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Northwood, IA 50459



Christmas Church Services

With Christmas this weekend, many churches will hold special services to celebrate Christ's birth. Listed below are the days and times of services at area churches.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice- Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m..

Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett-Christmas Eve service, 7

Bethel United Manly-Methodist, Christmas Eve services, 5 and 10 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Elk Creek Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Grafton-Christmas Eve candlelight service, 6:30 p.m.

Fertile Lutheran Church-Christmas Eve candlelight service, 4:30

First Lutheran Church, Northwood-Christmas Eve services, 4:30 and 10 p.m.; Christmas Day worship service, 10:30

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood Christmas Day service, 10:45 a.m.

Lutheran Grace Church, Hanlontown-Christmas Eve service, 5

Northwood United Methodist Church-Christmas Eve service, 5

Peace Lutheran Church. Northwood-Christmas Eve candlelight service at 4:30 p.m.

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The Week's by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Tues. Dec. 14 Wed. Dec. 15 Thurs. Dec. 16 21 15 Fri. Dec. 17 Sat. Dec. 18 Mon. Dec. 20



Hmmm... What do I really want for Christmas?

In the week's before the big day of delivery this Saturday, Santa, along with Mrs. Claus, paid several visits to Northwood at various events and activities. That started with the Clauses visit to the Holiday Hope kids carnival in November. Santa is pictured above talking to a child who was still considering what should be on his list. Santa also led the lighted parade through Northwood during the community holiday kick off events, before making his first of several visits to Northwood parks, which continues this Thursday and Friday, before Santa visits all the homes throughout Northwood and the rest of the world.

Area businesses observe holiday hours

Area business owners and employees are observing special hours for the holidays, as they take part in their own celebrations. Listed below are times for each business.

Bean and Bistro will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Casey's General Store will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will open at 10 a.m. on Christmas day. The store will be open regular hours throughout the New Year's holiday.

Fallgatter's Market will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day. The local grocer will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Farmers State Bank will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas day. On New Year's Eve the bank will be open from 8

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Grandma's joy in giving is a gift to herself, her family and more

Her sense of adventure brought her to America. Her pioneer spirit brought her to Iowa. A wife, a mother, she was a woman of purpose, a woman of worth. When nearly destroyed by great sadness, she brushed herself off, took all her years, and made them into something beautiful.

Helena wasn't like other little girls. Instead of playing with dolls, she played with lambs. Instead of dresses with ruffles, she wore overalls and barn boots. Instead of a hat to shade her skin, she proudly showed off her freckles and long red

By the age of 10, spunky, filled with grit and determination, Helena had learned to shear sheep without her father's help. Sitting at her mother's side, she learned to spin the wool, dye it in her favorite colors, and knit the soft yarn into warm clothes. The spinning wheel became her retreat. It was her happy place, her sanctuary when

In her 19th year, Helena met Berge Myhr, a young man one year her senior. "He's so kind," she told her mother. "He would make a good husband."

And so it was. In 1882 on her 20th birthday, Helena became Berge's wife at the stave church in

A Christmas story by JoAnn Bergen, a small group of friends and relatives in attendance. Just hours later, the same small group bade the new couple farewell as they

boarded a ship to America. Baby Andrew was born in 1884. Lewis came along the next year, and in 1888 Albert joined the happy lit-

tle family. When Berge learned that something called the Homestead Act had passed in 1862, he talked of little else. Telling Helena the west held the promise of a better life, they packed their three little boys in a covered wagon and traveled across the prairie to Iowa. The spinning wheel that had traveled all the way from Norway tucked safely into a

The family of five lived in the covered wagon until their house could be built a few years later. Helena's only request for the new house, "a fireplace, a quiet place to spin and knit."

The next years added four more children to their happy home -Berndt, Anna, Henry and James. And then there were seven.

Helena, at the spinning wheel in her free time, spent hours every night creating warm wool sweaters, hats and mittens for her family. Life was good on the Myhr's 160 acres two miles southwest of Thompson. Then it all went wrong.

Grandma's, see Page 2





From tree to gnome

The holiday season meant a series of events and activities at the Worth County Senior Center in Northwood. That included a number of crafting activities, ranging from creating Christmas ornaments, cards and snow globes. Another craft involved adding elements to a small tree to create a Christmas gnome. Lolita Hammes is pictured above with her crafty Christmas creation.

Christmas deliveries to storm damaged area

In the holiday spirit, and demonstrating the generosity of North Iowa, an effort to collect items to support those hit by tornadoes and severe weather in Kentucky recently began, organized by a local resident.

Last week, Jerry Olson, of rural Northwood, said that he couldn't sleep after seeing the devastation of the storms, and trying to find a way that he could

So Olson contacted his employer, Steve Yaggy Specialized Transportation, out of Rochester, Minnesota, and asked for his support. Yaggy agreed to let Olson use a semi trailer to fill with donations of items so that those whose homes and communities were damaged or destroyed wouldn't have to worry about some of their essential needs. Last Tuesday, Olson

posted a message on Facebook, "I came up with an idea this afternoon that I hope will give you all the warm fuzzies... My idea is this--I want to be able to fill a 53 foot semi trailer full of donated items to deliver to them by Christmas Day."

Since then, people have been donating the items Olson said were most needed, including clothing, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. and personal hygiene items, as well as non perishable food items.

Also, given the season, presents for the kids impacted by the storms were wel-

Olson arranged for local donation locations, including at Kibble Equipment and at the Carpenter Community Center, which was to be open December 20-22, from 4-8 p.m. for donations.

And, as always, the community has stepped up to the challenge, making the donations to support those facing a challenging holi-

One of the bigger donations came from POET of Hanlontown, which donated several pallets that included hand sanitizer, water and other personal items.

More was expected in the days that led up to the day of delivery.

Olson planned to make the delivery route, leaving Thursday, tomorrow, December 23, with the hope that the items could reach their destination in time for Christmas.

Olson is working with the Salvation Army. Items donating in the area will go to a distribution center in Louisville, Kentucky, to be taken to the areas most in need.

"What a wonderful opportunity for everyone who sees this to be a little more giving this Christmas season," Olson said of the effort and community's support for those in need, 'tis the sea-

Grandma's Cont. from Page 1

One morning when Berge her soul. was out in the pasture with his cattle, he was attacked ning wheel beckoned; it, like became

but now she found herself hope arose from somewhere suddenly alone to raise deep down inside her. She don't have mittens." seven children and run the felt a renewed sense of self-Not long after Berge's

asking for her hand in mar- favorite But before long, the new

following as soon as they from Grandma."

Off in a corner the spinworth, a purpose.

widower from up the road, gers, she began singing her countryside riage. Knowing little of men Christmas carol, "En stjerne band, she trusted Ole would Shines in the night). It was pony and off they galloped. be like them, gentle and Christmas. She had a job to

Christmas morning, still husband pushed aside her in their pajamas, five little four oldest boys and took Ostranders gathered around over the farm. Andrew, the tree, each clutching a ma," he grinned. Lewis, Albert and Berndt package wrapped in brown left, the younger children paper that said, "With Love room country school that

Once a wife, a mother, a first to tear open the wrap-recess found everyone playwoman of purpose, Helena ping, jumped into his grand- ing in the snow, enjoying was devastated. A feeling of ma's arms hugging her as their new red mittens. worthlessness settled into tight as his little arms could

hug. "Red mittens!"

His big brown eyes thoughtful. and killed by a mad Holstein her, wishing once again to "Grandma, could you knit be useful. She tapped the more mittens? Some of the Navigating hardships treadles. As the machine kids at school don't have was nothing new to Helena, hummed to life, a spark of any, and the teacher won't let us play in the snow if we

Christmas vacation that year was too long for Grant With threads of soft wool Ostrander, but finally the funeral along came Ole, a twisting through her fin- school bell rang out over the Norwegian Gunnysack thrown over his shoulder, he held tight to except her father and hus-skinner i natt," (A Star the mane of his Shetland

Proudly walking to the front of the room, Grant emptied the sack's contents onto his teacher's desk. "Presents from my grand-

Each child at the onemorning opened a brown Seven-year-old Grant, paper packag. That day,

Businesses Cont. from Page 1

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Kelly Hardware will be Christmas and Christmas Day. The ular hours on New Year's hardware store will be Eve. Closed New Year's closed on New Year's Eve Day. and New Year's Day.

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At R80 in Kensett, on well. Christmas Eve the cafe will and New Year's Day.

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New Year's Eve and open New Year's Day. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Strike Zone at 641-324- New Year's Day.

closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Eve, Christmas closed on Christmas Eve Cornerpost will be open reg- New Year's Day.

Tequila's Mexican Bar NSB Bank in Northwood and Grill will close at 3 p.m. will be open from 8:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve and will

Worth Brewing will be open on Christmas Eve from R80 in Northwood will be noon to 3 p.m. and will be

MercyOne Pharmacy will close at 6 p.m. R80 will be be closed on Christmas Eve open normal hours on New and Christmas day. They Year's Eve and New Year's will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day as

Glenville Short Stop will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 be open on Christmas Eve p.m. The cafe will be closed until 4 p.m. and closed on on Christmas Day. The R80 Christmas Day. It will be cafe will be open normal open on New Year's Eve hours on New Year's Eve from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. On New Year's Day it will be The R80 convenience open from 5:30 a.m. to 4

Worth County offices will Christmas Eve and from 10 be closed on Christmas Eve, a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Christmas Day and New

Subway in Northwood will be open on Christmas Shade Tree Liquors will Eve from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. be open from 10 a.m. to 5 and closed on Christmas p.m. on Christmas Eve and Day. Subway will be open is closed on Christmas Day. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on The store will be open regu- New Year's Eve and closed

The Post Office will be Signatures Supper Club open regular hours on will be closed on Christmas Christmas Eve and closed Eve and Christmas Day. on Christmas day. It will be Signatures will be open open regular hours on New from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Year's Eve and closed on

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center Rest Area will be Strike Zone will be closed open on Christmas Eve, on Christmas Eve and closing at 3 p.m. and closed Christmas Day. For hours on Christmas Day. On New on New Year's Eve and New Year's Eve it will close at 3 Methodist Year's Day, please call the p.m. and it will be closed on Bolan- Christmas Eve ser-

The Northwood Anchor Sue's Cornerpost will be office will be closed on Day. The Day, New Year's Eve and

Briefs

Two more chances to visit with Santa

Santa will make his visits to homes around the world this Saturday, but before that he will make two more visits to Northwood to visit with the young people on his

Santa will visit Santa's Village in Central Park in Northwood this Thursday, December 23, from 5-6

final trip this Friday, on Christmas Eve, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Report storm damage to **Assessors** Office

The Assessors Office is asking area residents to report any structural damage to buildings or dwellings from the recent storms by calling 641-324-

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church- Christmas Eve mass, 6 p.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

United Trinity Church,

vice at 6:30 p.m.

