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Northwood-Kensett welcomes five new teachers to the district

This year, Northwood-Kensett schools welcoming five new members of the faculty. Below is an introduction to the new (with one returning) faces at N-K, including Ashley Haxton, Kelli Helgeson, Samantha Butler, Natalie Henkel and Zachary Samson.

By JoAnn Lower

Ashley Haxton

Ashley Haxton, preschool/K-3 reading specialist, grew up in Mason City. After graduating from high school in 2006, she attended NIACC for two years and finished her teaching degree at the University of Northern Iowa in 2010.

"My favorite teachers shaped me," Ashley said. "They showed me that a teacher could be a positive role model in a kid's life and help them realize there's an adult who cares for them."

Ashley's husband Derek works with the Agriculture Development Authority (ADA) as an agricultural welder. The couple has two children, Harper and Hudson.

"Our family moved to Northwood two years ago. We love the community, and I'm very excited to be a part of N-K schools."

Kelli Helgeson

Kelli Helgeson, K-3 special education teacher, grew up in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and graduated from St. Edmonds High School. She then went on to earn her degree in elementary education at the University of Northern Iowa and her masters degree in special education from the University of Phoenix.

"As a high school senior, I did a service-learning project with a third grade class and loved it," she remembers. "I've always had a passion for working with kids."

Along with her husband Ryan and their children, Kelli recently moved from Northfield, Minnesota, to Ryan's grandpa's house on the family farm outside Lake Mills. Ryan is a sales representative for Winnebago Motor Homes.

The couple's four children are Drew, Josie, Hayden and Conner. Living with them on the farm is their dog Scout, a Vizsla.

Kelli enjoys boating, hiking and fishing – "everything outdoors."

"My week of training with the entire K-12 teaching staff was quite impressive," she said. "I'm excited to begin teaching at N-K."

Samantha Butler

"I grew up in a family of teachers," said Samantha Butler. "My mom, aunt and several cousins were teachers, so I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a teacher, too."

Samantha grew up in Northwood and graduated from N-K in 2015. Four years later she graduated

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Briefs

Class of 1965 hosts 'sock hop' and film

The Northwood-Kensett High School class of 1965 is preparing to host its 56th reunion with events set for Founders Day weekend, Friday and Saturday, September 10-11, with the public invited to join in the activities.

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LRH limits visits with COVID concerns

The Lutheran Retirement Home has reinstated its COVID-19 visitation restrictions, with cases rising in the area and a staff member testing positive.

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. August 24	78	64	T
Wed. August 25	74	60	.53
Thurs. August 26	82	58	
Fri. August 27	72	60	3.43
Sat. August 28	79	54	4.93
Sun. August 29	81	59	.53
Mon. August 30	75	54	

Enrollment down as all students start year in classrooms

With the first week of school passed, the number of students actually in N-K classrooms was up from the previous year, although the total number of students educated by N-K was down.

Based on the unofficial count taken last week there were 500 students in N-K classrooms, compared to 451 at the start of the school year in 2020. However, when school began a year ago, there were 59 students learning from home, for a total of 510 students educated by N-K. That was a decrease of 10 students, or 1.96%.

The number of students at the elementary level remained the same, with 272 students in classrooms to begin each of the past school years.

At the elementary, class sizes mostly decreased as students moved up a grade. Last year's kindergarten and first grade classes dropped two, from 43 to 41 for the new first graders and 37 to 35 for the new second graders. Last year's third graders dropped one, from 36 to 35 in the fourth grade. Between last year's fifth grade and this year's

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Wind company makes the case for development agreement

The Worth County supervisors recently received an update on the plans for a wind turbine development in the works in the county, as well as a proposed development agreement between the County and the company pursuing the project.

Mark Crowl, with Invenergy, was at the August 9 meeting to provide some background and information on a wind turbine project being developed by the company in the northwest corner of the county.

Crowl said that the area was chosen for several reasons, including nearby access to transmission lines, the windy nature of North Iowa and the fact that, at the time the project began, Worth County had historically been supportive of wind energy development.

Crowl said that they had reached their first agreement with a land owner on June 29, 2018, and that there were 200 landowners participating in the project today.

Next Crowl shared the steps the company has already taken to mitigate the impacts of its project.

According to Crowl, the company has worked with various state and federal agencies and tried to follow their guidance, avoiding areas that are or may be habitat for endangered species.

Crowl said that the company has also done and plans to continue studies about current and potential areas of raptor and other bird nests and flight patterns.

Crowl next shared the engineering side, and the considerations for setbacks in the project.

Crowl said that the area they were looking at started with over 33,000 acres.

Setback considerations were then added for roads and highways, communication transmissions, residential areas, and the properties of those that aren't participating in the project.

Next the company looked at setbacks to address the concerns that had been mentioned at earlier supervisors meetings, namely 1,500 foot setbacks, noise limits of 50 db and limiting shadow flicker to no more than 30 hours per year. Crowl added that the layout

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New cases of COVID see sharpest increase of 2021

COVID-19 rates in Worth County are continuing an upward trend that brings a weekly increase not seen since the end of 2020.

The most recently available data from the State of Iowa, released weekly, shows that between August 19 and August 26, there were 49 new cases of COVID-19 in the county, bringing the new total to 900. That is the largest weekly increase since December 2020.

Since July, there have been 90 new cases in Worth County, at a steadily increasing rate, going up 12 between July 28 and August 4; up 17 between August 4 and 11; up 22 between August 11 and 18; and 49 in the most recent week.

With 49 new cases in a week, the 7 day positivity rate reached 13.2%. That was up from 5.8% on August 19.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 23,019 cases of COVID-19 reported by state agencies. That is up 846 from the

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A sign of things to come

This picture taken by Suzie Reyerson shows the storm clouds as they approached on August 24. That storm brought some strong winds and heavy rain, a preview of the storm that dumped between 8-11 inches or more inches of rain on Friday night.

Weekend deluge leaves areas underwater — See Page 12



A near miss

Before the streets, creeks, river, ditches, fields and other areas were flooded by the weekend's torrential rain fall, another strong storm crossed the area on Tuesday, resulting in some down branches and limbs, like this pictured after it had narrowly avoided falling onto car parked nearby.

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from the University of Northern Iowa and spent the next two years teaching middle school science in Forest City.

Connie Butler, Samantha's mother, teaches at RRMR; father Richard Butler works for the City of Northwood. Sister Mikki is a nuclear medicine technologist in Iowa City.

Butler played all sports in high school and will now be coaching junior high volleyball. She enjoys traveling, reading and shopping.

"I'm excited to be where I grew up," Samantha said. "I know the community, have been part of the community and still feel a part of it even though it's been a few years. I love that home-town feel and being involved."

She added with a smile, "I'll now be teaching fourth grade in the classroom where I was a fourth grader."

Natalie Henkel

Natalie Henkel, special education teacher for grades 4-6, loves working with kids. "When I was thinking of different professions that worked with kids, I fell in love with teaching and helping kids learn and grow."

Henkel grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and earned her degree in elementary education at Wartburg College in Waverly.

Her husband Ryan is the pastor at Emmons Lutheran Church; their son Jonah is 14 months old.

Natalie enjoys cooking, reading and spending time outdoors. "We enjoy visiting national parks, and this summer we spent time at Yellowstone and Glacier."

Family pets, Simone and Pumba, are guinea pigs that Jonah loves to play with.

Zachary Samson

Zachary Samson grew up west of Cedar Rapids in Atkins, Iowa. He graduated from Benton Community High School in 2008 and from Wartburg College in 2012.

He is teaching 9th grade science, applied chemistry, normal chemistry and 7th grade science.

Asked how he decided to become a teacher, Samson said, "My grandpa was a high school science teacher who fostered my love for science, and I wanted to be like him."

Zach's wife Lauren is a nurse at Mayo Clinic Austin. The couple enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, riding bikes and going for walks with their dog Macy – a bulldog/boxer.

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total as of August 11. That includes 1,667 in Winnebago, 1,698 in Hancock, 6,393 in Cerro Gordo, 1,927 in Floyd and 1,439 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 3,845 in Freeborn and 5,150 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

State data shows that, in the eight county area, there have been 330 deaths to COVID-19, up 4 since July 28.

According to the CDC, 3,149 residents of Worth County have been fully vaccinated, for 42.7% of the total population. That is up 80 Worth County residents since August 11.

Of that, 1,255 of those 65 and over, the first age group that could receive the vaccine, were fully vaccinated, 81.2% of that population. Of those that have been able to receive the vaccine since early April, those 18 and over, 3,125 have been fully vaccinated, for 53.4% of that population. Those 12 and over have been eligible since the month of May. Of that group 50.6% have been vaccinated.

In Worth County, 3,456, or 46.8% of the total population has received at least one dose of vaccine. That is up 86 since August 11.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates of 44.8% in Winnebago, 41.8% in Hancock, 52.8% in Cerro Gordo, 45.2% in Floyd, 41.1% in Mitchell, 47.4% in Freeborn and 50.3% in Mower counties. Across the region, 44.6% of the total population has been fully vaccinated.

Information and COVID-19 resources can be found on the state's COVID-19 website at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

Information on vaccination in Iowa can be found online at vaccinate.iowa.gov.

Local information can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page, or by calling 641-324-1741.

LRH
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Visits will only be allowed at windows or outdoors.

Visitors must wear masks and visits will be limited to 30 minutes. Visits must be scheduled in advance by contacting activities director Cassie Davis at davisc@northwoodlrh.org or 641-324-1712.

Visits may be scheduled Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

LRH will attempt to accommodate those that cannot visit at those times.

"We understand this is frustrating, and feels like a step backwards, but we are doing all we can to keep our residents safe and healthy," said Davis in a post on Facebook announcing the changes.

Class of 1965
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On Friday, September 10, from 5-11 p.m., a free "Senior Sock Hop" will be held at the N-K Elementary Gym, with mellow 60s music played until 10 p.m. to provide a chance to reminisce. From 10-11 p.m., the music will step up the beat with some "Old Time Rock and Roll."

On Founders Day, Saturday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m., a free movie, "The Times of Our Lives Growing Up in Kensett and Northwood in the 1960s" will be shown at the Northwood Theatre. The movie will feature the life and times of the class of class of 1965, with sights and scenes of early Kensett and Northwood and school activities.

All N-KHS alumni are invited to attend the events.

Enrollment
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sixth grade, the class dropped four, from 33 to 29.

Meanwhile, this year's kindergarten class had nine more students than the sixth grade class that moved on to the junior high school.

At the junior-senior high school, the number of students was down 10, from 238 in August 2020 to 228 in the first week of the 2021-2022 school year.

Three grades saw increases coming into junior/senior high school for the coming school year, with the current eighth graders, freshmen and senior classes increasing 3, 2 and 4 respectively. The seventh grade class decreased 5 students since leaving the elementary and the sophomore class dropped 1 since their freshmen year.

