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Briefs



N-K Variety Show, POPS on the way

Northwood-Kensett students will share their talents with upcoming concerts.

The first of those is this Monday, February 28, with the Junior High Variety Show, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the N-K Elementary gym.

The show will include performances from the junior choir, with songs like "Corner of the Sky," "At the Hop" and "Daydream Believer."

The sixth grade band will perform "Over the Rainbow" and "Ding, Dong! The Witch is Dead." The junior high band will perform "Raiders March" (the Indiana Jones theme), "No one is Alone" (from "Into the Woods") and Mercy, Mercy, Mercy.

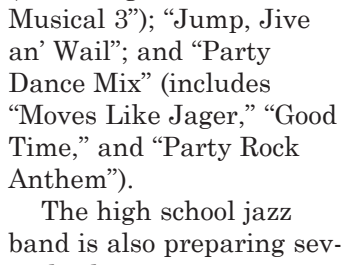
On Friday, March 4, students will share their talents during the POPS LIV, with a theme of "Just Dance!"

The toe-tapping tunes will include the high school band sharing "Dancing in the Street"; "Your Mama Don't Dance"; "Can I Have This Dance" (from "High School Musical 3"); "Jump, Jive an' Wail"; and "Party Dance Mix" (includes "Moves Like Jager," "Good Time," and "Party Rock Anthem").

The high school jazz band is also preparing several selections.

The high school choir will perform "Charleston," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "Born to Hand Jive" and "Dance Evolution medley" ("Hound Dog," "The Twist," "Keep On," "Greased Lightning," "Thriller," "Oompa Loompa," "Mr. Roboto," "Walk Like an Egyptian," "Ice, Ice, Baby," "Can't Touch This," "Cotton Eye Joe," "Bye Bye Bye" and "Hey Ya!").

POPS LIV will also include several solo performances and skits throughout.



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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Feb. 15	36	12	
Wed. Feb. 16	38	18	
Thurs. Feb. 17	17	3	
Fri. Feb. 18	40	5	
Sat. Feb. 19	24	2	
Sun. Feb. 20	50	24	
Mon. Feb. 21	33	30	



N-K machine makers pictured include (in front, from left) Kale and Ariah Bode, Teagan Johnson, Emma Davidson, Kinley Stambaugh, (middle row) Kenny Conlin, Christopher Madsen, Madalynn Hanson, Chloe Costello, Weston Willand, (back row) Jon Meksi, Hailee Schmitt, Josiah Kliment, Aaron Davis and Eli Mix.

Students craft complicated contraptions at competition

Students at Northwood-Kensett once again competed to make the most complicated machines as a part of the annual Rube Goldberg Engineering Machine Design Contest, which was held at St. Ansgar schools on February 14.

The contest challenges teams of students to use science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills to construct overly complex machines to solve simple tasks.

The contest is named for Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Rube Goldberg, who often depicted unnecessarily complex machines in the more

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N-K Math Club team captains Teagan Johnson (left) and Emma Davidson accepted the "Wonderfully Wacky" award at the recent Rube Goldberg contest.

Supervisors discuss impact of legislation, emergency levies

At a recent meeting of the Worth County board of supervisors, county officials shared some legislation being considered that would impact county operations and services. The supervisors also discussed the process of establishing a tax that would fund emergency services.

Supervisor AJ Stone began by outlining the first step the supervisors will need to take to put an EMS (emergency medical services) tax on the general election ballot in November.

The first step is for the supervisors to officially declare EMS as an essential service of the county.

The County would then establish a committee, likely made up of those representing the EMS agencies of the county, including fire departments and county representatives.

That committee would be responsible for determining what needs would be served with an EMS levy, and how much would be needed to meet those needs.

The supervisors planned to make the official declaration of EMS as an essential service and begin the process to put an EMS tax before the voters in November.

In the past, an EMS levy has been discussed as a potential way to fund an ambulance and crew located in Worth County.

Over the course of the February 14 meeting, several county officials weighed in on legislative activity that could impact their offices.

Conservation director Jim Hanson shared that there has been some discussion of a bill that would fund the voter-approved measure to support conservation, natural resources and outdoor recreation. Iowans approved their support for establishing a fund towards that end in 2009, but so far the Iowa legislature has not followed through.

Hanson said that while a bill has been discussed again this year, it is once again seeing some opposition.

Hanson also talked about

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Bode hits the ground running as 4-H coordinator

By JoAnn Lower

When Kimberly Bode took over as Worth County's new 4-H Youth Coordinator in December 2021, she hit the ground running.

She recently took the largest delegation – 18 4-H'ers and 5 adults – to the 4-H Extension Legislative Day at the State Capitol. After meeting with Senator Waylon Brown and Representative Jane Bloomingdale, they attended three workshops at the Des Moines Botanical Garden.

The weekend of February 19 Bode accompanied the 4-H'ers on an Intermediate 4-H Record Book Awards Trip to Iowa State University. Their day included an exciting women's basketball game between Iowa State and Oklahoma, a dinner outing, and a walk around the college.

In the middle of March, Kimberly's husband Mike and two oldest children will go on the 4-H Washington, D.C., trip.

Bode is preparing classes in communications that will begin in the spring. The end of March she will feature "4-H Sharing the Fun Day," with the top three acts performing in Des Moines in August.

Mike and Kimberly's kids are active in 4-H. "They started out in Clover Kids and in fourth grade joined

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Construction makes progress at N-K

For the past several months, Northwood-Kensett's secondary campus has been a construction site as the Vikings Activity Center has come closer and closer to completion. More recently, renovations have been underway on a building acquired initially to serve as a new place to house and maintain the district's vehicles.

Construction began in April 2021 on the Vikings Activity Center. The facility will provide additional gym and other student athlete resources. It will also serve as a public gym, with exercise equipment, spaces and an elevated track available with memberships, details of which have yet to be announced.

The facility also offers a meeting space and an office that will be rented to a physical therapist, who will offer services to the district and to the public.

The VAC's first floor will include two basketball courts, which can be converted for use for a number of other sports and activities, along with a new wrestling room. Other spaces on the first floor include a meeting space, PT office, locker rooms and wrestling room.

The second floor, accessible by stairs or elevator, includes the elevated track, with weight and fitness equipment along the track.

Most of the base structure is in place, while interior elements like walls, floors and other structural features, duct work and electrical work are left to complete.

The project is expected to be largely complete in May. It is currently projected to be open to be used by the public in June.



Progress continues on the Vikings Activity Center. The main gym area is pictured, along with the walking track and space for fitness or weight equipment on the second level.

The more recent project is the renovation of the former TS Express building.

The district had been pursuing plans to build a new transportation facility adjacent to the district high school property when bids for the project came in too high to proceed.

While district officials were working to refine the project to make it affordable, the former TS Express

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Parking enforcement hits stumbling block for City

The Northwood city council was updated on the success and challenges encountered as parking ordinances have been more strongly enforced.

At their previous meeting, the council had discussed a desire to have the city's parking rules more stringently enforced.

At the February 14 meeting, Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank, whose office contracts for law enforcement in the city, said that the deputies assigned to city duties had been focusing on parking violations more intently since the January 24 meeting. Fank said that after that meeting, there had been 10 parking citations, 43 warnings and one arrest.

Fank said that the additional attention paid to parking was making a difference and that parking issues were down.

However, the enforcement efforts had hit a stumbling block at the court level, with a clerical issue with the State limiting the intent of the citations.

City officials had discussed ways to be able to cite and enforce the parking rules. Instead of taking the tickets to district court, parking violations will need to be paid at City Hall.

Fank also said that the City could form an official agreement with the Worth County Treasurer's office so that anyone renewing a license would have to pay outstanding parking fines first.

The council shared their support for making fines payable at city hall, and pursuing an agreement with the treasurer's office in the future, if needed.

Fank said that the new parking enforcement focus has been effective, but that there are still parking issues that they are working on.

