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Enjoying a good book

Students in Mrs. Hebel's kindergarten class are pictured enjoying their latest collection of free books, provided thanks to the donations of local groups and businesses. Throughout the school year, every student at Northwood-Kensett Elementary will be receiving a free book once a month. In December and January, the Northwood-Kensett Community Education Foundation provided the funds to purchase the books.

Comp. board recommends 5.41% increase in county elected salaries

The Worth County Compensation Board has made its annual recommendations for salaries for elected officers.

The board consists of seven county residents, with two members appointed by the board of supervisors and the county attorney, auditor, treasurer, sheriff and recorder each appointing one member.

The supervisors may approve salaries up to those recommended by the compensation board, but not any more. If the supervisors decide to reduce the amount of the recommended compensation schedule, each office will be reduced by an equal percentage.

In 2021, in the midst of budget concerns, the supervisors approved salary increases at rates lower than what was recommended by the compensation board.

Deputies of the county officers can receive up to 85% of the office holder's salary, making their salary increases dependent on the supervisors' acceptance of the compensation board's

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Supervisors consider countywide zoning to secure wind ordinance

As the Worth County supervisors consider the path to adopting regulations on wind energy projects, the next step may involve expanding zoning countywide.

This past April, the supervisors passed a moratorium on wind turbines in the county.

Following that action, the Worth County planning and zoning commission began the process of developing regulations of new wind energy developments, involving impacted groups and the public in the process.

They presented a draft of an ordinance to the supervisors in June.

The supervisors were in discussion to reach an agreement with a wind energy company in the weeks that followed. The agreement failed to pass and the supervisors returned to the ordinance.

Most recently, the supervisors discussed and adopted their proposed changes to develop an ordinance that they could agree to advance.

They had planned to hold readings of the ordinance this month, but they have since received advice that suggested another step should be taken before passing the ordinance.

Worth County attorney Jeff Greve and representatives of the North Iowa Council of Governments advised the supervisors that they should consider adopting countywide zoning

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Council invests in first step towards new housing project

The Northwood City Council officially approved a financial investment in a new housing development at their regular meeting in December, after another potential investment fell through.

For several years, ways to support and encourage several housing developments around the city have come before the council.

That started with a development that has been considered for an area largely west of the Northwood-Kensett high school.

The latest investment in that project was in the works as the school district planned to build a new transportation facility to replace the current bus barn.

The plan had been for the district and the City to share the costs of building a road that would have accessed the district's new building and would have connected to the area that has been considered for new housing.

However, the school district recently received bids for the project and both the

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Dec. 21	33	6	
Wed. Dec. 22	32	8	
Thurs. Dec. 23	42	22	
Fri. Dec. 24	47	30	
Sat. Dec. 25	36	18	
Sun. Dec. 26	35	11	
Mon. Dec. 27	34	26	0.02

FSB celebrates 100 years serving North Iowa communities

"We are fortunate to be able to celebrate 100 years serving communities in Worth County and in North Iowa," said Chad Nelson, president at Farmers State Bank in Northwood.

The first Farmers State Bank opened on November 25, 1921. Since then, the bank has remained family-owned.

The most recent family to continue that tradition is that of Rich Halverson, majority owner and chair of the FSB board, who joined the bank when it only operated out of the Grafton branch, in 1976. In 1987, he purchased a controlling interest. The bank expanded to Joice in 1988, Plymouth in 1994 (that location has since closed), Ventura in 1995, Northwood in 1996, Mason City in 2003, St. Ansgar in 2005, a second Mason City location in 2010 and Clear Lake in 2012.

Today, the bank has eight branches in seven communities throughout North Iowa, including Grafton, Joice, Ventura, Northwood, Mason City, St. Ansgar and Clear Lake.



Halverson credits the banks' success to its North Iowa communities and branches where the customers are friends and neighbors, with local control and an understanding of the agricultural economies they serve.

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Election precincts considered

At this past Monday's meeting the Worth County supervisors began the process of officially adopting the election precincts in the county.

The process of setting the election precincts comes following the census every 10 years.

A group of county officials used the census data to set the election precincts with the goal of similar popula-

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Swearing in

Following the November general election, two of those serving elected office in the City of Northwood were re-elected, and one person was chosen to take office. After the last Northwood city council meeting of the year, on December 13, incumbent mayor Doug Moehle and city council member Teresa George-Zenz, along with newly elected council member Steve Peterson, took the oath of office. Their terms officially begin on January 1, 2022.

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recommendations.

All approved salaries will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

The biggest increase this year was for the county sheriff, with a suggested increase of 8%, which would increase the salary for the office from $77,315 to $83,500.

Recommendations of 6% raises were made for the county auditor, treasurer and recorder, increasing the salary of each from $59,922 to $63,517.

The board recommended 3% increases for the county supervisors and county attorney.

The attorney's salary, which also includes any assistance the office holder takes on, would increase from $86,732 to $89,334.

The supervisors' salaries would increase from $30,752 to $31,675. The chairman of the board also receives an additional $500, for a total salary of $31,560.

If approved, the recommended salary increases would total $21,918 or 5.41%. The total salaries would increase from $405,317 to $427,235.

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tions, within a set deviation.

The election precincts were set so that the same polling places will remain, though some rural residents will be called to vote in new places.

The precincts include:

• The unincorporated areas of all of Union, Barton, Deer Creek townships; Grove Township east of Raven Avenue and the city of Grafton.

• The unincorporated area of Lincoln Township, the city of Manly.

• The unincorporated areas of Bristol and Silver Lake townships and Hartland Township west of Interstate 35 and the city of Joice.

• The unincorporated area of Brookfield and Kensett townships and the city of Kensett.

• The unincorporated area of Danville Township and the city of Hanlontown.

• The unincorporated area of Fertile Township and the city of Fertile.

• The unincorporated area of Grove Township west of Raven Avenue, and Hartland Township east of Interstate 35 and the city of Northwood.

A first reading of an ordinance setting the election precincts was held at the supervisors' meeting on Monday. Additional readings will be held at the meetings on January 3 and January 10, before the supervisors consider passing the ordinance.

If approved, the County will submit the election districts to the Iowa Legislative Services Agency. The election maps will be used to set new supervisor district boundaries.

Briefs

Extension hosts 4-H State Recognition workshop Dec. 30

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

All 9th grade to 12th grade 4-H members are invited to participate in learning about the many State 4-H Award winning opportunities that are available.

Past Worth County 4-H State award winners will be at the meeting to share information about how to apply for the awards and recognition trips to Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

The 4-H members will also have a chance to learn about what the duties and responsibilities are of the Iowa State 4-H Council and what the application and interview process is to be able to serve on the 2022-2023 Iowa State 4-H Council Team.

Those interested can learn more about this 4-H workshop by contacting Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at djohn@iastate.edu, 641-324-1531 or 641-390-0795 at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood.

Gifts await first baby of 2022

The start of 2022 is just a few days away and no doubt there are few awaiting the new year more than those expecting the arrival of a new member to their family. That applies to the family eagerly anticipating the arrival of the first baby to be born in 2022 in the Northwood-Kensett school district. Besides the joyous arrival, 12 Northwood area merchants will be celebrating the first baby of the new year with gifts for the baby and their family.

To qualify for the gifts the announcement of the birth must be submitted to the Northwood Anchor as soon as possible.

The winning baby must be born to parents living in the Northwood-Kensett school district. The baby's time and date of birth, gender, place of birth, weight, name and the names of the baby's parents and other family members will be shared.

Once the official announcement has been made in the Northwood Anchor, the parents are welcome to pick up the gifts from the participating merchants, listed below.

The first baby's parents will have a perfect place to store the baby's first clothes, once the first baby has put them to good use, with a new laundry basket from Kelly Hardware.

The first baby will be kept warm with a baby quilt from the Top of Iowa Welcome Center's Barn Boutique.

The parents will be able to celebrate the event well with a bottle of wine from Shade Tree Liquors.

The first baby's parents will also be able to enjoy an evening out with a night at the movies, with $20 in Northwood Theatre dollars.

Gifts for the first baby's financial future will come in the form of a $25 opening deposit in a kid's piggy bank CD from Farmers State Bank.

