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Briefs

Santa visits continue

Each year Santa pays several visits to his home away from home, at Santa's Village in Central Park in Northwood.

Santa's visits to his village in Central Park will continue on Thursdays, December 9, 16 and 23, from 5-6 p.m. He will also visit on Saturdays, December 11 and 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa will make one more visit just before his big day, stopping at his village from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Worth County Historical Society meets December 14

The Worth County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at noon at Worth Brewing for their Christmas gathering. Chili will be available and everyone can bring a dish to share. There will also be a short meeting.

Calf weigh-ins December 18

A Worth County Fair Calf weigh-m will be held on Saturday, December 18, at the Worth County fairgrounds.

The Worth County 4-H will be holding the Fair Calf Weigh-in for the 2022 Worth County Fair, scheduled for June 14-19.

Those wanting to exhibit at the State Fair will need get their calves retinol scanned by the deadline of February 1, 2022.

Those wanting further information are asked to call Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or email djohn@iastate.edu.



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It'll last longer
Northwood's Central Park offered a variety of activities during the holiday kick off activities on Saturday. That included a chance to pose for a picture in the holiday post card photo face-in. See more pictures of other events and activities on page 14 of this week's Anchor.

N-K holiday concerts begin tomorrow

Northwood-Kensett students will share their musical gifts with concerts coming up this holiday season, starting at the elementary tomorrow.

The elementary concerts begin tomorrow, Thursday, December 9. The kindergarten and first graders will hold their Christmas concert at 6 p.m. in the elementary gym. They will present a mini musical called "The Greatest Snowman." The grades 2-4 concert will be held at 7 p.m., performing "Secret Santa," with the fourth graders sharing the speaking parts.

The junior/senior high Christmas concert will be held this Sunday, December 12, starting at 2 p.m., held in the elementary gym.

The junior high choir will sing "Winter Canon," "Candlelight Canon," "It's a Marshmallow World" and "Winter Wonderland."

The junior high band will perform a medley of traditional carols ("An Old Fashioned Christmas") as well as the classic "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer." They will also be performing "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy" from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," as well as an original tune written by Robert Sheldon entitled, "Snow Globe."

The high school choir will perform "12

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Northwood-Kensett students perform in area honor bands

Last month, several Northwood-Kensett junior high and high school students had the opportunity to perform in honor bands.

On Saturday, November 13, Annalisa Coyle (eighth grade, trumpet), Ashlyn Skellenger (seventh grade, clarinet) and Weston Willand (eighth grade, trumpet) traveled to Algona Middle School to participate in the North Central Iowa Bandmasters Association's Middle School Honor Band.

The honor band festival included 200 students from nearly 40 North Iowa schools divided into two ensembles.

The conductors for the festival were Stephanie and Aaron Nuss, band directors from the Linn-Marr Community School District.

After a full day of chair auditions and rehearsals, the day concluded with a

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Crop and pesticide clinic set for Dec. 17

The Worth County Extension Service annual Crop Clinic/Pesticide Recertification meeting will be held on Friday, December 17, at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly at 9:30 a.m.

Speakers will include Gentry Sorenson, an agronomist with ISU Extension, and Angie Rieck-Hinz, who will lead the pesticide recertification.

Farmers will have the opportunity to renew their Private Pesticide Applicators License at this meeting. Pesticide applicators with questions may call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, and Lacey Waller, Office Manager at the Worth County Extension Office, at 641-324-1531 for more information.

N-K continues progress, priorities for middle school

Starting next year, students at Northwood-Kensett may be divided into three new school divisions, based on their grade, as N-K staff continue planning to potentially shift three grades into a middle school program.

For years, Northwood-Kensett has divided students in grades K-6 into an elementary school, grades 7-8 into a junior high and grades 9-12 into the high school. Starting next year, the elementary may include grades K-5 and the high school will remain with grades 9-12. A change will come as grades 6-8 will become members of the district's middle school.

The change has come with the addition of the Vikings Activity Center. The new facility includes new weight and wrestling rooms. That leaves the current rooms vacant, providing an opportunity to reorganize and bring an additional grade to the secondary campus.

In doing so, district staff have been looking at the possibility of creating a middle school program to replace the current junior high distinction.

Some of the focus of the new arrangement was discussed by secondary principal Keith Fritz in the December Vikings Dispatch, available at the school's website, online at www.nkvikings.com.

According to Fritz, there are a number of priorities that have been a part of the planning process.

First amongst those is a shift to allow more time for reading and English course time.

According to Fritz, grades 7-8 have half as much time for reading as students do at the elementary. And reading scores show that more is needed.

With that in mind, the middle school planning would have a goal to allow 20-25 minutes of daily individual reading.

More time would also be

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A tree to see
Amongst the holiday decorations brightening Swensrud Park is this Christmas tree, which was placed in the park's gazebo. The park's other decorations include lights on the two pedestrian bridges, a variety of holiday forms, a Season's Greetings sign and the dancing wreaths, which blink to music, which can be heard by tuning into 88.1 FM.

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festival concert in the Wilcox Performing Arts Center.

On Monday, November 15, eight Northwood-Kensett high school students participated in the Top of Iowa Conference Honor Band at NIACC.

Students taking part included Thomas Block (12th grade, trombone), Kenny Conlin (10th grade, trombone), Emma Davidson (12th grade, trombone), Ellie Ehrhardt (11th grade, percussion), Isabella Hoch (12th grade, flute), Christopher Madsen (10th grade, trumpet), Jon Meksi (12th grade, percussion) and Eli Mix (12th grade, trumpet).

The event featured two bands, made up of over 140 students from the 18 schools that comprise the Top of Iowa Conference.

C. David Rutt, a retired band director from Forest City, and Paul Bloomquist, the Director of Bands at Iowa Central Community College, were the conductors for the event.

The students rehearsed all afternoon, and presented a concert that evening in the NIACC Auditorium.



Pictured above are students that participated in the high school Top of Iowa Conference Honor Band at NIACC. That included (front row, from left) Emma Davidson, Isabella Hoch, Ellie Ehrhardt, Christopher Madsen, (back row) Jon Meksi, Thomas Block, Kenny Conlin and Eli Mix. Pictured at right are the students that took part in the North Central Iowa Bandmasters Association's Middle School Honor Band event, held in Algona. N-K's student performers included Weston Willand, Annalisa Coyle and Ashlyn Skellenger

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Days After Christmas," "The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year," "Christmas Is Coming," "Fum, Fum, Fum" and "Feliz Navidad."

The high school band will perform an intense, driving piece entitled "Tidings of Joy." It is based on "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Good King Wenceslas." They will also be playing a medley of traditional, festive carols in a piece called "Yuletide Memory." To round out the program they will also perform "Feliz Navidad."

This concert will also mark the return of the high school jazz band after a couple of years. They are working on "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and a medley from "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

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intended for student-teacher advisory time, with daily time for teachers to check on students' academic progress, to provide support and to build relationships between students, staff and each other.

Another goal would be to offer more opportunities for students to pursue specific subjects. Fritz noted that there are more options that the district can offer while meeting the required course offerings.

For the teachers, especially with a shift in approach, there would be more focus on taking a team approach to educating students. Teachers would also be dedicated strictly to the middle school level, as opposed to the current arrangement, where many teachers instruct at the junior high and high school levels.

The other main priority is working to make the middle school distinct from the high school. That means separate areas for lockers, separate classrooms, separate restrooms and separate lunch periods.

More discussion and official approval of the middle school shift was on the agenda for Thursday's meeting of the Northwood-Kensett school board. Look for more on the district's plans in next week's Anchor.

New COVID-19 case numbers down while older age range is up

The most recent local COVID-19 data shows that local numbers are down and the brunt of the newest numbers have shifted to an older age group.

Between the November 25 and December 2 weekly releases of COVID-19 data from the State of Iowa, there were 18 new COVID-19 cases in Worth County. That brought the new total to 1,313.

The new positivity rate, consisting of the number of positive cases out of those tested in the week, was 5.9%, down from 9% on November 25.

In the past two weeks, between Novmeber 18 and December 2, there were 47 new cases of COVID-19, with a 14 day positivity rate of 7.3%.

Between November 25 and December 2, the 18-29 age range made up the largest number of new cases, accounting for 5 of those cases. All other age ranges accounted for 2-3 of the new cases.

Worth County remains in the high community transmission rate, according to the CDC. Masks are still recommended in public indoor settings.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 32,914 cases of COVID-19 reported by state agencies. That is up 913 from the total as of November 25. That includes 2,386 in Winnebago, 2,386 in Hancock, 8,879 in Cerro Gordo, 2,852 in Floyd and 1,999 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 5,699 in Freeborn and 7,400 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

In the region that includes adjoining counties, there have been a total of 10 additional deaths in the past week, for a total of 400 in the area.

According to the CDC, 3,595 residents of Worth County have been fully vaccinated, for 48.7% of the total population. That is up 15 Worth County residents since November 25.

CDC numbers show that 3,863 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 52% of the population. That is up 42 since November 25.

In the county, 1,312 of those 65 and over, the first age group that could receive the vaccine, were fully vaccinated, 84.9% of that population. Of that age group, 1,373, or 88.9% have had at least one dose.

Of those that have been able to receive the vaccine since early April, those 18 and over, 3,435 have been fully vaccinated, for 58.7% of that population. Of those, 3,650 have received one dose, for 62.4%.

Those 12 and over have been eligible since the month of May. Of that group 3,594 or 56.3% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,825 or 59.9% have received at least one dose.

That leaves 38 people younger than 12 that have received at least one dose of the vaccine and one person younger than 12 that is fully vaccinated in Worth County.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates of 49.3% in Winnebago, 46.6% in Hancock, 58.9% in Cerro Gordo, 49.7% in Floyd, 45.9% in Mitchell, 52.9% in Freeborn and 56.9% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 53.8% 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.

NIACC receives a $2,000 grant for the power of beekeeping

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) received a $2,000 grant for their Power of Beekeeping program. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund.

North Iowa Area Community College will use the Working Here Fund grant to develop a non-credit beekeeping certificate program. The funds will be used to purchase items such as hives, bees, protective clothing and other bee keeping equipment. The program offers job training related to developing bee products and increases pollinators in North Iowa.

"Honeybees play a key role in Iowa's agro-ecosystem, providing an estimated $92 million as plant pollinators," said Jana Grzenda, grant writer. "Roughly 30% of the food Americans eat depends on pollination."

The certificate program will run 6-12 weeks with meetings twice per week. Classes will include topics such as introduction to beekeeping, management of honeybee colonies, hive products and economics of beekeeping. Classes will begin in the summer of 2022.

"We're honored to support local organizations like the North Iowa Area Community College that are striving to make a difference in our community," said Julie Hoodjer, regional vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Mason City office.

North Iowa Area Community College is one of 55 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the third quarter of 2021. FCSAmerica awarded $92,510 during the latest grant cycle ending September 30, 2021.

Iowa Land Records kicks off 2021 fall seminar series

Iowa Land Records announced the Fall Seminar Series and they are coming to Northwood on Tuesday, December 14, at 3 - 4:30 p.m. At the Country Inn & Suites, Meeting Room, 711 Diamond Jo Lane, Northwood.

The Worth County Recorder's Office will be closing on this day at 2:45 p.m. so all employees can attend this seminar. "We hope to see some of our familiar customers at this seminar and any new customers that may be interested in seeing what this has to offer for them."

This is free of charge, the Fall 2021 Seminar Series covers basic electronic filling skills, provides a preview of the new and improved e-submission interface and will explain how to submit electronic documents to Iowa County Recorders. Iowa Land Records team will be visiting 58 counties across Iowa this year. This year's series will also discuss best practices for submitting documents and demonstrate the new e-submission customer interface.