There are 44 seniors this year, compared to 47 seniors at N-K at the start of classes last year.

As far as the district's preschool is concerned, in its ninth year, the number of students enrolled is up 10, to 78, from the previous school year.

The number of four year olds in the district's preschool, those that could make up next year's kindergarten class, is down 3, to 46, from the number of four year olds in the district's preschool at this time last year.

Meanwhile, the number of three year old preschoolers, those that could be kindergarten students in two years, is up 13, to 32.

As always, early counts are good indicators of the size of the student body taking classes at N-K, but may not accurately reflect the increase or decrease seen when it comes time to make enrollment figures official.

Certified enrollment numbers will be taken in October. Those official figures include students enrolled at N-K, as well as those dual enrolled, open enrolled and/or tuitioned in and out of the district, which are not reflected in the numbers above. Some preschool students are also included in the certified enrollment numbers, those that are 4 years old, though the district receives a partial credit for each preschool student.

The Iowa Department of Education uses the official count to determine the amount of money the school district can spend in the coming school year.

Last year's certified enrollment was 503.8 students, which includes all the students living in the district, including some that are enrolled in other schools.

At the same time, according to the official enrollment numbers taken last October, there were 510 students actually in classes at N-K, which includes students coming into the district for their education.

Following is a grade-by-grade breakdown of opening day enrollment numbers for the past two years:

Grade	21-22	20-21
PK 3	32	19
PK 4	46	49
	78	**68**
K	43	43
1	41	37
2	35	46
3	46	36
4	35	43
5	43	33
6	29	34
K-6	**272**	**272**
7	29	36
8	39	42
9	44	40
10	39	33
11	33	40
12	44	47
7-12	**228**	**238**
Total	**500**	**510**

Annual Historical meeting to be held September 21

The Annual Worth County Historical Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, 1206 Third Avenue N. in Northwood, Iowa. The meal starts at 6 p.m. with guest speaker Dave Holstad to follow. The tickets are $15 payble at the door.

Holstad grew up fishing and exploring areas like Silver Lake, Rice Lake and Elk Creek Marsh. After graduating from Lake Mills High School he received a B.S. from Iowa State, majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology. Holstad worked for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for 35 years as a technician managing public lands, which included prairies and wetlands. After retiring from the state he enjoys hunting, fishing, exploring and kayaking areas in north central Iowa. Holstad will talk about interesting things he has found and observations in Worth County.

Those interested are asked to purchase tickets by Friday, September 10. The meal will be meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a pumpkin bar.

Reservations are available by calling 641-324-1180 or emailing wchsiowa @gmail.com.

Reserved tickets may be picked up and paid for at the door.

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of the project actually keeps the homes of non-participating landowners no closer than 1,600 feet and with noise levels that won't reach higher than 45 db, based on projections.

Crowl said that after considering all those setbacks, there is roughly 700 acres remaining for potential turbine sites.

After laying out the process, Crowl also mentioned the economic benefits of increased tax revenue, jobs in the area and others.

With all that in mind, Crowl discussed the proposed agreement between Invenergy and Worth County, for terms the company agrees to as they build the new turbines.

Crowl said that the agreement was designed to address issues that had arisen after the construction of the most recent turbine project in and near Dear Creek Township, ranging from noise issues to turbines built closer than were initially promised verbally.

The agreement includes the distance, noise and shadow levels mentioned above, along with road damage and decommissioning language, and other considerations for the County and the company.

Crowl said that the company agreed to look at the least impactful locations first, and that any issues that happened with the Deer Creek development were addressed in the agreement.

Crowl said that the agreement provides guidelines that allow the company to build, while implementing the protections the supervisors were discussing before they passed a moratorium on wind development in April.

Crowl also added that most of the opposition to the project that has been seen at meetings comes from those outside of the area being considered.

Supervisor AJ Stone asked Crowl if the company would hold off on any legal action or advancing the project to allow the attorney recently hired by the County to review the agreement.

Crowl said that the company wants to be respectful of the County's process, but that the project has a timeline. Bret Dublinske, lawyer for Invenergy, was at the meeting and added that it is largely shovel ready.

Supervisor Enos Loberg said that the County needs bigger setbacks to protect people and prevent the same thing that happened in Deer Creek from happening again. Loberg also added that there should be no shadow flicker allowed.

Crowl said that the project as proposed won't have the negative impact that others have. He added that taking the limits discussed initially any further would effectively kill the project.

Dublinske said that the company has millions invested in the project. He said that most development has some impact, no matter the distance. He added that for economic development to occur, there will be some impact.

The attorney for the county asked if there was any consideration to pay adjoining property owners easements to offset the impact of noise or shadow. Dublinske said that based on the considerations in the development agreement, any neighboring landowner is protected from those impacts.

The County's attorney planned to review the agreement and share his recommendations. The supervisors have since held a closed session to discuss the agreement, a potential ordinance and legal strategy.

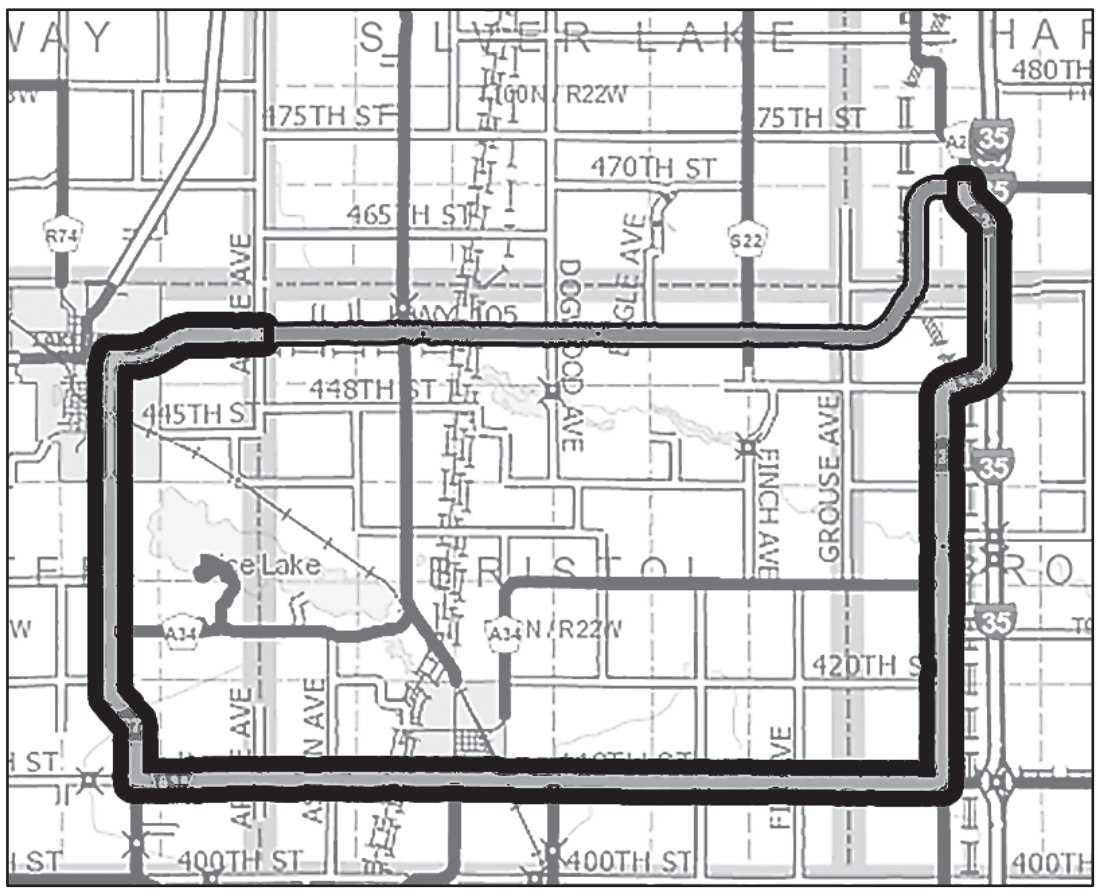
Invenergy's presentation to the board is available at www.worthcounty.gov, under My Government, Planning and Zoning, as the Worthwhile Wind Farm Story link.

Hwy. 105 detour begins Sept. 7

A paving project on Highway 105, west of Interstate 35 to the county line, will begin on Tuesday, September 7. A detour will be in place during the roadwork.

The County will be replacing a culvert on the east end and the contractor will be mobilizing to core out the shoulder for pavement widening and milling a bridge deck.

The detour will close Highway 105, redirecting traffic south onto the interstate, before exiting onto 450th Street then Wheelerwood Avenue south. The detour then travels on 410th Street west before turning north onto 225th Avenue. The detour then goest east on Main Street in Lake Milles before rejoining Highway 105.



Pictured is the detour that will begin on September 7, as Highway 105 west of Interstate 35 will be closed due to roadwork.

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Northwood Lions Club Omelet Breakfast ..... 7:30 a.m.
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Worth Brewing ..... Open at Noon
Sue's Corner Post Regular Menu ..... Open at 7 a.m.
Bean & Bistro ..... Open at 7:30 a.m.
Stromstein Building ..... 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Rock-A-Billies ..... Open at 11 a.m.
Subway Regular Menu ..... Open at 9 a.m.
Shaka Shaved Ice ..... 9 a.m.
Sweet Treats Truck ..... 9 a.m.
Taco Shack

Schedule of Events

- **Omelet Breakfast** at Masonic Temple ..... **7:30-10 a.m.**
  Northwood Lions Club
- **5K Run,** Registration ..... **8 a.m.**
  Central Park Shelter House, starts at ..... **8:30 a.m.**
- **Aristocrats Car Show,** East of Light on Central Ave.
  Registration ..... **8-11 a.m.**
- **Norwegian Goodies**
  Lefse, Pastries, Rommegrot & Coffee ..... **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- **Street Vendors & Stores Open** ..... **9 a.m.**
- **Cemetery Walk**, Sunset Rest Cemetery ..... **9 a.m.**
  Featuring the lives of Alma Roppe, Gena Borg & August Stehn
  Presented by the Northwood Historians
  Facebook Live will start at 9 a.m on Northwood Chamber Page
- **Trackless "Helicopter" Rides for Kids**
  Our Saviors Squadron ..... **10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- **Inflatables** for Kids ..... **11 a.m.**
- **Stromstein Building** Open House ..... **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
  Artology – Art Show – Food Served
- **Main Museum Open** ..... **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- **Free Entertainment**
  on the Show Mobile Stage ..... **11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**
  Featuring Robbie V
- **Antique Car Speed** Meet at Airport ..... **2 p.m.**
- **Trophies awarded at** ..... **2 p.m.**
- **Bags Tournament** at Strike Zone ..... **3 p.m.**
- **Horseshoe Tournament** in Swensrud Park ..... **3 p.m.**

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N-K FCCLA hosts blood drive Sept. 8

The Northwood-Kensett FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) group will sponsor a blood drive with LifeServe Blood Center on Wednesday, September 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school gym.