The parents can also bank on the first baby's future with $25 towards a new savings account from NSB Bank.

The vehicle used to transport the first baby will be well-maintained with a free oil change at Knutson Auto.

A & I Auto, Inc. will also offer a free oil change to keep the first family's vehicles maintained and safe.

The first baby's parents will no doubt appreciate the chance for a delicious meal, with a $20 gift certificate from Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill.

Fallgatter's Market will offer a $25 gift certificate, which can be used for items for the new baby, or for the rest of the family.

R80 in Northwood will offer a $30 gift certificate for the first baby's family to enjoy snacks, a convenient meal or fuel to transport the first baby.

The first baby's parents will be kept up to date with local news and events, thanks to a one year subscription to the Northwood Anchor.

Area businesses observe holiday hours

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

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

Casey's General Store will be open regular hours throughout the New Year's holiday.

Fallgatter's Market 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 New Year's Eve. The bank will be closed on New Year's Day.

Kelly Hardware will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

NSB Bank in Northwood will close at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

R80 in Northwood will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Shade Tree Liquors will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Signatures Supper Club will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve and open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Day.

For Strike Zone's New Year's Eve and New Year's Day hours call 641-324-2749.

Sue's Cornerpost will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and will be closed New Year's Day.

Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Worth Brewing will be open on New Year's Eve from 5 to 9 p.m. and closed on New Year's Day.

MercyOne Pharmacy will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day as well.

Glenville Short Stop will be open on New Year's Eve from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. On New Year's Day it will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Worth County offices will be closed on New Year's Day.

Subway in Northwood will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

The Post Office will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center Rest Area will close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and it will be closed on New Year's Day.

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

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to implement the wind turbine ordinance.

Currently, only the three townships that Interstate 35 passes through have zoning in place.

Countywide zoning has been discussed in the past, as a part of the discussion of how to regulate wind projects in the county. However, there has been opposition to expanding zoning.

Supervisor chair AJ Stone said that the supervisors had been advised that passing a wind ordinance through countywide zoning would make any regulations more secure and enforceable.

As to the opposition to the countywide expanse, Stone said that has come down to a lack of education.

Stone said that zoning is meant to protect people, and not to add another layer of government. Stone added that for much of the county residents, agricultural uses would exempt from any zoning requirements.

Supervisor Enos Loberg agreed. He added that the County needs to treat all residents the same, and making zoning countywide would do that.

Loberg said that he has lived in a zoned township for 51 years and hasn't seen much of a difference caused by zoning.

Supervisors Mark Smeby said that he remains opposed, preferring to keep things the way they are. He said that most of the people he has discussed the subject with are opposed.

Smeby said that he isn't sure that the zoning would help or hurt those living in those areas. He said that he isn't looking to put any protections in place and most that he talks to aren't either.

That said, Smeby said that he welcomed further discussion if that was what the other supervisors would like.

Smeby said that if they proceed, they should involve people from the not yet zoned townships involved.

As to the process, the supervisors agreed that they wouldn't need to rewrite any current zoning regulations, but would only expand them countywide.

As to the commission that currently oversees zoning, the commission could be adjusted to include representation for the other townships.

It was suggested that each supervisor could appoint someone from their district and two at large appointments could be made.

But before that later step, the supervisors agreed to seek advice and guidance from NIACOG on what the process of expanding zoning countywide would involve.

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As a part of the celebration of 100 years, Farmers State Bank made donations to several area groups and projects. Chad Nelson, president at Farmers State Bank in Northwood, presented a donation towards the Vikings Activity Center, the school and community facility under construction at Northwood-Kensett's high school. Pictured are (from left) superintendent Mike Crozier, Nelson and Northwood city administrator Amber Julseth.



A sign of change

Last week, the sign for the former Ver Helst Drug Store was taken down, the remaining vestage of the former drug store. In its place, a sign for Kelly Hardware was to be placed.

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Nelson echoed the sentiment. "We focus on customer service. We're really fortunate to have our customers in Northwood and in Worth County.

"And that goes for our staff too. They're all from Worth County. Most of us graduated from schools in these communities. We know most of our customers by their first names and we're familiar with our communities. That's one of the reasons why FSB has been around as long as it has."

Nelson added, "That's why hometown banks can offer something different. We take pride in that and in our customers."

With the COVID pandemic still looming the bank opted to put the funds that would have gone to a big celebration towards community projects where the banks are located.

In Northwood, that meant a donation to the Vikings Activity Center.

"We have always supported youth in our area," Nelson said. "So supporting the activity center was a natural choice for us as a way to support the growth of our community."

Other beneficiaries of the bank's celebratory donations of nearly $25,000 included the Joice Public Library, Mason City High School Field House and Pool, Clear Lake Wellness Center and Clausen Park Playground in St. Ansgar.

There have naturally been a lot of changes over the past 100 years, but a lot of the most significant ones have come as technology has offered more options. That has been an especially significant shift in the past couple years, with mobile, online and app banking offering lifelong customers more options that don't require as much of an in-person experience.

Halverson said that older generations still want to talk to someone face-to-face when they do their banking. But more and more people, with more technology and more hectic lives, along with the impacts of COVID, enjoy the option to bank remotely.

FSB marking director Sheila Vroom said that is something the bank is working to expand on, with more online options in the works, such as opening an account online.

The bank's goal is to make services easy for customers and yet still maintain the customer service that has been a key to their success and longevity for more than 100 years.

Council
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transportation facility and the road part of the project came in considerably out of the price range for the district and the City.

Since then, the school district has taken ownership of the former TS Express property, with plans to use it for bus and vehicle storage and maintenance, as well as a new location for the district's administrative offices.

That effectively ended the plans for the road project for now.

Meanwhile, the City has also been working with someone that plans to turn property east of the NRCS building, located on Highway 65 South, into a housing development.

To make that a reality, the City was asked to purchase a stretch of land that could be developed into a road to access the development. The 0.364 acre, or 66x240 foot property extends out of the drive off of Highway 65 to the land beyond the NRCS building.

The Council approved the purchase at the December 13 meeting, at a cost of $25,000.

The Council has discussed that even with that expense, it would be less of an expense than the school-adjacent development, to build that road and extend city utilities to the area.

In other business at the December 13 meeting, city administrator Amber Julseth informed the council that an individual and an organization had donated a total of $1,600 to help pay city utility bills of those that may be having trouble paying.

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Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts.

Holly, Madilyn, Avery, Vivyan & Sylvia Benda

Along with all the Benda and Callahan families



Photos or video those wish to share with the family can be emailed to ***rememberingISP313@gmail.com***



Quilters from First Lutheran Church in Northwood were amongst the churchers that donated their efforts to those impacted by storms in Kentucky.





Loaded and ready to help

Last week, a semi carrying the generous donations of people from Worth County and surrounding areas made the journey to help those impacted by storms in Kentucky earlier in the month. The effort to help those impacted started with Jerry Olson, a driver for Steve Yaggy Specialized Transportation. Olson had a desire to help after hearing about those who lost so much in the storms. Olson worked with his employer to arrnage for a semi to carry donations. Filling the semi were donations from several North Iowa and southern Minnesota communities. That included Kibble Equipment in Northwood, whose employees and visitors are pictured above after helping to load the truck last Thursday. Olson made the journey to the Salvation Army distribution center in Louisville later that day.



Contest Rules:

1. First baby must be born to parents of the Northwood-Kensett School District.
2. Exact time of birth must be specified on statement signed by physician.
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N-K Math Club visit with fifth grade

The Math Club visit to the fifth graders took place on December 14. Club members gave students sharpened pencils to use and encourage them to do well in school, especially math and science. A video of the past Rube Goldberg machine was shown, and they were told about pi and e numbers and celebrations held at the high school. Multiplication and division timed tests were held for fun as well with the top two finishers getting their picture taken with the math club members. Pictured are (in front, from left) Jaxon Reyerson, Kaylee Franck, Ivy Urbatsch, Madalynn Hanson, Wyatt Willand, Konlin Perry, (back row) Weston Willand, Teagan Johnson, Emma Davidson, Andrew Breitsprecher, Kenny Conlin, Christopher Madsen and Jon Meksi.