"The Iowa Land Records Seminar Series is a great opportunity for those thinking about using the e-submission service to take a test drive," Kathy Jurries, Calhoun County Recorder and President of the Iowa County Recorders Association. "It also provides an opportunity for current customers to refine their e-submission skills by receiving step by step guidance from the Iowa Land Records team."

The 2021 Fall Seminar Series will walk attendees through the process of becoming customers, filing their first documents, and tracking their submissions. This informative program let's prospective customers compare e-filing with the time and cost of using a courier service or traditional delivery method.

This program has been approved by the Iowa Judicial Branch Office of Professional Regulation. Attending one session is equivalent to 1.5 hours of CLE.

"Iowa Recorders have led the nation in electronic recording since it was invented, and our customers know that speed is the essence of electronic filing," said Phil Dunshee, Iowa Land Records Project Manager. "If you file in the morning, it will be recorded the same day –usually within hours. Everyone in the real estate industry needs to take advantage of this."

Anyone interested can register for the event at iowalandrecords.org/event/2021-seminar-series-northwood/.

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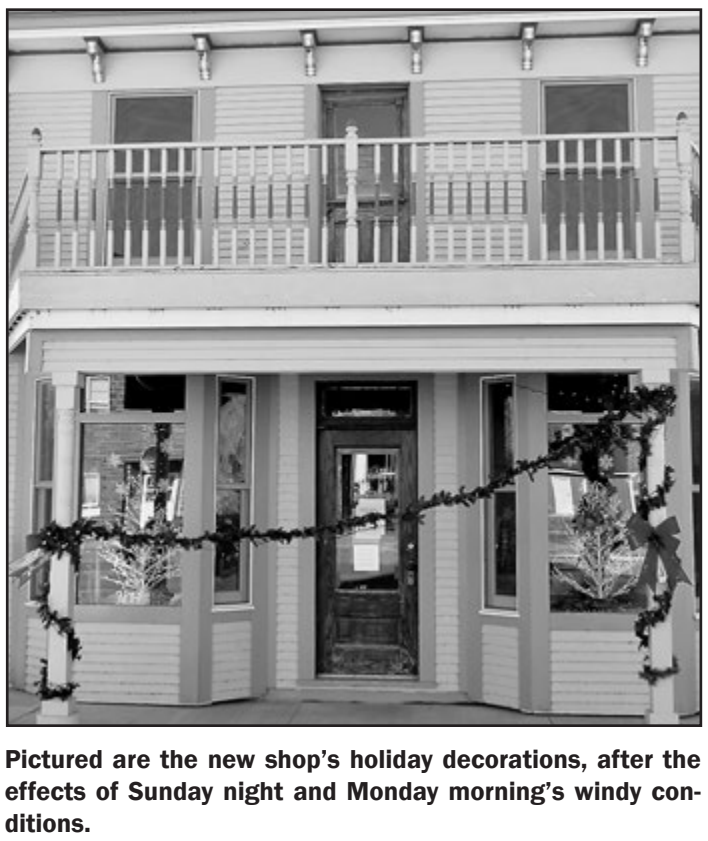
Holiday business offers gifts and goodies in historic building

With the holidays in full swing, those shopping in Northwood have another option this year, with a business opening shop in the historic Stromstein building.

Darleen Bitter and Ruth Willier are the proprietors of the newly opened Christmas Boutique and Bake Shop.

For the friends from Lake Mills, the Northwood shop location is an effort to provide people with another local option to find some unique gifts and goodies.

Willier is a baker who is a frequent visitor to Northwood, as she brings her baked goods to Fallgatter's Market. She would pass by the Stromstein building and decided that it was a shame that it has sat unused for so long.



Pictured are the new shop's holiday decorations, after the effects of Sunday night and Monday morning's windy conditions.

So Willier and Bitter decided that they would open their shop for the season.

Such a seasonal endeavor is not new to the pair, as they have offered a seasonal shop in Lake Mills in the past.

For the Christmas Boutique part of the business, a number of Christmas items, wreaths, candy canes, stocking stuffers, bath items, decorations, gifts and other handcrafted and repurposed options are available.

The Bake Shop offers some of Willier's culinary creations, including pies, pastries, breads, cookies and more. Also available are a variety of Norwegian favorites like lefse, krumkake and others.

Willier also offers baked goods to order, with pick up available at the shop. Orders can be made by calling 641-512-8696.

The Christmas Boutique and Bake Shop will be open noon-3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The week of Christmas, the shop will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All Iowans can help protect fish and wildlife through Turn in Poachers

Information is reported to the Turn in Poachers (TIP) system all year long, with a noticeable increase from September to January as part of the fall and winter hunting seasons. Regardless of the time of year or day of the week, the most important factor for the public in using the TIP system is timeliness.

"Our officers work odd hours and weekends so if you wait until Monday to report what happened over the weekend, the evidence can be gone or destroyed and the poacher is nowhere to be found," said Matt Burner, district supervisor with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Bureau for north central Iowa. "Call as soon as you know something. The quicker we're on the scene, the better the chance that we can catch them in the act of committing the crime."

He said callers should provide as much detail as possible, like the location, the person committing the act and their name, if known, the location of the animal that was killed, type of vehicle – make, model, color, and license plate, if possible, and an accurate, step by step account of the event as it happened.

"If you see something that doesn't look right, take a picture or video and pass that along to the officer," he said. "Even if it's something questionable, report it and let the officer determine if they need to dig a little more to see if a follow up is necessary."

Information can be reported online at www.iowadnr.gov/tip or by calling the hotline at 1-800-532-2020. You can remain anonymous. People who provide information that leads to a successful case are eligible for rewards ranging from $200 up to $1,500 and more. Rewards are paid for in part by the $2 donation option provided by hunters and anglers when purchasing a license. Since 2009, more than 2,100 formal cases been submitted through the TIP program.

Trespassing

Trespassing is a year-round issue but, in the fall, it can often be associated with wildlife violations. When someone witnesses trespassing, ideally, the first call is to the sheriff and a second call is to the local conservation officer. That helps to ensure the officer nearest to the area can respond.

Hometown Holiday set for Saturday in Manly

Manly will host holiday events and activities this Saturday, December 11.

The events are organized by Manly Development and will take place from 3-7 p.m.

Vendors will be on hand for last minute shoppers at City Hall.

A soup supper will be served by the junior class, also held at city hall.

At the American Legion, Santa will pay a visit to meet the children on his list, from 5-6:30 p.m.

The legion will host a festival of trees from local groups and businesses.

A pie auction will also be held at the Legion.

The Vault 116, at 116 E. Elmore, will offer shopping with elves and cookie decorating.

A lighting of the gazebo will take place.

The Central Springs Choir will carol during the event.

There will also be horse drawn carriage rides.

Coloring sheets are available at the Manly Public Library now through December 6, which can be entered for a chance to win a prize.

More information on this and future events can be found on the Manly Development Facebook page.

Fall fishing for Iowa's prized trout

Enjoy what's left of the spectacular colors and cool weather fishing in northeast Iowa's hundreds of miles of trout streams this fall. From easily accessible streams in state or county parks, to those found in Iowa's most wild and remote natural spaces, there are plenty of places to catch rainbow, brown and brook trout.

Northeast Iowa draws thousands of anglers from across Iowa to its coldwater streams and excellent trout fishing.

View some of the best fall colors in the narrow valley of Little Paint, west of Harpers Ferry. Look for trout behind larger boulders and under rock ledges. Let your lure or bait drift around the boulders and just in front of the ledges.

Catch stream-reared brown trout up to 16 inches and 10- to 12-inch stocked rainbow trout in the Maquoketa River. Miles of public access spots line the river in Clayton and Delaware counties. Find rainbow trout in pools and runs while brown trout will be near wood habitat.

The best chance to catch all three trout species in one trip is at Spring Branch Creek, southeast of Manchester. There is great public access to more than 1.5 miles of coldwater stream.

Learn to "read" a stream, to identify habitats that offer food and cover. Trout are not randomly scattered in a stream. They locate themselves along the edge of the current flow near protective cover. The stream current carries food to the trout while it waits.

Trout try to bulk up in the fall for winter and are always hungry. Brown and brook trout lay their eggs in nests called redds in October and November. The eggs stay in these areas of cleaned gravel on the stream bottom until they hatch in late winter or early spring. Be careful where you walk to avoid stepping in or directly above these nests.

"Brown trout are wary, be as quiet and hidden as you can," said Steuck. "If you can see them, they have already seen you and probably will not bite."

Fish overcast and gray days when using spin fishing gear. Trout are less wary of lures at this time. If fly fishing, target midday on sunny and bright days. In cooler fall temperatures, bright warm days can stimulate an insect hatch. Dry flies can still be productive, but the insect hatches become more sporadic and less intense than in the summer so nymphs may be a better option.

Iowa's trout season is open all year. Iowa's trout streams are too. About 105 coldwater trout streams await anglers in ten northeast Iowa counties.

Anglers need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. The daily limit is five trout per licensed angler with a possession limit of ten.

Learn more about Iowa's trout streams, including maps and amenities, and tips and tricks to catch trout on the Iowa DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/trout.

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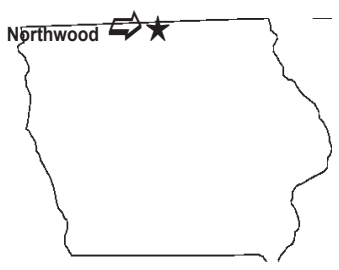
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Children, the holiday season and temperament

The holiday season brings plenty of changes, festivities and time at home for children. How they handle it all is affected by their temperament, says Mackenzie DeJong, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Temperament, originally studied by psychologists Alexander Thomas and Stella Chess, determines how individuals fall on a continuum for each of nine traits.

"Parents, caregivers, friends and family members can use temperament to predict how a child will act in a situation and plan accordingly," said DeJong, who specializes in family wellbeing.

So how might the different traits play out in winter holiday settings? DeJong offers the following examples.

Children with a high activity level are restless when quiet activities are expected for a long period of time. They are also likely the ones roaming around the house, while the child with a low activity level is happy cuddling up on the couch with some hot cocoa, a blanket and a favorite movie on TV.

Less adaptable children have trouble changing from their usual school schedule to the break schedule with holiday activities. The adaptable child is probably excited for the change and for the hubbub that comes with it.

When entering family holiday events, the withdrawing child might take time to warm up to the situation rather than feeling comfortable hugging their great-aunt who they haven't seen in a while. The approaching child might be the one who runs off and is sledding at the snow hill with a family they don't even know.

A highly distractible child may be noticing every conversation, interaction and smirk the adults make at a family gathering, while the less distractible child is able to tune out all the adult interactions and play alone.

Will you know whether your intense child likes a gift? Absolutely. This child might shout and jump up and down when opening a gift. The less intense child might love the present just as much but express it much more quietly. This child may open each present without more than a "thank you" and a smile.

"Holiday joy!" might be the motto of your high mood child, who may have been insisting to put up the festive decorations back in October. Lower mood children, even if grateful for the holiday season and all it brings, might not show it on their face.

The persistent child may be happy to play one game or with one toy for quite a long while, even if the group is ready to move on. Less persistent children might have never quite finished the chore you asked them to get done before everyone came over.

Your child's regularity will be affected by all the schedule changes as well. A less regular child typically gets hungry, sleeps and goes to the bathroom at unpredictable times, while a regular child can be more predictable and often operates on a schedule. During the holidays, a few questions that might come are "Will they be hungry at dinner time? Will they need to go to the bathroom right after you get out of town? Will they be so exhausted from all the excitement that they can barely stay awake during gift opening?"

A sensitive child could feel overwhelmed by the new sights, unfamiliar smells and loud noises at a gathering. The added stimulation could make these children more irritable, or they may simply need more breaks. Less sensitive children might not remember to go to the bathroom because they were so busy playing with their cousins they forgot to check in on their bodily cues. Weather wise, the sensitive child may get cold quickly and will opt to stay inside, while the less sensitive child thinks "the cold never bothered me anyway" and runs outside to play for hours.