During the donation process, donors receive a health screening, find out their blood type and are tested to see if they have COVID-19 antibodies. The process helps the state health department understand the virus and identify potential donors of plasma that can be used to treat those with severe symptoms.

Appointments are required. Masks are required for donations.

Those that would like to donate may text LIFESERVE to 999-777, call 800-287-4903 or contact N-K FCCLA advisor Megan Thorson at 641-324-2142.

Donors may also visit lifeservebloodcenter.org or scan the QR code below with their smartphone or tablet.

Lestrud announced as a University of the Aftermarket Foundation scholarship winner

Ryder Lestrud, Kensett, has been selected for the University of the Aftermarket Foundation Scholarship for $2,500.

Lestrud was selected in June 2021 from more than 1,000 applicants to receive a University of the Aftermarket Foundation Scholarship and plans to attend North Iowa Area Community College to study to be an Automotive Technician.

The Foundation provides funding for aftermarket educational programs, research and scholarships. Through its grant program, the University of the Aftermarket Foundation and other donors and organizations will award more than 300 scholarships in 2021 and have awarded more than 4,000 since the beginning of the program in 1995.

"It is a privilege to support the next generation of people looking to have a career in the auto care industry. We look forward to seeing them succeed," said Danielle Sonnefeld, Co-Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.



RYDER LESTRUD

Community Foundation highlights unique 2021 tax advantages for charitable giving

The Worth County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is sharing tips for how individuals can maximize their charitable giving tax advantages for 2021 before year end.

The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) was enacted in 2020 to allow taxpayers who do not itemize their taxes to receive a tax benefit for charitable giving up to a certain threshold. This benefit rolled over to 2021 and allows individuals to receive a charitable deduction of up to $300, and now up to $600 for those married filing jointly, for cash gifts to public charities.

While non-cash gifts do not qualify for the CARES Act deduction, these types of donations have tax advantages of their own. For example, gifts of appreciated securities (e.g., stock, mutual funds, bonds) allow an individual to donate the full amount of the gift to a nonprofit without the organization owing capital gains tax. Individuals also receive a 2021 charitable tax deduction of 100 percent of adjusted gross income, normally set at 30 percent of adjusted gross income, which can be reinvested into their portfolio to do more good.

"Many people do not realize they can make a donation to a nonprofit organization through stock, bonds, etc.," said Terry Gaumer, affiliate development director with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. "It's a great way to make a tax savvy gift to your charity of choice without pulling from your regular cash flow."

Another giving option worth noting is the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), also known as the IRA Charitable Rollover. Individuals age 72 or older who have an IRA, must take a required minimum distribution from their account. This distribution is considered taxable income and gifts can be made from an IRA directly to a charitable organization, satisfying the distribution requirement and skipping the tax. This includes establishing a designated fund with the Community Foundation that provides grants to your favorite nonprofit. While the required distribution age has increased, anyone age 70 1/2 or older can make direct IRA transfers of up to $100,000 annually to qualified charities without being subject to federal income tax. A QCD cannot be used to establish or gift to an existing donor advised fund.

Every individual's situation is unique and there are many ways to give through your local Community Foundation that may align with your charitable goals. The Worth County Community Foundation recommends you discuss options with a tax or financial advisor. More information about ways to give can be found at www.cfneia.org/giving/how-you-can-give.

The establishment of the Worth County Community Foundation was made possible by the Jaspers Family through the establishment of the Jaspers Family Foundation Fund. Maynard and Marjory Jaspers were longtime successful business owners in Worth County. They had three sons with no heirs. At his death, Donald Jaspers donated the proceeds from combined estates of the Jaspers Family to provide charitable support for Worth County.

For questions about giving through the Community Foundation, contact Terry Gaumer at 319-243-1354 or tgaumer@cfneia.org.

More information about the Worth County Community Foundation can be found at www.worthccf.org.

Viking Cafe begins serving meals and desserts Friday

With the start of the new school year, students in the Northwood-Kensett Viking Cafe classroom are once again ready to benefit from a restaurant-like learning environment, with the first meal available to the public this Friday.

The Viking Cafe class provides students with lessons that involve aspects of managing and working in a restaurant environment.

Students work to plan, practice and present a meal on a selection of Fridays throughout the school year. On the Viking Cafe Fridays, they prepare meals for staff and welcome the public into their classroom for a restaurant-like experience.

Students serve in the roles of chefs, wait staff, hosts and other aspects of working in a restaurant. They also prepare to go orders.

In the first few days of this school year, the students have chosen and have been practicing preparing a menu that includes a marinaded chicken breast, with chopped roasted vegetables (broccoli, potatoes and peas), a side of teriyaki rice and chocolate chip banana bread for dessert.

The cost of the meal is $8. It will be served between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., in the FCS classroom this Friday, September 8.

Those that want to dine in the Viking Cafe this Friday, or in the future, should email Viking Cafe teacher Mrs. Thorson, at mthorson@nkvikings.com, by noon the Thursday before the meal. For this week, that is noon on Thursday, September 2.

Upcoming Viking Cafe dates include meals on September 17 and October 8 and 22. The Viking Cafe will offer desserts on September 10 and 24, Homecoming treats on October 1, desserts on October 15 and Halloween treats on October 29.

Menus are posted on the Northwood-Kensett Community Schools and Northwood-Kensett Family Consumer Science Facebook pages before each Viking Cafe date.

From the Stream to the Forest: Practices for Producers and Landowners Sept. 16

"From the Stream to the Forest" water quality conservation tour will occur on September 16 at multiple sites within Mitchell and Floyd counties.

The tour will entail a number of conservation practices (and associated sites) of interest to agricultural producers, forest landowners and natural resource enthusiasts in general. Participants will gain knowledge and skills on practice establishment and management, connections with relevant resources to ensure successful projects, as well as excellent networking opportunities. This will be an in-person event and will require the use of personal vehicles for site-to-site travel.

The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Floyd County office in Charles City (112 N. Main). The first visit will be to Dean and Linda Tjaden's wetland, a wetland restoration project supported by the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The speaker will be Kurt Hoeft, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The riparian forest buffer site will feature a buffer planted in 2002 and one just planted in 2021. Beck, along with Iowa Department of Natural Resources staff Greg Heidebrink (district forester) and Emma Kerns (forestry specialist), will make comparisons to the two plots and talk about how buffers are established.

Midday, the tour will visit Dean Sponheim's private land, where he and Terry Basol, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will discuss nitrogen reduction strategies.

Lastly, the group will visit a forest site (Cedar River Greenbelt Trail) to discuss the management and value of upland forests and oak savanna. Speakers will be Adam Shirley (Mitchell County Conservation), along with Beck, Heidebrink, and Kerns.

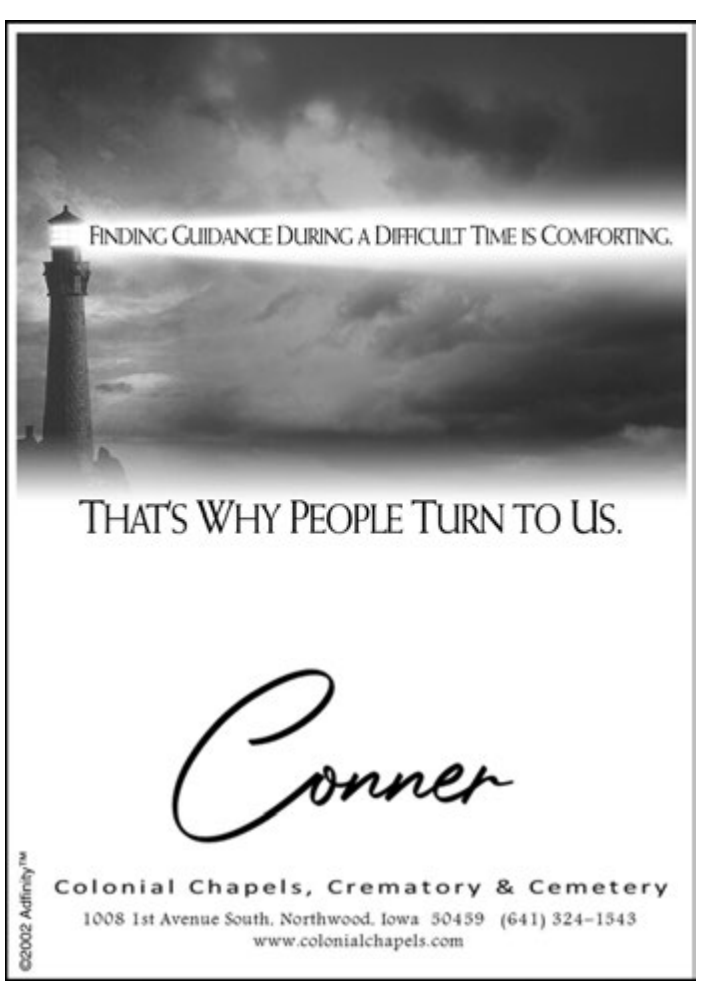
The registration fee is $10 and covers lunch. To register, call the ISU Extension and Outreach Mitchell County office at 641-732-5574.

Pre-registration guarantees a meal. Masks are encouraged in situations where appropriate social distancing may not be possible.

Questions and/or requests for additional details may be directed to Billy Beck, ISU Extension Forestry Specialist: 515-294-8837; wjbeck@iastate.edu.

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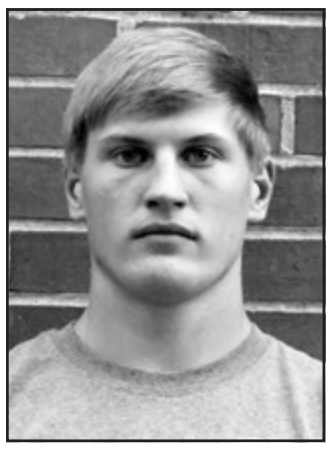
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Anchor Sports



DANTE SIMS

Stat of the Week: *Once the linemen get engaged on running plays the only line of defense before the ball carrier reaches the security of the secondary is the linebacker, in the 8-man game, one of the most important positions on the defensive side of the ball. Fortunately for the Vikings they have one of the best ones in the district this season in Dante Sims. The 185-pound junior led the Vikings with eight tackles in last Saturday's 28-16 win over Riceville.*



TYLER MILLS

Stat of the Week: *It's always nice to see a senior get their chance to excel, and that's all they ask for is a chance. But it's what they do with that opportunity that matters. N-K senior Tyler Mills took full advantage of his in last Saturday's 28-16 opening night win at Riceville. Mills, who had one 51-yard score to his credit, ran the ball 23 times for a team high 168 yards on the ground. The talented senior also recorded four tackles on the defensive side of the ball.*



N-K's Morgan Wallin taps the ball over the net last Tuesday night in Riceville. Wallin, making her first varsity appearance had one kill in the 3-2 loss.