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NFPA urges caution, as Christmas Day, Eve are leading days for home fires

Many hallmarks of the holiday season, including Christmas trees, holiday decorations, cooking and baking, present potential fire hazards that contribute to an annual increase in U.S. home fires during the winter months. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are among the leading days of the year for home fires (topped only Thanksgiving Day).

"December is a leading month for home fires, in large part because many of the activities we engage in during the holiday season reflect leading causes of home fires year-round," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

Fortunately, Carli notes, the majority of winter fires can be prevented with a little added awareness and planning.

potential fire hazards exist and taking some basic safethem, people can enjoy a festive, fire-free holiday season," said Carli.

The NFPA Winter Holidays page offers a wide variety of tips and resources to reduce the risk of fires, while the latest NFPA statistics underscore the increased risk of fire during the holiday season:

Christmas Trees

2015 and 2019.

Some type of electrical in almost half of these fires. months. Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires were started by decorative lights.

Eight percent Christmas tree fires were started by candles.

tree was too close to a heat ranked second. source, such as candle or

Decorations

An estimated average of 790 home fires that began when decorations (other than Christmas trees) caught fire caused an average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019.

One in five home decora-"By knowing where tion fires occurred in December.

Year-round, 35 percent of ty precautions to prevent home decoration fires began with candles; in December, the number jumped to 45 percent.

In more than two of every five fires (44 percent) the winter months, when heat source such as a canequipment.

Candles

million in direct property percent) in direct property ter hazards.

damage per year between damage per year between 2015 and 2019.

Candle fires peak in distribution or lighting December and January equipment, including deco- with 11 percent of candle rative lights, was involved fires in each of these

> In three of every five candle fires, the candle was too close to something that could catch fire.

Christmas is the peak day for candle fires with In nearly one-fifth of roughly 2.5 times the daily Christmas tree fires, the average; Christmas Eve

Falling asleep was a facheating or lighting equip- tor in 10 percent of the home candle fires and 12 percent of the associated deaths.

Cooking

Cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires (49 percent) and home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Fires caused by heating equipment, the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires year-round, peak during involving decorations, the temperatures drop and decoration was too close to a more people use heating NFPA campaign with the Friday, December 17. U.S. Fire Administration An estimated average of 7,400 home fires (2 percent) educate the public about Diamond Jo Casino received



Diamond Jo Casino December 12. awarded a prize pool of that participated in the property's holiday competi-

An estimated average of (USFA), works to better that decorated wreaths at for their missions. 160 home fires that began started by candles caused ways to stay safe during the prizes based on nearly 2,500 Diamond Jo Casino awardwhen Christmas trees an average of 90 civilian colder months, offering tip total customer votes cast ed a first-place prize of caught fire caused an aver- deaths (three percent), 670 sheets and other resources in-person at the property \$2,500, a second-place prize 12 civilian injuries, and \$10 cent), and \$291 million (four heating fires and other win- Facebook page from prize of \$1,000 and a fourth,

As part of Boyd Gaming's \$6,500 to six local charities national holiday tradition, Wreaths of Hope is a charitable, wreath-decorating equipment to keep their tion, "Wreaths of Hope," at competition where local dle, cooking or heating homes warm. Put a Freeze a celebratory check presen- non-profit organizations on Winter Fires, an annual tation ceremony held on won much-needed funding based on customer vote, and Non-profit organizations gained invaluable exposure

This holiday season, age of two civilian deaths, civilian injuries (six per- to help reduce the risk of and on Diamond Jo's of \$1,500, a third-place November 23 through fifth and sixth-place prize of

The results for the 2021 Wreaths of Hope competition are as follows:

1. 43 North Iowa

2. Freeborn County Humane Society

3. Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc. 4. Big Brothers Big

of Southern Sisters Minnesota

5. LIFE Center of Freeborn County

6. Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa



Northwood Anchor Northwood

Fritz named to Northland College's Dean's list

Josie J. Fritz of Plym- list, full-time outh, a freshman at Northland College, has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the fall 2021 term.

To qualify for the dean's

students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than a "C." Northland College is a private liberal arts college located in northern Wisconsin.

Davidson named to USF Fall 2021 Dean's list

Davidson of List. Davidson is majoring in English and Theology & Youth Ministry.

Davidson was among Northwood was named to more than 550 students the University of Sioux named to the Fall 2021 Falls' Fall 2021 Dean's Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a term GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

Davidson receives Central College women's cross country honor

Lindsey Davidson has been honored for her contributions to the Central College women's cross country

The Dutch placed third at the American Rivers Conference Championships and sixth of 30 teams at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional. Caroline McMartin (sophomore, Pella) advanced to the NCAA Division III Championships on November 20 in Louisville, Kentucky.

McMartin was named the team's Most Valuable Performer and Addy Parrott (freshman, Danville) was the Newcomer of the Year Award winner. The Most Improved Performer was Lindsey Davidson (sophomore, Northwood, Northwood-Kensett HS). The Dutch Spirit award was given to Hailey Hill (junior, Las Vegas, Nev., West Career and Technical Academy). Hill and Lauren Coon (junior, Oskaloosa) were this year's captains. Coach Joe Dunham awarded 13

varsity letters.



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

Lindsey Davidson, sophomore, Northwood-Kensett High School; awards/honthe Year (2020)

Regional, Nov. 13, 2021. ing. Career-best finish: 5th, Nebraska Wesleyan Dual, Oct. approaching their class-24, 2020. 2021 American rooms comes courtesy of Rivers Conference finish: the efforts of preschool 29th, 24:21. 2021 Division teacher Steph Eskildsen III Midwest Regional fin- and kindergarten teacher ish: 57th, 23:34.

Worth SWCD Local Working Group Notice

Worth SWCD Local Working Group Meeting January 6 at 9 a.m. on Zoom Long-range conservation planning

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N-K students have fun between the classrooms

ors: second varsity letter; of a hallway, they see a give places a high five, skills, their hand/eye skills All-American way to get from one room to jump on a path, hop while and their coordination," Rivers Conference (2021); another, but this school learning about numbers Eskildsen told the N-K enjoyed the chance to show Most Improved Performer year, the youngest students and letters and take part in school board at a recent off their expertise. Hebel Award (2021); Newcomer of at N-K have seen the hall- other activities between meeting. way as a way to interact the classrooms. Career-best 6,000-meter with their environment, be time: 23:34, NCAA Div. III active and have fun learn-

> The new approach to Nichol Hebel, who learned of the "sensory path" additions that were available to make hallways more than just the place to pass through.

The sensory path consists of a series of vinyl decorations and additions to the floors and walls. They encourage children (and some staff members

When most people think as well) to push in spots, improves their movement able to resist testing out

For the teachers, planning for the changes to their hallway began a bit before the pandemic ended in-person learning after March 2020.

However, being alone in their classrooms later in the year, and the summer, did offer them the chance to design and put in place the elements.

They spent time picking out and planning what they wanted to include in their designs. Then, after the decorations arrived, they spent three days placing 251 pieces.

"The students have a lot of fun with it, but it also

garten students) love having a chance to go out there and take a movement break."

For some students, it's a chance to have an activity outside of the classroom. For others, its a chance to take a breath and settle themselves, which both teachers said has been valuable. For the teachers, it's an appreciated option for another way to keep their students active.

Of course, it's not just the preschool and kindergarten students that have enjoyed the sensory path. Apparently, some of the older students haven't been

the play features either.

The students have also noted that after a few "My friends (the kinder- weeks, some of her students enjoyed showing others the ropes.

> And several staff members have admitted to being unable to resist testing it out themselves while passing by.

> "They like it a lot," Eskildsen said of the preschoolers. "They can't resist playing along the way and recognizing what they see from the classroom."

> "This has just been awesome," Hebel added. "It's been a good use of our time, and theirs. It's great to see them so excited to be active as they go through the hall-



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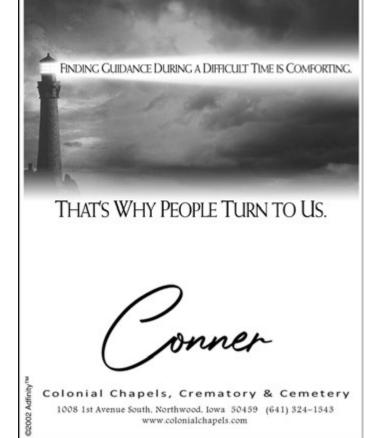
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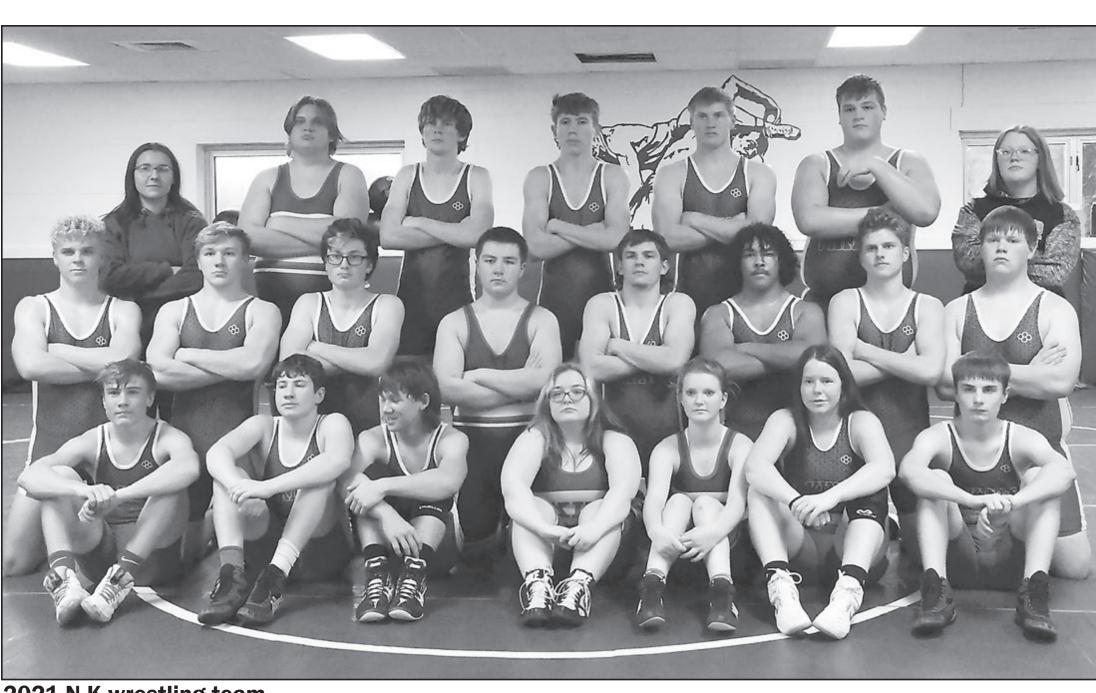
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2021 N-K WINTER SPORTS



2021 N-K wrestling team

The N-K wrestling team includes (front row, from left) Treycen Rollene, Michael Janssen, Michael Davis, Emma Berg, Jessika Ausborn, Hadley Buenzow, Aden Bice, (second row) Josiah Kliment, Drake Tiedemann, Christopher Madsen, Chaz Cummins, Dalton Logeman, Dante Sims, Hayden Moore, Thomas Rodemeyer, (back row) manager Emma Logeman, Noah Woltzen, Aaron Davis, Trent Tiedemann, Tyler Mills, Mason Thofson and manager Taylor Rodemeyer.