After meeting with the fifth graders the Math Club broke out in a joyous song of "Happy Birthday" to bus driver Daryl Love!



N-K Math Club Christmas

Math Club holiday party attenders on December 14 were (in front, from left) Ariah Bode, Ashlynn Skellenger, Wyatt Willand, Kale Bode, Mrs. Willert, (back row) Jon Meksi, Teagan Johnson, Weston Willand, Emma Davidson, Andrew Breitsprecher, Madalynn Hanson, Jadyn Beland, Christopher Madsen, Kenny Conlin and Chloe Costello.



N-K Choir backpack anything but

Students at the Northwood-Kensett High School raised over $750 with a penny drive. As a part of the fundraiser, students in the N-K choir are pictured above on "Anything but a backpack" day. The students are seen with some creative alternate book conveyances.

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December on the courts

A recently unseasonably warm day left melted snow and conditions perfects for some basketball on Northwood's downtown courts. It being North Iowa in December, the winter heat was not to last and snow, slush and less basketball-friendly weather have returned. Pictured enjoying an afternoon on the courts in December are Alec Ducommun, Brady Christianson and Bowan Behne.



Point guard Madalynn Hanson pulls up at the free throw line for a short jump shot last Tuesday in Northwood. Hanson scored nine points and led the team with six rebounds, including four on the offensive boards. Hanson leads the team on the year with 3.3 steals and 2.1 assists per game.

Lady Vikings recover from dreadful first quarter to upset CS

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

After scoring just one point in the first eight minutes of play in last Tuesday night's Top of Iowa Conference East matchup with Central Springs, the Lady Vikings were able to recover just in time to register the slim conference win, 36-32.

With the Lady Vikings offense nowhere to found in the first quarter they came out and had the best eight minutes of the game in the second quarter, pouring in 14 points but that still left them in the hole at the halftime break, trailing 16-15.

As the second half of play got underway, N-K senior Carly Hengesteg hit 1-2 free throws to even the score at 16-16. That was followed shortly after by a Chloe Costello basket that gave the Lady Vikings their first lead of the game at 18-16, never to trail the rest of way as they secured the TIC East win over their rival from Manly, 36-32.

Hengesteg, who led the team heading into the holiday break at 9.7 points per game, led the gals on this night with a team high 11 points while Madalynn Hanson added nine points and a team high six rebounds.

With the win over Central Springs the Lady Vikings entered the two-week break at 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the TIC East.

The ladies will have a full schedule when they come back from the holidays with game scheduled for Monday, January 3, versus Riceville, Tuesday versus Saint Ansgar and Friday they'll travel to Osage to face the Green Devils.

N-K 36, CS 32

CS	6	10	5	11 – 32
NK	1	14	9	12 – 36

TIC East Standings

TIC East	Overall
Osage	5-1 6-3
Saint Ansgar	4-1 4-3
Nashua-Plainfield	4-2 6-3
Newman Catholic	3-2 3-5
West Fork	3-2 4-3
Central Springs	3-3 4-4
Northwood-Kensett	2-3 3-4
Rockford	0-5 1-7
North Butler	0-5 0-8



Lady Viking Addy Bachtle draws a foul in last Tuesday's conference win over Central Springs. Bachtle scored tow points on 2-5 shooting from the line.

Anchor Sports



N-K senior Carly Hengesteg puts up a long-range jumper in last Tuesday night's 36-32 TIC East win over Central Springs. Hengesteg now leads the team on the year with 68 points.

NCIGS holds WWII on the Home Front meeting

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society will hold a special meeting "WWII On The Home Front" on Saturday, January 8, 2022, – 1:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple – 75 S. Georgia Ave., Mason City, upstairs in the Genealogy Library.

"What was happening At Home, as the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines were scattered across the World!! How did the Workforce change? What could be purchased? Radio, Film Industry, and Geography/ World Maps. An Exploration of Many Changes. People, bring Stories (Your Parents & Yours)." Rod Hungerford will be the main presenter.



Children looking to see where the war was. Note the women doing the work men did before the war. Note the posters on the wall.



Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Worship, 9 a.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:45 a.m., Elk Creek Service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Thursday, UMW Christmas gathering at Mary Wendt's home, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with Communion, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Northwood UMW, Swallow Coffee House Lake Mills, 10 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Friday, J.H. Lock-in; Sunday, Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, JH Youth, 6:30 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Manly

Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

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The Spiritual Gift of Administration



In Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians he ranks various offices of the church: "God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues." (1 Corinthians 12: 28) From its beginning, Christianity was built on a foundation of helpers and administrators. Jesus appointed 12 disciples and sent them forth two by two, giving them explicit instructions about what to take and what to do. Jesus was Christendom's first administrator and it is clear that there was to be some organization. In the book of Acts we see the beginning of church administration in the period following Jesus's death and resurrection, and we also witness the beginning of divisions within the church, there being disagreements over the issue of circumcision and Jewish dietary law, for instance. There is considerable discussion of these issues in the epistles, but the important thing for us to realize is that there were people who were charged with organizing and leading their church communities, including resolving disputes within the church. We should consider whether we have a knack for organizational leadership and where it might fit into our church's structure. Can we help our church with our organizational or administrative talents? – Christopher Simon

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." – Acts 20: 28

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Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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

Do you want to entertain on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day but have run out of ideas for appetizers or desserts? Think about a soup buffet! There are two ways I enjoy doing this type of meal: either I make several kinds of soup (remember, soup is much better the second day after flavors have a chance to meld) and ask guests to bring the "go-alongs" such as breads, relish tray, cheese/crackers or desserts. OR…ask everyone who is invited to bring a small pot of soup so you'll have lots of variety and you can just do ice cream with toppings for dessert. Either way it is great fun, almost everyone likes soup and there's no fancy place settings to fuss with. A bowl, a large spoon, a plate for the rest of the meal and you're good to go! The editors of Family Circle magazine published a cookbook titled "Quick & Easy Recipes" (2001, Broadway Books Random House, NYC) that promises "More than 300 tasty, easy-to-make recipes plus 75 photos" That's quite a promise. The following are adapted from the chapter on "Soups and Salads" An interesting feature in this cookbook is the organization of recipes according to categories such as "no cook," "quick prep," "one pot," "fast fix" and more. Let's cook soup!

Beef & Barley Soup
(an old favorite from the "5 Ingredients or Less" category)

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 small yellow onion, diced
1 1/4 pounds boneless sirloin steak, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
1 can (13.75 oz.) beef broth
3/4 cup quick-cooking barley
1 package (10 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed/drained

In a large, heavy saucepan or Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Working in batches so the meat doesn't steam, add the beef chunks and sauté until browned, about 4 minutes per batch, browning all sides. As the meat browns, transfer each batch to a bowl. When the meat is done, sauté the onion in the same pan, until cooked but not brown. Return the beef to the pan, stir in the broth, barley and 5 cups of water. Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer about 10 minutes or until the barley is tender. Stir in the mixed veggies and gently heat through, about another 5-7 minutes. SANDY'S NOTE: sometimes canned beef broth isn't too "beefy" and this recipe has a lot of water added. Taste the soup after it has simmered the required length of time. If it needs more flavor, use some beef bouillon paste, low sodium is best, but not those little salty cubes. I like Better Than Bouillon® brand. Start with a teaspoon and taste as you go along, adding enough to make it suit your flavor preferences.

Southwestern Corn Chowder

3 slices good bacon, thick style, diced
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
2 large russet baking potatoes, peeled and cubed in 1/2-inch pieces
1 can (4 1/2 oz.) chopped green chiles, mild or hot, drained
6 cups chicken broth, canned or home made.
20 oz. frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 cup half-and-half
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

Sauté the bacon and onion in a large heavy soup pot, over medium heat, until the onion is softened and lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the bell pepper and sauté another minute. Add the potatoes and green chiles and cook, stirring for about 5 minutes. Add the broth, corn, salt and cayenne. Reduce the heat to medium, cover the pot and simmer for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Carefully transfer half the soup to a blender. Whirl to puree. Return to the soup pot and stir in the half-and-half. Remove from the heat and add the cilantro if desired. SANDY'S NOTE: If you have a hand-held stick blender you can pour half the soup into another pot and puree it there. It's a bit easier than pouring the hot liquid into a blender.