N-K's Chloe Costello goes up against a Riceville defender in last Tuesday night's 3-2 loss to the Wildcats. Costello and her other sophomore teammates were making their varsity debuts for the Lady Vikings. Costello ended the night with five kills and one block.

New coach and new faces show promise despite Lady Vikings' 0-5 start

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Looking at the Northwood-Kensett volleyball roster one would think that it's full of experienced juniors and seniors, but for the most part, while these girls show promise, most were role players a year ago or just solid JV players. Only a handful, Addy Bachtle, Emma Davidson and Carly Hengesteg, saw extensive time on the varsity squad a year ago.

Add to the mix a new philosophy with first year head coach Mackensie Sauerbrei, and unfortunately the early results are an 0-5 start to the 2021 season for a Lady Vikings squad that finished with just three wins last season.

The Lady Vikings got the year started last Tuesday night in Riceville, where they battled the Wildcats for every point before eventually falling on opening night, 3-2 (25-15, 22-15, 14-25, 25-21, 14-16).

With first year head coach Mackensie Sauerbrei on a varsity sideline for the first time in her young career after bouncing around from junior high team to junior high team before landing the top job at N-K, the Lady Vikings recovered from an early 3-2 deficit to lead 5-4, never to trail again as they handed their new coach a first set victory, 25-15.

Although N-K never gave up in the second set, after leading 1-0 it never led again, falling behind 11-4 before making a late comeback. With Riceville on the verge of a win, leading 23-16 the Lady Vikings, with Payton Shoger and then Hengesteg at the service line, pulled to within 24-22 before finally falling by three, 25-22.

In the third set the heat seemed to get the best of the Lady Vikings, who now practice every day in the cool temps of N-K's air conditioned gym, and they lost by 11 points, 25-14.

Looking at elimination trailing 2-1, the Lady Vikings, who jumped out to an early 8-1 advantage in the fourth set, had to overcome a furious Riceville comeback. The Wildcats evened the score at 15-15 and then took their first lead of the set at 18-17 before N-K finished it off with an 8-3 run, winning the set 25-21 and sending the match to a fifth and final set.

In the deciding fifth set, the Lady Vikings were just two points from elimination, trailing 13-9 but they battled on, tying the score at 14-14 before surrendering the final two points in the narrow 16-14 loss.

Afterwards, a proud Coach Sauerbrei talked about her team.

"We never gave up, they did exactly what I asked them to do, and we gave them a run for their money," she said. "For a first match the only thing that would have been better would be to get the win, but I'm really happy with the way the girls played."

The loss to the Wildcats broke a 13-match win streak for N-K, who had won 39 sets while losing only four dating back to 2008.

Led by Shoger's perfect night at the service line last Thursday the Lady Vikings were able to be competitive against North Butler but fell in three sets, 25-13, 25-17 and 25-14. Shoger was 11-11 at the line while Marli Backhaus led the team with six kills and two blocks.

Last Saturday the Lady Vikings finished up a busy first week when they competed in the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura tournament and went 0-3, losing to North Iowa 2-0 (14-21, 20-22), West Hancock 2-0 (14-21, 10-21) and Rockford 2-0 (20-22, 20-22).

Vikings ground game gains 300 yards in 28-16 win over Riceville

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

It's what the Vikings under Hall Of Fame head coach Dave Capitani are known for, running the ball down your throat, and then run it some more before, well, running it a little bit more. In last week's 28-16 win over Riceville the Vikings ran the ball 54 times for 300 yards to help secure the opening night win, the 203rd win of Capitani's 32-year career.

Although the game was of course scheduled for Friday night, severe weather in the area forced the postponement of most games in the region until Saturday, so the Vikings traveled to Riceville last Saturday evening, winning for the 10th time in the last 12 games played with the last loss coming in 2017 when N-K fell to the Wildcats 14-13.

In Saturday's contest the Vikings struck early and often, scoring 21 points in the first half while allowing just one Riceville score, taking a 21-8 lead into the locker room at the halftime break.

In the second half defense was the name of the game as both teams had troubles moving the ball, combining for just 15 second half points with the Vikings coming out on top in this non-district game, 28-16.

Senior Tyler Mills got the season started on a high note with a spectacular night rushing the ball, carrying it 23 times for a team high 168 yards while Andrew Wilder added 95 yards on 23 carries.

On the defensive side of the ball Dante Sims and Drake Tiedemann led the team with eight and seven tackles respectively while Lamonte Sims led the team with two interceptions.

With the win the Vikings start the season at 1-0 and will start district 2 play this Friday, weather permitting, at Harris Lake-Park. District 2 teams this season include Bishop-Garrigan, GTRA, Harris Lake-Park, North Iowa, N-K, St. Edmond, Fort Dodge and West bend Mallard.

N-K 28, Riceville 16

N-K	7	14	7	0 – 28
Rice	0	8	0	8 – 16



Lady Viking Carly Hengesteg gets her hands under the serve in last Tuesday's 3-2 loss in Riceville. Hengesteg led the team with five digs in the non-conference loss.





Nature walk

Lunch time is a great time to take a walk, to let the stress off you shoulder, take a nature walk in Swensrud Park down the nature trail, especially for Anchor staff. There is a chance to sit and listen to the Shell Rock River as the water flows down stream as it ripples over the rocks, the birds chirping, the herons chatting back and forth to one another; watching the turtles sunbathe on the rocks and decide it's time to take a swim. Pictured above are two different kinds of wild mushrooms that were seen on trees during a recent walk. Thier unique shapes and textures attracts one's eye. If you have any pictures that you would like to submit to *The Northwood Anchor* send them to anchor1@nwdanchor.com.

Bolan Bike Ride set for Sept. 18 fall festival

The small community of Bolan, current population of 19, will hold its annual fall celebration on Saturday, September 18. The event will once again feature the Bolan Bike Ride.

The annual bike ride offers those taking part several options for ride paths, traveling through several neighboring c ommunities, including Carpenter, Grafton and St. Ansgar. The loops through area communities include 12, 26, 40 and 52 mile options.

There is a $10 registration fee, which includes a map, access to a support vehicle and a ticket for homemade pie with ice cream after the ride. All funds go towards the Bolan Community Fund.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the ride starting at 9 a.m.

Other events being held include a free-will pancake breakfast before the ride at 8 a.m., a bazaar held by members of Trinity United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a scalloped potato and ham luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors, food and music will also be available.

Anyone with questions, or who would like to register for the Bolan Bike Ride, may contact Lori Willert at 641-845-2677, by cell phone at 641-903-9472 or by email at lwillert@wctatel.net.



DEADLINES

The Northwood Anchor

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Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Worship, 9 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

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

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Fellowship with Pastor, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Outdoor Worship Service, 9 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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Watered Down Life



There are many ways in which technology has improved our lives. E-mail allows us to keep in touch with friends and family more readily than traditional mail. Cell phones allow us to be reached almost anywhere on the planet and are a boon to both commerce and communication. With smart phones and I-Pads we have a whole world of information at our fingertips with just a few keystrokes. But, the downside to all of this technology is that it tends to interfere with our face-to-face interactions, watering down our lives. Consider how often we are trying to have a heart-to-heart conversation and are interrupted by the cell phone. Even worse is the person who refuses to put down their phone during a conversation, insisting that they can attend to two things at once. Many people nowadays have trouble focusing on one thing at a time, no doubt in part because they have grown up constantly multi-tasking and never really having to focus on just one thing. The real downside to this is that multi-taskers miss out on the experience of truly savoring life. There are times when we need to multi-task; the mother cooking dinner and looking after her children may not have the luxury of doing just one thing. But, there are other times when we really need to just do one thing, and do it well, such as driving a car or having an important conversation. – Christopher Simon

"You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed — or indeed only one."
– Luke 10: 41-42

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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

I've been a "chile head" since I was a toddler. My father loved spicy foods and I seem to have inherited that genetic load! I found "The Chile Pepper Bible" by Judith Finlayson (2016, Robert Rose Inc, Toronto) at a recent used book sale. It truly IS a bible of chile pepper lore, facts, history and, of course, recipes. One statement popped out at me: "Contrary to accepted wisdom, A pepper does not need to make your eyes water or start a fire in your mouth to qualify as a chile." In our modern world the term 'spicy' means 'hot' to most people and it just isn't so. The common and sweet green or red bell pepper is actually a chile and has absolutely no heat. The recipes from cookbook are very different from our usual fare. Feel free to substitute a milder pepper or use less if your tolerance for heat isn't high. The larger grocery stores in our area now carry a variety of chile peppers and it can be fun to buy one or two of each to find those that you enjoy cooking with. I've adapted these recipes as necessary.

How to reconstitute dried chiles: Remove the stems and place the chiles in a heatproof bowl. Add two cups of boiling beef stock/broth and soak for 30 minutes. Weigh the chiles down so they stay submerged in the liquid. Save the liquid for the following recipe

Original San Antonio Chili
(NOTE: Chili is the dish; chile is the fruit of the plant)

2 each fried ancho and guajillo chiles, re constituted.
1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves and some tender stems
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 pound lean stewing beef, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 pound lean pork loin, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
2 large yellow onions thinly sliced
6 large cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 tablespoon EACH: ground cumin and dried Mexican oregano.
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 large serrano or jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced (optional for garnish)
6 green onions, white and green parts sliced (optional for garnish)
Crumbled Mexican cheese such as soft cotija.

Transfer the soaked chiles and the liquid to a blender. Add the cilantro and puree until smooth. Set aside. In a heavy Dutch oven, melt lard over medium-high heat. Add the beef and pork and brown on all sides. Make more than one batch if necessary to keep the meat from steaming rather than browning. Transfer to a plate as each batch is brown and set aside. Reduce the heat to medium. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Add the sliced onions to the Dutch oven and cook, stirring, until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic, cumin and oregano and cook for another minute, stirring. Return the meat to the pan. Add the pureed chiles and stir well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, cover and transfer to the preheated oven. Bake until the meat is very tender, about 2 hours. Ladle into soup plates and garnish with pepper rings, green onions. Sprinkle with the cheese. NOTE: you will see there is no tomato in traditional Texas chili. It gets its red color from the chile peppers as well as that delicious flavor.

Texas-Style Hot Sauce

3 Roma or plum tomatoes
1/4 of a large sweet onion such as a Vadalia, halved
2 jalapeno peppers, stemmed and quartered
2 large cloves of garlic, chopped
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Peel, core and halve the tomatoes; set aside. In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, combine the onion, jalapeno peppers, garlic, vinegar and oil. Pulse until the vegetables are finely chopped and well combined but not pureed. Add tomatoes and pulse to chop, again just until combined but still chunky. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving bowl and serve immediately or transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate for up to a month. SANDY'S NOTE: the recipe says not to puree this mixture so it is more like a salsa than a sauce. If you would rather have a pourable sauce run the processor until it is of the consistency you want. You can also substitute New Mexico reds or greens or fresh cayenne for the jalapenos. Adjust the heat level to your liking.