2021 N-K wrestling cheerleaders

The N-K wrestling cheerleaders include (from left) Lindsay Moore, Haddie Hanson, Ashlynn Rollene, **Emily Hannemann and Hayley** Wallin.

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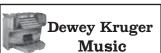
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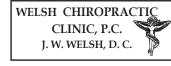
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Members of Northwood-Kensett High School's student council recently spent some time helping the Salvation Army prepare for the group's Toys for Tots distribution. On December 13, the N-K students joined students from Lake Mills and Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock as they sorted through and arranged the donated toys, to help play a part in the Salvation Army's efforts to make the holidays happier for children in need.

Worth Brewing Company Winn-Worth Betco business spotlight

By Kaylee Schuermann Winn-Worth Betco marketing assistant

In 2007, Northwood locals Peter Ausenhus and his wife, Margaret Bishop, opened Worth Brewing Company, a brew pub that is open to the public and distributes hand crafted beer to various locations.

Ausenhus' passion for brewing was sparked purely by curiosity. Ausenhus would use books from the library to research and begin practicing creating batches. He worked parttime at a brewery for a while in St. Paul, MN, and even won a couple of awards for his brews.

A couple of the brewery's most popular items include brown ale, a dark, but mild

helles, a lighter logger.

Worth Brewing Company also serves as an entertainment spot, as well as a community donor. It makes donations for various community needs and charitable outreaches. The brewpreserving historic Northwood.

About six years ago, Ausenhus made the decision to move the brewery across the street to a larger building, allowing them to begin distributing their beer and host larger events including surprise parties, retirements. family reunions, weddings and concerts. Worth Bewing Company also hosts yoga every other Tuesday, as

beer, and strange fellas well as cornhole games in brewery's success lies in the the winter.

> Part of this was made possible by making available the large ballroom above the brewery, a room they restored to its original style.

"We like to think of ourery also tries to assist in selves as a pretty customer-oriented place to people of all ages, children on up," said Ausenhus. "They can come in, talk to people, and just relax.."

Ausenhus believes the

future. He believes its ultimate success will be if someone is willing to carry on the business when he is ready to retire, scared he may have to sell the equipment if no one takes over.

The most rewarding part of Ausenhus' job is getting to know his regular customers, some which have been his patrons for 15 years. He also identified this as something he will miss the most when he retires.



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Worth County Veterans Affairs is offering Holiday food assistance to Worth County veterans who are in need. Please contact this office if you are a veteran in need of a little help

putting a holiday meal on the table.

Northwood Theatre

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"American

Underdog"

Rated G

Dec. 30 - Jan. 1

SHOWING

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Dec. 25 "American Underdog"

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Wednesday, S.H. Lock In; Friday, Christmas Eve Worship, 4:30 p.m. 10 p.m.; Saturday, Christmas Day Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Service with N.O., 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m., 20's Lock In; Tuesday, JH Youth, 6:30 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.

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Gifts of the Spirit

In First Corinthians, Paul speaks of various spiritual gifts, including the gifts of prophecy, speaking in tongues, healing, teaching, and even helping and administration. It is clear from the context that Paul is talking about individual gifts which benefit the Christian community. Some will be teachers and some will be preachers. Some will speak in tongues while others will interpret their utterances. All are essential for the health and benefit of the whole, in the same way that the parts of the body are all essential



for the integrity and well-being of the whole body. We should cultivate the spiritual gifts which God has bestowed on us, in the same way that we should not let any useful talent go to waste. While some gifts are deemed to be "higher" than others, we should remember that every gift has its place in the well-integrated community. Prophets and preachers may be more edifying than helpers and administrators, but every church needs its helpers and administrators to function smoothly. We should reflect on our spiritual gifts and how we can develop them to maximize our contribution to our church and the larger body of Christ. - Christopher Simon

> "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12: 7

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art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a



by Sandy Olson

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Have you even enjoyed a Christmas morning brunch, long and leisurely, after opening gifts or sleeping in or whatever tradition your family enjoys? And, if you have house guests, what a treat for them.

"Bake It Up!" By Rose Dunnington (2006, Lark Books, Asheville, N.C.) provides some wonderful ideas for this type of meal. Recipes both sweet and savory will grace your brunch table and please everyone who enjoys eating. These recipes are adapted from the book.

An Unusual Strata

- 6-10 slices of sturdy sandwich bread, cut in half crossways
- 2 1/2 tablespoons real butter, softened 1 cup diced fully-cooked sausage (Polish
- sausage, smoked sausage etc. all beef or beef/pork combo or turkey; your choice) 2 cups, washed and packed, baby spinach leaves
- 2 cups shredded Muenster cheese, divided in half
- 8 eggs, slightly beaten 1 cup whole milk
- 1-2 teaspoons hot sauce, depending upon your taste.
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

This is a two-day recipe, prepared at night for your brunch the next morning. You can decide how many slices of bread you need by cutting them and fitting them in the bottom of a 9x13inch deep baking dish. A lasagna pan works well for this if you have one. You'll need enough bread for two full layers. After you know the number, toast them and butter both sides. It's okay to be skimpy with the butter but 2 1/2 tablespoons might not be enough. Butter the baking dish and arrange one layer of the buttered togst on the bottom. Sprinkle the diced sausage over it in an even layer. Now do a layer with the spinach leaves. Top that with half the shredded cheese. Arrange the second layer of toast on top. Whisk the eggs, milk, hot sauce, salt and pepper together until well-combined. Slowly pour this mixture of the layers in the baking dish, letting it soak in as you pour. Sprinkle the second half of the cheese on top of everything. Cover the dish loosely with enough plastic wrap that you can wrap it around the entire dish, top and bottom. Weigh the top down with something like a plate so the egg mixture will soak in evenly. The next morning preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove the casserole from its wrappinas and bake for 55-60 minutes or until it's puffy and golden brown. Enjoy!

Cheese and Bacon Grits

4 cups water

- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 cup uncooked grits (not instant)
- 1 stick real butter, chunked 2/3 cup cooked, crumbled bacon
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Bring the water and salt to a boil in a heavy saucepan over high heat. Whisk in the grits, turn the heat to medium and boil 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and add the cheese, garlic, milk, and butter. Stir until the cheese and butter are melted. Temper the eggs in a medium bowl by stirring or whisking a big spoonful of hot grits into them. Add the tempered eggs to the pot of grits and stir until well combined. Stir in the crumbled bacon too. Pour the mixture into a greased baking dish, scraping the pan to get it all out. Bake for 55-60 minutes or until golden brown and slightly puffy. Let them cool a bit be-

Quicker-Than-Usual Turnovers

- 4 cups frozen fruit (peaches, blueberries,
- raspberries)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon real vanilla extract 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 16 oz. package frozen puff pastry
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon water

Whisk the egg and water together to make an egg wash. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Stir the fruit, sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, vanilla and salt together in a mixing bowl until well combined. Cut both sheets of puff pastry into quarters so you have 8 equal squares. Each "sheet" will be several really thin layers of dough. Brush the egg wash along two sides of each square, sides that are next to each other so you can fold the square into a triangle later. Divide the fruit mixture equally among the 8 squares and fold each square in half to form the turnover shape (triangle). Pinch the edges closed to cover the filling; it's okay to stretch them a little. Put the turnovers on a greased baking sheet at least 1/2-inch apart. Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Enjoy them warm...not hot, they will burn your

A holiday brunch (Christmas morning or New Year's Day) makes people feel really pampered, especially when some people's usual morning meal is a protein bar and black coffee. If you're not serving a couple dozen guests it's also a relaxing way for you to enjoy the beginning of the day too. And...that's all she wrote.

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Society

Brandt – Eilertson marry September 18 on family farm

Marus Brandt and Madison Eilertson of Kensett were married on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Bryant Dagestad, uncle of the groom, married the couple.

The wedding took place in Kensett, at the bride's parents' farm. Following the wedding, the reception was held at the Grafton Community Center.

Madison is the daughter of Misty and Tom Hakes, Kensett, and Doug Bohner, Nora Springs. Grandparents are Rose LaPoint and Sue and David Eilertson, of Northwood; Karen and Dave Youngerman and Don and Marlis Bohner, of Charles City; and Sue and Harry Hakes, Clear Lake.

Maddie graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 2017 and North Iowa Area Community College in 2019.

Maddie is currently employeed at First Citizens Bank in Mason City.

Marcus is the son of Nathan and Beth Buehrer, Northwood. Grandparents are Sharon and Dennis Dagestad, Emmons, Minn., Randy and Laure Buehrer, Northwood, Vicki and Ronnie Stricker, Cape Fair, Mo., and Paul Brandt, Hayward, Minn.

Marcus graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 2018 and North Iowa Area Community College in 2019.

Marcus is currently working at Auto Edge Ser-



MADISON AND MARCUS BRANDT

vice Center in Mason City.

Maid of honor was Raegan Arbegast. Bridesmaids were Lexie Gentz, Bethany Gentz, Erica Palmer, Kyle Buehrer, Mya Bohner and Briar Buechele. Junior bridesmaid was Emilee Mc-Farland. Flower girl was Rylee Tobin.

Best man was Blaine Hanson. Groomsmen were Jordan Clark, Todd Hanson, Clay Hagen, Josh Bar-

tusek, Damian LaPoint and Alex Eilertson. Ring bearer was Jace Tobin. Usher was Ryan Brandt.

Personal attendants were

Missy Renfrow and Heather Tobin. Host/hostess were Terra and Dave Barlow. The couple will reside in

Kensett with their son Keagan Paul.

Bolan commemorates Iowa's 175th anniversary with an event held on December 28 Iowa will be celebrating the admission bill into law House Candles, Nine Pines Fresh popped popcorn will about our fine state of Iowa, to support the Program and

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The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center (BSCC) will commemorate this event by hosting a supper, silent auction and program on the anniversary date of Tuesday, December 28.

From 4:30-7 p.m., there will be a variety of soups and sandwiches on Paradise Pizza buns, crackers, veggies and brownies. Iowa's Blue Bunny ice cream, along with toppings will be available too, all for freewill donation.

A silent auction will be going on with tables of Iowa products and items from 4:30-9 p.m. As of December 10, the tables will include items from Milk

Grain Millers, Jolly Time Popcorn, Paradise Pizza and Signatures. There will be a variety of Iowa note cards, playing cards, books and wine glasses to bid on as well, with more items being added. Financial sponsors currently include Farmers State Bank, Kenison Construction, S&L Masonry and Bolan Storage.