"As you can see, temperament plays a part in how so many holiday scenarios may go. The key is to start to understand your child's temperament and plan accordingly," DeJong said.

For more information relating to temperament, check out The Science of Parenting podcast, available on Facebook, the blog site (www.scienceofparenting.org) and anywhere you can listen to podcasts. So far two seasons have discussed temperament: season 2 provided a general overview of temperament, and season 7 looked at an intersection of temperament and child development. Season 7 wrapped in November and new season on guidance and discipline begins in February 2022.

From good reading to good furniture

Students at Northwood-Kensett school once again found a good use for the Northwood Anchor newspaper, outside of the normal information and entertainment contained in those pages, as they used the papers as the basis for a unique construction competition.

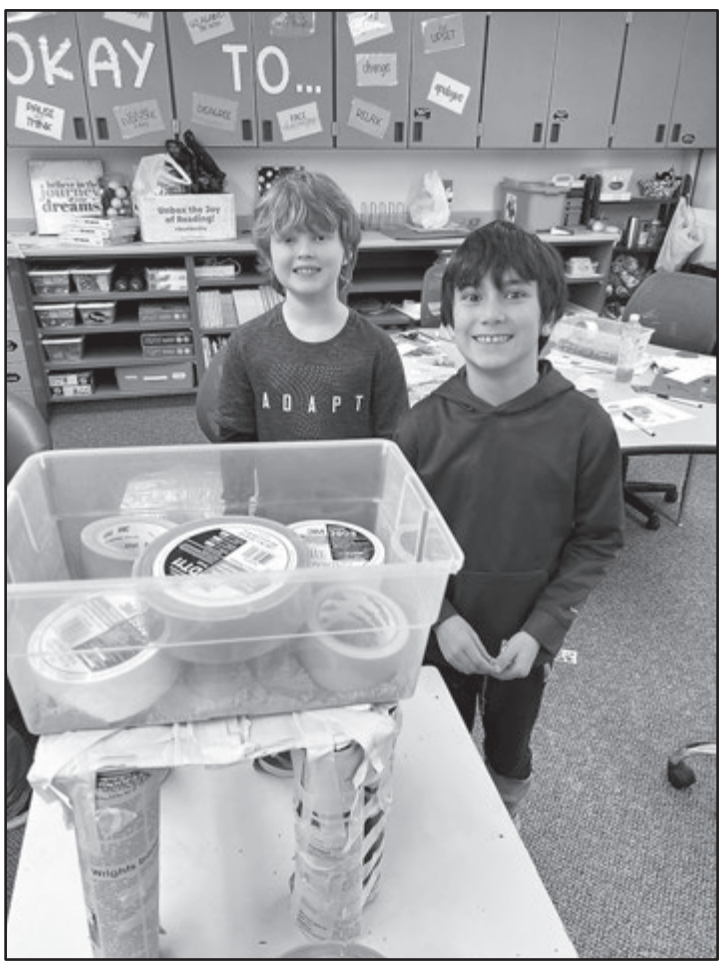
Instead of their eventual recycling destination, the students took the papers to the classroom for a competition. The challenge was to use the newspapers, along with some tape, to create a table and see whose could hold the most weight.

Three teams took part in the activity. That included Jonah Trenhaile, Max Rugland, Brooks Fierova, Olivia Urbatsch and Graham Holstad.

Once their tables were constructed, a tub was placed on top and then roles of duct tape were placed inside until the weight overwhelmed the structure.

In the end the teams' creations were similar in overall design, but Trenhaile's engineering proved to be the strongest, holding 34 pounds of duct tape, a truly newsworthy, and potentially table-worthy, achievement







Iowa DOE releases annual report on Iowa's schools

The Iowa Department of Education today released the latest edition of its annual report containing state-level data and information on Iowa's schools.

The 2021 Annual Condition of Education report includes data on preschool-through-12th grade student populations and demographics, academic achievement, postsecondary enrollment and completion, special education, teacher and school administrator characteristics and salaries and school financial information.

Additionally, an online companion to the Condition of Education report allows education stakeholders to dig deeper into interactive enrollment and staffing data at the state and school-district levels. A new version of the site will launch next month that will allow users to easily export their district-level and state data.

"Data and information are vital for driving school improvement, especially following a school year of unforeseen challenges brought on by a global pandemic," said Ann Lebo, director of the Iowa Department of Education. "Providing and interpreting data is needed to continue moving forward as our education landscape evolves, but data doesn't tell the whole story. It is important for Iowans to connect with their schools to learn more about programs and initiatives underway that are helping students succeed in the classroom and beyond."

The Condition of Education report includes the most recent data through the 2020-21 school year, unless otherwise noted. Highlights from this year's report include:

484,159: For the first time since the 2011-12 school year, public school K-12 enrollment dropped from 490,094 in 2019-20 to 484,159 in 2020-21.

26.1%: Minority students made up 26.1 percent of the student population in Iowa school districts, up from 25.7 percent the previous year.

41.8%: The percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, down slightly from 42.4 percent the year before.

38,022: The number of full-time teachers in public schools in 2020-21, up from 37,567 the year before. There was a 13.1 percent increase in the number of full-time public school teachers from the 2000-01 school year (33,610) to 2020-21 (38,022).

$58,771: The average regular teacher salary, up from $58,110 in 2019-20.

6.3%: The percent of students whose native language is not English (English learners), down from 6.5 the year before.

48.8%: The percent of students from Iowa's class of 2021 who took higher-level mathematics, including calculus, statistics and trigonometry. This is up slightly from 48.6 percent the year before.

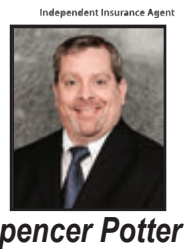
51.7%: The percent of school districts with students taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses, down from 54.3 percent in the prior year.

$10,794: The state's total per-pupil expense in the 2019-20 school year, up from $10,738 the year before.

The 2021 Annual Condition of Education and past editions dating back to 1998 are available on the Education Statistics page of the Iowa Department of Education website.

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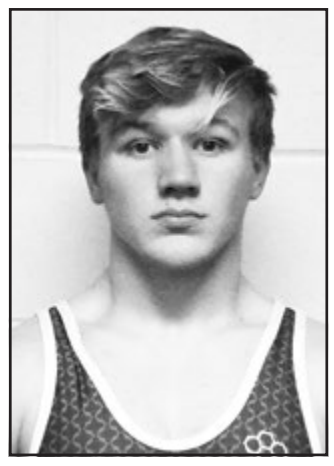
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Anchor Sports



CARLY HENGESTEG

Stat of the Week: *After averaging just 7.9 points per game for last year's 6-15 Lady Vikings, N-K's shooting guard, Carly Hengesteg, has stepped up her game for her senior campaign, averaging a team high 10.7 points per game after the first three games of the 2021-22 season. In last week's two games against North Butler and Nashua-Plainfield, Hengesteg stepped it up another notch, scoring 13 points on both nights, giving her 26 points in the team's two games last week.*



DRAKE TIEDEMANN

Stat of the Week: *Looking to make it to the promised land this season, earning a spot at the state championships at Wells Fargo Arena, N-K's seventh-ranked Drake Tiedemann got the season started on a positive note. The talented senior, who came into the season with an impressive 107 wins, increased his overall record to 116-22 with six falls in his nine wins last week, earning him an unblemished 9-0 record to start the year.*



N-K sophomore Morgan Wallin converts a layup in last Tuesday night's 38-11 TIC East win over North Butler. Wallin came off the bench for the Lady Vikings and made the best of her time on the floor, scoring eight points and grabbing a team high six rebounds.



Sophomore point guard Madalynn Hanson moves into the lane to put up a short running jumper last Friday night in Nashua. Hanson scored 10 points, had two assists and two steals in the narrow two-point loss to the Huskies. After three games Hanson leads the team with three assists and 4.7 steals per game.

Lady Vikings roll over North Butler in 38-11 TIC East win

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

If you know anything about the Top of Iowa Conference East, you know that for most teams one of the most satisfying wins comes at the expense of the Bearcats of North Butler. There's just something about the arrogance of this team and its community that make it a target for the rest of the TIC East.

So it was with great satisfaction that the Lady Vikings totally dismantled the once formidable Bearcats in last Tuesday night's basketball action in Northwood's gym, holding North Butler to just three points at the halftime break on the way to a dominating 38-11 TIC East win.

The Lady Vikings defense pushed them to an early 8-2 lead after the first eight minutes of play, holding NB without a fieldgoal until there was just 1:25 remaining in the opening quarter.

That defensive pressure held up in the second quarter as well when N-K held the Bearcats without a basket other than one lone free throw and took a convincing 25-3 advantage into the halftime break.

Continuing its fullcourt pressure in the second half the Lady Vikings, who didn't allow more than six points in any quarter, cruised to an easy 38-11 win over NB, giving them two consecutive wins over their rival from Greene.

With the defense being the talk of the game, the coaching staff couldn't have been more pleased with the effort.

"Defensively, wow, those girls played out of this world," said Lady Vikings head coach Daryl Love. "We turned the ball over more than we would have liked but the defense bailed us out tonight, this win was all on the defense.

Senior guard Carly Hengesteg led the team with 13 points while Morgan Wallin scored eight points and grabbed a team high six rebounds. Playing her point guard position to perfection, sophomore Madalynn Hanson led the team with eight steals and five assists.

Riding high on their 2-0 start to begin the season the Lady Vikings traveled to Nashua last Friday night where they fell to the Huskies by two points, 48-46.

After starting the game with a 4-0 advantage the Lady Vikings offense sputtered, falling behind by as much as 12 points twice in the ball game only to make a furious comeback each time.

After the Huskies drained a 3-pointer, giving them a convincing 44-32 lead with just 4:40 remaining in regulation, N-K made one last comeback attempt, outscoring the Huskies 12-2 the rest of the game before coming up just two points short in the 46-44 TIC East loss.

Hengesteg and Hanson led the way with 13 and 10 points respectively while Morgan Wallin added five points and a team high six boards.

"We need to play with that confidence we had at the end of the game all the time," said Love after the narrow defeat. "We played well overall and overcame a lot of adversity in this game, but we need more consistent play, I think this team is capable of doing that."

With last week's results in the books the Lady Vikings are now 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the TIC East.

Games this week include Tuesday night versus West Fork and Friday at Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock.

NK 38, NB 11

NB	2	1	2	6 – 11
NK	8	17	9	4 – 38

NP 48, NK 46

NK	7	10	11	18 – 46
NP	13	10	16	9 – 48

Young but talented Vikings fall to 0-2 after losses to NB and NP

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

One of the young up and coming teams in the Top of Iowa Conference East that has other teams shaking in their sneakers for what the future holds is the Vikings of Northwood-Kensett.

With its group of talented young freshmen blending with a group of experienced upperclassmen, this Vikings squad will one day bring N-K back to dominance in the conference, but just not yet.

As well as the Vikings played in their two opening games last week, they nonetheless showed their inexperience at the varsity level and fell to North Butler 62-53 and Nashua-Plainfield 56-50.

In last Tuesday night's season opener for the Vikings, they played host to the Bearcats of North Butler, a team that's 22-7 against N-K and has now won 11 of the last 13 games played between these two TIC East rivals.

The Vikings started the game with an early 4-2 lead after freshman Colby Eskildsen scored the first varsity points of his young career, but that advantage slowly slipped away with the Bearcats taking a 13-9 lead after the first eight minutes of play.

After falling behind 16-9 the Vikings finally made a run of their own and took the lead back at 20-19 on a Ben Yezek jumper with 1:45 remaining in the first half of play, eventually ending the half even at 25-25.

The third quarter was a back-and-forth affair with neither team holding more than a three-point lead throughout the quarter with the Bearcats taking a 40-37 lead to start the fourth.