There are many wonderful recipes in this chile bible and it would be fun to visit Mexican or Thai markets to search for the various chile varieties. Our stores have nice fat jalapenos, slim cayennes and sometimes habaneros or Scotch bonnets. I wish I could live long enough to work my way through the 250 recipes in this book. Research suggests that eating chiles adds to longevity. And….that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor **Society**

Heideman–Hertel exchange vows June 26

Erika Heideman and Jackson Hertel were married on June 26, 2021, at First Lutheran Church, Northwood.

Erika is the daughter of Barry and Lisa Wangsness of Northwood and Mike and Sherry Heideman of Albert Lea. Her grandparents are Roger and Janie Odegaard of Northwood, Annie and the late Harlan Heideman of Glenville and Tony and Vonnie Daub of Albert Lea.

Jackson is the son of Bob and Sally Hertel of Northwood. Grandparents are the late Maurice and Leona Kleckner of St. Ansgar and the late Fran Hertel of Sumner, Iowa.

Maids of honor were Aliyah Heideman and Samantha Butler. Bridesmaids were Olivia Stilley, Jaelyn Mertens, Lauren Severson, Jenny Flatness and Jessica Perkins. Junior bridesmaid was Brianna Perkins.

Best man was Bryan Odegaard. Groomsmen were Ryan Flugge, Hunter Scholl, Alex Templeton, Mitch Hanson, Chris Flatness and Landon Perkins. Ring bearers were Lawson Perkins and Lukas Perkins.

Ushers were Jim Hanson, Kyle Hebrink, Kyle Christensen and Kory Mitthun.

Personal attendant was Kimberly Odegaard.

Host and hostess were Scott and Tammy Severson.

Pastors were Becky Sogge and Jeff Just.

Organist was Loraine Mix and soloist was Lauren Severson.

Reception was held at The Timbers Event Center.

The couple resides in Northwood.



JACKSON AND ERIKA HERTEL

Election candidate filing continues

Filing is currently underway for those that would like to serve as mayors or on city councils and school boards, following this November's election.

Worth County terms expiring and appearing on ballots this year include:

In Fertile, the mayor and three city council members;

In Grafton, the mayor and all five council members;

In Hanlontown, the mayor and all five council members;

In Joice, two council members;

In Kensett, the mayor and two council members;

In Manly, three city council members;

In Northwood, the mayor and two council members;

In the Central Springs school district, board members representing District 1, North A, representing District 1, North B and representing District 2, South A; and

In the Northwood-Kensett school district, two school board members.

Those interested can file to be candidates for school or city office until Thursday, September 16, at 5 p.m.

Those running for city office must file with city clerks and those seeking school board seats must file with school board secretaries.

Affidavits of candidacy and nomination petition forms, including signature requirements, are available from city clerks, school board secretaries or at the Worth County Auditor's Office.

The regular election for city and school district offices will be held on Tuesday, November 2, with polls up from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

All voters in the county, regardless of the school district they live in, will cast a ballot at their regular general election polling place.

More information is available at the Worth County election website, at www.elections.worthcountyiowa.gov.

Founders Day set for September 11

Aristocrats Car Show



Northwood will hold its annual celebration of history and heritage with Founders Day on Saturday, September 11.

The day starts with an omelet breakfast served at the Masonic Temple by the Northwood Lions Club, from 7:30-10 a.m.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Central Park Shelter House for a 5K run that begins at 8:30 a.m.

The Aristocrats Car Club show, held east of the stop light on Central Avenue, begins with registration from 8-11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m.

Norwegian goodies will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That includes lefse, pastries, rommegrot and coffee.

Other street vendors and stores will open at 9 a.m.

The annual Cemetery Walk begins at 9 a.m. Northwood historians have arranged to share the stories of Alma Roppe, Gena Borg and August Stehn. The walk will be shared on the Northwood Chamber's Facebook page for those that can't attend.

Trackless "helicopter" rides, presented by Our Saviors Squadron, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Inflatables for kids will be available starting at 11 a.m.

The Worth County Historical Society will welcome visitors to two of its buildings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An open house at the Stromstein Building includes an art show and food being served. The WCHS Main Museum will also be open.

Free entertainment, sponsored by the Northwood Special Events Committee, will take place as Robbie V performs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The class of 1965 will be showing at film looking back at scenes of Northwood, Kensett and their school days, at the Northwood Theatre at 1:30 p.m.

An antique car speed meet will take place at the airport at 2 p.m.

Tournaments begin at 3 p.m. A horse shoe tournament will be held in Swensrud Park and Strike Zone will host a bags tournament.

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- **"Times of Our Lives Growing Up in Kensett & Northwood in the 1960s"** – Sept. 11 / 1:30 p.m. Northwood Theatre

All NKHS Alumni are welcome!

Northwood Anchor

Opinion

New life for old stuff

Slices of Life
By Jill Pertler

I recently sold the house I'd lived in for more than 20 years. During that time my family and I had accumulated infinite memories and related "stuff."

I wanted to keep the memories, but longed to rid myself of much of the stuff. When you plan a move across the country, less is more. Possessions are heavy; they weigh you down. I didn't need them anymore. And, as hard as it was to say goodbye to some of the past, it was time.

So I put many items up for sale - the stuff, not the memories. I am moving forward. I guess it was time for my furniture to move forward, too.

Much of what I sold went on to make new memories with new people. Each sale made my heart happy and a little sad, all at the same time. I was making a fresh start. Others were finding new starts in my old things. It was bittersweet, but more sweet than bitter.

I bought a pine bedroom set when my daughter was first born, I lovingly painted it between her naps. It served her well and survived through her baby years as well as those of her three brothers. It went to a young couple who is expecting their first child. They plan to use the dresser as a changing table - just like I did.

My own bed, dresser and nightstands went to a woman starting a new life on her own. We had that in common. She was happy and excited about getting the furniture. It warmed my heart to know she plans to make a new start with the set that served me well for so many years.

A stain glass floor lamp went to a woman who I'd met one time before. We got to chatting and found we had a lot in common. She'd lost her husband years ago and we bonded over widowhood, among other things. A few days later she sent me a photo of the lamp in her sun porch and I knew it had found the right home with the right person.

A mom of five kids came with a trailer to pick up a couch and love seat. She had a few of her kids with her and they also relieved me of a couple of my NERF guns. I'm glad both the couch and the toy guns will have new life with a new family.

Another couch, that served as my boys' gaming spot, went to a college student who promised to continue the gaming tradition with it. Hopefully the couch logs in some study hours as well.

I sold an oak sleigh bed to a grandma who was buying it for her 4-year-old granddaughter who had outgrown her toddler bed. My kids grew up using that bed and I'm so glad another generation will benefit from sleeping under its covers.

A large, wooden armoire went to a young man who shared his plans to repurpose it as a very large bird cage. He sent me a photo today of his finished project and it looks lovely. Any bird would be happy to call the old armoire home.

A young mom with a toddler in tow came for a coffee and end table. She flips furniture and was going to bring the tables back to life again. We had to take the legs off the coffee table in order to fit it into her small car. I was happy for her ingenuity and resourcefulness. We need more young people like that today.

I sold more things, but you get the gist. With each transaction, I met someone new and worthwhile. They each had a story, much like the furniture I was selling.

Getting rid of some of my things was liberating. It felt good, but equally as good was meeting the people who now value my old (and their new) belongings and who are helping to bring them new life. I'm moving forward, and I'm glad my furniture is able to do the same.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

A plethora of padiddles and a pluviometer

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Guess who I ran into on my way to the eye doctor.

Who?

I don't know.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was busier than a mirror merchant during an earthquake. My early morning drive in the city found me in the middle of the state padiddle championships. I drove along wondering why I'd purchased coconut shampoo when I didn't even own a coconut as I listened to the voice of my GPS direct me to where I needed to be. The traffic was heavy enough as I drove on what was left of a road that the GPS said, "In 600 feet, turn right and let me out."

The morning groove

I make a toast to peanut butter and then check the rain gauge each morning. The precipitation measurer is like baby chicks. I have to look. For much of the summer, a spider has been living in the pluviometer, but it has been evicted by rain.

ABC

ABC in sales stands for "Always Be Closing." In my boyhood, ABC stood for the same thing, but it had nothing to do with selling anything. It involved doors. "I'm not heating the whole outdoors," my father would say in cold weather. "You're letting all the heat in," was what I heard in hot weather. There wasn't any room for more heat in our house in the summer.

I strolled the cemetery, paying my respects to friends who had left in search of better opportunities. A man stood by a motorcycle as a woman spruced up the area around a gravestone. When that was done to her satisfaction, she held out her hand and the man joined her. They held hands as they stared at the marble. They remembered the deceased. She cried. They hugged and left. ABC means "Always Be Crying" over lost loved ones.

There's no easy way to say this, "Worcestershire"

A man from Henderson told me he'd gotten hearing aids because of face masks. When the pandemic hit, he learned that he'd been reading lips to help him understand. He couldn't hear well enough to tell what a mask wearer was saying. Now he has modern ear trumpets that allow him to discern everything within earshot.

Traffic counts

About 310 cars go by my house each day. They do so while I'm trying to get to the mailbox. One morning, someone jogged past. We didn't have any joggers when I was a kid. You couldn't do it. Cars big enough to become lost in stopped and asked if you needed a ride.

In the news

Kleptomaniac takes both gold and silver medals at Olympics.

Snake retires from the constriction business.

Abba tours with Elvis Costello. Abba and Costello are together again.

All-night fingernail clipper repair shop closes.

Bigfoot repellant manufacturer claims its product is 100% effective.

Wife hits ceiling when husband buys a trampoline.

David Johnson had his ID stolen. Now he's Dav Johnson.

Nature notes

I watched a pretty cabbage white butterfly flutter around in my garden. Its larval form, the cabbageworm, is a common pest on cultivated vegetables like cabbage, horseradish, kale, radish, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, broccoli, collards, turnip and cauliflower. The adults feed on the nectar of those plants and from dandelions, red clover, asters and mints.

Crickets are omnivores and eat almost anything — plant decay, grass, fruits, vegetables, fungi, seedlings and insects.

Japanese beetle traps may attract more beetles than they catch. The beetles feed on over 350 different plants. Adults become active in Minnesota in late June/early July and feed heaviest in July and August, but may continue into September.

Is it a wasp or a bee? Is it cute? If so, it's probably a bee. Wasps and hornets have PR deficits. They look like pro wrestling villains. It says in Exodus, "I'll send hornets ahead of you and they'll drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites before you." Keep that in mind if you encounter irksome Hivites.

County fairs

Steele County Fair has an attendance of 300,000+ per year, making it the largest county fair in Minnesota. The country's largest county fair is the Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa, with 310,000+ fairgoers annually.