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proposed legislation that would prevent people from selling their property to agencies, including county conservation departments, at fair market value, with a cap set below that.

He said that it would essentially remove local control from the process at the county level.

County IT director Joel Rohne talked about a bill that would allow counties to consider technology needs as essential infrastructure, which would in turn allow for more funding options for those needs.

Rohne also mentioned legislation that would prevent government entities from paying for ransomware, which refers to when computer hackers lock people, businesses or governments out of their computer systems. Rohne said that local IT officials thought money should be directed toward preventing that from happening, but that in some cases that paying the ransom would be the only way to retrieve essential data.

The supervisors also revisited a discussion of legislation that would impact the County's economic development resources.

Legislation has been considered that would significantly cut wind turbine property tax revenue that counties can borrow against to support economic development projects.

Currently, the County can borrow against all incoming tax revenue. In the case of school district taxes, the state then covers the taxes that the County keeps. It has been proposed that the counties would no longer be able to use the school taxes, which would go directly to the schools.

That could reduce funds available to counties by as much as 60%.

It has also been discussed at the legislature that the change apply without regard for governments that already have debt in place based on receiving the full taxes for many more years.

Worth County would have a limited impact in that case, with most of the funds borrowed against turbines currently to be repaid in the next few years.

However, it would reduce funds that the supervisors have discussed for road, courthouse and economic development at the Manly Terminal area.

Alliant plans tree trimming for local customers

Recently local customers of Alliant Energy received phone alerts that the company intends to trim trees in the area.

Alliant crews and contracted workers trim trees on a four to five year schedule.

According to the company's website, trees are trimmed along primary service lines to maintain safety and reliability of electric service. Primary service lines are those that go from pole to pole, and don't include the lines that connect to homes and other buildings.

Trees are trimmed to prevent issues with limbs too close to lines, especially during severe weather. According to Alliant, trees are a common cause of severe interruptions and extended outages.

Trees can also present a danger when limbs grow too close to lines and people climb or trim trees that have come in contact with electrical lines.

The trimming process is done through what is called "directional pruning." The methods are meant to protect the health of trees while meeting minimum safety clearance.

The trimming is meant to train trees to grow away from the power lines to avoid the need for future trimming.

Alliant can trim trees on private property for safety purposes under franchise and easement agreements in place in the communities they serve.

Trees will be trimmed, but not removed without permission from a property owner. If a tree is diseased, dying, damaged or deformed, Alliant will suggest it be removed. If a tree in this situation would impact certain types of power lines, the company will remove it at a customer's request.

Except in emergency situations, Alliant will pick up the debris left in the process of trimming. Wood chips may be available by contacting crews when they are working in a customer's neighborhood.

More information on Alliant's tree trimming program is available online at www.alliantenergy.com/communitysupportandsafety/safety/treetrimming.

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than 50,000 cartoons he illustrated in his lifetime.

"Power the World" was the theme for the recent Rube Goldberg Engineering Machine Design Contest held in St. Ansgar.

Two teams of students represented N-K at the event.

The N-K Math Club, which includes members in grades 7-12, won one of the "People's Choice" awards for being "Wonderfully Wacky" and designing a machine that had humorous and entertaining appeal.

All team members wore their "Cowculator" T-shirts and cow cowboy hats and club president Emma was in a cow costume. The futuristic theme was that "COWS could POWER THE WORLD!"

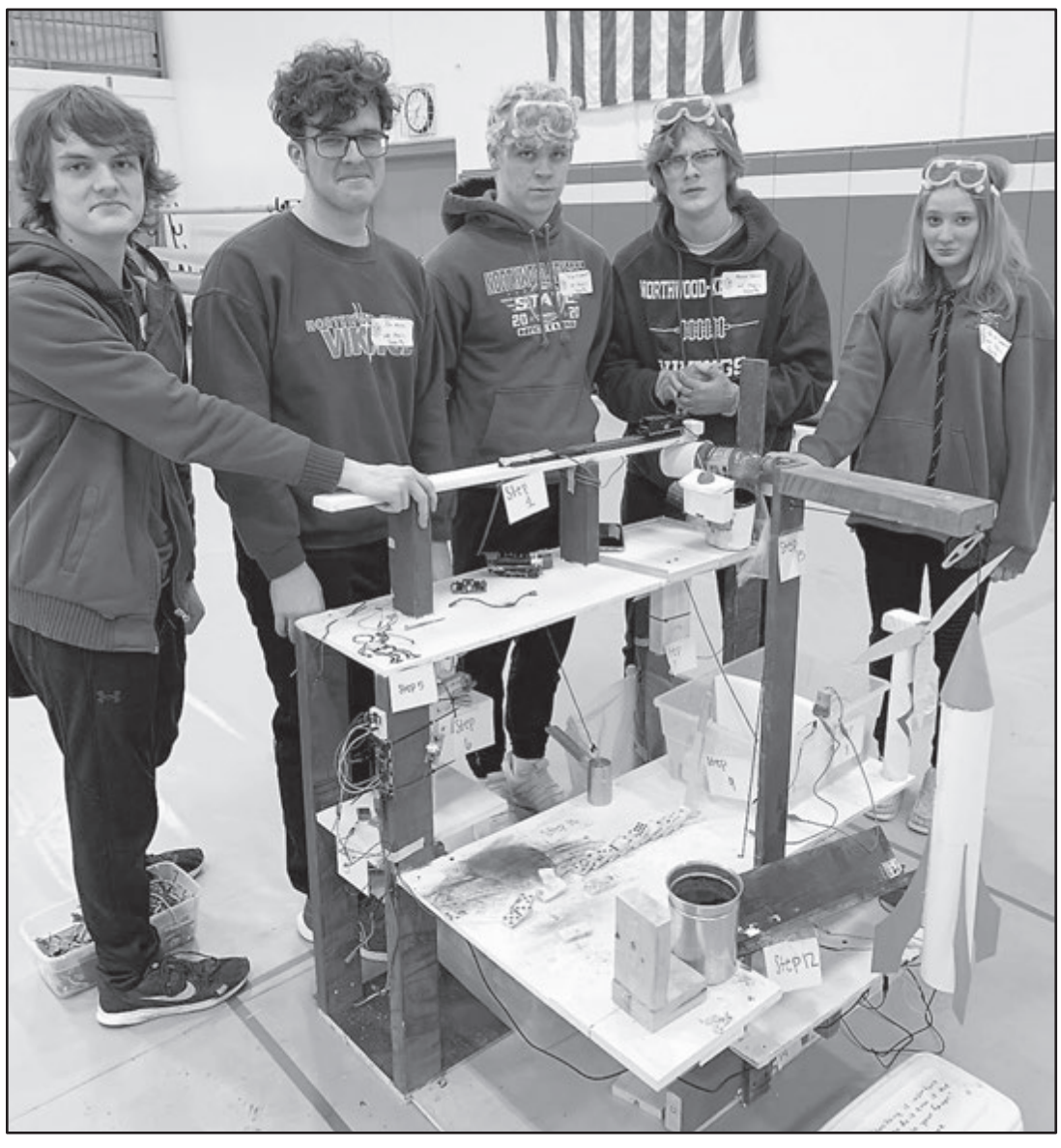
The seniors of the N-K Physics Class made it to the finals with their History of Energy theme, from Ben Franklin to Elon Musk.

Their advanced STEM components included a chemical reaction, electrical, fluid and mechanical action steps.

Unfortunately, their battery source weakened and an alternative power source did not work out. It ended with "a bang" as connections were damaged by a flame caused by excessive voltage.

There were 13 teams in all. First place went to Sumner-Fredricksburg, second place to St. Ansgar and third to West Hancock.

"A lot of time, teamwork, and energy went into building these 20-step contraptions; and, a good time was had by all!" advisor Lori Willert said of the students' efforts.