Piano player Sam Crosser will entertain with music throughout the evening. The program honoring the state's 175th anniversary will begin at 7 p.m., with the singing of "The Song of Iowa," written in 1897 by S.H.M. Byers to the tune of "O Tannenbaum." After a bit of Iowa Fun Facts & Trivia, a 72-minute documentary "IOWA early history -Glaciers to Settlement" will be shown on the big screen.

water and soda. During a brief intermission, final bids on silent auction items may be placed.

"Come have some hot soup on a cold night, learn some interesting history

a milestone on December and Iowa became the 29th Winery, Worth Brewing, be available with bottled and enjoy the company of BSCC with a donation or friends while at the Bolan Schoolhouse on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. All funds will go toward future projects and programs to be held at the BSCC."

Anyone that would like

put together an Iowa gift basket to add to the silent auction, may contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472 or lwillert@wctatel.net.



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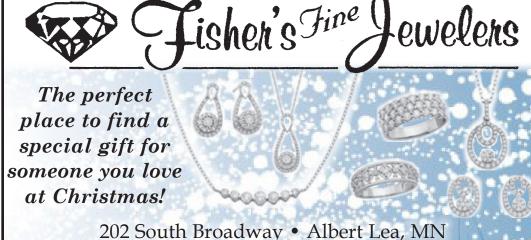
- · Soups & Sandwiches, Brownies & Blue Bunny Ice Cream, 4:30 - 7 p.m., free-will donation
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They saw the sign

After they recently dropped letters to Santa Claus in his downtown mailbox, the Northwood-Kensett kindergarten students took a moment to pause for a picture in front of the Seasons Greeting signs at the Worth County courthouse.



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The Storm of 2021 - December 15



Those that follow the Northwood Anchor on Facebook were invited to submit their pictures of damage following Wednesday's storm. That included this photo, submitted by Sarah Heiken.

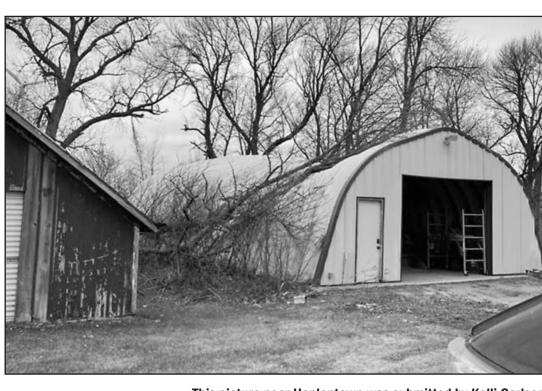


Submitted by Dani Gentz









This picture near Hanlontown was submitted by Kelli Carlson





Submitted by Eric Foss







Governor issues disaster proclamation for 49 counties

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for 43 counties in response to Iowa's December 15 severe weath-

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this severe weather and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with Disaster the CaseManagement Program

Worth was amongst the counties included in the

Allamakee, Appanoose, counties were added later. Audubon, Bremer, Buena CerroCass, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Montgomery. Page. Union, Webster, Winneshiek Emmet, Humboldt,

proclamation, along with Pocahontas and Woodbury

The Iowa Individual Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Assistance Grant Program Gordo, provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with Davis, Fayette, Floyd, incomes up to 200% of the Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, federal poverty level. Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Grants are available for Howard, Ida, Kossuth, home or car repairs, Lucas, Madison, Marshall, replacement of clothing or Mills, Mitchell, Monroe, food, and temporary hous-O'Brien, ing expenses. Original Pottawattamie, receipts are required for Ringgold, Sac, Shelby, those seeking reimburse-Washington, ment for actual expenses Winnebago, related to storm recovery. Wright. The grant application and Franklin, instructions are available Palo Alto, on the Iowa Department of

Human Services website at https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Management Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recoverv plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this

program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster CaseManagement Program, contact your local community action association or visit www.iowacommunityaction.org.

The proclamation also temporarily suspends regulatory provisions of the Iowa Code that pertain to procurement of goods and services, hours of service for disaster repair crews, and various requirements for the transportation of loads related to disaster repairs.

Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to report damage to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained. Damage to property, roads, utilities and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies. Damage may be reported at www. homelandsecurity.iowa. gov.













Picture submitted by Jordan Smalley.

Picture submitted by Jennifer Backhaus



Picture submitted by Sharon Helgeson.



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Opinion

Unique holiday traditions around the world

While many will celebrate this weekend with a number of special holiday traditions, other families around the world will take part in a few more unique activities.

More information on some of those holiday traditions around the globe comes from babbel.com:

Krampus (Germany, Austria, Hungary) Santa's worse half is a hairy, devil-like creature called Krampus. Legend has it that while Santa brings toys to "nice" children, Krampus' job is to punish kids on the "naughty" list. Mostly he just frightens the children with his beastly looks, but it's said that he throws particularly bad children into his sack, or chains them up in his basket and carts them off to Hell. People in Austria and neighboring countries often dress up as Krampus in early December and wander the streets to scare children. Night Of The Radishes (Mexico)

In Oaxaca, Mexico, December 23 marks La Noche de Rabanos ("The Night of the Radishes"), a festival in which merchants and artisans sell radishes that have been intricately carved to depict nativity scenes, local wildlife, familiar architecture and other relevant displays. The radish carvings are sold as Christmas centerpieces, and the creator of the best

radish design wins a monetary prize. KFC For Christmas (Japan)

In the United States, we associate Christmas with ham or figgy pudding, but in Japan, it's all about Kentucky Fried Chicken. An estimated 3.5 million Japanese families eat fried chicken on Christmas Eve thanks to a marketing stunt by KFC in the 1970s called Kurisumasu ni wa Kentakkii ("Kentucky for Christmas"). Christians make up a very small percentage of the Japanese population, so this campaign made up for a lack of Christmas holiday traditions. The KFC Christmas Meal is so popular, many customers pre-order their dinners which include fried chicken, cake and champagne months in advance.

Hide The Brooms (Norway)

Some Norwegians believe witches and evil spirits roam the night sky on Christmas Eve. And what is a witch's preferred mode of transportation? A broomstick. So out of an abundance of caution, people in Norway hide all of the brooms in their houses to prevent any witches from getting their hands on them. Sometimes people will take it a step further by firing a warning gunshot into the air to scare them off.

The Gift-Giving Witch (Italy)

Speaking of witches, the Italian version of Santa Claus is an ugly (but kind) old witch called La Befana. As the story goes, the Magi stopped at her house to ask for directions on their way to visit baby Jesus. They invited Befana to come with them on their journey, but she said she had too much housework to do. After they left, she changed her mind and tried to find them but couldn't, so now she flies around on the night of January 5 (the eve of the Epiphany, which marks the Magi's meeting with Baby Jesus). Much like Santa, La Befana delivers toys to children. Instead of milk and cookies. Italian leave out a plate of sausage and broccoli and a glass of wine for her.

Lucky Spider Webs (Ukraine)

Would you feel lucky if you found a spider web on your Christmas tree? Probably not. But Ukrainians associate spider webs with good fortune because of an ancient story. In the tale, a poor family grew a Christmas tree from a pine cone. The children were excited to decorate it, but the family couldn't afford any decorations. Sensing the family's despair, spiders spun glistening silk webs around the tree, which turned to silver and gold when the sun rose in the morning, leaving the family with a beautifully adorned tree. To this day, Ukrainian families decorate their trees with spider webs for good luck.

The Pooping Log (Catalonia)

We saved the wackiest for last. In the Spanish region of Catalonia, a unique holiday tradition is called Tió de Nadal, which roughly translates to "Christmas log." The hollowed-out log is given a face, legs and a little red hat. Starting December 8, families "feed" the log every night by filling it with presents and candy. They also put a blanket over the log to keep it warm. On Christmas Eve, the log is placed in the (unlit) fireplace, and members of the family take turns bashing it with a stick, commanding it to defecate out the presents and candy, while singing traditional songs. After the beating, family members reach below the log's blanket to retrieve the gifts.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Yesterday, my goal was to make it to today.

What's your goal for today? To make it to tomorrow.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. A December tornado destroyed Christmas decorations in Hartland, Minnesota. With apologies to every English teacher I've ever had, that ain't right.

I remember better than I used to. When I try to remember someone's name-whose face I remember because faces are unique and names aren't—I recall where they work, how old they are, where they grew up, their neighbors, their classmates, what a car they drive and the names of people I hadn't thought of for years. I won't remember the name I wanted to, but think of all the other things I remembered.

Bear, moose, merry Christmas

When leading nature walks in Alaska, I appointed a nervous sort (nervous people make the best sentinels) to holler "bear" or "moose" but only when seeing a bear or a moose. I learned that the hard way. Someone asked if they should wear noisy bells on their clothing to prevent startling bears. A good number of walkers carried pepper spray. On occasion, I'd point out bear scat. Black bear dung is smaller and contains berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear dung has little bells in it and smells like pepper. If I led one of those groups today, I'd appoint one member to yell, "Merry Christmas."

Yesterday when I was younger

I'd bought a bag of air with a couple of potato chips in it. I was owned by a Chihuahua that was interested in the chips. To take his mind off them, I told him a joke. Here is my experience telling a joke to a Chihuahua. Me: "Knock, knock." The canine: "Yip, yip, yip,

Carnac

I attended a sheep auction in England. Before the auctioneer began his banana oil, the tailgate of a truck fell open with a loud bang, reminding me of a sketch Johnny Carson performed as Carnac the Magnificent. Carnac was a mystic from the East who psychically divined answers to unknown questions. Ed McMahon held envelopes that had been hermetically sealed and kept in a mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagnalls' porch since noon. Ed said, "No one knows the contents of these envelopes, but you, in your mystical and borderline divine way, will ascertain the answers having never before heard the questions." Carnac held an envelope to his head, giving the answer before tearing open the envelope and removing an index card bearing the question. "The answer: "Sis-boombah." The question: "Describe the sound made when a sheep explodes."

I've learned

For every snowflake that falls, someone forgets how to drive.

A rare stamp is one that must be licked.

A muffin is the SUV of cupcakes.

Nature notes

A European legend is on the night Jesus was born, a robin heard Mary's plea to keep the fire going. The robin tossed twigs onto the fire and fanned the embers with its wings until they glowed red. The flames singed the robin's white breast, turning it red. European settlers to North America gave the name to the red-breasted songbird they saw here—the American robin. Brits sometimes called bluebirds robins, towhees were ground robins and Baltimore orioles were golden robins. The two robins aren't closely related. The larger American robin is a member of the Turdidae or thrush family that includes the wood thrush and eastern bluebird, and the European robin (robin redbreast) is in Muscicapidae family with nightingales and chats. Robin is an Old French diminutive of Robert.

There are 15 crane species in the world. The U.S. has the most abundant (sandhill crane) and the most endangered (whooping crane). The International Crane Foundation (ICF) in Baraboo, Wisconsin, is the only place where you can see all the world's crane species. ICF works worldwide to conserve cranes and the ecosystems, watersheds and flyways on which they depend.