Meeting adjourned

"There is no such thing as a self-made man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts."—George Matthew Adams

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Fit to print...

'Count Your Blessings'
A look at past vaccination efforts

I was recently reminded of the writing efforts of a family member, who happens to have a couple of connections to local and national events.

The story was written by Louise Stehn Kenison in 1937. Louise was the daughter of August Stehn, who will be one of the focuses of this year's Cemetery Walk, held at 9 a.m. on Founders Day, Saturday, September 11, at Sunset Set Rest Cemetery.

She wrote about a variety of activities, including vaccination concerns and the effects of the epidemics of her day, which also rings true of present efforts to fight a pandemic with vaccination.

The story is reprinted from the Iowa Bureau Farmer from November 1937.

Count Your Blessings

By Mrs. L.C. Kenison, Worth County

As the time draws near for the open house meetings for all rural women we are reminded that this new project, as presented by the home demonstration agent, is about to begin.

However, before we make looms and dye material for our new major course in crafts it would be well to "Count Our Blessings" as they have come to us the past year.

The five year course in nutrition was completed with this year's work. We are now health conscious. We are serving our families well-balanced, nutritious and attractive meals.

Keeping physically fit is a worthwhile goal but not all that is necessary on this health road. Epidemics bring in their train many things to offset all the good that Vitamins, minerals, proteins, and other body building foods may do for us.

To have a definite health program we organized. We now have a county health chairman and a township health chairman in each township.

Our county chairman is Miss Minnie Benjegerdes, who is a trained nurse. Through her efforts an immunization survey was made of all the rural schools last year.

Ten schools failed to report. Of the 794 pupils enrolled at that time, 634 of those reporting had not been vaccinated for smallpox and 315 not immunized for diphtheria. The survey did not include pre-school children.

These figures were alarming. Something must be done! The problem must be solved!

The Women's Project Committee voted to solve it. A delegate from the county medical association met with the Health Committee to map out the immunization campaign. With the cooperation of the entire medical association, teachers, school boards and the health chairman in each township the program went over. Five hundred forty-nine were vaccianted for smallpox and 269 for diphtheria.



Mrs. L.C. Kenison of Kensett, is the county home project chairman for Worth County- a county which has shown exceptional growth during the past year and is makingrecords in women's work.

The town schools availed themselves of the privilege to take part in this program. Many more were vaccinated in one part of the county where smallpox broke out just before our program began. An epidemic cannot put fear into any mother's heart for some time to come in Worth County.

The music project has always been appreciated but because of the broader program, which includes the rural women's chorus we count it definitely as one of our blessings.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

August 31, 1921

Dr. L.G. Gewitt, president, and N.T. Christiansen, secretary, of the Worth County Fair drove over to Osage to visit the Mitchell County Fair and see what the program offered. They were accompanied by James Seater and Dr. G.A. Dodge.

After 24 years of business in Northwood, J.K. Ofsthus has sold his hardware store to Mr. W.B. Williston of Humboldt, Iowa, who will take possession on September 5, inventory being under way now.

The state convention of the American Legion will be held this week at Spirit Lake. Delegates from the Wm. T. Smith Post were selected at a recent meeting and those from here who will attend are Seymour Espeseth, Carl Bolender, Seymour Rustad and Elmer Thompto.

Thomas O. Lund, age 53 years, one of Northwood's prominent and most useful men, passed quietly away at his home in Northwood in the presence of his sorrowing wife, brother and other relatives.

During the school year of 1920-21 there were in session in Worth County 77 rural schools and seven town schools. Of the town schools, Northwood and Manly had a four year normal training department. Fertile and Hanlontown, our two consolidated schools, also have a four-year accredited high school course. Kensett has a three-year course, while Grafton and Joice have two years of high school work.

John J. Simmons, ex-country treasurer, had gone to Medford, Minnesota, to become connected with the Medford Washed Sand and Gravel Co., and the Quality Cement Products Co. This makes two of Northwood's ex-county officials and good citizens who have gone to Medford and the people of that little town may well congratulate themselves on securing such excellent citizens.

75 years ago

August 29, 1946

Three Northwood young people have had an important part in the success of the Girl Scout activities at Camp Roosevelt, at Clear Lake, during the three weeks of summer camping which will end on September 1.

Plans for forming a Flyer's Club in Northwood and prospects for an airport here were discussed at a meeting of aviation enthusiasts and others held at the Northwood Cafe. Host at a steak dinner, which preceded the meeting, was Orville Truesdale, aviation representative of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company.

Kathryn Nelson, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson, who live in the tenant house on the E.C. Flatness farm northeast of Northwood, died of polio in the Methodist hospital on Des Moines.

Eight Rock Island employees, two tavern operators, a highway commission employee and a locker plant operator, all of Manly, arrested at Manly, were taken into custody at Manly, charged with theft from interstate shipments from freight cars over a period dating back to 1944.

Dennis Aguilera, four-year-old lad of Manly, was presented a gold medal by Governor Robert D. Blue before a crowd of 20,000 persons in the grandstand at the state fair. The award was made in recognition of valor shown by Dennis where he carried his three-year-old sister, Shirley, from the Aguilera home during a fire last January and saved her life.

Funeral services were held at the farm home and at Shell Rock Lutheran church for Mrs. C.K. Christianson, 62, who died at the Albert Lea hospital after a tumor operation.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Abraham of Northwood on August 24, at the Park hospital in Mason City.

50 years ago

September 2, 1971

Kathy Magner, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Magner, Northwood, suffered a broken arm, cuts and abrasions when the car in which she was a passenger ran off a dead-end road 5 1/2 miles west and one mile south of Northwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Ringoen received two posthumous Vietnam medals honoring their son, Sp4 Marvin Ringoen, who gave his life in Vietnam.

Diane Braun, granddaughter of Mrs. Laura Schmidt, Northwood, and a 1964 graduate of St. Ansgar schools, received her masters degree on August 6 at UNI and has accepted a position with the Hancock County school system. She formerly taught in the Waverly schools for three years. Another granddaughter of Mrs. Schmidt and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashland, both received their master degrees in June from UNI and will return to the Britt school system, where both are employed.

Mrs. Donald Swartwood announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Dawn M. Reap to Mr. Steven Thofson, son of Mrs. Mae Thofson. Their wedding will take place on October 2, 1971, at First Lutheran Church, Northwood.

Over three dozen Viking football players worked on conditioning and plays, with no contact work. Coach Bob Perry is putting the squad through calisthenics in preparation for the season opener on September 10 with St. Ansgar at Northwood.

Dr. Hal Johnson, Northwood, won the Jaycee state golf tournament at the Waverly Country Club. Johnson won the 27-hole championship flight with a score of 108. Richard Smith, Sumner, was the first flight winner with a 79 total while the third flight went to Chuck Baird, Riceville, with an 83.

25 years ago

August 28, 1996

Reading, writing and arithmetic and memories of summer fun combined to send eight-year-old Ashlee Gaskill on a flight of fancy on the first morning of 1996-97 school year at Northwood-Kensett Community Schools. Ashlee, the daughter of Sue Gashkill of Northwood, is a member of Vada Myli's fourth grade class at N-K West Elementary.

Pictured was a pair of riders that amounted to just a smidgen of the bikers who rode through Northwood in conjunction with Manly's Railroad Ag Days "RAD Ride."

Retiring Northwood-Kensett school bus drivers Maxine Tobiasen and Ray Oleson were on the receiving end of handshakes from superintendent Jerry McIntire and special tokens of appreciation from the N-K school board during a reception in their honor at N-K High School.

Northwood VFW "Our Buddies" Post 6779 recently awarded life memberships to several members. They include Jay Hulshizer, Warren "Ole" Perkins and Noreen Groe, Gene Weitzel, Russell Selvig, John Weitzel and Howie Ringham.

Northwood-Kensett assistant football coach Marty Cotter watched a pair of Viking Linemen collide during preseason drills on the practice field west of the high school.

The Northwood-Kensett girls volleyball team will open its 1996 season on September 3 at the Ventura Invitational. Viking first-year coach Monte DeArmoun said that while his players aren't in tiptop shape yet, they appear to be coming around. "They have been looking pretty good as far as serving and spiking and they're getting better at serve receiving," DeArmoun said. "We're just trying to improve in all areas right now so we can be ready to play at Ventura."

10 years ago

August 31, 2011

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company put their fire fighting skills to the test. The Northwood fire department was assisted by the Kensett Fire Department as they conducted a controlled burn of the home seen above, located on 10th Street South in Northwood.

Downtown Northwood got a bit more corny, thanks to the efforts of students in Mr. Cotter's classes. The group of downtown decorators traveled along both sides of downtown Central Avenue wrapping lamppost in corn stalks. Those posts will then be further furbished by those participating in the Founders Day Adopt a Lamppost contest. Winners will be announced during Founders Day festivities on September 10.

Northwood businesses took part in the annual Crazy Days event, offering local shoppers a number of special events and bargains. A number of businesses, like VerHelst Drug and Northwood True Value offered sidewalk sales as well.

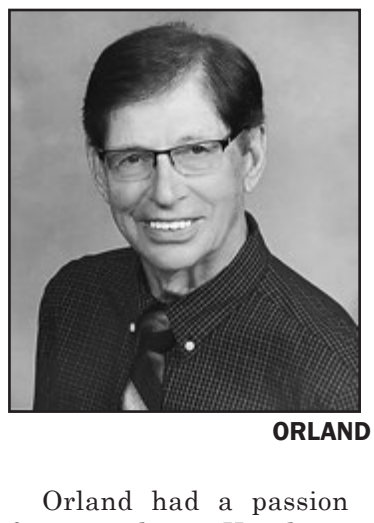
Senior hitter Courtney Eilertson, last year's Ladies Viking MVP, picked up right where she left off last year with team high 17 kills at the Ventura tournament.

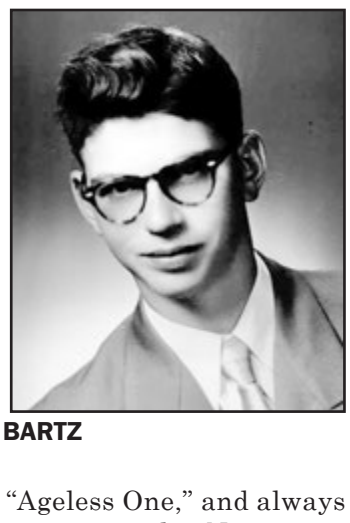
Senior halfback Nik Werner barrels over a Lake Mills defensive player for the go ahead, and eventual winning touch down in Northwood. Werner has been nursing a sore knee but carried the ball 20 times against the Bulldogs, a team high.

Senior Britney Low records a kill against RRMR in Ventura. Low, who had 15 kills, also led the Lady Vikings last season with 131 kills and 22 blocks.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Orland Bartz





ORLAND BARTZ

Orland Eugene Bartz bid goodbye in the winter of his life to his earthly home on August 16, 2021.