Their ingenuity brought them to the finals as the N-K Physics Class shared a History of Energy in their machine. Unfortunately the class shared their sadness in the picture, after the machine's alternate voltage was a bit too high, and a brief flame of fire toasted the connections. The team included (from left) Eli Mix, Jon Meksi, Josiah Kliment, Aaron Davis and Hailee Schmitt.



The N-K Math Club presented a machine that demonstrated the power potential of cows. Pictured are (from left) Madalynn Hanson, Emma Davidson, Chloe Costello, Ariah and Kale Bode, Kinley Stambaugh, Weston Willand, Teagan Johnson, Kenny Conlin, Mrs. Willert and Christopher Madsen.

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property became available.

The district purchased the building in December 2021.

The former freight company facility met the needs of the district, with enough indoor space to house the district's buses and other vehicles, along with office space for the transportation director and a meeting space for drivers to start their day and log in and out of their shifts.

The building's office spaces were found to be an option for a need that wasn't yet on the radar of the district, new district administrative offices. That portion of the building is being renovated for the offices of the district superintendent, business manager and human resources director. It will also be the new regular meeting location for the N-K school board.

With the structure in place the new transportation facility and administrative offices needed a few operational and aesthetic improvements.

The main bay will fit the district's buses, with a heated indoor space to wash and maintain the vehicles year round. It has been painted white and awaits a few other structural elements and equipment. Another portion of the the building will need some insulation and finishing touches to house the district's smaller vehicles.

The offices for the transportation and administrative staff needed some more minor improvements, such as carpeting and wall elements like paint and trimming.

The facility was expected to be ready to be the new location of the district's buses as early as this week. Other vehicles will move as those spaces are finished.

The administrative offices are expected to be ready in time to move furniture and furnishings over spring break and to be in use by April.

Besides providing the facilities for their intended uses, room will be opened in the current wrestling and weight rooms, offering the district the opportunity to move the sixth grade to the secondary campus and make a change to a grades 6-8 middle school.

That and the vacant administrative offices will provide a solution to a lack of space at the elementary.



Superintendent Mike Crozier is pictured in the front hallway of the VAC.



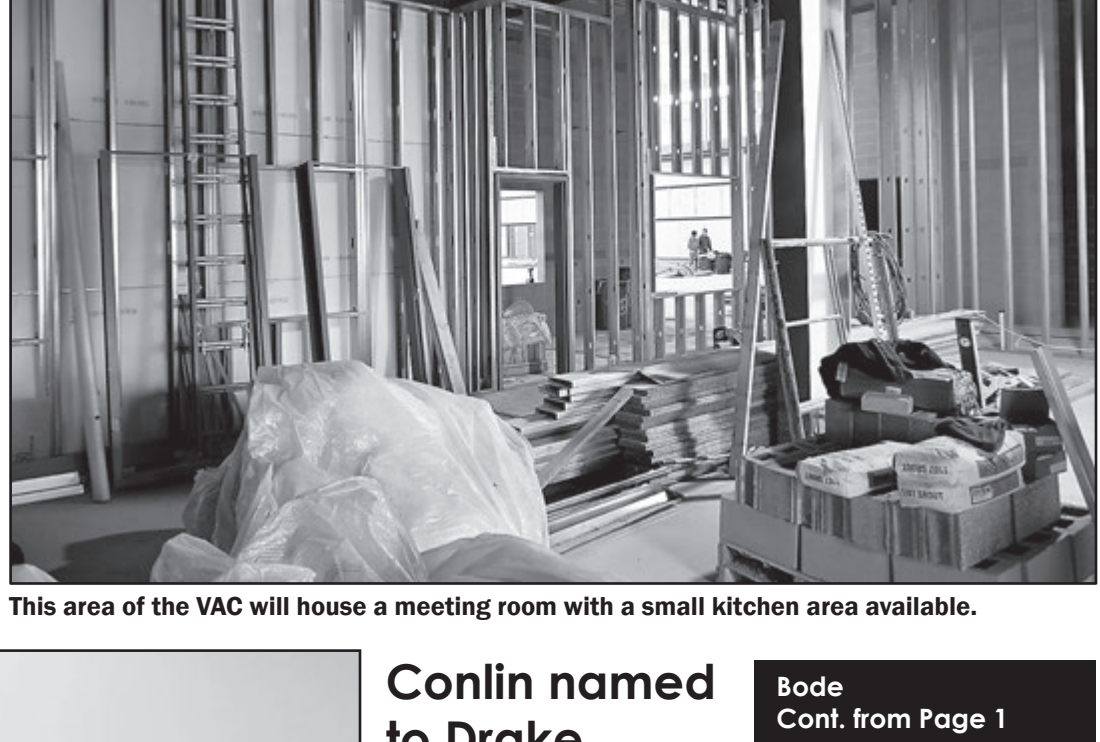
The interior of the new transportation center was expected to be complete and ready to house school buses as soon as this week.



Pictured is the shared space for board and other meetings and new offices at the new transportation/administration building.



Pictured is what whill be the new wrestling room at the activity center.



This area of the VAC will house a meeting room with a small kitchen area available.



TruStile donates to Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever

TruStile Doors in Northwood recently made a contribution to Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever. Pictured above making the donation are (from left) Robert Wingler - Production Manager, Andy Grunhovd - EHS Manager, Pam Lampman - HR Mgr, Sawyer Schulz representing Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever, Justin Mayer - HRBP and Kyle Bry - Engineering Manager.

Conlin named to Drake University's President's list

Ruth Conlin of Northwood has been named to the President's List at Drake University.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2021 semester at Drake.

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the Hartland Achievers. They have shown beef, goats and rabbits and have received top achievement awards in photography and on several items they've created."

The Bodes moved to Northwood in August 2017. Mike is the Worth County Weed Commissioner. The couple has three children: 13-year-old twins Ariah and Kale, and 4-year-old Cohen. Also part of the Bode family is dog Zoe, a hamster and two rabbits.

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Honor roll additions

Last week's Northwood Anchor recognized the students that had earned a place on the junior-senior high school honor roll. Several students' names were not included on the list sent to the Anchor.

N-K and the Anchor want to make sure they are recognized for their achievements.

Following are the students earning their place on the honor roll whose names did not appear last week:

A Honor Roll
7 Ariah Bode
7 Olivia Willsher

AB Honor Roll
7 Jade Fierova
7 Olivia Gentz
7 Asher Mosher
7 Brooklyn Orth
7 Brody Pace
7 Dean Perry
7 Carson Tufte

B Honor Roll
7 Makia Gutierrez
7 Lauren Heiken
7 Josh Krauth**
7 Chloe Leonard
7 Tyce Skellenger

Congratulations to these and all other N-K students who were on the first semester honor roll at N-K Junior-Senior High School.

The N-K honor roll is brought to you by: FEDERALFOAM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.





Northwood Public Library

By Morgan Johnson
Library Director

The library is thinking ahead to summer! We are beginning to plan our summer reading program and preparing to "Read beyond the beaten path!" If you would like to help fund our summer fun please reach out to us at 324-1340 or email us at morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us. We have already received some very generous donations from A&I Auto, Injectech Diesel Service, Agri-Sales & Building Supply, Bloomingdale Tax & Accounting, Butler Construction, Kelly Hardware, NSB Bank, Jean Stowell, and Worth Mutual/Olson Insurance. Stay tuned for future newsletters to learn what fun is headed our way this summer!

Friday morning story hours have resumed! Join us at 10 a.m. on February 25, March 4 and 25. We will also offer a craft day during spring break on Tuesday, March 15. Stop in from 1-5 p.m. for crafts and activities! Then return on March 24 for an Easter themed evening story time starting at 5:30 p.m.

Our book clubs have built up a steady attendance since we started in the fall. A reminder that the senior center's book club "Bookworms" meet on the first Monday of the month at 2 p.m. The library's book club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Please call or e-mail the library if you want to join or have any questions!

A reminder that we still offer curbside to anyone who wishes to use the service. Just call, e-mail, or Facebook message us your item requests and set up a time for pickup.