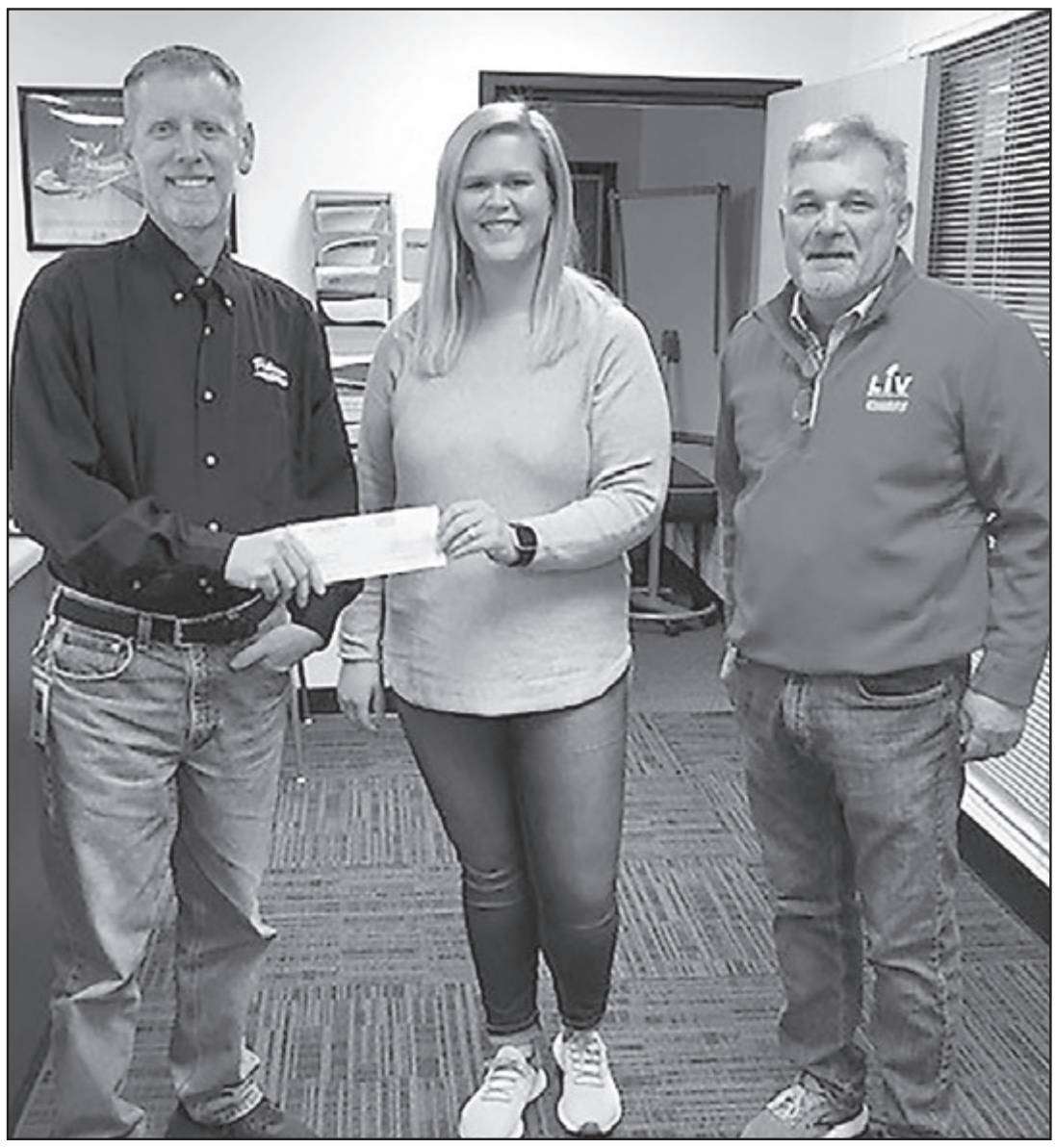
Mexi-Chicken Soup

3 cans (13.75 oz. each) chicken broth
1 can (15.25 oz.) whole-kernel corn, drained
1 can (14.25 oz.) diced tomatoes with their juice
1 can (15 oz.) red kidney beans (or pinto or red beans)
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast or thighs cut into bite-sized pieces.

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a medium boil, stirring occasionally. Boil for 5 minutes then remove from the heat, cover the pan, and let it sit on the burner for about 15 minutes to finish cooking. You can sprinkle shredded Mexican blend cheese on top when serving and have fresh tortillas on the said to dip into the soup.

A holiday soup buffet might just become a new tradition for your friends or family. Be sure to have enough so everyone can taste them all. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Sharing in community support

Northwood-Kensett schools recently received a donation from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Share Grant. The purpose of the money given through the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Share Grant is to help the county Farm Bureau with a cause that they believe in supporting to help better their community. These funds were built to better local communities through different causes and projects. Pictured above are N-K secondary principal Keith Fritz, Melissa Moretz with Worth County Farm Bureau and N-K superintendent Mike Crozier.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson
Senior Center

It just HAS to be better...2022 that is. With a brand new year in front of us we need to remember what we've learned over the past two years. We can use it to our advantage in the coming 12 months. We've learned to value our relationships with friends and relatives. We've learned how important it is to stay as healthy as possible. We've learned not to sweat the small stuff when the bigger problems need our attention. And, we've learned that being with others can lighten everyone's mood, at least for a while. With that in mind, please consider taking advantage of some activities at the Northwood Senior Center. January will be a bit quieter after the busy holiday season but there will still be fun gatherings, times to learn and times to relax.

Wednesday, January 5: A calendar craft with Lorri Hagen and Marcia Price at 12:30 p.m. $3 for materials for each calendar you make.

Monday, January 10: Bookworms Book Club at the Public Library, 2 p.m. Facilitated by Marcia Price.

Wednesday, January 12: Deanna Luedtke will present more of her interesting antiques at 12 noon.

Thursday, January 13: Lunch concert with Lois Myer at 11:45 p.m.

Monday, January 17th: Fun Bingo at 12:30 p.m. Prizes to win; the fun is free!

Thursday, January 20: Lunch Trivia with Lorri Hagen

Wednesday, January 26: Make a pretty snow globe with no liquid. Lorri Hagen will teach this class at 12:30 p.m.; $4 fee for materials for each globe you want to make.

Something new! Join friends for some gentle stretching and balancing exercises on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in January at 11:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday is cards and games day at the Center. Join a group or start a group with your favorite board or card game. Play in the morning and stay for lunch OR play in the afternoon after lunch. Be sure to reserve your meal that day with Judy at 641-324-1244.

Bolan

Lori Willert and Kelsie and Cole joined other Willert relatives at the home of Rick and Mary Willert of Britt during the day of Christmas Eve.

There was a nice group of people who came to the Bolan Trinity UM Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It was good to see so many share their musical talents during the service.

Joe and Linda Nydegger had a few people over to their home after the Trinity UMC Service on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day Jim and Joyce Steenhard of Ledyard, Iowa, came for dinner along with Lori Willert and Kelsie and Cole.

Happy 60th anniversary to Roger and June Erdmann on Monday, December 27!

Joining Joe and Linda Nydegger for Christmas dinner "leftovers" on Sunday were Larry Nydegger and Daniel of rural Ellendale, Minnesota, and Lori Willert and Kelsie and Cole.