Playing their hearts out in the fourth the Vikings slowly fought their way back and tied the score at 53-53 with just 2:40 remaining in regulation only to have the Bearcats score the final seven points of the game on their way to a 60-53 TIC East win.

Eskildsen led the team with 19 points in his first varsity action while senior Jason Hanson got the season underway with his first double-double of the year, scoring 18 points and pulling down a team high 10 rebounds, including four on the offensive glass.

"At times we did really look like a young and inexperienced team with all the turnovers," said Vikings head coach Marty Cotter. "But overall, I was really pleased, some of those mistakes we made were a result of making the right decision, just making it a split second too late and instead of it being an assist and two points, it turned into a turnover instead, but that will get better as they gain more experience."

The Vikings final game of the week, last Friday night at Nashua, was much like the game with NB, back and forth with neither team holding more than a seven-point lead at the end of a quarter.

And while N-K was able to play with the Huskies in the second half, both scoring 30 points in the 16-minutes of play, it was the second quarter that cost the Vikings when they posted just seven points and fell behind by six at the halftime break.

Another freshman and future superstar, Kooper Julseth was shooting the trey all night, eventually hitting 6-15 from beyond the arch and finishing the night with a team high 23 points. Eskildsen and Hanson both just missed a double-double with 10 and 14 points respectively to go along with eight rebounds each.

With the two loses the Vikings start the season at 0-2 overall and 0-2 in the TIC East.

They have two games on the schedule this week, including Tuesday night versus West Fork and Friday night at Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock.

NB 62, NK 53

NB	13	12	15	22 – 62
NK	9	16	12	16 – 53

NP56, NK 50

NK	13	7	14	16 – 50
NP	14	12	15	15 – 56



Vikings senior Jason Hanson drives the baseline and scores on the reverse layup surrounded by North Butler defenders. Hanson recorded his first double-double of the season in the 62-53 TIC East loss, scoring 18 points and pulling down 10 rebounds, including four on the offensive glass.



Freshman Kooper Julseth splashes a 3-pointer in last Friday night's 56-50 loss in Nashua. Julseth bounced back from a three-point performance on opening night to lead the Vikings against N-P with 23 points, draining 6-15 from behind the arch. Julseth also had a block, three steals and six boards against the Huskies.



PEO Cookies

Chapter ES P.E.O. of Northwood kicked off the holiday events in Northwood on Saturday with their annual offering of cookies and other tasty treats. The club opened up shop in the Olson Community Room near the Northwood Public Library. Several tables were filled with plates of a variety of cookies, as well as jars of cookie mixes to take home and bake. Pictured are the members and some of their young assistants.

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice hosts virtual Tree of Live event on Dec. 21

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice will host its annual Tree of Life event virtually on Tuesday, December 21. The compassionate team at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice invites you to remember your loved ones or honor those living with a light on the Tree of Life.

This year's virtual event includes a video featuring the tree lighting, plus each location will have a special video with the requested names. To participate virtually, click the event link on December 21 at 6 p.m. to enjoy the program from the comfort of your home. The event link will be available on our Facebook page, the Tree of Life Facebook event and on the MercyOne website.

"COVID-19 gathering restrictions once again will make this event look and feel different than in years past. We have a beautiful virtual memorial service planned and invite you to take part to honor your loved ones," said Robin Pearce, office manager at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.

With a donation of any amount, lights are placed on a Tree of Life and "brought to light" symbolizing the presence of those honored and remembered. Names of those remembered and honored will be listed at the online tree lighting location specified by the donor. Locations include Charles City, Clear Lake, Forest City, Garner, Hampton, Iowa Falls, Lake Mills, Osage and Mason City. In addition, all donors will receive a holiday ornament in the mail.

Contributions can be sent to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice at 232 2nd Street SE, Mason City, IA, 50401 or online at MercyOne.org/northiowa/tree-of-life. With your contribution, please specify the name of the loved one(s) you wish to remember or honor. *Note, names must be received by Wednesday, December 8.

Lights on the Tree of Life remember, and honor loved ones in a very special way and help extend MercyOne North Iowa Hospice's services to those affected by end of life. Hospice services include compassionate, specialized care to improve quality of life for the patient and their family. For questions, contact Robin Pearce at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice at (641) 428-6208 or visit MercyOne.org/northiowa/tree-of-life.



Worth County 4-H'ers assembled

Worth County 4-H recently held its annual awards banquet, with members recognized for their efforts and the successes of the county's youth, leaders, volunteers and supporters celebrated. See more pictures and results on pages 10-11 of this week's Anchor.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Council Meeting, 7 p.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
Wednesday, Confirmation at Grace; Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:45 a.m., Elk Creek Service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., 3rd Sunday of Advent, Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Northwood UMW, Swallow Coffee House Lake Mills, 10 a.m.; Thursday, Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 8 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366, Wednesdays 6 p.m., KC (Kids & Christ) Night; 9:30 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 11 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills; 11 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; All services require masks and social distancing.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation, 5:45 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m., Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Bell Choir, 6 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

Sacred Heart Church, Manly
Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor
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Conquering Evil With Good



Wise men and women of various faiths have told us that we should never return evil for evil, but should conquer evil with acts of kindness and goodness. The Dhammapada puts it this way: "Hatreds never cease through hatred in this world; through love alone they cease. This is an eternal law." Saint Paul advises us in the 12th chapter of Romans to "Never repay injury with injury" and then quotes the Proverb "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you." (Proverbs 25:21-22) Saint Paul concludes his kindly advice by saying "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21) The curious part of the quoted proverb is the notion that in being kind to someone who has harmed you, you will be "heaping burning coals on his head," which sounds plainly vindictive. Without knowing what the exact meaning and implication of this phrase is, and scholars have suggested everything from inciting anger in your enemy to giving them coals to carry home for their own hearth, perhaps the best interpretation is that in doing so you will be remonstrating against your enemies' evil and causing them to have remorse. They will indeed carry these hot coals home with them, but these coals will be their own conscience, reminding them they will always be burned by vengeance. – Christopher Simon

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. – Leviticus 19:18

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Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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

"Faithful Favorites" is an old cookbook. It has no publishing date or source and since it was done on a copy machine and placed into a small (5x8-inch) plastic two-ring binder it would appear to be BC (before computers!). The flyleaf indicates it was compiled by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Zion Lutheran Church, Clark. Don't know what state the town or city of Clark was located but no matter. We ALL know that church ladies know how to cook so that's all that matters when we use a recipe book. The following a gleaned from this collection.

Stuffed Mushrooms Parmesan

1 pound large white mushrooms
2 tablespoons butter, melted
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan
4 tablespoons olive oil
1 clove fresh garlic, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup dry breadcrumbs, Italian style
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

SANDY'S NOTE: use freshly grated/shredded Parmesan not the "green can" on this one. Also, please use real butter, not margarine. There IS a big difference in flavor.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Clean the mushrooms and remove the stems, leaving the caps whole. Mix together the remaining ingredients except the olive oil. Fill the mushrooms cups with this stuffing. Pour 2 tablespoons of the oil into a baking pan and place the mushrooms in the pan, filled side up. Dribble the remaining oil over the top. Bake for 20 minutes.

Chopped Beef Stroganoff

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1 1/2 cups real sour cream
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
1 large clove garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon salt
8 oz. wide egg noodles, uncooked
2 tablespoons real butter
1 can (10.5 oz.) chicken broth
1 can (6oz.) chopped mushroom

Cook the noodles in the chicken broth just enough to absorb the liquid. Brown the beef in a heavy skillet; add the onion and garlic and cook slightly. Add the flour and stir well. Combine the remaining ingredients including the cooked noodles and the sour cream in a baking dish. Let this stand in the refrigerator, covered, overnight to blend the flavors. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. when planning to serve and bake the casserole for 30 minutes or until heated through.

Amazing Coconut Pie

This is the old-fashioned recipe that was popular about 30 years ago It makes its own crust!

2 cups whole milk
1/2 cup real butter, melted
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons real vanilla
4 large eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup biscuit mix, such as Bisquick®

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Put all the ingredients except the coconut into a blender. Cover and blend on LOW for 3 minutes. Pour into a greased 10-inch pie pan. Let this stand on the counter for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with the coconut. Bake for 40 minutes.

Party Chicken Salad to Serve a Crowd

12 pounds of chicken pieces (bone-in thighs, breasts, legs)
1 package dry Italian salad dressing mix
2 2/3 cups real mayonnaise (not "whip")
1 cup half and half
1 cup cider vinegar
3 tablespoons grated onion (or use reconstituted dry flaked onion)
7 cups seedless green grapes cut in half
2 cups thinly sliced celery
Salt and pepper to taste
Lettuce leaves and fresh parsley sprigs for garnish

On the night before serving, boil the chicken, drain (save the broth for another use) cool and take the meat off the bones. Make the Italian dressing according to the package directions. Marinate the chicken in the dressing overnight. The next day, drain the chicken thoroughly. Cut it into bite-sized pieces. Mix all the other ingredients except the garnish, combining well. Mix in the chicken pieces. Chill until ready to serve. Line a serving bowl with lettuce leaves and spoon in the chicken salad. Garnish with parsley. You may also garnish with hard-boiled egg slices if desired. Serves 24 people.

When I happen across these old books it always makes me wonder who these cooks were, how they lived and cooked. Some recipes stand the test of time; others slip away and are rarely enjoyed. The "Impossible Pie" recipe above was from the Bisquick® company and could be made with many ingredients, both sweet and savory. They are worth digging out and making in these busy and stressful times. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Tenold celebrates her retirement

Mindy Tenold, Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator for the past nearly 15 years, who is retiring, was recognized at this year's annual 4-H Awards Banquet on November 21. Mindy has had a positive impact on hundreds of 4-H members during her tenure in the Worth County Extension Office. She will be missed by the many 4-H family members that she has had the opportunity to work with over the years. Mindy is pictured with Office Manager Lacey Waller on the right and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, who was also recognized at the 4-H Banquet for completing 40 years of service to the Worth County 4-H program.

Northwood Public Library

By Morgan Johnson
Library Director

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and we look forward to some fun holiday activities in the upcoming week. We will have an open house the week of the 13th. Stop by for some goodies and a glass of hot apple cider!

On Tuesday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. we will have our annual graham cracker house story time! Join us for bingo, a story and graham cracker house decorating! An RSVP is required by Sunday the 12th to ensure we have enough supplies. RSVP to this event on Facebook or call the library at 324-1340 and let us know your name and number of houses needed. We also ask each family to bring a bag of candy to share with the group for decorating on that night.

Then on Thursday the 16th at 6 p.m. we will have an adult craft night. Join us in making a book tree! No cost or craft experience necessary! Come prepared to fold a lot of paper! Check our Facebook event or call the library for more details.

On Friday morning story times continue for a couple more weeks! Stop by at 10 a.m. for story time on December 10 and 17, break for the holidays and resume for January 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Upcoming library closures: We will be closed on Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1. We will also close at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 31.

We have so many holiday books and movies for adults and kids to read during this season. Stop by to check some out!

New to the library this month:

Adult Fiction: "Sleigh Bells Ring" by RaeAnne Thayne, "The Christmas Promise" by Richard Paul Evans, "Mercy" by David Baldacci, "A Christmas legacy" by Anne Perry, "Never" by Ken Follett, "Fear no evil" by James Patterson, "Game on" by Janet Evanovich, "Forgiving Paris" by Karen Kingsbury, and "The stranger in the lifeboat" by Mitch Albom.

Adult Non-Fiction: "Going there" by Katie Couric, "Warrior" by Audrey Hepburn, "Moms don't have time to have kids" edited by Zibby Owens, "Maid" by Stephanie Land, "Bucket list USA" by Fodor's Travel, and "Will" by Will Smith.

We wish you all a joyous holiday season and look forward to more fun to come in 2022! Please remember to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have. Our phone number is 324-1340 and my e-mail address is morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us! See you soon!