New items at the library in February:

Adult Fiction: "Her hidden genius" by Marie Benedict, "The last house on the street" by Diane Chamberlain, "A stranger's game" by Colleen Coble, "One step too far" by Lisa Gardner, "Quicksilver" by Dean Koontz, "Lightning in a mirror" by Jayne Ann Krentz, "The good son" by Jacquelyn Mitchard, "The maid" by Nita Prose, and "End of days" by Brad Taylor.

Large Print: "The hope chest" by Carolyn Brown, "Chain of command" by Marc Cameron, "The moonshiner's daughter" by Donna Everhart, "Faithless in death" by J.D. Robb, "The words we whisper" by Mary Ellen Taylor, and "The Lincoln highway" by Amor Towles.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have via e-mail morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us or via phone 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

Northwood-Kensett Speech team competes at State contest

The Northwood-Kensett Speech team traveled to Decorah High School in Decorah, Iowa, on Saturday, February 5, for the State Large Group Speech Contest.

Two groups from N-K performed. An improvisation group including Emma Davidson (senior), Teagan Johnson (junior), and Madalynn Hanson (sophomore) earned two "II" ratings and one "I" rating for an overall Division II rating. They performed based on the situation "judging at the state fair."

A short film group including Andrew Breitsprecher (senior), Aaron Davis (senior), Jason Hanson (senior) and Damon Reyerson (sophomore) presented an original short film titled "Treasure Hunt." Though their film was well-received, they were unfortunately disqualified on a technicality as the N-K school logo was visible on a clothing item within the video.

The speech season continues with individual performances. District Individual Speech Contest will occur on Saturday, February 26, at Forest City High School.

The team is coached by Beth Butler.





Northwood-Kensett students perform at UNI festival

The University of Northern Iowa's Northern Festival of Bands was held in Cedar Falls February 10-12, and included over 320 students from Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois.

Northwood-Kensett had three students selected to participate: sophomore Kenny Conlin (1st trombone) in the Concert Band and seniors Thomas Block (1st trombone) and Isabella Hoch (1st flute) in the Symphony Band.

The Concert Band was directed by Tom Bankert from Wakefield, Massachusetts, and the Symphony Band was directed by Erin Holmes from Farmington, Minnesota.

A third, very select ensemble was directed by Francisco Javier Gutierrez from Seville, Spain.

The festival concluded with a concert in the Great Hall of Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on UNI's campus.

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Legislators take part in first 2022 local public forum



On Saturday, February 12, local state legislators had their first public forum of the current session. Winn-Worth Betco invited State Senator Waylon Brown and Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale to the Joice Community Center for the forum.

The forum began with a summary of activity shared by each.

Bloomingdale talked about progress on a bill that would expand and promote the availability of E15 fuel. She said that smaller gas stations would not be required to convert, but grants may be available to make that happen. She also mentioned the initial proposals for increased school funding, increased at 2.5% in the state, in the House, along with additional funds for district staffing and transportation equity.

Brown said that the Senate's version of E15 legislation remained in committee. Senate discussion of school funding was at 2.25%, with additional funding for designation school needs.

Brown also talked about a bill that would extend pandemic rules that allowed para educators to serve as substitutes.

Brown mentioned ongoing bottle bill discussion that would make distributors contribute more to establish redemption centers and eliminate the requirement for grocers.

Brown also mentioned work to lower corporate taxes while also addressing loopholes.

The legislators opened the floor to questions.

First was from Northwood-Kensett school board member John Anderson, who asked the stances on the developing program that would allow vouchers for parents who wanted their children to attend something other than public schools. State funds would follow the student to their new school, impacting money for public schools.

Both legislators have shared their opposition to vouchers at discussions with school boards in the past and reaffirmed that opposition.

Supervisor Mark Smeby shared issues with the ability to save mental health reserves and juvenile retention reimbursement rates.

Smeby also asked about state rules that prevent sharing of the county assessor position.

Bloomingdale said that a bill has been considered that would open that and other positions for more sharing. She also noted potential changes to the compensation board process, in which appointed county residents recommend raises of elected officials, which is also passed down to their deputies. The changes would allow supervisors to alter those recommendations as they see fit. Currently they are limited by approving no more than recommended and adjusting all salary increases at the same rate.

Smeby asked if regional court services were a consideration, as the County looks at a new courthouse, including significant space for state court facilities.

Bloomingdale said that it has been looked at, but that the cost of transportation to regional court spaces alone would likely offset any shared cost savings.

Brown discussed working to get information on funds that may be available for rail loops and also potential aid as the County works to support development at the Manly Terminal area.

A conversation about carbon pipelines, which capture and transport carbon to be absorbed into the ground offsite, led to a discussion of eminent domain, which may be necessary to complete the projects.

Brown said that the considerations are the number of other involved landowners and the determination of public good. With the pipelines being a primary benefit to bio-fuel companies seeking to increase "green scores" and get access to some state markets, the public good is more difficult to show, Brown said.

That is a process that is primarily between the pipeline developers and private landowners and would come to the Iowa Utility Board for eminent domain and not likely the legislature, Brown added.

Central Springs school board member Jean Schilling shared that a look at recent school funding increases shows CS would need similar increases in the future or face budget deficits. That would cause issues with increased costs and the district is already having trouble staffing for more than core education needs.

Another issue Schilling shared is the differing rates at which districts receive funds for dropout prevent programs and staff expenses. They were frozen with disparities between districts.

Both legislators supported bills that would set a maximum rate that all districts could reach, if they choose.

Schilling also shared an issue that prevents retiring teachers from returning to fill substitute and other roles any sooner than four months later without jeopardizing retirement benefits.

Brown said that federal regulations make that impossible.

The forum ended with a comment from a resident that supported state efforts to support broadband internet expansion. She said that older Iowans like herself have been able to access online programs, classes and other benefits while staying safe in the pandemic thanks to the high-speed internet at their home.

Ragan won't seek re-election to represent new Senate district

A state senator who would be eligible to represent Worth County has announced that she does not plan to seek re-election.

Following the recent determination of new Iowa legislative districts, the new State Senate District 30 would include all of Cerro Gordo, Worth and Mitchell counties, along with a portion of Floyd County.

Two sitting state senators, Waylon Brown, of Osage, and Amanda Ragan, from Mason City, would reside in the district and would be up for election to represent it.

Ragan recently announced that she does not plan to seek re-election to represent the new district.

Following is a statement recently released by Ragan:

"I am announcing today that I will not seek re-election to the Iowa State Senate.

"I want to thank the people of North Iowa for giving me the opportunity to represent them in the Iowa Senate. With their support, I have worked in a bi-partisan manner with Republicans and Democrats to make Iowa a great place to live, work and raise a family.

"One of the joys of my service in the Senate was working to help my constituents. There are times when the forest of government bureaucracy can be quite dense. I was always grateful when I could help people find the correct answers or contacts. I consider that the heart of my work."

"My hope is for even greater legislation to be enacted based on the foundation we have set over the last two decades. There are many wonderful things about our beautiful state. My goal has always been to make Iowa better and better.

"For the past 20 years, I have had the honor of representing the people of North Iowa in the Senate. I am proud of our bipartisan work on legislative initiatives that have improved the lives of Iowans, including:

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• Raising the state's minimum wage to give more than 250,000 Iowans a better chance to help themselves and their families.

• Helping make Iowa a leader in the creation of jobs that can't be outsourced to other countries and in the production of renewable energy.

• Giving Iowa children a chance for a better tomorrow by expanding access to quality child care and early childhood programs, and boosting funding to our K-12 public schools.

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4-H'ers meet with legislators during Legislative Insider Event

Iowa teenagers had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with their state legislators recently. That's one of the reasons 73 4-H youth from across the state, including a contingent from Worth County, participated in the Iowa Legislative Insider at the Iowa State Capitol.