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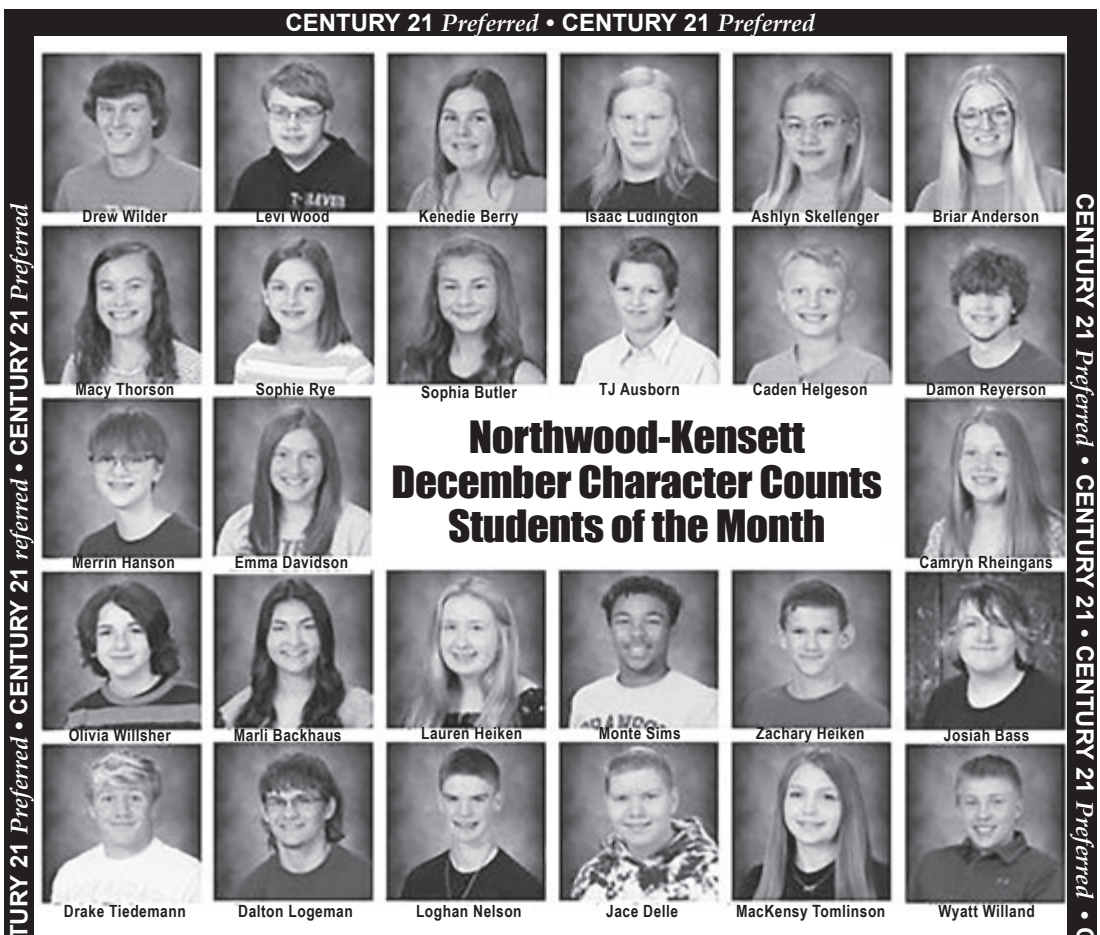
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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

How older drivers can save on auto insurance

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you provide any tips to help seniors reduce their auto insurance premiums? I just got hit with a 15 percent increase on my car insurance and am looking for ways to save.

Fixed Income Frank

Dear Frank,

Unfortunately, auto insurance rates went up significantly over the past year as the pandemic eased and more Americans got back on the roads. But there are plenty of ways to cut your premium. To find out what discounts may be available to you, contact your auto insurer and inquire about these options, and any others that may benefit you.

Low mileage discount: Most insurers offer discounts to customers who drive limited miles each year, which is usually beneficial to retirees who drive less because they don't commute to work every day. These discounts usually kick in when your annual milage drops below 7,000 or 7,500, which is significantly less than the typical 12,000 miles most Americans drive a year.

Drivers Ed discount: Many states require insurance companies to offer defensive driving discounts – between 5 and 15 percent – to drivers who take a refresher course to brush up on their safety skills. These courses, offered by AAA (aaadriver.online/register/roadwise) and AARP (aarpdriversafety.org), cost $20 to $30 and can be taken online.

Monitored driving discount: Many insurance providers offer discounts based on how and when you use your car. To get this, the insurer would provide a small monitoring device that you would place in your car to track things like your acceleration, braking habits, driving speeds, phone use and when you drive. Drivers are rewarded between 10 and 50 percent for safe driving and for not driving late at night.

In addition, many insurance providers also offer discounts to drivers who do not have any violations or accidents for three or more years.

Membership discounts: Organizations that you belong to can also lower your insurance premium. Insurers offer discounts through professional associations, workers' unions, large employers or membership organizations such as AAA, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, AARP, etc. You could even qualify for savings based on the college you attended or the fraternity or sorority you belonged to decades ago.

Bundle policies: If your auto policy is issued by a different company from the one insuring your life or home, call each insurer and ask if bundling the policies would be cheaper.

Improve your credit: You may be able to lower your car insurance premium by paying your bills on time and reducing the amount of debt you carry. Insurers look at how their customers manage credit to get an idea of risk and to price policies. Better rates are given to those with good credit scores, typically 700 or above.

Increase your deductible: While it's not right for everyone, paying a higher deductible could save you big on premiums. For example, raising your deductible from $200 to $500 could reduce the cost of your collision and comprehensive coverage by 15 to 30 percent. Going to a $1,000 deductible could save you 40 percent or more.

Consider your car model: If you're shopping for a new vehicle, call for an insurance quote before you decide what to buy. Some vehicles are safer and cost less to repair than others. Insurance companies collect data about each make and model and use it to determine how much to charge customers.

Comparison shop: To find out if your current premium is competitive with what other insurers charge, or to help you look for a different provider you should comparison shop. Online brokerages such as CarInsurance.com, TheZebra.com and QuoteWizard.com let you plug in basic details – such as your age and your car's make, model and year – to compare rates from insurance companies.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I'm going to see the doctor.

Which doctor?

No, the regular kind.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I rang the bells for the Salvation Army and greeted people by telling them how happy I was to see them and hoped they'd find happy surprises in their days. I thanked those who donated and I thanked those who did not. In January, "Cold enough for you?" replaces "hello" as a greeting. I answered my landline for a week in January that way. No one said anything about me being stranger than normal.

I sat at a table with friends. As we ate breakfast, I noticed I had an elbow on the table, one man wore a hat and another looked at his cellphone. I wondered what my mother would have said. "No elbows on the table." "Take off that hat!" "What in the world is that thing you're looking at?"

A school custodian is a normal person only cooler

I was in a high school gym, picking up the detritus in the bleachers after a basketball game. I put the popcorn boxes, programs, etc. into the trash or recycling. I visited for a minute with the school's custodian doing the same thing. Custodians were superheroes during my school years. They knew how to do everything. The custodian told me he hadn't been at the job long and I asked if he'd found anything surprising about the position. He replied quickly that a bigger toilet paper is used more quickly than a smaller roll near it. I remember being in a busy restroom during a college event. A man knocked on all the stall doors, hoping to find a vacancy. When he knocked on one door, a voice behind it said, "Come in."

Happy New Year

I hope you become even more outstanding and can spend more time with the real people in your real world. I wish you 365 days of dazzling good things.

Rodney Dangerfield classics

I tell ya, I get no respect from anyone. I bought a cemetery plot. The guy said, "There goes the neighborhood."

I told my mother, "I'm gonna run away from home." She said, "On your mark..."

When I was a kid, I got no respect. When I went on the roller coaster, my old man told me to stand up straight.

I get no respect at all. When I was a kid, I lost my parents at the beach. I asked a lifeguard to help me find them. He said, "I don't know kid, there are so many places they could hide."

Nature notes

I did a Christmas Bird Count with Terry Dorsey of Austin. We talked about many things. Terry told me of his love of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. He asked if I knew how to prevent the peanut butter from sticking to the roof of my mouth. I didn't. He divulged the secret—eat the sandwich upside down. That might prove helpful one day—or not.

I put peanuts in the shell into a feeder for the jays. I imagined them saying, "Found a peanut, found a peanut, found a peanut just now. Just now I found a peanut, found a peanut just now." A happy blue jay is a blue jay weighing a peanut just as a bowler does when searching for the perfect heft to a bowling ball filled with strikes. A jay flew to the feeder, selected a peanut in the shell and flew to a tree. It flew back to the feeder with the peanut still in its bill. It dropped the goober onto the feeder and took another peanut more to its liking. The bird returned the food. I suppose the best-if-used-by date of the peanut had expired.