Quisley elected secretary of ISU CALS Student Council

Julia Quisley, from Northwood and majoring in agricultural business at Iowa State University, was elected to serve as secretary of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Student Council in 2022 by other student leaders serving as representatives on the council.

As an executive team council member, Quisley will help guide CALS Student Council members as they serve as representatives of the college and organize a wide variety of campus events over the coming year.

CALS Student Council serves as a unifying body among CALS students and senior administration of the college. The council is composed of representatives from agriculture and life sciences-related member organizations.

The council hosts annual events and facilitates awards for graduating seniors each semester. For more timely information about their activities, follow Iowa State CALS Council on Facebook.

North Iowa Choral Society to present Holiday Concert

North Iowa Choral Society, under the sponsorship of North Iowa Area Community College, is proud to present its annual holiday concert, "Light from Shadow," on Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. in the North Iowa Area Community Auditorium.

North Iowa Choral Society is currently under the direction of Linda Ferjak and accompanied by Jackie Burk. Invited choirs are the NordKor Children's Choir (Melissa Shallberg) and the Forest City High School Singers (Annika Andrews). In addition, invited instrumentalists include Maria Meyer on flute along with Kerry Anderson, Ken Bahls, Patty Guetzgo, and Kathy Rogotzke in a string quartet.

Tickets are $5 at the door with unreserved seating.

Anyone interested in membership may contact Choral Society President, Julie Phillips, at 641-529-6039. The society rehearses on Sunday evenings in the NIACC Vocal Music Room from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with spring rehearsals beginning in mid-January 2022.

Worth County 4-H State Recognition Workshop held on December 30

The Worth County Extension Office will host a 4-H State Recognition Workshop on Thursday, December 30 at 11 a.m.

All 9th grade to 12th grade 4-H members are invited to participate in learning about the many State 4-H Award winning opportunities that are available. Past Worth County 4-H State award winners will be at the meeting to share information about how to apply for the awards and recognition trips to Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C. The 4-H members will also have a chance to learn about what the duties and responsibilities are of the Iowa State 4-H Council and what the application and interview process is to be able to serve on the 2022-2023 Iowa State 4-H Council Team.

More information about this 4-H workshop is available by emailing Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson at djohn@iastate.edu or calling Dennis at 641-324-1531 at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Social Security Calculators That Can Help You Decide When to Claim

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good resources that can help my wife and me determine the best claiming ages for maximizing our Social Security retirement benefits?

Just Turned 62

Dear 62,

Deciding when to start collecting your Social Security benefits is one of the most complicated and consequential decisions in retirement. The difference between a good decision and a poor one could cost you and your wife tens of thousands of dollars over your retirement, so doing your due diligence now is a very smart move.

Factors to Consider

As you may already know, you can claim Social Security any time between the ages of 62 and 70, but each year you wait increases your benefits between 5 and 8 percent. However, there are other factors you need to take into account to help you make a good decision, like your health and family longevity, whether you plan to work in retirement, along with spousal and survivor benefits.

To help you weigh your claiming strategies, you need to know that Social Security Administration claims specialists are not trained or authorized to give you personal advice on when you should start drawing your benefits. They can only provide you information on how the system works under different circumstances. To get advice you'll need to turn to other sources.

Online Tools

Your first step in getting Social Security claiming strategy advice is to go to SSA.gov/myaccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at ages 62 through 70. These estimates are based on your yearly earnings that are also listed on your report.

Once you get your estimates for both you and your wife, there are a number online Social Security strategy calculators you can turn to that can compare your options so you can make an informed decision.

The best one that's completely free to use is Open Social Security (OpenSocialSecurity.com), which runs the math for each possible claiming age (or, if you're married, each possible combination of claiming ages) and reports back, telling you which strategy is expected to provide the most total spendable dollars over your lifetime.

But if you want a more thorough analysis consider fee-based calculators like Maximize My Social Security (MaximizeMySocialSecurity.com) or Social Security Solutions (SocialSecuritySolutions.com). Both of these tools, which are particularly helpful to married couples as well as divorced or widowed persons, will run what-if scenarios based on your circumstances and show how different filing strategies affect the total payout over the same time frame.

Maximize My Social Security's web-based service costs $40 per year for a household, while Social Security Solutions offers several levels of web-based and personalized phone advice ranging from $20 to $250.

In-Person Advice

You may also be able to get help through a financial planner. Look for someone who is a fee-only certified financial planner (CFP) that charges on an hourly basis and has experience in Social Security analysis.

To find someone, use the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors online directory at NAPFA.org, or try the Garrett Planning Network (GarrettPlanningNetwork.com), which is a network of fee-only advisers that charge between $150 and $300 per hour.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I have a bad case of the Mondays. It's Wednesday.

Then I have a bad case of the Wednesdays.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. November had been kind weather-wise. I accomplished significant yard chores. All the equipment has been housed. This winter, no one will be saying to me, "Your snowman looks like a lawnmower."

A proverb says if December be changeable and mild, the whole winter will remain a child.

I was in a clinic getting poked when I heard a nurse tell another, "Don't dillydally." Dillydally is a great word meaning lollygag, loiter or dawdle. She was no fuddy-duddy, one who is old-fashioned. Another nurse told me that she dislikes gravy. I wonder what she puts on her breakfast cereal? On the way home from the clinic, my wife asked me what the markers far out in the lake were for. I didn't know, but I'm a guy and had to pretend I knew. I didn't dillydally and replied immediately, "They indicate the wet spots."

I spotted a driveway sign reading, "For Sale by Owner EGGS." Was a hen having a sale?

Who are those people?

The population of the township I live in has lost people every year for 25 years until last year. The population mysteriously rose from 219 in 2019 to 253 in 2020 according to the State Demographer who found some of the people we'd misplaced.

I grew up with poor cellphone reception

A youngster told me she'd had her phone taken away in school. I reckon she'd been twiddling her cellphone thumbs when she should have been paying attention to her teacher. She wasn't a relative, so she asked if that had ever happened to me. When I was a kid and TV had to warm up before I could watch it, I must have had a terrible internet connection, because the hub of the house was a phone the size of a VW Beetle. It had a long cord capable of tangling people walking by. I told her that one day when my 4th-grade teacher was teaching at only a 3rd-grade level, she came to my house and ripped the rotary dial phone from our living room wall. The girl didn't believe me. I didn't either.

Swede dreams are made of this

Grandma came from Sweden to this country as a teenager. Sweden is famous for ABBA, IKEA, SAAB and some other four-letter words. The late author Stieg Larsson remains popular. I think of lingonberry jam, Swedish meatballs and Swedish rice pudding. Instead of crossing their fingers, Swedes might fold the fingers of each hand over the thumb to hope for good luck. It's called, "hold your thumbs." Idioms don't always translate well, but here are some rough renderings of Swedish sayings. There's no cow on the ice (don't worry). Make a hen out of a feather (turning nothing into a problem). Jumping into a crazy barrel (doing something irrational). Lagom is a word I enjoy and one without a direct translation into English, but it's close to "just enough." May your day be that.

Bad joke department

"Do you know what's odd?" Every other number.

Jokes about paper are tearable.

"What word is always spelled wrong?" Wrong.

You don't have to ask anyone if they got a good deal on Black Friday. They will tell you.

Customer comments

Leon Schoenrock of New Richland told me his kinfolk had rented a conference room at a Holiday Inn for a family reunion. A man from Wisconsin named Schoenrock, in town for another reason, paid a visit. Leon asked him if he was stubborn and tight with his money. When the man replied he was, Leon said, "You are one of us." He probably spoke for many other last names.

Nature notes

I heard great horned owls softly hooting in the night as part of their courtship. The most common owl in Minnesota calls, "Who's awake? Me too," before nesting begins in January or February. I watched and listened to outraged birds. Chickadees, nuthatches, jays and a downy woodpecker flushed a Cooper's hawk from a tree. The nuthatch took a break from the dispute to grab a peanut from a feeder. It was a white-breasted peanuthatch. Four uncharacteristically quiet crows sat out the vocal mobbing, concentrating instead on chasing the flying raptor as it retreated from the yard. A gang of house sparrows perched in arborvitae stayed out of it. Life isn't perfect but I saw birds. Sometimes that's enough.

Meeting adjourned

"We take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." -Cynthia Ozick.

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Fit to print...

Fun facts about Christmas lights

Here are some fun facts about Christmas lights, found on mentalfloss.comn:

15 Merry-and-Bright Facts About Christmas Lights

By Liz Loerke

The Christmas tree may have German roots, but the twinkling lights adorning them each December are distinctly American. From Thomas Edison's ingenious marketing strategy to Carson Williams' viral "Wizards of Winter" display, here are some facts about fairy lights to keep you warm throughout the season.

1. Thomas Edison was responsible for the first Christmas light display.

Determined to make good on his promise to electrify downtown Manhattan, Thomas Edison sought to draw attention to his incandescent light bulb during the 1880 Christmas season. The Wizard of Menlo Park, who was known for his PR savvy, laid eight miles of underground wire to power strings of lights around the outside of his New Jersey laboratory. Train commuters traveling between New York and Philadelphia were so amazed by the glowing fields that one reporter labeled Edison "the Enchanter" and described the spectacle as "a fairy-land of lights."

Just two years later in 1882, Edison set up a central power plant on Pearl Street in Manhattan. That holiday season, his friend and colleague Edward Johnson decorated the first Christmas tree with 80 blinking red, white, and blue electric lights. To add to the historic presentation, Johnson's tree sat atop a revolving box that spun every 10 seconds. Documenting the amazing display, a reporter from the Detroit Post and Tribune wrote, "I need not tell you that the scintillating evergreen was a pretty sight—one can hardly imagine anything prettier … The tree was kept revolving by a little hidden crank below the floor which was turned by electricity. It was a superb exhibition."

2. Grover Cleveland was the first president to have a Christmas tree decked out in electric bulbs.

Benjamin Harrison was the first to have a Christmas tree in the White House in 1889, but it wasn't until 1895—four years after the White House was wired with electricity—that Grover Cleveland requested the first family's tree be adorned with hundreds of multi-colored bulbs. The 24th president is credited with warming the public to the idea of electric Christmas lights. At the time, many people mistrusted electricity and thought that dangerous vapors would seep into their homes through the lights and wires.

3. They were expensive. (very expensive.)

By 1900, it could cost as much as $300 (around $2,000 today) to pay for the lights, a generator, and a wireman's services to illuminate a Christmas tree with electric lights. A breakthrough came in 1903 when General Electric (created after another company merged with Edison's factory) offered the first pre-wired, eight-socket strings of lights. When GE attempted to patent their Christmas "festoons," their patent application was refused because the product was based on knowledge that ordinary electricians possessed. Once the market was open, other companies and inventors began to produce their own tree light sets, and the American Christmas light industry was born.

4. A 15-year-old helped make them popular.

Inspired by a tragic fire that was started by candles decorating a Christmas tree, then-teenager Albert Sadacca suggested adapting the novelty lighting his parents sold for Christmas trees. While only a hundred strings sold in the first year, once Sadacca thought to paint the bulbs red, green, and other colors, the business took off. Sadacca started the National Outfit Manufacturers Association, a trade group of several small companies that consolidated into the NOMA Electric Company in 1926. NOMA became the largest Christmas light company in the world until the mid-1960s.

5. Early lights were elaborate.

Many of the early figural light bulbs were blown from the molds that were also used to make glass ornaments, and were then painted by toy makers. The paint would often flake from the constant expansion and contraction of the glass (due to the heat generated as a byproduct of making light), so milk glass was typically used to make the flaking paint less noticeable.