The Iowa Extension Council Association offered the event in partnership with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development program. Ten county extension council members and 35 extension staff, family and other adults participated to support the teens.

Representing Worth County at the event were 4-H'ers Marli Backhaus, Evelyn Berding, Ariah Bode, Kale Bode, Sophia Butler, Madison Edwards, Iver Girouard, Silas Girouard, Merrin Hanson, Cecelia Hill, Logan Kauffman, Chloe Kruger, Kendal Kruger, Kelsi Liddle, Lexis McHenry, Skie Miller, Adylyn Petersen and Weston Willand; along with five accompanying adults, Mike and Kimberly Bode, Jim Hanson, Curt Schaub and Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson.







Iowa Legislative Insider is an annual opportunity for youth to learn about one of the core program areas of 4-H — leadership and civic engagement, focusing specifically on global citizenship and the legislative process. Youth participants were able to connect with their county extension council members, who served as mentors during the event, as well as meet members of the Iowa House of Representatives and Senate to discuss issues affecting youth.

Issues that teens took to legislators were wide ranging, including mental health issues around the number of guidance counselors in high schools, tuition tax credit for home school families, climate change, funding of law enforcement to have social workers on duty, medical privacy and freedom bill, eminent domain, school budgets and the definition of "public purpose" for expenditures, shortage of teachers, medical insurance, and affordable housing.

After speaking with legislators in the morning, youth participated in three workshops during the afternoon, at the Des Moines Botanical Gardens, on topics of Youth in Action, Civil Discourse and Youth-Adult Partnerships. Worth County 4-H'er Marli Backhaus was one of the presenters for the Youth-Adult Partnership program.

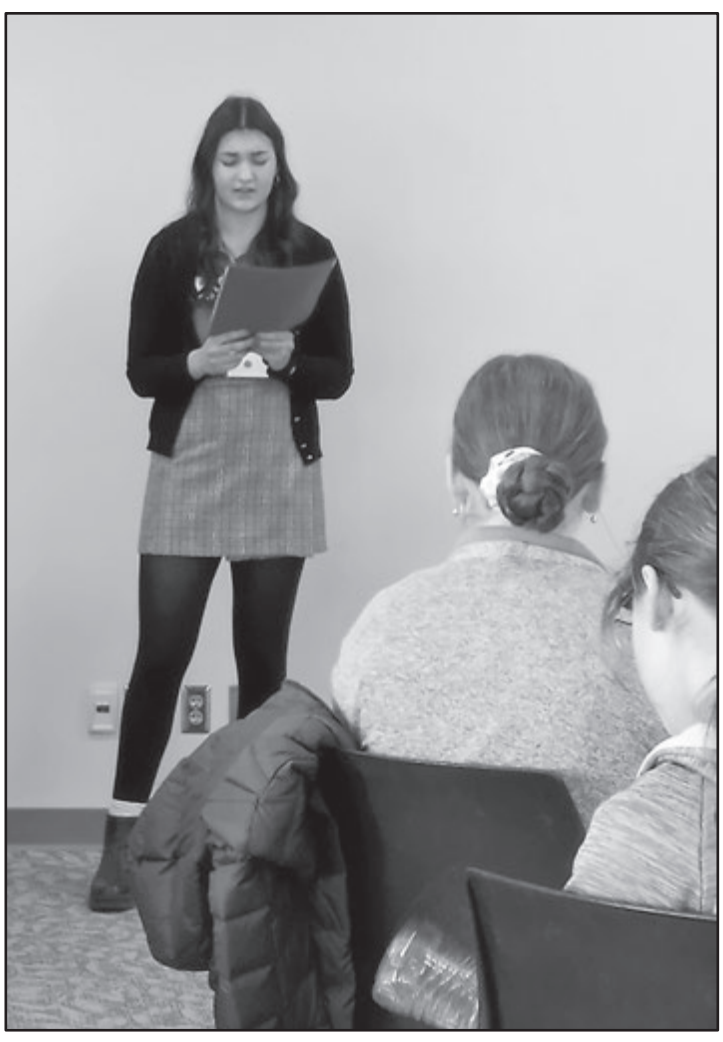
Youth learned about opportunities to engage in local and state government as well as participate in global citizenship learning experiences through 4-H to take back and share with their 4-H clubs and communities.

"Guidance, policy and law at every level of government begins with an idea someone has and begins to speak about to others," said Gail Castillo, 4-H youth program specialist and workshop presenter. "It's important for teens to meet their elected officials and share their ideas and concerns. It's important to know there are others who care about the same issues. Events like this are critical for skill building in communication, confidence and connectedness with others."

Iowa Legislative Insider gave Iowa's county extension council members, extension professionals and 4-H youth the opportunity to share the public value Cooperative Extension brings to every county in Iowa.

"It is always exciting to engage youth in their government," said Debbie Nistler, state 4-H program leader. "These are Iowa's future leaders and what better way to prepare them to lead. It was also a wonderful way to showcase our Iowa 4-H program."





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Survey finds farmers feel their communities are headed in the right direction

Although COVID-19 has had major impacts on all of Iowa's communities, the state's farmers give high marks to the vitality of their communities. Since the early 1990s, periodically the Farm Poll has asked farmers questions about community vitality.

"Farmer ratings of key indicators of community vibrancy were the highest since the survey first asked the questions in 1994," said J. Arbuckle, the project director, professor and extension sociologist at Iowa State University. "In 2021, the highest-rated statement was 'this community would be a good place for future generations to raise their families,' with 88% of respondents selecting either agree or strongly agree, and majorities agreed that they 'can't think of any other community' where they would rather live, and 62% agreed that the future of their community 'looks bright.'"

The 2021 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll summary report was published in December, and is available online at the ISU Extension Store.

Another question set, which was also used in 2001, listed a number of community well-being indicators and asked farmers to rate them on a scale from poor to excellent. In 2021, the highest-rated item was "overall quality of life," with 94% of farmers giving it a good or excellent rating. More than 90% gave the same rating to "a place to raise children" and "friendliness of the people." The lowest-rated characteristics were cultural activities and shopping facilities, at 54% and 44% good or excellent, respectively. Only shopping facilities was rated as poor by more than 10% of respondents.

"Our comparison to responses in 2001 showed that ratings of community well-being were higher for pretty much all of the indicators," said Arbuckle. "The only substantial drop was for shopping facilities, which declined from 52% good or excellent to 44% good or excellent."

The COVID-19 pandemic has of course impacted everyone, and from a public health perspective, it is important to understand how the pandemic has impacted different social groups. The Iowa State University Small Towns Project has undertaken a major survey effort to examine COVID-19's health, economic and emotional impacts across 73 small towns in Iowa. The Farm Poll adapted one nine-item question set from that survey to examine COVID-19's impacts on farmers in terms of relationships, mental health, financial stability and community. Results showed a varied picture of impacts, with most farmers reporting no change, some respondents reporting being worse off, and others being better off for each item.

A balance of farmers reported being worse off on five of the nine items. Community vibrancy had the most negative shift, with 38% reporting being worse off compared to 4% better off. Relationships with close friends was rated worse off by 37% of farmers versus 7% better off. More farmers reported a negative impact on mental health (24%) than a positive one (5%).

On the other hand, four of the items had more positive ratings than negative. The financial health of their farm operation was rated better off by 30% of respondents, compared to 13% who reported being worse off. Personal financial situation was similarly rated, with 28% reporting being better off, versus 13% worse off.

"Comparing Farm Poll data to the results from the Small Towns Project's COVID19 survey, we see that farmers were less likely to report being worse off than were residents in any of the town size groupings," noted Arbuckle. "It seems that, at least as of early 2021, Iowa farmers had fared substantially better during the pandemic than their neighbors in small to medium-sized towns."