My morning started with a shower. I hoped to clear the cobwebs from my mind. The invigorating stream of water hadn't been hitting me for long before I noticed I wasn't alone in the shower. What does a spider think when it finds a man in its shower? I don't know, but I know what I did. I said, "Good morning, spider, I hope you'll have a pleasant day." Why do spiders have eight legs and insects only six? Because if spiders had only six legs, they'd be insects. There probably isn't any definitive reason spiders have eight legs and insects six. Scorpions, harvestmen, ticks and all arachnids have four pairs of legs.

Meeting adjourned

"Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you're already in heaven now." -Jack Kerouac.

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Fit to print...

9 New Year's traditions from around the world

From the World Strides website, www.worldstrides.com:

Whether you're ringing in New Year's Eve from some exciting foreign country or at home with family and friends, you probably have a New Year's tradition or two. Common traditions throughout the United States include singing "Auld Lang Syne" to greet the New Year, and eating black-eyed peas for good luck.

Around the world, cultures welcome the change of the calendar with unique New Year's traditions of their own. Here are some of our favorite New Year's traditions around the world (we're especially fans of Colombia's!).

Spain

In Spain, it is customary to eat 12 grapes – one at each stroke of the clock at midnight on New Year's Eve. Each grape represents good luck for one month of the coming year. In bigger cities like Madrid and Barcelona, people gather in main squares to eat their grapes together and pass around bottles of cava.

Colombia

In hopes of a travel-filled new year, residents of Colombia carry empty suitcases around the block. That's one New Year's tradition we can get behind!

Denmark

Residents of Denmark greet the New Year by throwing old plates and glasses against the doors of family and friends to banish bad spirits. They also stand on chairs and jump off of them together at midnight to "leap" into January in hopes of good luck.

Finland

In Finland, people predict the coming year by casting molten tin into a container of water, then interpreting the shape the metal takes after hardening. A heart or ring means a wedding, while a ship predicts travel and a pig declares there will be plenty of food.

Panama

To drive off evil spirits for a fresh New Year's start, it is tradition to burn effigies (muñecos) of well-known people such as television characters and political figures in Panama. The effigies are meant to represent the old year.

Scotland

During Scotland's New Year's Eve celebration of Hogmanay, "first-footing" is practiced across the country. The first person who crosses a threshold of a home in the New Year should carry a gift for luck. Scots also hold bonfire ceremonies where people parade while swinging giant fireballs on poles, supposedly symbols of the sun, to purify the coming year.

Philippines

You'll find round shapes all over the Philippines on New Year's Eve as representatives of coins to symbolize prosperity in the coming year. Many families display piles of fruit on their dining tables and some eat exactly 12 round fruits (grapes being the most common) at midnight. Many also wear polka dots for luck.

Brazil

In Brazil, as well as other Central and South America countries like Ecuador, Bolivia, and Venezuela, it is thought to be lucky to wear special underwear on New Year's Eve. The most popular colors are red, thought to bring love in the New Year, and yellow, thought to bring money.

Greece

An onion is traditionally hung on the front door of homes on New Year's Even in Greece as a symbol of rebirth in the New Year. On New Year's Day, parents wake their children by tapping them on the head with the onion.

Notable events that took place 100 years ago in January 1922

The dawn of a new year is often seen as a great time to look ahead, but looking back can be equally valuable and insightful. Looking back also can be a fun way to see how the world has changed. Those interested in what life might have been like 100 years ago can take note of these events which occurred in the first month of 1922.

• The Rose Bowl, which remains one of college football's most celebrated events, ends in a 0-0 tie on January 2. The Washington & Jefferson Patriots and California Golden Bears are each considered unofficial champions of the 1921 college football campaign.

• The royal family of Nilambur, a major municipality in the Indian state of Kerala, donates Guruvayur Keshavan, a 10.5-foot-tall elephant, to the Guruvayur temple on January 4. The elephant would serve at the temple until its death in December 1976.

• Workers begin constructing the Delaware River Bridge on January 6. The bridge, now known as the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, links the cities of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey. Talks to construct such a bridge had begun more than 100 years earlier.

• Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-old Canadian, becomes the first person to receive an insulin injection to treat type 1 diabetes on January 11. Thompson would receive an injection of refined insulin less than two weeks later after an allergic reaction to the initial injection. Thompson lived 13 more years before succumbing to his disease prior to his 27th birthday.

• Adolf Hitler receives a three-month prison sentence on January 13 for interrupting a meeting at a beer hall where his political rival, Otto Ballerstedt, was scheduled to speak. Twelve years later, Ballerstedt is killed during the Night of the Long Knives, a series of extrajudicial executions orchestrated by the Nazi party.

• Irish revolutionary Michael Collins is appointed Chairman of the provisional government of the Irish Free State with the passing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 on January 14.

• Betty White is born in Oak Park, Illinois on January 17. White would become a beloved and iconic actress.

• On January 26, the United States House of Representatives votes to approve the Anti-Lynching Bill, which would have made lynching a federal crime. The U.S. Senate never votes on the bill.

• A scandal breaks out in college football on January 27 when nine University of Illinois players are disqualified for accepting $200 apiece to play in a semi-professional game. Three University of Notre Dame players are implicated as well.

• Heavy snowfall causes the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington, D.C. to collapse on January 28. Nearly 100 people die when the roof falls in on people in the balcony, which then collapses onto the individuals seated below.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

December 28, 1921

Northwood was a busy place last Thursday evening when one of the largest night crowds ever in the city was here to attend the free entertainments offered by the Index in connection with the closing day of the contest that had been running for seven weeks by W.A. Stickly, proprietor of the Index, free. There was wrestling, three picture shows and a free dance for everyone.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Agnes Torgerson, Ford Sedan; Viola Butler, piano; $100 in cash, Mrs. Henry Larson; Haviland China set, Alice Gullickson; and wrist watch, Lillan Urdahl.

Hon. Gilbert N. Haugen arrived last week to spend the holiday season with his daughter, Mrs. J.O.E. Johnson and family, and other relatives and friends in Northwood. Mr. Haugen has found the sessions rather busy ones and this is his first trip home for some time.

Mr. Palmer Land and Miss Mabel Hagen were married at the Norwegian Lutheran parsonage at 2 o'clock on December 21. The Rev. Ylvisaker officiated. The young people were accompanied by Mrs. Ora Hard of Des Monies, sister of the groom, and Leonard Hagen, brother of the bride.

On Monday the new firm of Tenold and Lundberg took possession of the Wilder barber shop, formerly the Richmond shop, which they recently purchased. Both boys have been in business here before and as they are good barbers will no doubt make an excellent business team.

Charles Brebner, 83-year-old Civil War veteran, passed away early this morning at the family residence on Fifth Street South. The deceased has been very prominent for years in connection with G.A.R. activities in this city. Two years ago he was commander of the Bennett post of the G.A.R. in this city. He enlisted in the first Wisconsin cavalry during the Civil War.

75 years ago

December 26, 1946

County Clerk Ole O. Bakken reports that 529 marriage licenses have been issued in his office so far this year, compared with 266 licenses issued during the entire year of 1945. With six days of the year remaining, the 1946 total will more than double the 1945 total.

E.G. Mellem has sold his two elevators and the grain and feed business in Kensett, as well as his home in town to R.H. McCullum of Britt, who will take possession the first of the year.

The Vikings retained their undefeated status in the present basketball schedule by a decisive 60 to 35 win at Buffalo Center last Thursday evening for their fifth straight conference victory with no defeats. Originally scheduled for Friday evening, the game was advanced one day as a convenience to teachers in both schools.

The illness of Harry Reeder Jr., who has been at Broadlawns general hospital in Des Moines since Dec. 14, has been diagnosed as polio by doctors there, it was stated this morning by the boy's father. Robert Reeder, an old brother of Harry, who was taken to the hospital by ambulance at the same time, is making a steady recovery from what is diagnosed as flu meningitis.