Meeting adjourned

Luigi Tarisio, born in Italy in 1796, collected violins, taking pride in rare finds of the finest quality. After he died, 246 valuable violins were discovered crammed into his attic, with one of the most treasured, a Stradivarius, hidden in the drawer of an old, rickety dresser. That drawer had robbed the world of music. By the time that Stradivarius in his collection was finally played, it had been silent for 147 years. Don't keep a kind word crammed in a rickety drawer of your mind. Share it.

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Continued from last week From the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs:

A Fiery Preacher

In every generation, moralists worry about the country's youth. In the 1910s, the famous preacher and Iowa native Billy Sunday (1862-1935) foreshadowed the alarm that would ring out in the Roaring '20s. In a 1914 sermon to an estimated 25,000 people during a crusade in Des Moines, he called the tango "the rottenest, lowest down, vilest, filthiest and most corrupting dance that has ever been invented." If only he knew what was coming.

Name Changes in World War I When the United States entered World War I, anti-German sentiment spread across the country. Some of the country's reactions to German-Americans seem almost farcical in hindsight: Sauerkraut became "Liberty Cabbage" and hamburger was called "Liberty Steak." Frankfurters were renamed "Liberty Sausage" before they became plain old hot dogs. In northern Iowa, the town of Germania changed its name to Lakota, while the east-central town of Berlin became Lincoln.

First Woman Lawmaker Born in Mount Pleasant and raised in Maquoketa, Carolyn Pendray (1881-1958) was the first woman to serve in the Iowa Legislature, from 1929 to 1936. In that role, she co-sponsored a bill that permitted a wife to hold property of her own, exempt from seizure for debt. At the time of her death, she was the only woman to have served in both chambers of the legislature.

Mother of the State Patrol Eunice Viola "Ola" Babcock Miller (1871-1937) of Washington County was one of Iowa's most distinguished public servants. She was the first woman elected to be

Iowa celebrates 175 years, Iowa's secretary of state, in 1932, the momentum to become the

but is best known as the "Mother of the Iowa Highway Patrol," which she helped organize in 1934. A building near the State Capitol in Des Moines is named in her honor.

Civil Rights Pioneer

The Des Moines lawyer Willie Stevenson Glanton (1922-2017) racked up a long list of firsts over the course of her career. After becoming just the second African-American woman lawyer in Iowa, in the 1950s, she became the first woman to be an assistant Polk County attorney, the first Black woman in the Iowa Legislature, and the first woman and first African-American elected to the Iowa chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Music Man

Born in Mason City, Meredith Willson (1902-1984) became a famous musician and playwright. His best known musical is "The Music Man," which drew inspiration from his Iowa childhood. He called it "an Iowan's attempt to pay tribute to his home state." It premiered in 1957, ran through 1961, won five Tony Awards, was made into a major motion picture in 1962 -- and will reopen on Broadway this December.

Cold War Visitor

Soviet Union Premier Nikita Khrushchev visited Iowa in September 1959, including stops in Ames, Des Moines and Coon Rapids, where farmer and businessman Roswell Garst (1898-1977) hosted him on his family farm. Many believe the Khrushchev-Garst meeting was the first step in ending the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Iowa Caucuses

In 1976, Jimmy Carter performed well in the "first-in-thenation" Iowa caucuses and used Democratic Party's nominee and, eventually, the president of the United States. Due to his success, the Iowa caucuses attracted more national attention as candidates from both parties flocked to the state to make their case to Iowa voters in local cafes, church basements and similar venues.

Civil Rights Victories

Iowa's long list of judicial rulings has made the state a leader in civil rights issues, sometimes ahead of the country by years or decades. That history includes In the Case of Ralph (1839), which allowed a formerly enslaved man from Missouri to retain his freedom in Iowa, to Varnum v. Brien (2009), which allows same-sex couples to marry.

Women in Politics

The year 2018 was a banner year for Iowa women in politics. Kim Reynolds became the first woman to win the Iowa governor's election. Abby Finkenauer and Cindy Axne were the first Iowa women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, joining Iowa's first female senator, Joni Ernst, as part of the state's congressional delegation.

A Meskwaki Leader

In 2020, after discussions between Iowa governmental groups, historians, and the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi of Iowa, the Linn County Conservation Board renamed Squaw Creek Park to Wanatee Park in honor of Jean Adeline Morgan Wanatee (1910-1996). She was born on the Meskwaki Indian Settlement in Tama County, raised seven children, and was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 for her work with the Meskwaki Nation and for her advocacy for women's rights.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

December 21, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. John Lange very pleasantly entertained the following families at dinner on Sunday at their comfortable farm home north of town: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. John Dralla, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ebert, Miss Martha Sandman and William Smith.

Believing that some of the dances held in Northwood might be conducted with decorum if official supervision was had, the city council at its regular meeting passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to appoint

75 years

ago

Dick Skjeveland, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Skjeve-

land, arrived home on Tues-

day noon from San Francisco,

following four years of service

in the U.S. Navy. His service

was all in the Pacific area

and included some strenuous

experiences prior to V-J Day.

He is now on terminal leave

and will receive his honorable

A fire that started near

the heating stove in the back

of the prescription case in the

Veenker drug store about 9

a.m., scorched and seared the

north end of the building and

discharge on January 10.

December 19, 1946

her the proper regulatory and police powers. Mayor time the next dance is held.

Members of the Northwood High School football team enjoyed a banquet in the gym and celebrating the closing of the 1921 season. Plans for next year were discussed Louis Williams elected captain of the 1922 team. "Buddy" knows the game well and made a good record as a member of the 1921 team.

Surrounded by a group of packing house strikers, which outnumbered them three or four to one, Hugh Cornick, Fred Johnson and Chauncey Abbey of North

destroyed or damaged prac-

tically the entire stock. The

store has been closed since

the fire and no announce-

ment has been made when

repairs will be made so that

it can be opened for business.

creamery by the Farmers

Butter & Cheese Assn. of

Northwood is announced this

week. The sale, negotiated in

recent weeks, was confirmed

by the stockholders of the

Kensett organization at their

annual meeting held in Ken-

Kensett, Republican incum-

bent supervisor representing

the second district of Worth

County, was declared official-

ly and legally elected by the

board of judges who consid-

ered the contest of the result

Norton E. Ausenhus of

sett last Saturday evening.

Purchase of the Kensett

a matron and confer upon wood found themselves in a dangerous situation on Clark Street in Albert Lea. Sabin has not yet made the As a result of the fight that appointment but stated that followed, Fred Johnson laid he will have done so by the unconscious for two hours on a cot in the police station, and Hugh Cornick is at home nursing several cuts and bruises.

Word has been received that the body of Willie Golnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Golnick of Myrtle, is being sent home for burial. The young man died overseas while with the A.E.F. The body was expected to arrive in the U.S. on December 10, but no word has been received. The funeral will be held at the German Lutheran church the day after the body arrives.

of the November 5 election as brought by A.T. Grosland of Brookfield Township, who opposed Ausenhus on the Democratic ticket.

At a meeting of the Worth County Health Improvement Assn. at the Farm Bureau office all officers were re-elected including Mrs. Harvey Glassel, president; Mrs. Reuben Rustad, vice president; Miss Eldora Siebrecht, secretary; and Donald Gullickson, trea-

S.K. Berg of Joice returned on December 3, after a record of 42 years and 7 months as section foreman and man for the Chicago Northwestern railroad. He starts this work with the company on May 12, 1904, at Scarville, working under N. Mondahl.

50 years ago Three-hundred,

December 23, 1971 Morris Bakketun, soon to retire, has had a part in the many awards won by the Anchor. "There are numerous awards that the back shop can take credit for, and I've always been proud of my part in that and other awards won by

A white Christmas is the scene for northern Iowa again this year, with approximately four inches of snow on the ground. Temperatures during the past week ranged from

25 years

ago

Northwood-Kensett

High School musicians

Laurie Steinmetz, Jason

Cowell, Ben Hengesteg

and Jennifer Bugge antic-

ipated N-K High holiday

concert with an abbre-

viated rehearsal in the

stairwell between Donna

Angell's band room and

Nichole Spragle's vocal

music room late last week.

Thursday's concert begins

at 7 p.m. in the West Ele-

on as Mrs. Santa Claus

assures her husband that

Rose Fredericks looks

mentary auditorium.

December 18, 1996

the Anchor," Bakketun

-4 degrees to 31, with a warming trend promised for Christmas weekend.

eighty-four pigeons were caught this year by five FFA teams. The winning team, comprised of Brian Kenison, Ray Gaskill, Jim Marker and Randy White, caught 98 pigeons in the one-week contest, which was hampered by weather and icy roads.

Patrick Ellis, Northwood, speech therapist with the Area II Joint County School system, and dramatic coach at Northwood-Kensett school, was awarded his Master of Science in special education: mental retardation at Mankato State College, December 17. Linda Estes,

Northwood, received a Bachelor of Science in business education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drexell Estes.

LeeAnn Arnold and a unidentified Forest City player were up in the air over a loose ball in "B" game action at the Fertile gym last Thursday night. The Viking junior varsity won over the Squaw reserves, 32-18, but the Northwood-Kensett varsity didn't fare as well, losing

Eric Erickson, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Erickson, has enlisted in the Marines for a four-year period. He left for Des Moines for induction and will leave for basic training in San Diego on January 5.

next to the Worth County Extension Office recently.

Marty Ray Hopperstad, son of Jay and Robin Hopperstad, Northwood, was baptized on December 15 at the 8 a.m. First Lutheran Church service. Sponsors were Rod and Sue Loken and Scott and Jody Alne. Marty wore his father's baptismal suit.

Northwood-Kensett forward Ryan found this pass a little hard to handle but finally got control and put up a shot against Lake Mills' Todd Peterson and Brent Jorth in first-half action of the Vikings-Bulldogs game here last Friday night.

Havden Olson. youth Mike Otis, Riley Olson, Taylor Otis and Eric Otis have been good tikes this year. The Clauses ran into Fredericks and the O-O quintet during a stop at the Anchor's Christmas open house. Although the visitors from the North Pole left this five some speechless, several older types were heard to remark on the Clauses' striking resemblance to Northwood residents George and Lavon Lind-

Northwood city crewmen Carroll Day and Dirk VanRyswyk used a ladder and telescopic pole to string Christmas lights on the Central Avenue park evergreens

wood-Kensett Elementary enjoyed some comfortable footwear while also enjoying a few good reads, as they took part in their monthly theme reading day of "Slip into a Comfortable Book." In addition to their comfortable footwear, the children also enjoyed hot chocolate and the book 'Grandpa's Slippers.'

Library opened its doors to welcome visitors to "check the improvements that have been made in the last year. Those paying the library a visit, in addition

a selection of holiday treats and refreshments. Assistant librarian Karen Arhart and library director Connie Kenison were picture with WCDA board members Joyce Russell, Dennis May and Dan Reeder, who took in the results of past WCDA grants to the library.