A celebration of earthly life services was held at 10:30 a.m., on August 19, 2021, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton, Iowa. Rev. Paul Weeg officiated. Burial was at the Grafton Cemetery, Grafton, Iowa, with graveside military rites.

Orland Eugene Bartz was born on August 31, 1934, in his parent's farm house next to Turtle Creek, rural St. Ansgar, Iowa, where Grain Millers, Inc. is currently located. He was the son of Ervin and Elvira (Bethke) Bartz. He grew up on the farm towards the end of the Great Depression, learning the joys and responsibilities of hard work and self-sufficiency at an early age. In 1939 the family moved to Barton Township, Worth County, one mile east of Bolan, Iowa. This farm has been in the family for over 100 years.

Orland was baptized on September 23, 1934, at First Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar, Iowa. He was confirmed on April 10, 1949, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton, Iowa. The rest of his life was spent as a faithful lifelong member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Orland was strongly rooted in his love for Christ.

On May 18, 1954, Orland and his cousin, Richard Bartz, left the train station in Mason City, Iowa, bound for Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, for their adventure with the U.S. Army. Most of Orland's Army years were spent working with surface-to-air guided missiles.

Orland had a passion for agriculture. He planted his first corn at the age of 14 in the spring of 1949. In 2019 when retiring from farming, he had accomplished 71 years of tending God's garden to feed the world. His agricultural passion also blossomed in the ag manufacturing business. He was the second employee of David Manufacturing Company in Mason City, Iowa, helped design and develop much of their grain handling equipment and served as Vice-President and CEO of the company for many years. Orland also served in many volunteer capacities, including various church boards, the Farmer's Co-op Board and the Winnebago Co-op Telephone Association Board.

Orland was happiest working outdoors, traveling, dancing, riding his motorcycle and bicycle and never turned down a good 500 card game. His formula was to work hard, be fair, have goals, do whatever you are doing right the first time and have a little fun along the way.

Orland enjoyed good health for nearly all of his almost 87 years. He was often referred to as the "Ageless One," and always wore a smile. No matter the circumstances of the preceding day, you would always be greeted the next day with a healthy "Good Morning." His passion for life and adventure never allowed him to slow down until his recent misfortune of illness.

Grateful for having the joy of sharing Orland's life are his children, Susan and her husband, William, and Merlin and his wife, Lisa; grandchildren, Nicole (Josh) Clausen, Helga Dammen, Stephanie (Matt) Morrell, Will (Brittany) Bartz and Marena (Cody) Henkle; and great-grandchildren, Lily and Gunner Clausen, Eponine and Desmond Bartz and Flint and Beatrix Henkle. A sister, Doris Ralph and her husband, Albert also survive, as well as his nieces.

Orland was a child of God. He is now pain free and has gone to his eternal home. Blessed be his memory.

The family appreciates everyone for being part of his life and for supporting us during this time. Memorials may be directed to the Grafton Cemetery Association, Grafton Heritage Depot or the Grafton Fire Department.

NIACC Pappajohn Center now accepting applications for Fall 2021 Venture School

The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center is now accepting applications for the Fall 2021 cohort of the University of Iowa's Venture School program. The Fall 2021 program will be held as a hybrid in-person/online on Thursday evenings, and will kick-off on September 30.

Classes will be held virtually every Thursday for the next seven weeks through November 4 on Zoom.

U of I Venture School is a premier statewide program for entrepreneurs and is built from a streamlined curriculum developed by the National Science Foundation I-Corps at Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. Venture School emphasizes real-world entrepreneurship and innovation based on a leading-edge curriculum.

Those taking part will encounter the chaos and uncertainty of creating new ventures while also being challenged to create a new business model, make pivots or preserve original plans based on discovery.

Fall 2021 Venture School classes will be held as a hybrid class with a combination of in-person and online weekly classes via Zoom from September 30 to November 4. An in-person orientation will be held Thursday, September 16, at the NIACC campus. In-person classes will meet on the NIACC campus on November 11 for the Launch Day Pitch Competition. All other weekly classes will be held online via Zoom.

Each Venture School team will be assigned a local entrepreneur as their coach. Participating teams will be eligible to compete for cash awards both locally and at the state level during the Venture School launch day at EntreFEST 2022. Last year's Mason City graduates were awarded $13,000 in prize money during the 2020 EntreFEST pitch competition. The cost for the program is $299.

Anyone with questions or who is interested in taking part as a Venture School coach may contact Candi Karsjens at candi.karsjens@niacc.edu.

Those interested may apply for the Fall 2021 cohort online at www.venture-school.com, selecting the Mason City cohort in the drop-down menu. The deadline to apply is Thursday, September 9.

The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center is the expert in rural business innovation and success. "In partnership with North Iowa's Small Business Development Center, together we provide tools, support, and resources to Iowa's entrepreneurs. We counsel both new and existing local businesses, from Main Street to industry leaders. We're growing Iowa's entrepreneurial culture through grade school initiatives, college and community programs, and business training and development." The NIACC Pappajohn and SBDC Center can be contacted at 641-422-4342 or pappajohn@niacc.edu.

North Iowa Area Community College, founded in 1918, is a nationally-recognized, two-year college located in central North Iowa. With approximately 3,000 career and transfer students, the College has been recognized by the Aspen Institute as a leading community college in the nation. NIACC welcomes students from across Iowa, Minnesota, the nation, and the world. The College has served as a leader in student-centered learning, community engagement, and collaborative leadership for more than 100 years. Choose NIACC First.



A current affair

While not as impressive or oppressive as the rains that came to end the week, Tuesday's rains created a mid-afternoon current that literally created waves emptying into the Central Avenue storm sewer grate pictured above.

Twenties Club meets on August 9

Twenties Club met on Monday, Aug. 9 at the Olson Pavilion with 14 members present. Each member was to bring a salad to share and the program committee provided a lettuce salad with all the fixings. The group enjoyed the meal and conversation and catching up with members before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Becky Hickman, president. Becky Tews, secretary, did roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting. Sandy Olson made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Delores Knudson. Treasurer, Delores Knudson, gave her report and most of the $10 dues were also collected. $18.05 was used to mail out the program booklets to the members. Sharyl Lunde made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Sandy Hyde.

New Business:

Delores Knudson received three thank you notes from graduating senior girls.

Meals on Wheels: Kathleen Lommen will contact Kathy Hanson as to which week the club will deliver.

Linda Loken, Senior Tea chairperson, reviewed the jobs members will have for the Senior Tea. She will follow up on this in October.

Sandy Olson asked members to think of names of potential members since we have had two members withdraw. A name was brought up to extend an invitation to the Twenties Club and Becky Tews, secretary, will send a letter inviting her.

Old Business:

Seven members went on the Mystery Trip and reported where they had visited and ate lunch. The group visited the home of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt by Charles City. She was a suffrage leader who campaigned for the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave U.S. women the right to vote in 1920. Then the group was off to Decorah for lunch and the Vesterheim Museum.

The next meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Deb Nagle.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Connie Hogen and second by Sonya Dahle.

Supervisors

August 23, 2021
Thirty-fourth 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 Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the August 23, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the August 16, 2021 board minutes as revised.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to award DD #10 Tree Removal project to low bidder, A1 Excavating & Drainage Inc. - $29,231.00. Other bids: J Pettiecord - $49,500.00 and Nick Dvorak - $45,000.00.

There was a discussion on a petition submitted for DD#48. It was determined that another landowners' meeting should be set. The meeting will be held on September 13 at 10:00 A.M. in the Worth County Courthouse.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve claims in the amount of $59,531.35 as per the following schedule:

A T & T, Service-911 ..... 40.38
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 11,613.36
Alliant Energy, Service-Shf402.27
Aramark, Supplies-Gsr 84.54
Centurylink, Service-Gsr ... 127.91
Cintas Corporation
Supplies-Eng 379.87
D & L Equipment
Supplies-Con 29.90
Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen, P.C.
Service-Sup 733.50
Dick's Place Body & Tow
Service-Shf 275.00
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng 15,525.39
Frank Stearns
Service-Mex 675.00
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Supplies-Eng 5,185.71
Hovey's Lawn & Garden
Service-Con 1,960.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Eng 294.22
John Deere Financial
Supplies 438.73
Johnston Hy-Vee
Service-Shf 1,925.00
Justin Bruns
Reimb-Shf 37.00
L R Falk Const Co
Rock-Eng 932.67
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 227.81
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt 17,063.00
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd 154.50
Quill Corporation
Supplies-Phd 16.58
Thomas Reid, Edu-Vaf 350.00
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis 385.76
Visa, Service-Con 673.25
Grand Total 59,531.35

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Teresa Johnson at $25.00/hour as submitted by public health.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the 28E Agreement between Worth Soil & Water Conservation District and Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the appointment Dr. Jean Coviello, DO as a County Medical Examiner in Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the updated Worth County Acceptable Usage Policy as presented by Joel Rohne, IT/GIS Director.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:16 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, August 30, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009274
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF GORDON L. FELLAND, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gordon L. Felland, Deceased, who died on or about the 7th day of September, 2019.

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of August, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Gordon L. Felland, deceased, bearing the date of May 23, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Brian Felland and Lynda Brier were appointed co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 19th day of August, 2021.

Brian Felland
2635 Aspen Court
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Executor of the Estate

Lynda Brier
3524 Glen Oaks Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Executor of the Estate

Jeremy J. Gray
Newman Thompson
& Gray, PC
36131 Highway 69
Forest City, IA 50436
Attorney for Executors

Date of second publication 1st day of September, 2021.

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Bolan

The Bethel UM Church and the Trinity UMC Task Force met via Zoom late Wednesday afternoon. There were various topics discussed. Due to the large increase in COVID cases in Worth County, it was decided to have no "in person" worship services at Bethel or Trinity. There was a parking lot service held at Bethel on Sunday. There will be another Task Force meeting this week to see how we continue from here.

On Thursday evening the Trinity UM Women met at the church basement with Mary Wendt serving as hostess and giving devotions. The upcoming Bazaar and Luncheon was discussed. At this time we have decided to go ahead with this event as we will have an outside tent, and also provide a "Drive In - Take Out" Lunch for those who would prefer that option.

The 18th Bolan Fall Event is coming up fast. Keep the date in mind - Saturday, September 18 - to come to Bolan. What's all taking place? Start the day with the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Schoolhouse at 8 a.m. The UMW Bazaar and street vendors will begin at 8 a.m. also, plus music by Sam Crosser. The Bike Ride starts with registration at 8:30 am, leaving town at 9 am. The ride options are 12, 26, 40 or 52 miles through Grafton, Carpenter and St. Ansgar. There is a $10 donation to the Bolan Community, which includes homemade pie and ice cream. The UMW Luncheon starts at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The ladies will offer "Drive In - Take Out" lunches also. They will serve out of the Schoolhouse, which is where the Bazaar is also. The Bolan Community will have the homemade pie and ice cream stand open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Carrie Lane Chapman Catt Suffrage Program "The Road from 19 to 9" will start in the upper level of the School at 1 p.m. The special guest Speaker is Tim Lane, Carrie's great-great-nephew. There will be a free-will donation. The Suffrage wagon will also be on display. If you would like more information contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472 or lwillert@wctatel.net. More vendors are always welcome.

