,000 hd; +1.8%
- 53 percent of the total value of U.S. sales of cattle and calves comes from the top 5 states with cattle on feed inventory (2019) (USDA NASS)
  1. Nebraska
  2. Texas
  3. Kansas
  4. Iowa
  5. Colorado
- Feedyard cost of gain: $0.78/lb from 2014-2018; $0.80/lb in 2019, $0.77/lb in 2020 (ISU Estimated Livestock Returns-Finishing Yearling Steers)
- Average producer age: 57.4 beef cattle ranching and farming; 54.5 cattle feedlots (2017 Census)
- 2020: 32.151 million head of cattle harvested under USDA inspection; 26.738 billion pounds of commercial, federally inspected beef production. Average dressed weight 832 pounds. (USDA NASS)



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Ag in the Classroom at Northwood-Kensett









Preschool students talked about hamburgers and what toppings can be used, and where they come from. They used a giant example of those toppings to build their own burger.







Students in the three year old preschool class learned about animals and where they live, whether that be a farm or a zoo.



Worth County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom started an embryology unit with the N-K kindergartners. Mrs. Hanna's and Ms. Hebel's classrooms were each given six eggs in their incubator. The students were helpers, checking the temperature and water level of the incubator as they aged.



Students in the first grade learned about products that are made using animals and plants.





North Central Iowa AITC presented a lesson to the second geraders foods and whether they come from a plant or an animal. Students talked about several foods and then were given three index cards to write and draw their favorite food or what they had recently eaten. Students formed small groups and were given containers marked with "Food from Animal," "Food from Plant" and "Food from Both" to place their cards in. They went around the classroom and talked about what cards they had put in each.

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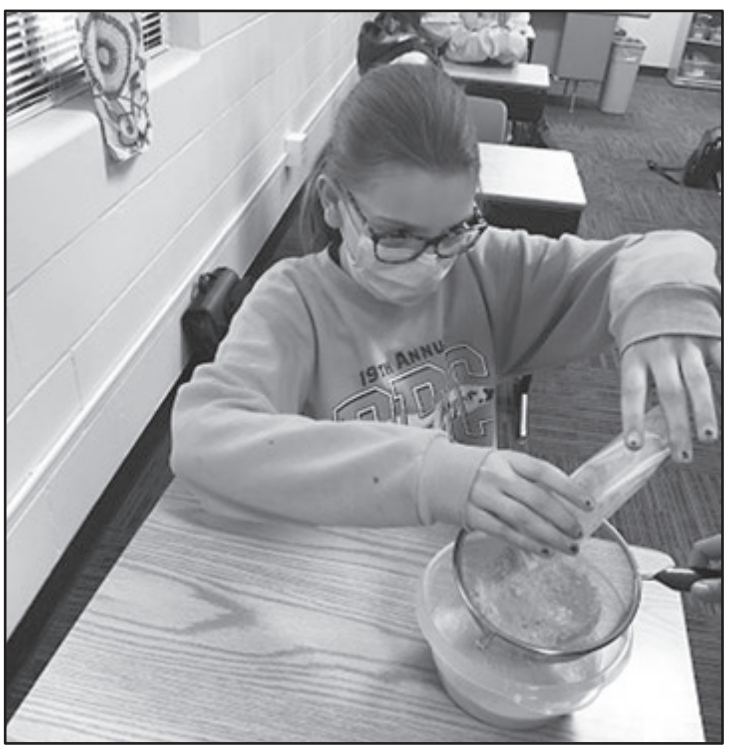
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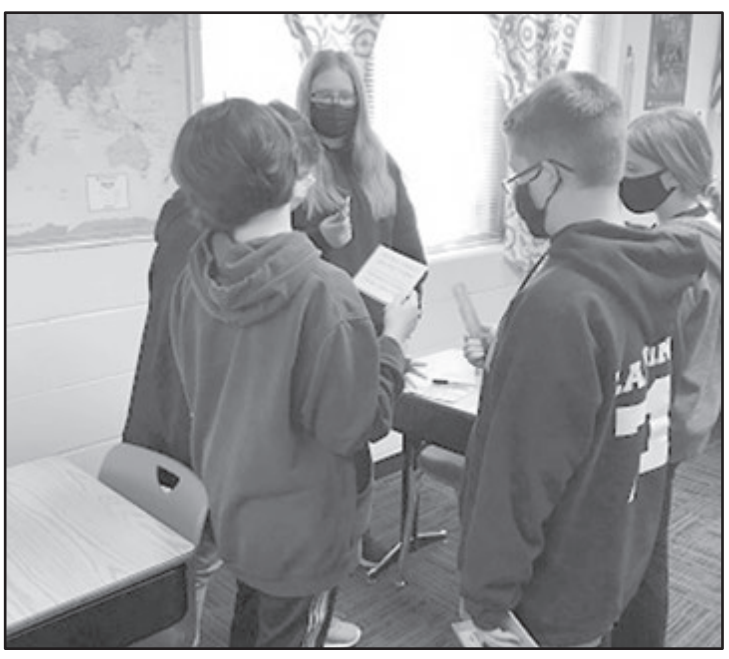
Third grade students learned about Tootsie Rolls and how many ingredients come from farms. The students watched a short video about cocoa beans then talked about the ingredients in a Tootsie Roll. Four out of the six ingredients can come from an Iowa farm.