Junior guard Brady Cotter drives the baseline for two not so easy points against North Butler on Friday night in Greene. Cotter scored a game high 13 points in the 37-22 N-K

Casey Dahlby needed just a few more seconds and he was about to get the pin over RRMR's Cole Staudt. Staudt avoided the fall and won the match 12-10 in Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Phyllis O'Neill

Phyllis O'Neill, 83, of Nashua, Iowa, died on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at Valley View Care Center in Greene, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua, Iowa with Rev. Tom Heathershaw celebrating the Mass. Interment will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery in Nashua with Nathan O'Neill, Nickolas Aswegan, Jenna O'Neill, Calli O'Neill, JR O'Neill and Emma O'Neill serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Alicia O'Neill, Tresa Aswegan, Elayna O'Neill, Elexa O'Neill, Sam O'Neill, Gavin Buseman, Emilie O'Neill, Eliyana O'Neill, Rosie O'Neill and Xavier Rossiter.

Friends greeted the family from 4 - 7 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua, where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass on Tuesday at the church. Cards and memorials may be sent to Janet O'Neill at 401 11th St. N., Northwood, IA 50459. Online condolences for the O'Neill family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis was born on October 8, 1938, in Waverly to Theodore and Augusta (Hoffman) Vohsman in Waverly, and she grew up with her six siblings on a farm east of Nashua. She attended country schools walking "uphill" both ways - before her family moved into Nashua, where she was a member of Nashua High School's Class of 1957.

While she was going to high school, she worked several different jobs, including ones at Nashua's dry cleaners and grocery

Phyllis met Charles O'Neill in school, and atter he served in the U.S. Army, the two were married on June 24, 1957, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua. She often bragged about being only 18 when



they married. The couple farmed together for many years and their family grew to include seven children -Joann, Steve, Bob, Dave, Janet, Brian and Scot.

The O'Neill kids had a one-of-a-kind mother who was the glue that kept the house together. Even today, her children fondly remember the nights they spent with their mother playing card games, doing homework with flashcards, cooking hot dogs with the wood stove and learning life lessons. Phyllis always had her kids' backs, and she expected them to do the same with each other. One of her favorite sayings was, "When you go together, you stay together, you leave together, you always stick up for each other, and you let me know when you're home."

Phyllis did her part on the family farm, always pitching in to help her husband and children with chores. She also lived by the mantra that if you could buy something in a can at a store, she could find a way to fit it in the jar. She was a fantastic cook and baker, and she never made anything out of a box. She'd drive around the "neighborhood" with one of her kids to find elderberries, and when they did, out came the brown paper sack to collect the berries that were turned into the tastiest jelly.

Phyllis and Charles were a member of several neighborhood card clubs, and she was active in her circle at St. Michael's — often baking pies, working at the hall and helping out at the church's food stand on the

Big Four Fairgrounds.

She was the best mom, but she was an even betgrandmother great-grandmother loved spending time with her grandchildren. A day with them was simply the best. Family meant every thing, maybe the only thing

Throughout her life. Phyllis made holidays special. It didn't matter if it was Christmas, Easter Halloween or any other holiday, she made it spe cial — first for her children years ago and then later in life for her grandchil dren and greats - but then again, that was Phyllis in a proverbial nutshell. She always, without fail, put others before herself. She made others feel special and this kind-hearted soul will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Phyllis O'Neill is survived by her five sons, Steve O'Neill of Nashua, Bob (Sarah) O'Neill of Nashua, David (Carmen) O'Neill of Nashua, Brian O'Neill of Cresco, and Scot O'Neill of Charles City; two daughters, Joann (Bruce) Aswegan of Northwood, and Jan et (Brian Klingfuss) O'Neill of Northwood; nine grandchildren, Nathan (Alicia) O'Neill, Nickolas (Tresa) Aswegan, Jenna Weitzel Calli (Austin Patterson) O'Neill, JR O'Neill, Emma O'Neill, Elayna O'Neill Sam O'Neill and Rosie O'Neill; five great-grandchildren, Elexa O'Neill Gavin Buseman, Emilie O'Neill, Eliyana O'Neill and Xavier Rossiter; one brother, Dick Vohsman of Denver; and one sister. Rosie (Dave) Meek of Mar ble Rock. Also cherishing her memory are numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

She is preceded by her husband, Charles; a granddaughter, Dana Aswegan; sisters, Lucille (Clarence) Shinstine and Jo (Gus) Frascht; brothers, Teddy (Ele onora) Vohsman and Law-(Edith) Vohsman; rence and sister-in-law, Vohsman.

Frances Lawhorn

Frances Ann (Lechelt) Lawhorn, died peacefully on Monday, December 13,

Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Northwood United Methodist Church, 1000 First Ave. N., Northwood, with Rev. Rob Lamphere officiating.

Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood.

Visitation continued one hour prior to the service.

She was born on October 12, 1927, to Reinhold (Bill) and Viola (Schaper) Lechelt. Most of her childhood years were spent growing up in Britt, Iowa, graduating from Britt High School. On September 12, 1947, she was united in marriage to Wayne Lawhorn and they resided in Garner helping out on the Lawhorn family farm until moving to Northwood in 1961. Fran served as the city clerk of Northwood for 24 years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Northwood. Her church was a very important part of her life. She sang in the

church choir and was a

member of Seekers Bible

Study. She was also a mem-

ber of the Sorosis Study



FRANCES LAWHORN

Club in Northwood. Her life was centered around her family and her three daughters, Linda, Julie and Joan and their families.

We shall miss her loving spirit, strength and kind heart she brought to all who were lucky enough to be a part of her life. She will be remembered for her selfless giving to others and the nurturing and love she gave to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The world was certainly blessed for having

her in it. She is survived by her three daughters, Linda (Chuck) Myhre of Indianola, Julie Hauge of Ronan, Mont., and Joan (David) Peterson of Northwood; grandchildren, Kimberly Myhre, Megan (Brian) Burke, Darcy (John) Corley, Luke (Marisa) Hauge, Amanda Peterson, Mi-

(Heather) Peterson, cah Nathan (Katie) Peterson and Dalton Peterson; great-grandchildren, Gabe, Amelia and Ashton Burke, Trevor Corley, Emilie (Corbin) Corley-Davis, Mckenna Corley, Nicole, Gabriel, Samuel, Rylee and Henry Hauge, Alyssa Peterson and Marie Peterson; and her brother, Dr. Ronald (Nancy) Lechelt of Missou-

la, Mont. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Wayne; son-inlaw, Dennis Hauge; her parents; siblings, Merrill (Ginny) Lechelt and Joanne (George) Kesler; father and mother-in-law, Clarence and Ruby (Morse) Lawhorn, and sister and brother-in- law, Gladys (Roy) Malone and Evelyn (Steve) Pollock.

Wish to celebrate the life of a passed loved one?

Let the Northwood Anchor help memorialise your loved ones

anchor@northwoodanchor.net or 641-324-1051

10 years ago

December 21, 2011

As Christmas has approached area children have had many opportunities to make sure Santa was kept abreast of their Christmas list requests. Whether it be at the events that kicked off Christmas in Northwood at the start of December, such as the Chapter ES P.E.O. Breakfast with Santa, or with Santa's biweekly visits to his village in Northwood's Central Park, Kris Kringle has certainly made plenty of stops to Northwood as he prepares for this weekend's deliveries. Area children

will have two more chances to speak with St. Nick, at Santa's Village in Northwood's Central Park.

Students at

The Northwood Public to a tour, were also offered

overtime.

Bolan

Arriving at the Joe Nydegger home on Saturday afternoon were Larry and Michele Nydegger and Daniel and Evelyn from rural Ellendale, Minnesota, and Loren and Renee Nydegger and Anna, Ben and Clare from Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Lori and Scott Willert and Cole and his friend Lauren, and Kelsie and her friend Reese also joined the group later in the afternoon. It was one of those "homemade" pizza parties again, with an exchange of gifts, card playing, plus other games and fireworks later in the evening. On Sunday the Loren Nydegger family attended worship services at Bolan Trinity to take part in the "Dedication of Angels" part of the service. Larry and Daniel Nydegger also attended the service and joined the congregation afterwards for brunch before returning home. The Mt. Vernon Nydeggers needed to get back as Ben and Clare had their high school Christmas concert in the afternoon. The Nydeggers and the Willerts were able to watch the concert via YouTube.

Pastor Cory Allard did a special "Blue Christmas" Service for Sunday morning worship. There was a lighting of four candles. The first candle was lit to remember those whom we have loved and lost. The second candle was lit to redeem the pain of loss; which could be the loss of relationships, of jobs or of health. The third candle lit was to remember ourselves this Christmas time. The fourth candle was lit to remember our faith and the gift of hope that the Christmas story offers to us.

During the "Dedication of Angels" ceremony, as Lori Willert named each "angel," Kelsie Willert gave the angel to the family member of the name read and they put it on the tree and then a bell was rung by Cole Willert. There were 24 angels dedicated. This was a very impressive, meaningful service. There was a brunch fellowship time following in the church base-

IT'S COMING UP FAST. Iowa's 175th Anniversary of Statehood! Everyone is welcome to the celebration at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center, 4206 Tulip Lane, on Tuesday evening, December 28, 2021. The BSCC is handicap accessible. It starts with soups and sandwiches, brownies and Blue Bunny Ice Cream at 4:30 - 7 p.m. for a free-will donation. The silent auction of many Iowa items, plus other neat things to bid on from 4:30 - 9 p.m. Sam Crosser will be playing the piano for much of the evening. The program will start at 7 p.m. and this includes a very interesting documentary "IOWA early history - Glaciers to Settlement." There will be an intermission and popcorn and beverages will be available. If you would like more information please call 641-903-9472 or lwillert@wctatel.net. You can also check out www.bolaniowa.com.

Twenties Club meet on Dec. 13

Eleven Twenties Club members met on Monday, Dec. 13 at Signatures Supper Club for their Christmas party.

The members enjoyed a very delicious meal and conversation.

Instead of a Christmas

ornament exchange this year, members were asked to bring \$10 for Christmas donation to a local charity. Delores Knudson made a motion to give the money collected to the Scholastic

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Books for every elementary student fund. Gloria Fallgatter second, motion carried. The donation to the Scholastic Books for Every Student will help provide a book for students who cannot afford one. The books will be labeled so the student knows who sponsored

Kathleen Lommen made a motion to gift Rosie Kruger, a social member, one week of Meals on Wheels. Deb Nagle second, motion

carried. A Christmas card was signed by members and will be delivered to Rosie.

The club will not meet in January, February or March. The next meeting will be Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Olson Community Room.

Each member was given a gift bag with chocolate treats, ornaments and of course, the theme of the club this year, a Christmas

Notice .

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Worth County Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings pertaining to the proposed Ordinance #08-01-11A. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish election precincts effective January 15, 2022, in accordance with Chapters 331.210A and 49.7 of the Code of Iowa. The hearings will be held at the Worth County courthouse on December 27, 2021, January 3 and 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the plans may be obe auditor's office in the courthouse.