A final community well-being question, which was also posed in 1993 and 2001, asked farmers to indicate whether their communities "... are generally going in the right direction today, or do you feel that things have gotten off on the wrong track?" Sixty-one percent of farmers selected "right direction" while 16% selected "wrong track." This represents a major shift compared to 1993, when just 40% selected "right direction" and 36% chose "wrong track."

Known also as the "Farm Poll," the Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll survey has been conducted since 1982, and is the longest-running survey of its kind in the nation. Questionnaires were mailed in February and March 2021, and 1,095 farmers responded to the statewide survey.

Other topics covered in the 2021 Farm Poll summary include renewable energy, carbon markets, perspectives on the Iowa Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, and use of various media for information and entertainment. View the full 2021 Farm Poll and previous years' polls online.

Iowa farmers are pursuing actions in response to changing weather

Iowa is a major producer of grain, meat, dairy, eggs and other major agricultural commodities. The state's agriculture has also been increasingly impacted by climate change-related extreme weather over the last decade as droughts, extreme rains, floods, and most recently, a severe derecho have damaged crops, livestock and livelihoods.

A new study from researchers at Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, published in Frontiers in Climate, examines how farmers are responding to the increasing threats that weather extremes and related harms such as pests and disease represent.

Climate and agricultural scientists and other stakeholders are concerned that without major shifts away from degrading practices toward regenerative systems, long-term sustainability will be compromised.

"There are a lot of potential actions that farmers can take in response to changes in climate," said lead author and post-doctoral researcher Suraj Upadhaya. "Many changes can be adaptive, making agriculture more resilient. Others are maladaptive, however, in that they may be helpful in the short-term, but harmful over the long-term."

Farmers surveyed

The researchers analyzed data from the 2020 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll survey of 1,059 Iowa farmers. The survey asked farmers whether their use of a range of different kinds of adaptive (e.g., increased use of cover crops) or potentially maladaptive (e.g., increased use of pesticides) actions had changed over the previous 10 years in response to weather variability and its impacts. Nearly all farmers reported change in at least one of the practices.

The study examined changes in five major adaptive management practices. About 42% of farmers reported increases in no-till farming, and 27% reported greater use of cover crops, both annual management practices that protect the soil from extreme rains and help build soil organic matter. About 32% of farmers reported that they had increased their use of more permanent in-field erosion control practices such as terraces and grassed waterways, and 22% had increased edge-of-field practices to filter sediment and nutrients.

On the maladaptive side, the study considered three practices that may have some adaptive benefits, but which can cause negative impacts over time. Increases in installation or renovation of agricultural drainage, which were reported by 46% of farmers, can protect crop yields by quickly moving excess water out of the field. At the same time, however, drainage can lead to loss of nutrients into waterways and damage water quality downstream. Thirty-six percent of farmers reported increased use of pesticides, which can protect crops in the short-term but can lead to pesticide resistance and toxicity in the environment over time.

"Overall, Iowa farmers appear to be taking substantial steps in the right direction," said co-author J. Arbuckle, professor and extension sociologist at Iowa State University. "That said, to cope with impacts from the increases in extreme weather we're seeing, we're going to need more farmers to take adaptive action, and we need to help farmers address issues without increasing maladaptive behaviors such as pesticide use."

Predictors of change

The study also examined whether selected factors were associated with changes in adaptive and maladaptive behaviors. The most consistent predictors of increases in adaptation practices were having accessed cost-share or technical assistance from a conservation organization and having positive attitudes toward climate change adaptation in general. Both of these variables were also related to decreases in the maladaptive practice tillage. On the other hand, they were also predictors of increases in drainage, which can negatively impact water quality.

Another finding with policy implications was related to crop insurance, which nearly all Iowa corn and soybean farmers use. Results indicated that farmers who had greater confidence in the crop insurance program's capacity to protect their farm operation were significantly less likely to have increased use of cover crops and substantially more likely to have increased use of pesticides.

"The finding that crop insurance may be influencing maladaptive action is really concerning," said Upadhaya. "It's an important safety net, but we need to ensure it isn't leading to negative impacts."

The authors highlight a need for research and extension to help farmers address short-term impacts without causing long-term problems.

"There are innovative solutions, such as integrated pest management and drainage water management and nutrient removal wetlands that farmers can use to help cope with the impacts of weather extremes," noted Arbuckle. "Given that we as a global society are not taking sufficient steps to curb climate change, the need for effective adaptation and mitigation in agriculture will only increase."

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COVID numbers steady as data moves

The State's dedicated COVID-19 information website were decommissioned last week, moving data resources to the Iowa Department of Public Health's website. The data in the new location showed a consistent increase in the number of new cases in Worth County.

The most recent weekly county level data release on February 16 showed that there had been 30 new cases of COVID-19 in Worth County since February 9, bringing a new total of 1,906. The previous week had also shown an increase of 30, with 60 new cases reported in the past two weeks.

One change made with the new COVID data location is that the State will no longer share positivity rates. In a news release, IDPH said that it was no longer asking for reports of negative test results. The agency cited the number of tests being taken at home and in other ways that weren't being reported to the state, making such information "no longer as meaningful as it once was."

While the State no longer displays a positivity rate, the CDC's COVID information page show a positivity rate of 18.75% for Worth County.

Those testing numbers and rates reflect those reported to the State of Iowa and through the CDC and do not necessarily reflect those that test at home.

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

For the eight county region that includes Worth County, there have been 499 deaths. That was up 6 since February 9.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 47,423 cases of COVID-19 reported by state agencies. That is up 778 in the past week, from the total as of February 9. That includes 3,236 in Winnebago, 3,119 in Hancock, 12,231 in Cerro Gordo, 3,902 in Floyd and 2,688 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 8,764 in Freeborn and 11,577 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

According to the CDC, 3,785 residents of Worth County had been fully vaccinated, for 51.3% of the total population. That is up 12 Worth County residents since February 9.

CDC numbers show that 4,043 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 54.8% of the population. That is up 8 since February 9.

In the county, 1,331 of those 65 and over were fully vaccinated, 86.1% of that population. Of that age group, 1,395, or 90.3% have had at least one dose.

Of those 18 and over, 3,554 have been fully vaccinated, for 60.7% of that population. Of those, 3,780 have received one dose, for 64.6%.

Of the 12 and over age group, 3,721, or 58.3% have been fully vaccinated. Of those 12 and older, 3,969 or 62.2% have received at least one dose.

Of those 5 years and older in Worth County, 54.4% have been fully vaccinated and 58.1% have received at least one dose.

Of those fully vaccinated in Worth County, 2,080, or 55% have received a booster dose.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates that include 51.7% in Winnebago, 48.9% in Hancock, 62.2% in Cerro Gordo, 52.3% in Floyd, 48.3% in Mitchell, 56.6% in Freeborn and 61.1% in Mower counties.

Across the region, 57.1% of the total population has been fully vaccinated.

Information and COVID-19 resources have moved to the Iowa Department of Public Health website, online at idph.iowa.gov.

Information will also be shared at the CDC website, at covid.coc.gov/covid-data-tracker.

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

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Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

One of the first things the Iowa Senate does each session is decide on the amount of additional funds for K-12 education in Iowa. We do this early on in the session so schools can set their budgets for the next year. What is also important is ensuring we designate a sustainable, responsible amount we know we can deliver. The dollars allocated in this bill are additional funds to the billions we already spend in K-12 education every year. All education funding in Iowa takes more than half of the state budget.

The bill also provides additional funds to continue our goal of leveling the playing field for students across the state. School districts in Iowa spend varying levels on each student in Iowa depending on the district and transportation costs. The additional funds designated in this bill continue addressing these costs to make sure the money we allocated for K-12 funding can be spent in the classroom.

Since Republicans have been in control, K-12 schools in Iowa have received an additional $400 million. Education is a priority! With the passage of this legislation, Iowa will be spending $7,413 per student, not even including the local and federal dollars that are also allocated to K-12 education.