North Central Iowa AITC presented a lesson on ethanol to Ms. Hagen's fifth grade class. The students each had a bag of graham crackers they crushed, then added sugar, yeast and warm water and closed their bags. They watched a video about an ethanol plant and at the end of the video, the ingredients in their bags had started to react and create a simulation of ethanol.





North Central Iowa Ag-in-the-Classroom presented Ms. Hagen's sixth grade class about imports and exports. They formed teams and named their country and were each given a list of what they needed to have. Some had more, some less, some had none of certain items, which led to negotiations to get what they needed.

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Anchor Sports



Viking Wyatt Willand takes off at the sound of the gun in the 800-meter wheelchair race last Friday afternoon at Drake's Blue Oval. Willand, the defending state champion in the 800, placed second in four events, the 100, 200, 400 and 800.



Seniors Kayla Senne and Ruthie Conlin exchange the baton in the 4x100-meter relay last Friday night at the state track meet in Des Moines. The 4x100 team of Carly Hengesteg, Senne, Conlin and Bella Efflandt finished 17th in the events prelims with a time of 53.05.

Willand and fellow wheelchair racers steal the show at state track meet

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Pick any regular season track meet and Northwood-Kensett's Wyatt Willand has no competition other than his own time to beat, no one to push him, no one to share the agony of defeat or victory with, he's literally alone on the track.

But at this year's state meet that all changed with numerous wheelchair competitors taking to Drake's Blue Oval, all with one goal in mind, a state championship.

With others to compete against, Willand is at his best, especially when it's just him and his friendly nemesis from Waukee, Evan Corell. Willand and Corell were the lone competitors in the 800 last Friday afternoon at the state championships in Des Moines, where, with Corell pushing the pace, the two cruised to the two best times ever at the state meet in the 800-meter wheelchair competition, with Willand, the defending state champ in the event from 2019, coming in second with a time of 1:53.35.

In other wheelchair races like the 100, the field was nearly full, which led to even more excitement from the crowd as they cheered these athletes on. Willand, who competed in four events at the state meet, took home second place medals in all of them, including the 100, 200, 400 and 800.

When it comes to N-K's relays, the Lady Vikings had the most success in the shuttle hurdle, where the team of Bella Efflandt, Morgan Wallin, Kayla Senne and Lindsey Moore just missed qualifying for the finals with their ninth place finish in the prelims. The girls 4x100-meter relay team of Carly Hengesteg, Senne, Ruthie Conlin and Efflandt placed 17th.

The girls' two individual state qualifiers, Efflandt and Hengesteg, fared well in their events as well with Hengesteg placing 14th in the 400-meter dash and Efflandt just missing a medal with her 12th place finish in 1:10.90.

For the boys, the shuttle hurdle team of Hayden Moore, Drake Tiedemann, Josiah Kliment and Brandon Varner posted a prelim time of 1:07.22, good enough for a 16th place finish, while the boys' only individual qualifier, Kliment, placed 17th in the 400-meter hurdles.

"I'm not really happy with how I ran, I'm feeling a little dehydrated, maybe that has something to do with it," Kliment said after the race. "Next time I need to get some more water in me before I race, I was feeling a little light headed afterwards, but I still made it to state."

That's exactly the attitude that all these athletes should take, state medalist or not, just to be here means you were one of the best in the state this year. You all belong here, you are all champions,



Lady Viking Bella Efflandt just missed qualifying for Saturday's finals in the 400-meter hurdles with her ninth place finish last Friday evening at the state track meet at Drake's Blue Oval. Efflandt wrapped up a very successful senior season, qualifying for her first state track meet.



N-K's Josiah Kliment clears the hurdle in the 400-meter hurdles last Friday evening in Des Moines. Kliment placed 17th in the event with a time of 59.21.



Battling not only other competitors but the nasty weather as well, N-K's Brandon Varner clears the hurdles in the shuttle hurdle relay last Thursday afternoon at the Iowa State High School Track and Field Championships in Des Moines. Varner and his teammates, Hayden Moore, Josiah Kliment and Drake Tiedemann placed 16th in the event.

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