Worth County residents received $4,682.60 in relief payment from December, according to the report of the department of social welfare released recently. The main amount was disbursed to 135 persons who received $4,045.50 in old age assistance. Of the balance $530 was for aid to 38 dependent children and $107.10 for aid to two blind persons.

Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Neale, north 10th Street, Northwood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ardis, who will become the bride of Dale Schiltz of Kensett, in a ceremony to be performed next Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Northwood.

50 years ago

December 30, 1971

Billows of dense smoke poured from the burning building as firemen worked to control a fire that destroyed a large hog house on the Arnold Johnson farm on Sunday. The second floor of the building was nearly filled with baled straw, which hampered fire-fighting operations.

Two people were injured and two cars totally damaged and a third slightly damaged in an accident on Central Avenue on Thursday, Dec. 23, about 9:30 p.m. Jim Berg, 19, driver of an east-bound car, struck a car driven by Peggy Lee, 16, as she backed from a parking spot in front of the Northwood Bakery. The lee car was swung around in turn striking a parked car owned by Bernie Helvick. Miss Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lee, is hospitalized in Mercy Hospital with back injuries. A passenger in the Berg car, Jay Bjorgo, was treated for head lacerations. Berg was not injured. The Northwood Fire Company was called to rinse spilled gasoline.

The church building, now an annex to First Lutheran Church, was originally built by the Northwood Presbyterians in 1872. The members of Trinity congregation purchased the building in 1894, and in 1912 it sold to the German Lutherans. It is the oldest church building in Northwood.

Mrs. Gilma Hendrickson, Northwood, announces the engagement of her daughter, Marcella Murrien, to Ronald Olson, St. Paul. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Olson, St. Paul. Miss Hendrickson is a graduate of Waldorf College and is employed by the American Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Mr. Olson is graduate of the University of Minnesota and is employed by Univac. An April wedding is planned.

25 years ago

December 25, 1996

Little Dana Aswegan seems a little perplexed as she contemplates her response to St. Nick's traditional mid-December interrogation. The four-year-old daughter of Bruce and Joann Aswegan of Northwood met up with the jolly old elf during his visit to Children's Garden pre-school last Thursday afternoon. Maybe she was sorting out her wish list to see if she'd forgotten anything. Maybe she was wondering, "Where have I seen this guy before?"

Northwood volunteer firemen had to contend with sub-zero temperatures and icy ground as they worked to put out the fire at the Everett Loverink residence in Deer Creek Township last Wednesday morning and afternoon.

Members of the Northwood-Kensett first grade capped a class writing project by dropping the finished products off at Santa's mailbox in Central Park last week.

NC-NK 140 pounder Kyle Edwards got leverage on Nora Springs-Rock Falls' Jared Whitehill for a takedown in the consolation finals at the Viking Invitational here on Saturday. Edwards went on to take a 4-2 decision.

This year I want for Christmas I want a baby Kelly in the shopping cart can you get my mom a tv in her room. Can you get my dad a fishing pole? Can you get me a ken and jewel hair mermaid. Deanna Schutz

Dear Santa, I will be looking for Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. I hope you will bring me a bike. From, Jordan Kenison

The Osage Green Devils outran the Northwood-Kensett Vikings here 68-59 last Tuesday. Osage's nine-point win in the Viking gym put the Green Devils atop the North Iowa Conference boys standings at 2-0 and dropped the Vikings to 1-2 in NIC play and 4-2 overall.

10 years ago

December 28, 2011

Bryck Myan Abrams was the first baby of 2011, born on January 6. He is the son of Valerie and Matt Abrams. A number of Northwood merchants await the chance to welcome the first baby of 2012 with a variety of gifts for the baby's family, as they did this year for the Abrams.

As Christmas approached a tree at the home of Dale and Karen Arhart proved to be a true beacon of the holiday season, with its lights clearly visible from several blocks away.

Last week students in the Northwood-Kensett fifth and sixth grade choir shared the holiday spirit with a number of performances. That started with a concert for their elementary classmates. It continued, when the choir traveled to the Lutheran Retirement Home. They shared a number of holiday tunes with the appreciative residents. The musical tour continued later when the students performed at Southbridge Mall in Mason City.

Jeremy Rogstad and his team at the State Farm Insurance agency in Northwood held a Christmas open house on December 16. To add a little flavor to the otherwise delicious Norwegian Christmas cookies, lefse, coffee and hot apple cider, the agency asked guests to bring a toy to donate to the Toys for Tots campaign in North Iowa. Stacy and Jeremy Rogstad, Derick Chapin and Kayla Eilertson.

Advanced Component Technologies of Northwood celebrated Christmas 2011 with their associates on Thursday, December 22. Signatures of Northwood catered a pork loin and Swedish meatball dinner for all associates. Jerry Derner, General Manager, thanked all associated for their efforts in 2011 and wished everyone a happy and joyous holiday season. A meat bundle of beef, pork, chicken and fish was distributed to all associates as a holiday associate appreciation gift.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Zorka Stricker

Zorka Irene Stricker, 89, of Northwood passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021,, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, Iowa.

In keeping with Irene's wishes, cremation will take place and no services will be held at this time. If friends would like to give a memorial, please direct them to the First Lutheran Church, 309 Ninth St. N., Northwood, IA 50459, MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, or the Lutheran Retirement Home in Irene's name.

The daughter of Karl and Nellie (Christoff) Kirchoff, Irene was born on February 26, 1932 in Mason City, Iowa. On February 8, 1948, she was united in marriage to Ronald J. Stricker. Irene worked along with her husband farming in the Mason City area, then Northwood, when they moved there in 1956.

Irene had a large garden, laying hens, and raised fresh broilers, delivering to her customers for



ZORKA STRICKER

years. She enjoyed bowling on Wednesday Night Ladies League Bowling. She also participated in area tournaments. Her and Ron enjoyed fishing mostly in Canada and Red Wing, Minnesota. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Northwood.

Irene lived at the Retirement Home for 3 1/2 years where she was provided great care and a loving environment. She said to her family more than once, "They are good to me here."

Her survivors are her children, Nick (Barb) Stricker, Sherrie Floy, Carolyn (Steve) Chodur, Ronnie (Vicki) Stricker and Katie (Tim) Barber; grandchildren, Joe (Sarah), Chris (Kathy), Jacob, Julie (Matt), Jon (Lisa), Nellie (Keith), Samantha (Brad), Josie, Nathan (Beth) and Terra (Dave); great-grandchildren, Jarrett, Jordan, Caysen, Ruby, Zack, Blake, Cody, Deagan, Skylar, Kia, Brynlee, Buckley, Kyle, Marcus, Maddie, Keagan, Mason and Merrick; sister, Marie Clagett; brother, Jordan (Mary) Kirchoff; sister-in-law, MaryAnn Stricker; as well as many nieces and nephews; plus special friends and care givers.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Ron; parents; grandparents, Pete and Mary Christoff; in-laws, Dave and Catherine Stricker, Dave (Marie), Ralph (Jerry), Ben (Mary) and Harold Stricker, Thelma (Jess) Purviance, Leah (Stanley) Hage; son-in-law, Jeff Floy; and nephews, Cary Jack and his wife, Viola, and Kent Stricker.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009296
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE A. HECK, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Charlene A. Heck, Deceased, who died on or about the December 8, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on December 15, 2021, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated December 20, 2021.

Johnathan J. Heck
100 15th Street North
Northwood, IA 50459
Administrator of the
Estate of Charlene A. Heck

Douglas A. Krull
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Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Administrator
Date of second publication
5th day of January, 2021.
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009298
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OWEN JOHN SOLOMONSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Owen John Solomonson, Deceased, who died on or about the November 8, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on December 17, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Owen John Solomonson, deceased, bearing date of May 6, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Carmen Diane Crockett was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 17, 2021.