The Senate released budget targets for Fiscal Year 2023 this week. The total budget target is $8.2 billion, the same amount Governor Reynolds released in her budget last month. The new spending highlights include:

- Net Increase in Spending - $76.8 million, a 0.9% increase
- Total New Spending - $283 million, a 3.5% increase
- New funds to K-12 schools - $159 million, 57% of all new spending
- Funds transportation equity and continues to address per pupil equity
- Provides an increase of $71.2 million for mental health funding, eliminates the county property tax levy, and provides property tax relief to Iowa families

This week, thousands of Iowans from across the state travelled to Des Moines for the high school boys state wrestling tournament. I was proud to watch Osage earn a third place finish in the 2A Dual Tournament Wednesday! The Osage Green was loud and proud. Good luck to state wrestlers from the district in the individual State Wrestling Tournament this weekend. You have put in the work, now it's time to bring home the hardware!

Week 6: Funnel Week



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
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Week 6: Funnel Week

This week we completed the first funnel week at the Capitol. This is the first week of weeding out bills. Many bills passed out of committee ready for floor debate and several bills passed out of committee needing work or amendments, but with passage they can be brought to the entire caucus for discussion. Any bill that hasn't passed a committee is considered "dead" for the remainder of the session. Over the next few weeks we will debate, amend and negotiate the bills passed out and weed out the remainder of bills that are not ready or do not garner enough support to pass out of the House. Tax and budget bills are not subject to funnel the funnel week deadlines.

Tax Plan

Reducing the tax burden in our state has been a priority for Republicans in this state and this week we passed a bill to cut taxes for every Iowan. On Wednesday afternoon after a lengthy floor debate, HF2317 passed the House with bipartisan support. Our plan reduces the income tax for all Iowans in three ways:

- It gradually reduces the individual income tax rate to a flat tax of 4%
- It exempts retirement income from income taxes, providing relief to retirees after years of hard work.
- It includes a new income exemption for retired farmers, exempting qualifying cash rent from income tax.

Thanks to Republicans conservative budgeting practices, Iowa's finances remain strong, our reserves are full, and we are able to reduce taxes while continuing to fund Iowan's priorities. The state should not be taking in more money than it needs and it is time to return the overcollection to the taxpayers.

With subcommittees and committees working overtime this week, I was unable to attend several evening receptions. I did enjoy time discussing concerns with Heartland Power board members, Coop members including Viafield plant managers, Habitat for Humanity representatives and several insurance companies at the Capitol. Thank you also to Neil Shaffer, from Cresco, for taking time away from the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament to visit me at the Capitol. Congratulations to all the state wrestling participants.

As always, feel free to contact me with your concerns or questions on issues.

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Why Sports are Important



It is said that the Duke of Wellington claimed that "the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." Whether he actually said this or not, the idea was that competition on the playing field prepared one for the field of battle, and more generally, the trials of life. The founder of the modern Olympics, Pierre de Coubertin, was motivated by an effort to make his French nation stronger and more disciplined through athletic contests. He would undoubtedly be impressed by the modern-day Olympians, whose strength, speed, and discipline are unsurpassed. But, many of us have missed out on the chance to live a sporting life and have become flabby couch potatoes whose interest in watching sports has made us less fit. There are many reasons why sport is important, from our physical and mental health to the development of a healthy competitive spirit. Perhaps sport even has the capacity to become the moral equivalent of war, whereby men and women can strive with each other on the playing field instead of the field of battle. So, perhaps we should get out there and compete, even if we are only competing with ourselves. – Christopher Simon

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."
– 1 Corinthians 9: 25

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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

You may remember that I love my slow-cookers no matter what the season but when it's cold outside they are especially dear to my heart. They fill the kitchen with the fragrance of simmering meat and veggies, they don't take any watching or stirring and the result is comfort food at its best. Our good friends at Better Homes and Gardens (the source of my very first cookbook in 1959!) published "Crockery Cookbook" in 1994 (Meredith Corporation, Des Moines) The following adapted recipes are waiting for you to pull out that cooker and have at it.

Pot Roast with Herbed Gravy

1 chuck roast, about 3 pounds
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
1/4 cup catsup
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups hot cooked egg noodles

SANDY'S NOTE: crush the herbs between your fingers to release their oil and provide more flavor.

Trim most of the outside fat from the roast and, if necessary cut the meat to fit into your slow-cooker. In a large, heavy skillet, heat the oil and brown the roast on all sides. This provides a much more complex flavor that putting it directly into the cooker. Drain off any grease, then put the meat into your 3 1/2 – 4 quart cooker. In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients with 1/4 cup hot water and pour over the roast. Cover and cook on LOW for 8 – 10 hours (or High for 4-5 hours). Transfer the roast to a serving platter and skim off any fat from the gravy in the cooker. Pass the gravy with the meat to be served on the cooked egg noodles. Makes about 8 servings.

Southwestern Barbecue-Style Chicken

2 1/2 pounds chicken pieces such as skinless, boneless thighs or breasts. You can also use legs, removing the skin.
1/2 cup tomato sauce
1 teaspoon brown sugar
2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons hot pepper jelly
1/8 teaspoon cayenne
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Set aside. In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, whisking to mix well. Pour this sauce into the bottom of your 3 1/2 or 4-quart slow cooker. Place the chicken pieces on top of the sauce and cover the pot. Cook on LOW for 6-7 hours or on HIGH for 3 – 3 1/2 hours. Makes 4-6 servings. The sauce is tasty on rice. For less of a 'bite' you can omit the cayenne pepper.

Mocha-Pecan Pudding Cake

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup whole milk
2 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup mini semisweet chips

Pudding Layer

3/4 cup light brown sugar
1 1/2 cup boiling water
1/4 cup unsweetened baking cocoa
2 teaspoons instant coffee
1/4 cup coffee liqueur (optional)

In a mixing bowl, stir together the flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons of cocoa and baking powder. Add the milk, oil and vanilla stirring until there is a smooth batter. Stir in the mini chips and pecans. Grease your 3 1/2 – 4-quart slow cooker with softened butter and spread the batter evenly in the bottom of the crock. Combine the 3/4 cup brown sugar and 1/4 cup cocoa. Dissolve the instant coffee in the boiling water and stir this into the cocoa/sugar mixture. Pour this evenly over the batter in the cooker; don't stir! Cover, putting two layers of paper towels on top of the cooker (not on top of the batter) and place the lid on top. This will absorb condensation and keep it from dripping onto the cake as it bakes. Cook on HIGH for 2 - 2 1/2 hours or until a toothpick inserted deep into the center of the cake comes out clean. Let stand 30-40 minutes to cool slightly before serving. To serve, spoon the warm cake layer into dessert dishes then scoop the lower pudding layer over the cake. Top with real whipped cream or a scoop of good vanilla ice cream. Serves 6.

The slow cooker or Crock Pot® is such a versatile piece of kitchen equipment but it sometimes doesn't get the respect I feel it deserves. It labors away quietly, tenderizing and flavoring the ingredients we give it and is ready to provide a delicious dish with almost no work on the part of the cook. Since they come in a variety of sizes, it's useful for everyone from the single-person household to a large family. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Lows' work pays off with four decades of service to ag community

Following is the story of another of the businesses that appeared in the Century of Service section, that will be celebrating a milestone this year, at 40 years.

By JoAnn Lower

"Agri-Sales & Building Supply was started on a wing and a prayer," Ann Low recalls. "In 1982 Arne and I invested $10,000 in the company – money we didn't even have. Finally in 1987 it took off."

Low's goal was to provide quality grain handling equipment as well as good service to area grain producers. After several years, he became so well known for his excellent work that farmers from other states would call him. Instead, he decided to work with farmers in this area. "When Arne said he'd get it done, he'd get it done."

The couple's lives changed forever on July 26, 2011 when it was discovered that Arne had a rare autoimmune condition and needed a kidney transplant. His loving wife Ann became the donor.

"Arne was in such high demand that even when he was in the intensive care unit at the hospital, he'd get call after call from farmers."