6. Lights weren't safe for outdoor use until the 1920s.

President Calvin Coolidge was responsible for the first National Christmas tree in 1923. The 48-foot tall balsam fir came from Coolidge's home state of Vermont and was adorned with 2500 red, white, and green electric bulbs. But for most of the country, outdoor lights wouldn't be widely available until 1927. To increase sales, General Electric and various distribution companies sponsored neighborhood "decorating with color-light" contests, a tradition that continues today.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

December 7, 1921

The first annual meeting of the Northwood Commercial Club was held at the Winifred Hotel last evening. Seventy-nine members were served and heard the address by Hon E.G. Dunn of Mason City.

Cashier A.S. Lund, of the First National Bank, will speak today to the pupils of the Northwood school on Americanism- his address being representative of the local American Legion Post. This is National Educational Week all over America and programs of various kinds are being held in the schools in various places.

Manager Haight has secured for the Slosson Theatre an all-star cast of "The Affairs of Anatol," a Cecil B. Demille production for Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week. Wallace Reid, Floria Swanson, Bebe Daniels, Elliott Dexter, Wanda Hawley and other motion picture stars appear into the production, which is said to be a first class one in every way.

A daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Blood in Gordonsville on Thanksgiving Day and also one in the home of Irving Virchow the same day. The Virchows had lost their only daughter several years ago, so the little miss was surely a gift for which to give thanks.

Motion picture shows will continue to operate in Waterloo on Sunday as a result of the referendum on closing yesterday, the theaters receiving a majority of 1,250. The vote was 5,258 for open shows and 4,009 against.

Yesterday during the noon a dope fiend entered the offices of Dr. Ewbank and Dr. Dwelle and procured a small quantity of drugs, presumably morphine. Sheriff Gullickson telephoned the Albert Lea police and the man was arrested at the station where there was a part of the stolen goods on him. The man from Gibson, Iowa, was brought back that evening by local officers and lodged in jail.

75 years ago

December 5, 1946

The 1847 auto licenses went on sale at Treasurer Louie Mostrom's office on Monday, December 2, at the applicants received no plates when they paid over their money. They were issued certificates, however, and the plates will be mailed later, it was explained. Because of the lack of paint for the new plates, the state motor vehicle department had no plates complete for counties with higher numbers than No. 76.

Four honors student of Northwood High School were guests of the Lions Club at the regular meeting on Monday evening, with dinner served in the parlors of the Baptist church at 6:30 p.m. Students receiving four As during the last six weeks period were so honored by the Lions. They included Glennys Hanson and Bill St. Clair, seniors, and Jackie Plowman and Marilyn Anderson, juniors.

John Melvin Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holt, west of Northwood, who has been vocational agriculture instructor in the Hudson, Iowa, public schools for the past four and one half years, has resigned his position to accept a civil service position as instructor to U.S. service men in the army of occupation at Frankfort, Germany.

With the x-raying of 54 persons at a conference to be held on Friday forenoon, December 6, at the Masonic Temple in Northwood, the current search for tuberculosis cases in this county will be concluded.

Appointment of Sidney A. Swensrud to the new office or executive vice president of the Standard Oil Company was announced this week by W.T. Holliday, president of the new company. Mr. Swensrud, son of Mrs. Ed Swensrud of Northwood, is a gradate of Northwood High School and the University of Minnesota and also of Harvard University.

50 years ago

December 9, 1971

Craig Woldruff, five, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Woldruff, 107 Shell Rock Drive, Northwood, was one of many Northwood youngsters getting their Christmas orders into Santa Claus early this week by way of Santa's special mail box, kitty-corner from the Post Office at the intersection of Central Avenue and Eighth Street. The mail box, built several years ago by the Northwood Jaycees, was placed there on Saturday afternoon by Jaycees members.

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings dropped their third meet of the season to St. Ansgar on Tuesday night, 39-9, on the Saints mat. Two Vikings won matches, 112 pounder Scott Madsen, getting a pin on Larry Bless of the Saints at the five-minute mark while Grayling Staynor out a 4-3 decision over Neil Schroeder.

Michael L. Dolphin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dolphin, rural Lake Mills, was inducted into the Army November 18 at the Des Moines entrance station. He has been assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training. The Selective Service local board has been advised there will be no December draft call for Worth County.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Erickson, who moved from Minneapolis to the Ed Kingland farm eight miles west of Northwood, October 1, are parents of a 6 lb., 4 oz. daughter, who has been named Kelly' Jo. The child was born on December 3 at Naeve Hospital, Albert Lea.

David Gentz pulled out Northwood-Kensett's first win in two years with a first round pin of Keith Bengston of Ellendale in Thursday night's final match, taking the Vikings from a 24-21 deficit to their 27-24 victory. Referees for the leading meet included Kaye Young coach of NIACC's wrestling powerhouse.

25 years ago

November 27, 1996

Swensrud Park was nestled in a mantle of white after four inches of snow fell here Wednesday and Thursday.

This "Bronze and Butternut Cow and Calf" by Danny Brunsvold of rural Kensett took runner-up honors in the metal sculpture division of the recent "Iowa Crafts: 29" competition at the Charles H. MacNider Museum in Mason City. Brunsvold's sculpture won "Second Award, Metal" and is on display, along with 61 other pieces by 40 other Iowa artists, in the museum's Kinney-Lindstrom Gallery though Sunday, Jan. 5.

Julie Hove and Douglas Chrs were married September 14, 1996 at United Methodist Church, Northwood. Parents of the couple are Charles and Karen Hove of Northwood and Edward and Mary Chrs of Albert Lea.

Jerry Harris son of Lonnie and Myra Harris of rural Northwood, has been promoted from vice president/administrator to executive director/ administrator of The Western Home in Cedar Falls. Harris has worked at The Western Home since 1990. He is responsible for contenting the mission of caring for approximately 500 seniors at six facilities.

NC/N-K co-coaches Ron Dodd and Ken Fuchs are excited about the boys who've come out to wrestle this season. They'd be even more excited if they had more boys out. Only 22 hopefuls have reported for practice, compared to the 33 who competed for spots on last year's team. "I get excited when I see these kids wrestle," said Fuchs. "But there aren't very many of them, not very many at all." "It takes competition at every weight to make a wrestler strong, to make the team strong, and we're going to be missing that competition at a lot of weights this year."

10 years ago

December 7, 2011

With Christmas on the hearts and minds of people the world over, two of the colors typically associated with the holiday, red and green, have become increasingly prevalent in indoor and outdoor decorations. One bright accent to many of those decorations is the bright red poinsettia.

Students in Mrs. Kroneman's first grade class brought some of their favorite characters to life in an interring way though a unique class project recently. Mrs. Kroneman and her students are pictured with the styrofoam pumpkins that they decorated based on characters in some of their favorite books.

Sarah Meyer-Reyerson, a Northwood native and 1992 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, recently received recognition in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier newspaper. Meyer-Reyerson was highlighted as one of "The Courier's Class of 2011 20 Under 40. " She was one of 20 men and women recognized as "outstanding young people in the Cedar Valley who are making a difference in their work and personal lives to make the area a better place."

John Podgorniak received a plaque from Brad Fillback recognizing 15 years of service to the National Weather Service.

Junior Savannah Lira, despite being surrounded by a sea of blue, was able to get two easy points in Friday night's 40-24 loss to the Panthers. Lira led N-K with seven points and grabbed six boards.

Last Thursday night Carson Wright became the first N-K wrestler to step on the mat with the word Vikings emblazoned across the front of his singlet in more than two decades as the newly formed team fell to RRMR and WF. Here Wright faces the Warriors' Wyatt Portis.

Vikings point guard Garrett Olson draws in a couple of West Fork defenders as he drives hard to the basket Tuesday night in Northwood. N-K lost to the Eagles 48-45.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Ila Wahlers

Funeral Services for Ila Wahlers were held on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home. Chaplin Scott Sokal officiated. Visitation was on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Ila Anderson, 91, of Albert Lea, passed away on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at ThorneCrest Senoir Living.

Ila Lavon Wahlers was born on June 18, 1930, at 3:10 p.m., the oldest of three daughters to Edwin and Linda (Knaack) Wahlers on her parents' Worth County, Iowa, farm, just west of the village of Deer Creek, Iowa. She was born a day before her parents' first anniversary and the fireflies lit up the yard that evening.



ILA WAHLERS

Ila was baptized on July 13, 1930 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Myrtle, Minnesota, and confirmed there on April 2, 1944. Her sponsors were Alvina (Knaack) Struck, Esther Knaack and Art Wahlers. When the family lived by Deer Creek, she attended school at District #59 and District #51 after the family moved to the London Township farm in the Spring of 1941 and continued through the seventh grade. She then stayed home to help on the farm and care for her little sister, Beverly, who had cerebral palsy. In the later part of 1951, after the death of her sister, Beverly, she started working at the Nordahl Nelson grocery store in London, Minnesota, until January 1957. She married Marvin L. Anderson on December 12, 1956, at the Methodist parsonage in Austin, Minnesota. After their marriage, they lived on the Anderson farm with Marvin's parents, which was a mile west of her parents' farm. With the birth of their son, they moved into a trailer house on the farm and after the death of her father-in-law moved into the house. She lived there until she moved into Thorne Crest in December of 2018 after a fall.

Ila taught herself to knit, crochet and sew. She sewed many outfits for herself and her family. Her father would bring softballs home after he umpired at a game to have her sew them up. Before her marriage, she helped her father fill the silo with silage and she and her mother milked the cows until she got married, then the cows were sold. She also canned fruits and vegetables, including sugar free fruits for her son. She raised chickens and brought meals to the family that was working in the fields. In later years, she kept busy knitting and crocheting dishcloths and towels as well as other crafts that peeked her interest. She enjoyed going with her family to the Steele County Fair to listen to the old time music each year.

Ila is survived by her children, Richard Anderson, Glenville, Minn., Shirley (Steve) Fingerson, Rochester, Minn., and Donna (Roe) Naylor, Brownsdale; granddaughter, Stephanie Fingerson, Caledonia, Minn.; step grandchildren, Nichole (Brian) Smith, Seabrook, Texas, and their children, Anne-Marie and Maddox, and Zach (Colleen) Naylor, Eyota, Minn. and their children; sister, Joan (Robert) Juhnke, Lansing, Minn.; nephew, Jim (Deb) and their children, Jenny and Jessica (Brad); nephew, Terry; niece, Judy (Pam) and their children, Max and Grace; and many cousins.

Ila was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin on August 31, 2004; and sister, Beverly Jean Wahlers.

Her family appreciates both Thome Crest Senior Living Community and St. Croix Hospice and their stafffor their care and kindness for our mother while she was there.

Edna Turvold

Edna Arlene Turvold was born on January 17, 1918, to Oscar and Jennie Lea Walswiek in Grove Township, rural Northwood, Iowa.

Edna Turvold died on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at Faribault, Minnesota.

She attended country school at Grove Township and high school at Northwood, Iowa, graduating in 1936.

She married Odean J. Turvold and together they were parents to five children.

Edna worked at several places. She worked over 25 years for the Wilson Meat Packing Plant at Albert Lea, Minnesota. She had a very good work attendance record.

Mom always had a garden and enjoyed being a gardener. She always grew lots of radishes and strawberries and loved geography.

She had been active in the First Lutheran Church and brought bars to many of the activities.

She is survived by Della Newlin, Bonnie (Wally) Norlander, Nelda Turvold and Lorrie (David) DeYoung; five grandchildren, David Newlin, Dixie (Todd) Peterson, Dee Newlin, Dan (Deanna) Newlin and Demi DeYoung; and three great-grandchildren, Logan Peterson, Taylor Peterson and Morgan Newlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Odean; infant son, Gary Ryan; son-in-law, Dennis Newlin; parents, Oscar and Jennie Walswick; two sisters, June (Jason) Gilbertson, and Irene (Glenn) Anderson; and two brothers, Orville Walswick, and Lee (Geraldine) Walswick.

Private family services interment at South Shell Rock Cemetery, rural Northwood, Iowa.*

Free Start Smart Workshop to be offered over Zoom

The NIACC Pappajohn Center and the Small Business Development Center to offer a free two-hour workshop designed for anyone who is considering starting a business. At Start Smart, participants will learn how to create a business plan, conduct market research, discuss different types of business ownership, and learn how to register a business.