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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009273
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF SHARON K. AASE, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sharon K. Aase, Deceased, who died on or about the June 18, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on August 12, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Sharon K. Aase, deceased, bearing the date of June 11, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Debra K. McDole was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated August 16, 2021.

Debra K. McDole
1327 Highway 105
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of the Estate

John H. Greve
736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 1st day of September, 2021.

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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 6/14/21 at 7.:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Parker, Heiken, & Douglas.

Absent: Pilkington.

Visitors: R. Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Douglas, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Maintenance discussed Plumb Supply Flow Meter, McCloskey not returning call, back-up generator at Well House #1 (Busch Bros. contacted), Quality Pump for maintenance on lift station pumps, lead and copper testing, and Cahoy for emergency plan.

Clerk discussed street lights, past due water bills to be assessed, pictures of the floor needed for WCDA grant and possible vacation.

Visitors: None at this time.

Old Business: Household Hazardous Waste day reviewed, 15 households participated.

Motion to accept North Iowa Sand and Gravel bid for street repairs by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Motion by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen to agree if community center refrigerator cannot be repaired, purchase a new one, carried unanimously.

Christmas lights brackets will be purchased.

New Business: Motion by Douglas, 2nd by Parker to approve appointment of Will Hillson as new librarian, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Parker to approve R80 cigarette permit, carried unanimously. Heiken abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Parker, 2nd by Douglas to approve R80 Beer license, carried unanimously. Heiken abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion to sell old laptop to Lori McNally for $100.00 by Douglas, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Mowing letters will be sent out by clerk .

Treasurer's Report: May 2021 Revenues by Fund: General 9066.17, Utilities 5286.17, Special 4639.99. Total Revenues: $18,992.33. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 2184.56, WCTA 277.64, B. Luckason 653.99 (net), R. Bauer 1535.83 (net), L. McNally 1475.77 (net), Federal & SS 1420.11 (payroll), Ipers 817.70(payroll), Sandless Floors 3500.00 (WCDA grant – general), Post Office 144.00 (sewer), VISA 256.22 (conference – general & water), L. Kauffman 35.28 (flowers – rock – general), K. Woltzen 30.00, S. Bartling 15.00, T. Dakin 15.00, P. Richey 15.00, A. Stading 30.00 (clean-up refunds – general), T. Rollene 812.50 (mowing cemetery 65 hrs. – general), Gambling Permit 40.00 (general), Ag Source 25.50 (water test), Kensett Water 102.25 (sewer fees), L. McNally 50.96 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1663.28 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #28 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), Landfill 283.00 (clean-up 75.00– general), Hawkins 188.28 (chemicals – water), Menards 38.96 (supplies – general), R80 213.94 (gas – city – road use), NIACOG 756.00 (code updates – general), Green Canopy 509.00 (service – Dec, Apr, May – general), Sewer Loan #8 18,337.79 (sinking savings – sewer), A & I Auto 21.063 (lawnmower parts – general), Kelly Hardware 29.46 (supplies – general), R80 212.81 (gas – KFD – road use), Federal Fire 153.00 (service – general 109.00, road use 44.00), AgSource 251.00 (service – sewer testing), Tab Computers 75.00 (service – general), Baker & Taylor 289.53 (books), Midwest Tape 108.69 (dvd's), Staples 70.13 (misc.), Culligan 10.70 (water), A. Bergdale 84.00 (cleaning), Tab Computers 130.00 (tech – grant $), Northwood Anchor 70.00 (publications).

Disbursements by Fund: General 10,680.78, Special 1,914.91, Utilities 1,408.50, Payroll 6205.35 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $37,840.19.

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

City Clerk, Mayor

NVFC

Northwood Volunteer Fire Company numbers as of August 1, 2021.

There are 30 members of which 15 are licensed medical providers (EMR/EMT/AEMT)

Calls
- January - 22
- February - 28
- March - 26
- April - 50

(all time monthly record)
- May - 48
- June - 37
- July - 30

Total Calls were 241

430 Total Training hours

As you can see we have had an extremely busy year with training and calls. Our three year average for calls is around 400 per year. If this year's pace continues, we are on track to reach 480, a 20% increase over our average.

The information was submitted by NVFC.

People's Right To Know

Northwood Anchor

Legal

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 8/23/21 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold. Absent: Meyer

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021; Approve Liquor License Renewal – Strike Zone. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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'Walk More. Connect More.' at Healthiest State Annual Walk

Registration for the Healthiest State 11th Annual Walk, is now open. On Wednesday, October 6, thousands of Iowans across the state will participate in organized walks at schools, workplaces and in their communities.

Registration is free and easy, online at IowaHealthiestState.com/Walk, where interested Iowans can sign up as a household, school, workplace, organization or community to walk for 30 minutes any time on October 6.

"Walking is an accessible form of physical activity that benefits our physical, mental, emotional and social health," said Jami Haberl, executive director for the Healthiest State Initiative. "Following more than a year of social distancing, we are excited to once again gather with our fellow Iowans to walk and re-connect."

The 2021 theme "Walk More. Connect More." highlights the social benefits of walking. Being physically active is one of the most important steps that people of all ages and abilities can take to improve their health and integrating exercise with social activities has been shown to have a positive impact on our overall health.

"Delta Dental of Iowa is proud to be the presenting sponsor and longtime supporter of the Healthiest State Annual Walk," said Jeff Russell, President and CEO of Delta Dental of Iowa and Board President of the Healthiest State Initiative. "We know that social connectedness is a key component to Iowans' health and walking is the perfect opportunity to connect with our neighbors, colleagues and classmates."

Studies have shown that walking or exercising with others provides supportive relationships for behavior change. Walking within communities creates more opportunities for social cohesion and personal interactions while increasing safety, reducing pollution and boosting local businesses.

"The theme for this year's walk is perfect. Walking is a big part of total wellness – heart, mind and spirit – and an intentional focus on total wellness as well as getting reconnected with colleagues, friends and family is so important for relationships in our workplaces and communities this year," said Lura McBride, Annual Walk Co-Chair and Van Meter President and CEO.

Those who register for the Healthiest State 11th Annual Walk will have access to resources, such as communications templates, social media guide, customizable posters and a month-long walking calendar. The Healthiest State Initiative is also hosting two contests:

School Mascot Challenge: The first 64 schools who register will automatically be entered in the School Mascot Challenge. Fans will be able to vote weekly in the bracket-style competition and the winner will be announced following the Annual Walk on October 6. The winning mascot will earn their school $1,000 to spend on a health and wellness project.

Community Walk Mini Grant: The Healthiest State Initiative has partnered with the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association to award mini grant(s) to community parks and recreation departments to promote walking in their community and have registered for the Healthiest State 11th Annual Walk. Applications due August 31. See full details and apply here.

For more information and to register a walk, visit IowaHealthiestState.com/Walk.

Healthiest State Month in October

The Healthiest State Annual Walk also acts as a kick-off event for Healthiest State Month celebrating 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! across the state. Iowans are encouraged to keep practicing healthy habits, including physical activity, throughout October. Schools, workplaces, health care clinics, communities and households can download toolkits to help them celebrate Healthiest State Month at IowaHealthiestState.com/HSIMonth.

Iowa's drinking water—something you can rely on

Iowa's public water systems deliver ample clean water, according to the 2020 Annual Drinking water Compliance Report.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 last year, Iowa's 1,848 public water systems produced safe drinking water for 98.9 percent of Iowans. In fact, the number of systems meeting all health-based standards was the highest in 25 years, since 1996. Both the percentage of systems (96.8 percent) and the percentage of population receiving drinking water compliant with all health-based standards were the highest achieved in the past 10 years.

Most systems (83.8 percent) met all major monitoring and reporting requirements, the best since 2014. Most important: last year, there were no disease outbreaks or deaths attributed to drinking water from an active public water supply.

Like a statewide report card, the annual compliance report measures how well nearly 1,900 public water supplies meet national standards. DNR gathers information from each public water supply to prepare the report, and then submits it to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The report includes maps of the public water supplies, and locations of systems that had violations of health-based standards, or major monitoring or reporting requirements.

People who want more information about their drinking water can ask their public water source for a Consumer Confidence Report. Public water sources must compile the reports, informing their customers and submitting the reports to DNR annually. The reports include any violation of standards for contaminants or reporting requirements.

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Weekend storm flooding



This picture was shared on an Anchor Facebook post by Wanda Acheson Love, showing the lingering ditch and forest flooding on Saturday.



These cattle were left with a significantly more narrow area to roam amidst the rising waters. The picture was shared by Jennifer Wahl.



Courtney Bartz shared pictures from near the intersection of HIghway 105 and Vine Avenue, which showed that the road was surrounded by a flooded intake and water stretching literally as far as the eye could see in photos.



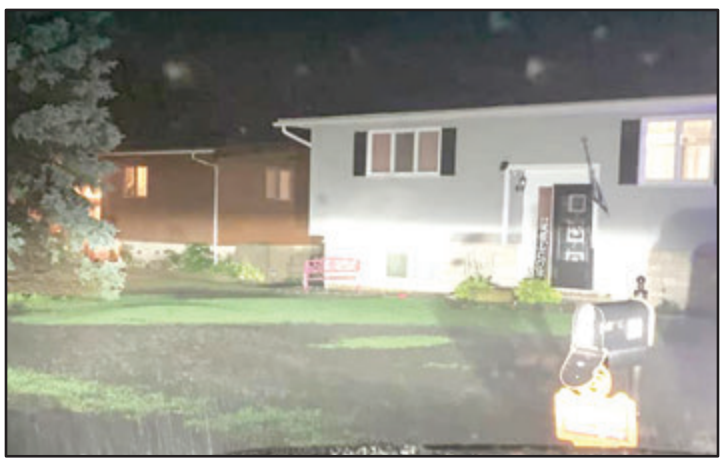
According to Keith Fritz, the picture he shared shows a drainage ditch east of Northwood that went from about four inches on Wednesday to about six feet deep by Saturday.



This picture shows a flooded ditch, rising into a yard along Highway 65 south of Northwood, shared by Dawn Batton.



For weeks this big blue bird has been able to wade into the inches deep Shell Rock River. That changed overnight as the vehicle bridge became the only spot that the bird could keep its head above water. Picture shared by Skylar Beresford.



Blake Severson showed this picture of the flooding in front of this Shell Rock Drive home in Northwood.



Al Myli sent a picture of the flooding that overtook much of the Worth County fairgrounds Friday night.



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