People's Right To Know

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met regular session 12/13/21 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Douglas, Pilkington, Heiken, & Woltzen. Absent: Parker.

Visitors: Carrie Hagen (deputy city clerk), Richard Bauer (city maintenance), Matt Grunzke, and

Mayor called meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.
Motion to

approve consent agenda by Pilkington, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously. Maintenance discussed paint-

ing of hydrant at church, McCloskey contacted, LED light replacement and general maintenance. Clerk discussed ICAP grant applied for, corn hole league, up-

and correspondence.
Old Business: Motion to rescind resolution #629-special assessment by Heiken, 2nd by Pilk-

coming vacation, free software

ington, carried unanimously Compensation for clerks extra hours due to training tabled.

New Business: Motion to approve Peterson Excavating snow removal contract for November 2021 thru May 2023, by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unani-

mously. (Slight increase). Motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas to approve placement of ATM machine at community cen-

ter, carried unanimously. and placement TBD. Motion by Heiken, 2nd by

Northwood

Douglas to approve 2021 AFR carried unanimously.
Treasurer's Report: November

2021 Revenues by Fund: General 8350.21, Utilities 6596.19, Special 11,366.33. Total Revenues: \$26,312.73. Stands approved as read. Motion to pay bills by Douglas,

mously.
Payable:

Alliant Energy 2565.60, WCTA 275.27, B. Luckason 278.83 (net), R. Bauer 1767.92 (net), L. McNally 1532.83 (net), W. Hillson 518.51 (net), C. gen 396.56 (net), Federal & SS 1608.41 (payroll), Ipers 978.08 (payroll), R. Bauer 62.87 (sewer-trash kit), R80 78.68 (city – gas – road use), Visa 255.67 (conference-227.21, water-28.46), Staples 26.97 (calendars – general), Northwood Anchor 65.28 (minutes-general), Kensett Water 102.25 (sewer fees), L. McNally 36.40 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1419.05 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net) KFD 400.00 (fire protection)

Nwd Dollare

Tractor Loan Payment #34/60—321.98 (casino \$ — general), Nelson Septic Service 75.00 (service — general), Northwood Anchor 249.03 (publications-general), Car Quest 9.04 (service-general), Ag Source 25.50 (service-water-test ing), IRWA 225.00 (dues-water) Hawkins 218.97 (chemicals-water), Post Office 312.40 (postage-general), Kelly Hardware 52.26 (supplies-general 28.23, water 21.85, road use 2.18), Menards 496.61 (supplies-general 218.15 sewer 77.98, water 80.51, road use 119.97), AgSource 132.25 (service-sewer-testing), RVS Software 410.00 (service-water 136.66, sew er 136.67-annual renewal), Cahoy Pump Service 18,300.00 & supplies-water), Baker & Tay lor 170.21, Midwest Tape 69.71 Culligan 21.40, Demco 59.97, Wil Hillson 7.28 (mileage), Arlys Berg dale 84.00. Disbursements by Fund: Gen-

eral 5168.25, Special 1468.21 Utilities 19,892.19, Payrol Utilities 7265.84 (gross). Disbursements Total

\$33,794.49 Motion to adjourn by Heiken,

2nd by Pilkington, carried unani mously Carrie Hagen, Deputy City Clerk

Corey Pulju, Mayor

Repairs-pw......\$192 Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill

New Bus Dev Grant \$3,268.00 Unity Point, DATA...... \$126.00

28E Police Services ... \$30,262.83 Worth Lumber Co, LLC

Library: Alliant Energy, Utilities .. \$343.34

Materials & Supplies \$654.72 Baker & Taylor

Summary of November 2021

\$8,192.57;

Summary of November 2021

\$112,684.13; Trust & Agency

disbursements by fund type: General - \$138,595.72; Special Reve

nue-\$73,714.35; Debt Service-\$0

Capital Projects-\$0; Enterprise

Roll was called and the fol

Motion to purchase 8th Ave. S

Doug Moehle, Mayor

Amber Julseth

\$117,726.14; Trust & Agency - \$0

lowing voted Aye: George-Zenz Nerlien . Reeder, Tenold. Absent

street approach from Dean Zim merman for \$25,000. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Center Point Large Print

Fallgatters, Supplies......

receipts by fund type: eral - \$124,543.52;

Revenue-\$102,933.87;

Projects-\$3,094.78;

\$192.00

.. \$126.00

Special Debt

Enterprise

Tellma Engineering

USA Blue Book

Supplies-pw WCTA

Election.

Phone/Internet ... Worth Co. Auditor

Worth Co. Sheriff

Supplies-pw

Materials ..

Materials ...

Supplies.

Kelly Hardware

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 12/13/21 at

6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold. Absent: Meyer.

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021: Treasurer Report; Approve May-Re-Appointments: Board of Adjustment-Joanne Steinmetz: Zoning Commission-Kenny Stambaugh, Roger Rustad; Cemetery Board-Lois Hogen, Sharyl Lunde; Park Board-Heather Rheingans.; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount NSB, Monthly ACH Iowa Finance Authority

Sewer GO Bond Interest Iowa Finance Authority

Sewer Revenue Bond Payment Iowa Dept. of Revenue . \$1.167.00 Excise Tax. Iowa Dept. of Revenue

\$375.00 Worth Co. Recorder Record Release Payroll, Wages..... \$19,153.58 Verizon Wireless Cell Phones.....

Insurance.... Payroll, Wages. Principal, Insurance...... \$446.07 Anderson Memorials

Deposit Cemetery Benches Alliant Energy, Services

Payroll, Wages..... Anderson Memorials Cemetery Stone Repairs

\$10,442.24 Brown Supply Supply-pw. Bruce Rheinfels

Visa, Supplies-cc,pw....... \$495.69 Wellmark BCBS \$10,583.34 \$38,827.28 .. \$2,427.00 \$20,859.12

\$1,682.16 Inspector Insurance \$996.00\$361.81 Supplies-pw Chamber of Commerce

Service-Shf......275.00

Fuel-Eng......109.08

Jennifer Skellenger
Reimb-Aty..........8.70
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Gsr......321.53
Krystal Thompson
Mileage-Drng............123.20

Lexisnexis, Service-Aty......177.00 Mason City Red Power, Inc.

.....203.00

Service-Phd.....

Midwest Acutech Llc Service-Phd.....

Murphy Tractor & Equipment

Northstar Powersports & Marine

Service-Con......215.00 Northwood Anchor Inc

Supplies-Eng91.32

The Sidwell Company

Falkstone Llc

Frank Stearns

Nwa Donars \$600.00
Com-Tech Land Mobile Radio
Repairs-police\$504.75
D & L Equipment
Parts-pw \$123.18
Dave Syverson, Inc
Repairs-pw\$725.10
David Patrick
Services-cc,lib \$58.00
Doug Moehle
Mileage Expense \$58.80
Falkstone, Supplies-pw \$706.08
Hawkins, Supplies-pw \$267.07
Huber Supply Co.
Supplies-pw\$34.47
Iowa One Call, Services-pw\$10.35
Jim Hanson, Charger-tr \$18.18
Jim Meland
Work Boots-pw \$275.00
John Deere Financial
Freight-pw\$254.62
John Greve, Services \$500.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-pw \$2,178.39
Keystone Labs
Testing-pw\$2,715.70
Knutson Oil Co.
Fuel-tr,pw\$2,675.50
Larsen Plumbing
Services-pw\$512.07
Luke Hoffman
Weld Wreath Stands \$811.88
Main Street Designs

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December 13, 2021 Fiftieth Day The Worth County Board of

Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone and Mark Smeby, present and Enos Loberg, absent.
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 and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Loberg. Motion by Smeby, second by

Stone, carried to approve the December 13, 2021 board agenda. Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the December 6, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve Resolution #2021.12.13.02:

RESOLUTION 2021.12.13.02 APPROVAL OF THE ELK CREEK BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT and COUNTY EN-GINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCU-MENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the ELK CREEK BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT, BHOS-C098(83)— FB-98, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there The project is defined as

BRIDGE REPAIR; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RE-SOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from MINTURN, in the amount of \$209,206.80 and awards the associated contract to the same;

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BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2021.

The vote on the resolution: Aye: Smeby, Stone Nay: N/A Abstain: N/A

Absent: Loberg AARON STONE Chair, Worth County

Board of Supervisors ATTEST: JACKI A. BACKHAUS Worth County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve a letter to Xcel Energy releasing them from the Road Drainage Easment and Maintenance Agreement dated July 31, 2017 in regard to the county roads. However, if any issues arise with the county drainage systems that are a result of the wind tower construction, those costs will still be the obligation of Xcel Energy or the current owner.

Motion by Stone, second by Smeby, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of

\$7,970.00, as per the following

schedule: Bennett L & Karen A Greene, Family Trust U/A, DD 15, ROW

Main, Prof Services......315.00 Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 34/Main

Smeby, carried to engage Mark Lindflott to complete the monitoring report for DD #21 West Main for the remaining four years including this year. Payment will be \$32.00/hour for his time as recom-

mended by Bolton & Menk, Inc. Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve claims in the amount of \$59,309.41, as per the following schedule: A & I Auto Body Inc

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.....133.83 Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the sheriff and clerk of court's monthly re-

Motion by Smeby, second by

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Stone, carried to approve the salary change for Justin North at \$55,973.13/year as submitted by the sheriff. Motion by Stone, second by Smeby, carried to acknowledge

Smeby, carried to approve a letter of support and contribution of \$1,500 to the Shellrock Watershed

tion 2021.12.13.1:

PROVE WORTH COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS SET-TLEMENT Worth County Resolution No. 2021.12.13.1

reached, titled the Janssen Opioid Settlement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE

Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Stone, carried to approve the up

Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:17 A.M. The next meeting of the

County. Motion by Smeby, second by

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receipt of the Second Judicial District's annual report – FY21.

Motion by Stone, second by

Management Authority. Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve Resolu-

RESOLUTION TO AP-

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors decided to participate in the National Opioids law suit; WHEREAS, a settlement to resolve the same has been

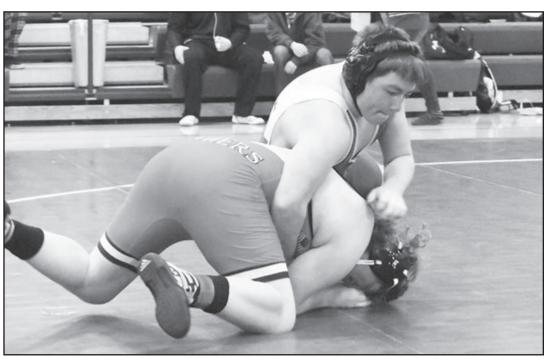
WHEREAS, the settlement requires an authorized signature to execute the agreement and the Worth County Attorney has been acting as point person in this matter.