Start Smart will be offered on Wednesday, December 15, online via Zoom from 6-8 p.m.

The activities involved in starting a business fall under two broad categories—feasibility (the business plan) and administrative tasks. While we like to focus on the feasibility issue, Start Smart provides information and the chance to ask questions on numerous other topics, including:

- Business registration
- Doing customer research
- How bankers evaluate business concepts and loans
- Start-up costs
- Business plan tips and more

After attending Start Smart, you can make an appointment to meet over the phone individually with the Small Business Development Center Counselors to help you review the business plan or provide guidance with other issues. Registration is required; go to our website www.pappajohncenter.com and click on the Program and Events tab to register.

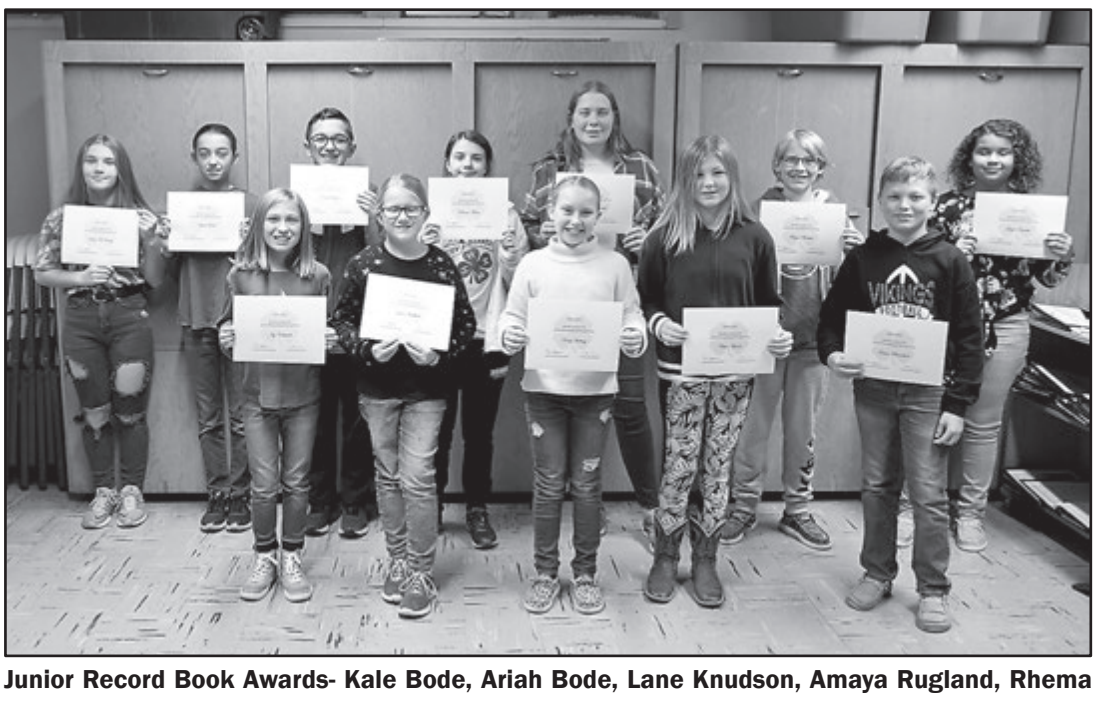
For questions, contact Mary Spitz-SBDC office at NIACC: 641-422-4342 or at mary.spitz@niacc.edu.



Worth County 4-H Awards Banquet, November 21, 2021



Top Achievement Award based on Record Books- Top Junior Girl, Hadlee Thompson; Res. Jr. Girl, Chloe Woods; Top Junior Boy, Bryce Barker; Res. Jr. Boy, Kale Bode; Top Intermediate Girl, Kamryn Backhaus; Res. Int. Girl, Jessika Ausborn; Top Int. Boy, Logan Kauffman; Res. Int. Boy, TJ Ausborn; Top Senior Girl, Marli Backhaus, Emma Davidson, Paige Barker; Res. Sr. Girl, Ruby Haugebak; Top Sr. Boy, Haydan Pestorious; and Res. Sr. Boy, Wyatt Willand



Junior Record Book Awards- Kale Bode, Ariah Bode, Lane Knudson, Amaya Rugland, Rhema Meier, Adylyn Peterson, Ivy Urbatsch, Lexis McHenry, Henry Hanson, Lloyd Heggestad, Jessa Schafbuch, Kenly Solberg, Cohen Meyer, Hadlee Thompson, Bryce Barker, Chloe Woods, Layla Scarlett, Owen Binnebose, Lauran Petznick



Senior Record Book Recognition, sponsored by Worth County Farm Bureau and the 4-H Committee- Austin Patterson, Spencer Beyer, Wyatt Willand, Josiah Kliment, Jadyn Beland, Hayden Moore, Kendra Kinne, TeAnna Ausborn, Sydnee Lindeman, Justine Nelson, Haydan Pestorious, Addison Tabbert, Dalton Logeman, Paige Barker, Silas Girouard, Emma Logeman, Adrianna Trca, Leah Moen, Ruby Haugebak, Kadence Henderson and Susanna Meier



Intermediate Record Book Trip- Blake Barker, Bryce Eden, Jackson Foss, Haddie Hanson, Kelsi Liddle, Kenley Meyer, Ava Moen, Lindsey Moore, Mallory Rheingans, Brynn Rognes, Sydney Scholling, Annika Shallberg, Morgan Wallin, Ariana Heiken, Benaiah Meier, Logan Kauffman Madison Edwards, Skie Miller, Evelyn Berding, Josie Haugebak, Kamryn Backhaus, Jessika Ausborn, TJ Ausborn



Healthy Club Awards- Grand Champion, Golden Banner (pictured); Res. Ch., Green Shamrocks



Club Service in Action- Grand Champion, Golden Banner (pictured); Res. Ch., Silver Lake Huskers



Club Officer Awards- Top Historians, Blacke Barker and Paige Barker (not pictured); Top Treasurer, Emma Davidson; Top Reporter, Sydney Schilling



Premier Exhibitors- Senior Premier Livestock Exhibitor, Tianna Charlson (not pictured); Int. Premier Livestock Exhibitor, Loghan Nelson; Jr. Premier Livestock Exhibitor, Tate Kruger

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Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council Chairman, presented Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson with a plaque recognizing his 40 years of service and dedication.



Cecelia Hill and Marli Backhaus received several Overall Senior Achievement Awards, including Achievement, Citizenship and Leadership. Hill also received a Communications Award.



The young participants in Clover Kids activities were also recognized. That included (from left) Tinnley Mickelson, Trealynn Mickelson, Nikolai Horning, Mary Horning, Ethan Binnebose, Veda Waller, Emelia Nelson, Aspen Beland, Olivia Urbatsch, Reese and Sophia Hulshizer.





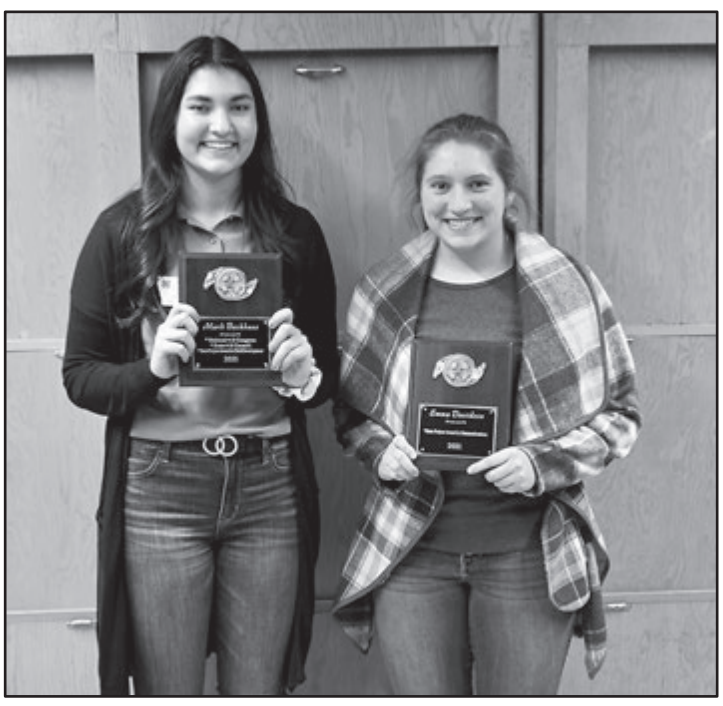
Intermediate County Project Awards- Benaiah Meier, Jessika Ausborn, TJ Ausborn, Kamryn Backhaus, Madison Edwards (not pictured)



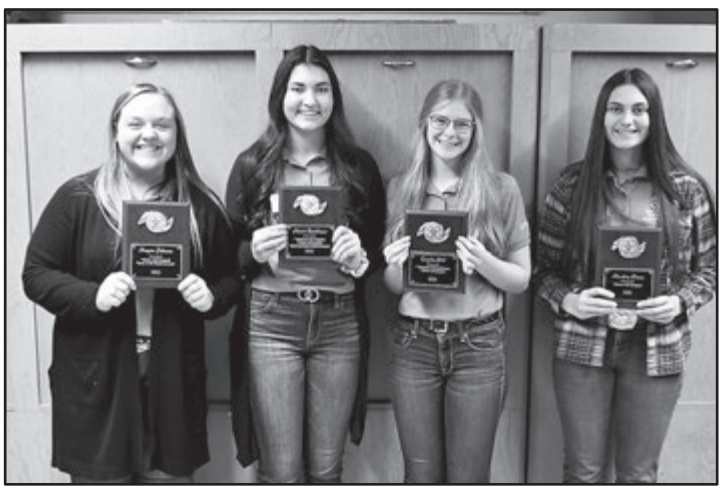
Alumni members- Honored as alumni members were Jennifer Patterson (whose daughter Sydney accepted on her behalf), Kris Tabbert, Scott Moretz and Theresa Cooper (not pictured)



Senior County Project Awards- Sydney Schilling, Susanna Meier, Haydan Pestorious, Marli Backhaus, Cecelia Hill



State Project Awards- Marli Backhaus, Emma Davidson, Tianna Charlson (not pictured)