Carmen Diane Crockett
2309 Lyndale Avenue South
#403
Minneapolis, MN 55405
Executor of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIA#: 000008531
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714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor
Date of second publication
5th day of January, 2021.
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Supervisors

December 20, 2021
Fifty-first Day

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

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Stone, Smeby and Loberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the December 20, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the December 13, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve claims in the amount of $67,618.90, as per the following schedule:

911 Custom Supplies-Shf 3,663.00
Alliant Energy Service-Shf 207.35
Amazon Capital Services Supplies-Dap & Trs 333.98
Aramark, Service-Eng 182.37
Bmc Aggregates Llc Rock-Eng 1,779.50
Brian Lund, Reimb-Gsr 31.45
Central Lock & Key Inc Service-Phd 46.00
Centurylink, Service-Gsr 65.35
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio Service-Shf 7,189.79
Culligan Of Mason City Service-Gsr 79.50
Dick's Place Body & Tow Service-Shf 275.00
Fallgatter's Market Inc Supplies-Vaf 50.00
Faribault County Sheriff's Office Service-Juj 118.30
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals Supplies-Eng 1,292.68
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc. Service-Dap 8,540.00
Hovey's Lawn & Garden Service-Con 1,610.00
Ia Emergency Management Assoc Dues-Ema 150.00
Ip Pathways Service-Dap 758.00
Jessica Reyerson Reimb-Phd 50.00
John Deere Financial Supplies 522.05
Kiesler Police Supply Supplies-Shf 1,571.64
Kim Coates Service-San 274.00
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc Service-Shf 39.29
Manly Junction Signal Service-Sup 661.40
Marco Technologies Llc Service-Dap & Asr 504.15
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health, Service-Eng 123.00
Midwest Technology Services Service-Dap 170.00
Myron Corp, Supplies-Vaf 214.49
Nelson Family Trust Rent-Shf 300.00
Niacog, Service-Tra 282.93
Northwood Anchor Inc Service-Sup 1,107.20
Pinnacle Quality Insight Service-Phd 154.50
Pitney Bowes Global Service-Dap 402.99
State Hygienic Laboratory Service-San 376.00
State Medical Examiners Office Service-Mex 2,049.23
Teresa Johnson Mileage-Phd 257.00
Tyler Business Forms Supplies-Aud 368.43
Vanguard Appraisals Inc Service-Asr 26,289.90
Visa, Service-Con 585.04
Visu-Sewer Inc Service-Wwt 1,240.00
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc Service-Sdp 2,200.00
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn Service-Sdp 83.15
Worth County Engineer Fuel-Ema 175.76
Worth County Sheriff Service-Juj 77.20
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng 267.28
Grand Total 67,618.90

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the salary change for Makayla Oppman at $17.65/hour as submitted by the sheriff.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to set December 27, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. for a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance describing precinct boundaries.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:26 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, December 27, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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Anchor Sports

N-K wrestlers beat Belmond-Klemme, pick up seventh win of the season

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett wrestling team picked up one more win before the holiday break, crushing Belmond-Klemme 63-12 last Tuesday night at the West Hancock quad.

Josiah Kliment, Tyler Mills, Mason Thofson and Michael Janssen all won by fall to help secure the seventh win of the Vikings. Michael Davis picked up a 4-1 decision and Drake Tiedemann, Terry Ausborn, Jessika Ausborn, Aden Bice and Hayden Moore all won by forfeit.

In the Vikings' other two duals they ran into a bit more competition with a 45-21 loss to the Eagles and a competitive 51-27 loss to the Bulldogs of Lake Mills. Tiedemann and Mills were the only N-K wrestlers to pick up wins in all three duals.

With the win over the Broncos, N-K runs its season record to a very respectable 6-13 and will be back in action on Saturday, January 8, when they compete at the GTRA tournament.

N-K Season and (Career) Records – Drake Tiedemann 22-0 (129-22), Kylie Robinson 2-0 (2-0), Tyler Mills 20-2 (76-31), Josiah Kliment 19-3 (109-43), Mason Thofson 9-2 (31-26), Treycen Rollene 4-1 (70-32), Dalton Logemann 4-2 (43-40), Michael Davis 13-8 (13-8), Terry Ausborn 8-5 (8-5), Jessika Ausborn 11-7 (11-7), Aden Bice 13-12 (13-12), Marisa Halbach 1-1 (1-1), Michael Janssen 3-4 (14-45), Hayden Moore 9-13 (36-53), Thomas Rodmeyer 2-4 (2-4), Noah Woltzen 2-5 (2-5), Aaron Davis 1-3 (1-5), Chaz Cummins 5-16 (5-16), Christopher Madsen 2-9 (3-10), Hadley Buenzow 0-4 (0-4)



Senior center Jason Hanson drains a jumper in last Tuesday's 10-point win over TIC East rival Central Springs. Hanson scored 20 points on 6-11 shooting from the field and is now averaging a team high 16.0 points per game.



N-K's Carter Anderson brings the ball up the floor against the Panthers pressure last Tuesday in Northwood. Anderson, who started the season coming off the bench, has earned a spot in the starting lineup with his improved play. The talented freshman recorded the first double-double of his career with 10 points and 11 rebounds in the Vikings' 79-69 win over Central Springs.

Vikings outlast Central Springs in 79-69 thriller for first win of the year

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team played its best game of the season to close out 2021, winning its first game of the year after outlasting Central Springs in one of the most thrilling games to be played at N-K in years, eventually beating the Panthers 79-69 in Top of Iowa Conference East action last Tuesday night.

For the team's freshmen, it was a win they'll remember as the first varsity win of their young careers.

"It was good to finally have that feeling of winning a game," said freshman Colby Eskildsen. "It got pretty intense at times and we got a little sloppy at the end, but a win's a win, we'll take it."

After starting the game on a nearly three-minute scoring drought the Vikings were able to recover from a 7-0 deficit in the first quarter of play to take a narrow 12-11 lead, ending the first eight minutes of play in front 15-14.

But despite the Vikings pulling away at times and leading in the first half by as much as seven points at 27-20, that first quarter of play was a preview of what was to come as the outcome hung in the balance as the time ticked away. N-K took that seven-point advantage with it into the locker room at the break.

After shooting miserably from 3-point range up to this point, rarely hitting more than 20 percent of their shots from behind the line so far this season, the Vikings' shots started to fall in the second half of play, taking a 10-point lead at 46-36 after Copper Julseth and Eskildsen drained consecutive treys.

With what looked like a game in the bag with the Vikings leading by 19 points, 70-51 with just 4:45 remaining in regulation, the Panthers went on a furious scoring spree, cutting the deficit to single digits as the time slowly ticked off the clock.

With confusion and technical fouls reigning down the stretch, N-K's Jason Hanson went to line with just 14 seconds remaining, shooting four free throws, two for a foul and two for the Panthers second technical in the closing moments of the game.

Hanson drained 2-4 at the line to put the Vikings back up 10 points with just seconds remaining, securing the 10-point conference win, the first of the season for N-K.

"The kids quite honestly made me nervous as hell down the stretch," said Vikings head coach Marty Cotter after the surreal finish. "But that's kind of part of where we're at right now as a team, as good as we are at times, this team needed to learn how to win, hopefully this gets us going after the holidays."

Eskildsen, Julseth and Hanson accounted for 60 of the Vikings' points, scoring 20 points each. The talented trio also combined for 10 assists and 22 rebounds. Fellow freshman Carter Anderson, whose play just recently earned him a spot in the starting lineup posted the first double-double of his young career with 10 points and a team high 11 rebounds, including eight on the defensive glass.

With the first win of the season the Vikings are now 1-5 overall and 1-4 in the TIC East.

They have three games the first week back from the Holiday break, Monday versus Riceville, Tuesday versus Saint Ansgar and Friday at Osage.

N-K 79, CS 69

CS	14	17	12	26 – 69
NK	15	23	16	25 – 79

TIC East Standings

TIC East	Overall	
Newman Catholic	5-0	7-0
Osage	5-1	6-2
West Fork	3-2	3-3
Central Springs	3-3	4-4
North Butler	2-3	4-4
Rockford	2-3	4-4
Nashua-Plainfield	2-4	4-4
Northwood-Kensett	1-4	1-5
Saint Ansgar	1-4	1-6

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Junior point guard Lamonte Sims drives to the hoop in last Tuesday night's 79-69 win over the Panthers. Sims had seven points and five rebounds in the Vikings' first win of the season.

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