IT RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors that they designate Jeffrey H. Greve, the Worth County Attorney to execute any documents required for Worth County, Iowa to participate in the settlement. Dated this 13th day of De-

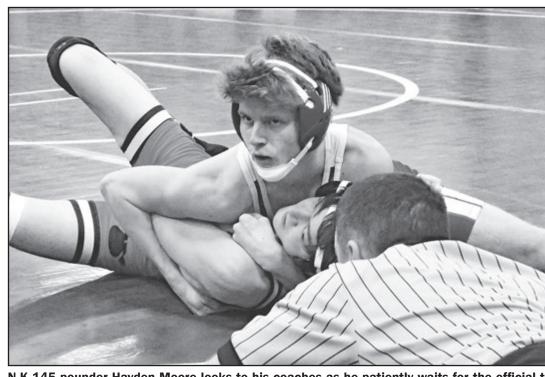
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Supervisors ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor Motion by Smeby, second by dated Security Plan for Worth

Board of Supervisors will be Monday, December 20, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.



Wrestling newcomer Chaz Cummins gets the best of Tripoli's Cayden Bergman in last Saturday's Vikings Duals in Northwood. Cummins, who has a season record of 5-14, picked up his first win not by forfeit when he wasted little time putting Bergman on his back, pinning his opponent in just 55 seconds.



N-K 145 pounder Hayden Moore looks to his coaches as he patiently waits for the official to slap the mat signifying his win by fall in just 40 seconds over Tripoli's Christian Boldt. Moore

N-K wrestlers win five of seven duals, improve to 6-13 on the year, Reindl reaches 100-win milestone

By Mike Simmons **Sports Editor**

Coming into last week's action at just 1-11 on the year, the Northwood-Kensett wrestling team finally put together some wins, and win they did, taking five of seven duals last week, earning head coach Jordan Reindl his 100th career win at the helm of N-K's program.

The Vikings got the busy week started last Tuesday when they traveled to Swea City for a quad hosted by North Union. N-K lost to the Warriors 54-30 but picked up wins over West Bend-Mallard 57-24 and GTRA 52-30, giving the Vikings just their second and third wins of the season and putting Coach Reindl at 100 wins for his career.

With some momentum and the team's confidence soaring after Tuesday's meet in Swea City, N-K hosted its own Viking Duals last Saturday in Northwood.

At that tournament, the

Vikings won three of their four duals, beating Tripoli 58-12, Belmond-Klemme 42-30 and Rockford 54-24, while falling to Humboldt JV squad, 66-18.

The Vikings' Drake Tiedemann, now ranked No. 3 at 170 pounds, improved his season record to a perfect 19-0 after winning all his matches last week. Twelve of Tiedemann's wins have come by fall and another three by major decision, earning N-K 108 team points this season.

Two other notable wrestlers are having spectacular seasons as well, Tyler Mills and Josiah Kliment are both 17-2 this season with 25 of those 34 wins coming by fall.

The Vikings will end 2021 with a 6-13 record and won't be back in action again until Saturday, January 8, when they compete at GTRA.

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4-2 (43-40), Terry Ausborn 6-4 (6-4), Jessika Ausborn 10-7 (10-7), Michael Davis 10-8 (10-8), Aden Bice 11 11 (11-11), Marisa Halbach 1-1 (1-1), Hayden Moore 8-11 (35-51), Michael Jansenn 2-3 (13-44), Thomas Rodemeyer 1-2 (1-2), Noah Woltzen 2-5 (2-5), Chaz Cummins 5-14 (5-14), Aaron Davis 1-3 (1-5), Christopher Madsen 2-9 (3-10), Hadley Buenzow 0-4 (0-4)

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Stat of the Week: Coming off the bench doesn't always appeal to players, but some, like the Lady Vikings' Morgan Wallin seem to thrive on it. Wallin, who is essentially the Lady Vikings' sixth man, comes off the bench somewhere in the middle of the first quarter and goes on to defensively dominate anyone she guards, recording 1.2 steals per game. On offense the talented sophomore is even better, averaging 6.3 points per game, second on the team. Wallin is also third on the team in rebounding, averaging 3.8 boards per game, all while coming off the bench.



Stat of the Week: Seeing more and more playing time as the season approaches the holidays, the Vikings' Carter Anderson, just one of two freshmen on this year's varsity, has made the most of his limited time on the floor. The talented rookie came off the bench in last Monday's loss to North Union and poured in 11 points and grabbed five boards. That play earned him a spot in the starting lineup on Friday at Newman, where he continued to make head coach Marty Cotter look good for his decision to play Anderson more. Anderson scored eight points and led the team in rebounding with seven, including four on the offensive boards.

Turnovers and a lack of perimeter shooting lead to 0-5 start for Vikings

By Mike Simmons **Sports Editor**

With Colby Kooper Julseth, Jason Han-

son and Nolan Senne, this Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team for the first time in many years can physically match up with anyone in the Top of Iowa Conference, even the usually oversized Warhawks of West

And while that size has resulted in an abundance of rebounding, with the team averaging 31.6 rebounds per game, including 11.2 on the offensive glass, the two stats that are killing this team's momentum are the 21.6 turnovers and its 19.3% shooting from behind the 3-point line where the Vikings have hit just 16 of 83 treys they've attempted.

Unfortunately for Vikings that trend continued to haunt them in last week's losses to North Union and Newman Catholic, where they committed 54 turnovers and hit just 4-27 shots from 3-point range in the two games combined.

In last Monday night's non-conference game against North Union, the Vikings fell behind 8-0 before Hanson put them on the board with a short jumper nearly two minutes into the game. Playing the Warriors even from that point on N-K trailed after one quarter of play 15-7.

Finally finding their offense in the second quarter the Vikings played their best eight minutes of the game,



Viking point guard Lamonte Sims drives the lane for two of his three points in last Monday night's non-conference loss to North Union. With just one game left before the break Sims has eight points, five steals, seven assists and 14 rebounds on his stat line.

tying the score at 22-22 with 2:15 remaining in the first half and eventually hitting a buzzer beater to take a slim 26-25 lead into the halftime

But coming out of the locker room the Vikings fell flat again and allowed themselves to be outscored 16-7 in the third quarter, falling behind 41-33 to start the fourth quarter of play.

With N-K committing 29 turnovers in 32 minutes of play and connecting on just

2-16 treys, the team was just not able to overcome another six-point deficit in the fourth, where N-K was outscored 21-15, leading to the 62-48 non-conference loss.

Double-Double, Mr. Hanson recorded his third double-double in the first five games of the season with a team high 16 points and 11 rebounds against the Warriors. Freshman Carter Anderson came off the bench and added 11 points and five boards while Eskildsen scored 10 points on 4-11 shooting from the field.

Last Friday's loss is sure to be one the Vikings would rather forget, not just for the score, a 91-42 loss, but for who it was against, the Knights of Newman Catholic.

With a running clock for a good portion of the game the Knights led 63-22 at the half and took a 79-31 lead into the final eight minutes of play, outscoring the Vikings 12-11 on the way to the 91-42 win



N-K's Jason Hanson drains a short jumper in last Monday night's 62-48 loss to North Union. Hanson recorded his third double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds. The talented senior is now averaging 15.2 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, both tops on the team.

Hanson and Eskildsen combined for 22 points and six rebounds. Anderson, whose play against North Union earned him a spot in the starting lineup against Newman, scored eight points on 4-8 shooting from the field and grabbed a team high seven rebounds.

With the Vikings' two losses last week they're now 0-5 overall and 0-4 in the TIC East. They had just one more game before the holiday

break, Tuesday night when they hosted Central Springs.

TIC East Standings Overall TIC East Newman Catholic 5-0 7-0 Osage West Fork 3-1 3-2 3-2 4-3 Central Springs Nashua-Plainfield 2-3 4-3

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Lady Vikings fall to 2-4 overall after losses to North Union and Newman

By Mike Simmons Sports Editor

girls basketball team continued to struggle with Top of Iowa Conference teams in last week's competition, losing to TIC West foe North Union, and TIC East rival Mason City Newman.

In last Monday night's matchup against North Union, the Lady Vikings slow start doomed them for the rest of the game when they could manage just four first quarter points, and while their defense made up for their lack of offense, they still found themselves down six at the start of the second quarter, 10-4.

Then in the second quarter the turnovers started to add up, giving the Warriors an opportunity to expand their lead, outscoring the home team 17-8 to take an almost insurmountable 27-12 lead into the halftime break.

And while N-K committed an inexcusable 31 turnovers over the course of 32 minutes of play, it came out in the second half and played extremely well, hanging with, what on paper would look a superior team.

The Lady Vikings, led by Morgan Wallin's team high 10 points, scored 30 second half points and were outscored in the second half by just seven points, 37-30, eventually falling to the Warriors by 22 points, 64-42. Marli Backhaus scored six points while Madalynn Hanson, Carly Hengesteg and Emma Davidson added five points each.

With turnovers becoming an issue once again, the coaching staff knows the ball handling must be cleaned up.

"We quit attacking the pressure, we were standing around waiting for someone to come to the ball instead of aggressively attacking the defense," said Lady Vikings head coach Daryl Love.

pressure and we didn't do that decided who would win The Northwood-Kensett that, but overall, I was happy, and who would lose, with especially when you compare this year to last year, we showed a lot of improvement despite the loss."

While N-K and Newman have only been conference foes since 2015 when the new Top of Iowa Conference East and West were formed, the two teams' rivalry goes way

From 2010 to 2016 the Lady Vikings dominated the series, winning seven consecutive against the Knights, but since then Newman Catholic has made the games a little less competitive, winning 13 consecutive, outscoring N-K 720-404, or 55.4 to 31.6 per game.

With the Lady Vikings getting off to slow starts this season it was nice to see them come right out of the opening tip and play solid ball in the first quarter, where they outscored the Knights by one point, 11-10.

And while N-K also outscored the Knights in the second half of play 27-25,

"We're built to attack the it was the second quarter Newman Catholic winning the quarter, outscoring the Lady Vikings by eight, 18-10, securing the Knights' ninepoint win, 55-46.

> Hengesteg led the team with 13 points and nine rebounds while Chloe Costello added 12 points, two blocks, two steals and five boards.

With the two losses last week the Lady Vikings fall to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the TIC East.

They had just one game left on the schedule before the holiday break, Tuesday at N-K when they host Central Springs.

TIC East Standings

TIC East Overall Osage 4-1 5-3 3-1 3-3 Saint Ansgar West Fork 3-1 4-2 Central Springs 3-2 4-3 3-2 5-2 Nashua-Plainfield 3-2 3-5 Newman Catholic Northwood-Kensett 1-3 2-4 $0-4\ 0-6$ North Butler 0-4 1-6 Rockford



The Lady Vikings' Chloe Costello pulls up for a short jumper last Monday night in Northwood. Costello is averaging 5.7 points per game and is second on the team with 4.0 rebounds per



N-K's Ella Leonard puts up a long-range jumper in last Monday night's 64-42 loss to North Union. Leonard scored four points and grabbed a team high five rebounds in the loss to the Warriors and is now averaging four points and 3.7 boards per game.



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