State 4-H Council- Teagan Johnson, Marli Backhaus, Cecelia Hill, Kendra Kinne



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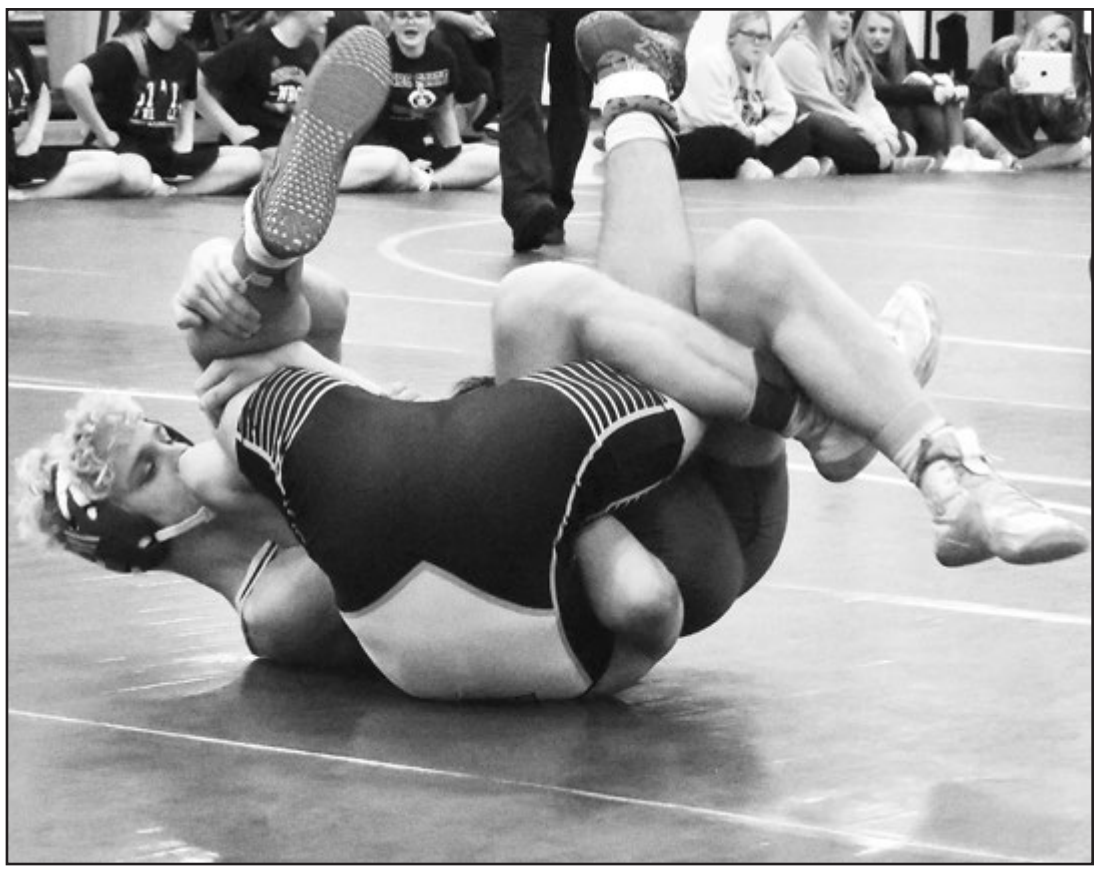
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N-K senior Tyler Mills takes down Kolben Miller of North Butler in last Tuesday night's action in Northwood. Mills, who is 8-1 on the year, lost a narrow 6-4 decision to Miller, suffering his only loss of the year.



Just another typical day at the office for N-K's Josiah Kliment, who wastes little time in disposing of his North Union opponent by fall in just 43 seconds. Kliment, 7-2 this season, is now just three wins shy of 100 for his career.

Seventh ranked Tiedemann starts year with six falls, now 9-0
Experienced but still short on numbers Vikings start the year 1-8

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Despite this year's Northwood-Kensett wrestling team boasting a high number of returning veterans, including six seniors, the team is still susceptible to losses because of forfeits.

That was the case in the team's first week of action, where it came away with just one dual win while suffering eight losses, although some of those were very close.

In the first week of the season, the Vikings beat Tripoli on opening night 64-12 and then lost to South Winneshiek (48-25), Crestwood (63-15), Riceville 33-30), North Butler/Clarksville (39-30), North Union (42-36), Osage (70-12), Saint Ansgar (46-24) and Clear Lake (38-24).

In last Tuesday night's lone win over Tripoli, 12 Viking wrestlers had their hands help up in victory, including Treycen Rollene, Hayden Moore, Aaron Davis, Josiah Kliment, Drake Tiedemann, Tyler Davis, Chaz Cummins, Mason Thofson, Jessika Ausborn, Aden Bice and Michael Davis.

At Cresco on Tuesday night, N-K's big individual winners were Tiedemann, who went 4-0 with two falls and two major decisions; Mills, who went 4-0; Kliment, who went 3-1; and Michael Davis, who went 3-1.

Remaining unbeaten for the week, seventh ranked Tiedemann went 3-0 in the Vikings' first home meet of the season, earning two falls in his three matches. The Vikings finished up the first week of the season on Saturday with two duals in Saint Ansgar, losing to the Saints and Clear Lake.

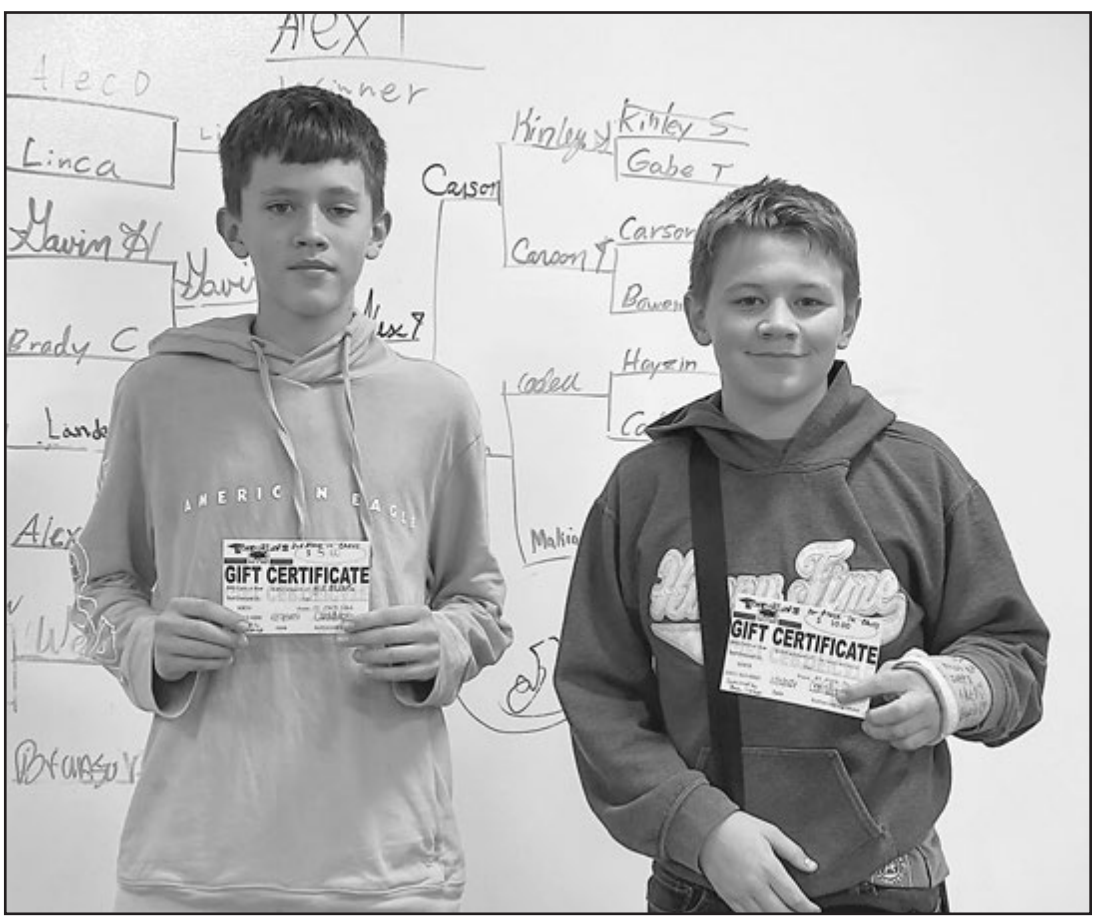
Kliment, Tiedemann and Mills went unbeaten on the day, all going home with 2-0 records.

The Vikings and head coach Jordan Reindl, who start the season at 1-8, are now just two wins shy of earning Reindl his 100th win of his now nine-year career. He's now 98-151. Kliment is just short of a milestone as well, needing just three more wins to reach 100 for his career.

N-K is scheduled to have a meet this week on Thursday at home when they host Eagle Grove, Nashua-Plainfield and West Fork and will end the week on Saturday in Nashua.

Season and (Career) Records – Jessica Ausborn 1-3 (1-3), Aden Bice 1-2 (1-2), Michael Davis 3-3 (3-3), Treycen Rollene 2-0 (68-31), Hayden Moore 3-6 (30-46), Aaron Davis 1-3 (1-5), Dalton Logemann 2-3 (41-41), Josiah Kliment 7-2 (97-42), Drake Tiedemann 9-0 (116-22), Tyler Mills 8-1 (64-30), Chaz Cummins 2-4 (2-4), Mason Thofson 1-1 (23-25)





N-K Math Club chess tourney winners

The first N-K Math Club chess tournament of the school year is complete. Pictured at top is senior Hayden Moore (left), who won over Drake Tiedemann, both sporting their new club "cowculator" shirts. In the bottom picture, middle schooler Alex Tiedemann (right) won over Carson Tufte. Bolan Storage sponsored $10 and $5 Tequila gift certificates for the winners. Mrs. Tiedemann assisted with the tournament.

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 11/22/21 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of 11/8/21; Beer Permit Renewal – Fallgatter's Market. Unam.

A citizen addressed the council about Ordinance 69.01 - parking parallel with the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic. The council reiterated the ordinance must be followed at all times.

Motion to continue the second transit bus as it is going well and the city will continue to monitor. Unam

Motion to approve a monthly donation of $800 to the Northwood Senior Center. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2111-21 Approve One-Time Pay Increase for Essential Workers to be paid on the next payroll with employment taxes withheld. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

November 29, 2021
Forty-eighth 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 November 29, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the November 22, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve claims in the amount of $69,711.77, as per the following schedule:

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Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the FY20/21 Annual Urban Renewal Report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 8:55 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, December 6, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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After attending a meeting in Algona on Thursday, Linda Nydegger visited with a former Lakota High School classmate and fellow cheerleader for the Lakota Eagles, Karen Schissel, at her home in Algona. Later in the afternoon she stopped by the home of Derek and Jane Koppen and Joslyn of rural Lakota before returning home.

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Flower Forager

Winn-Worth Betco business spotlight

By Kaylee Schuermann
Winn-Worth Betco marketing assistant

Despite retiring, a Northwood local channeled her passion for flowers into a highly requested business for weddings, funerals and more.

Mary Reyerson-Low started her floral shop, Flower Forager, in her garage in 2017. She chose this name because it described her when became a florist.

Reyerson-Low's passion for flowers sprouted at a young age as she grew up with a mother and grandmother who loved flowers.

"My mother always cut hers, and every time I went to visit my mom, she would send me home with an armful of flowers," said Reyerson-Low. "When I started out, that was my thought: 'I get to share that same feeling with people of walking through the garden and sending them with a garden bouquet.'"

Upon retirement, she began creating and selling flower arrangements out of supplies in her own garden, as well as a prairie near her home.

When winter came and the flowers withered, Reyerson-Lou decided to look at suppliers as a way to meet the ongoing requests for her services. When the other two local florists closed shop more locals depended on her to fill the gap.

Even though Reyerson-Low receives almost daily supplies, she continues to use her home-grown flowers for her orders, producing arrangements of both supplies.

Reyerson-Low only saw an increase in business throughout the pandemic as many wished to send arrangements to friends and family to let them know they were thinking of them.

Reyerson-Low sees her business not just as a hobby, but as a way to spread joy. During the pandemic, she developed a project where people could donate $10 for her to make a small flower arrangement for a resident of Luthern Retirement Home, Inc. in Northwood. She obtained enough donations for each resident to receive an arrangement with more leftover.

Reyerson-Low makes all of her arrangements to order, allowing for each to be unique and specific to the individual.

"Success to me is measured on someone's face ... how happy the individual was that I interacted with and that they were happy with what they had," said Reyerson-Low.

Reyerson-Low recognizes and appreciates the help she receives from her part-time employee, as well as her friends who occasionally lend a hand for large events.

"It always works out that someone is able to help for a day or two," said Reyerson-Low. "It's a very friendly atmosphere. We all get along; we all try to help each other. I am very glad and grateful for both those people."

Reyerson-Low can be reached by phone or her Flower Forager Facebook page for her services.







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Gentry Sorenson is a native of north Iowa with a background in industry, research and farming. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural studies with a minor in agronomy from Iowa State in 1997. In 2018 he went on to earn a master's degree in professional agriculture from Iowa State. He spent 10 years with DuPont Pioneer (Corteva Agriscience) as a crop research associate and most recently was an agronomist for Landus Cooperative before joining Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in 2021.



ANGIE RIECK-HINZ

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