Sadly, Arne passed away on March 29, 2014. Since then the Low family is committed to continuing his legacy. Their dedicated staff: Kenny and Kris Quam, Josh Duvall, Jacob Shafer and "amazing secretary," Barb Carman.

"As tough as the years have been with Arne's illness and everything that's happened since, we're still standing proudly after 40 years."



ANN LOW

Did you know?

By Ann Hendrickson

Valentines Day has come and gone. The day to remember someone special is your life. "Love, love, love, that's what it's all about." This was a long-ago Sunday School song and the words still hold true today. Love is ageless!

We can love many things actually. We can love God, parents, siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, friends, books, toys and pets. We are taught to even love our enemies, but that can be a little tougher to do.



Thinking back to things we loved as we were growing up, and now we are in the midst of winter, thoughts return as to all the fun and exercise received when sledding on the Flexible Flyer. Yes, a favored name of a much – wanted sled. Chores had to be done before we could even think of having fun. Christmas vacation from school was one of the first times we had more time for this much loved sport. It was always best if you could have your own sled but that was not always possible. That's where the thing called "love" came to mind—we learned to share with our siblings and friends. An old advertisement was found celebrating the "wonders" of the Flexible Flyer. The ad made the statement as to what a thrill it would be to own the same kind of sled that Commander Byrd used on his trip to the South Pole. The men in that group knew how sturdy the Flexible Flyer was. So they took six of them on the expedition as they would be used to carry supplies. These sleds were recognized by the shiny Chinese red runners and three varnished boards with the name on the center board. There was a T-bar for steering with either the hands or feet. A hole on either end of the T-bar was used for a rope strung through and used to pull the sled. As the name Flexible Flyer implies, it could really fly—especially after the hills got iced after so many trips made. These Flexible Flyers could last for generations. Do you know anyone who owns or owned a Flexible Flyer? Bet they could tell you many harrowing tales of a ride on a Flexible Flyer!

A few of the Worth County Historical Society members meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 A.M. at the main museum in Northwood. We would love to have you join us for discussions of things to come. Cupboards and appliances will soon be installed in the Stromstein upstairs kitchen. Amanda continues to catalog items donated to the museum. Many binders have been filled with obituary folders of Worth County residents. We look forward to warmer weather so we can work on our many outside projects.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

How to convince an elderly parent to stop driving

Dear Savvy Senior,

What is the best way to deal with older drivers who probably shouldn't be driving anymore? My dad, who's 86, is bound and determined to keep driving as long as he's alive.

Backseat Daughter

Dear Backseat,

For many families, talking to an elderly parent about giving up the car keys can be a very difficult and sensitive topic. While there's no one way to handle this issue, here are a few suggestions that can help you evaluate your dad's driving and ease him out from behind the wheel when the time is right.

Take a Ride

To get a clear picture of your dad's driving abilities, a good first step, if you haven't already done so, is to take a ride with him and watch for problem areas. For example: Does he have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does he react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions? Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? These, too, are red flags.

If you need some help and your dad is willing, consider hiring a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate elderly drivers and provide safety suggestions. This type of assessment typically costs between $200 and $400. To locate a professional in your area, visit AOTA.org/older-driver or ADED.net.

Transitioning and Talking

After your assessment, if you think it's still safe for your dad to drive, see if he would be willing to take an older driver refresher course.

These courses will show him how aging affects driving skills and offers tips and adjustments to help keep him safe. Taking a class may also earn your dad a discount on his auto insurance. To locate a class, contact your local AAA (AAA.com) or AARP (AARPdriversafety.org, 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around $20 to $30 and can be taken online.

If, however, your assessment shows that your dad really does need to stop driving, you need to have a talk with him, but don't get carried away. If you begin with a dramatic outburst like "Dad, you're going to kill someone!" you're likely to trigger resistance. Start by simply expressing your concern for his safety.

For more tips on how to talk to your dad about this and evaluate his driving skills, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers a variety of resources to assist you. Visit TheHartford.com/lifetime and click on "Publications" on the menu bar, then on the "We Need to Talk" guidebook.

Refuses to Quit

If your dad refuses to quit, you have several options. One possible solution is to suggest a visit to his doctor who can give him a medical evaluation, and if warranted, "prescribe" that he stops driving. Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family.

If he still refuses, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles to see if they can help. Or call in an attorney to discuss with your dad the potential financial and legal consequences of a crash or injury. If all else fails, you may just have to take away his keys.

Alternative Transportation

Once your dad stops driving, he's going to need other ways to get around, so help him create a list of names and phone numbers of family, friends and local transportation services that he can call on.

To find out what transportation services are available in your dad's area contact Rides in Sight (RidesInSight.org, 855-607-4337), and the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will direct you to his area agency on aging for assistance.

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 reading a book on how to do magic tricks. I could make this coffee pot disappear.

I'd like to see you do that.

OK, close your eyes. Abracadabra! Amscray!

It's still there.

I said, "Close your eyes."

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. February can be a bumpy road, but the interiors of automobiles warm when parked in the sunlight. That's great. We had a lot of great things when I was a boy, but we didn't know it. Pretty good was our great. It's pretty good to see the red veins of spring, especially on south-facing slopes where the red colors of shrubs brighten and become more vibrant at this time of the year. Deer find the twigs of the red-osier dogwood fine eating. The plants (also known as red-twig dogwood or redbrush) are eye-catching. The yellow/gold outer branches of weeping willows are enhanced chromatically. Both species want to be the first pickle out of the jar.

There are no clouds in real mashed potatoes

When I was a mere child, seeing a stoplight was exciting. My hometown didn't have one then. It doesn't have one now. Landmarks have disappeared with time and tornadoes. There are places that look as if they should have a tree because they once had a tree. I miss the pre-GPS days when I could say things like, "And if you get to the hardware store, you've turned the wrong way."

I used to do a TV show, occasionally from the wonderful Village Inn. Viewers asked about the sign "Real mashed potatoes" on that eatery's wall. Those real mashed potatoes, made from real potatoes instead of fake potatoes, satisfied many appetites. They were powerful good and not the least bit lumpish. I wished I was an opossum so I could sink 50 teeth in the mashed taters.

Clouds come and clouds go. We are lucky when we find something that makes us happy. The Village Inn's real mashed potatoes did that for me.

A woman used to visit me regularly. I liked her. I pretty much like everyone, but hasten to add, I haven't met everyone. She was a good woman, but she had her ways. We all have our ways. That's why we hear things like "That's just Al being Al." I was fortunate enough to have graduated with one of her daughters. I won't flatter myself into thinking the woman stopped by to see me. She visited because I let her use my copy machine. It's good for a man to know his place. I leaned in and listened when she talked about her friend she loved. I loved her friend, too. Her friend was my mother-in-law. We are lucky when we find people who make us happy.

I've learned

The best tip for driving in bad weather is don't.

If you ask a genie from a toaster for three wishes, you'll get toast.

Don't let your kids make fun of your limited digital skills. You're the one who taught them how to use silverware.

If I get up earlier, I can take a longer nap.

Nature notes

The Old Farmer's Almanac said winter's back breaks around the middle of February. I hope winter wasn't listening. The calendar hurries through everything and as a South African might say, "Ja well no fine," used to indicate reluctant acceptance.

I have window feeders that are great for birds and for folks prone to stir-craziness. They adhere to the window via suction cups. The window needs to be clean and it helps the suction if the glass is warm. Spread vegetable oil lightly on the suction cup rims to enhance adherence. I have a heated birdbath, a recycled dog food dish. Birds can use snow and ice as a source of water, but it expends precious energy to convert it into water. Heated birdbaths don't create warm water, but keep it from freezing. If you don't have a heated birdbath, you could offer fresh water in the early morning and right before dark. Those are popular times when birds want water.

A ring-necked pheasant rooster found something to crow about. Roosters crow throughout the year. I understand that. I've had many gigs canceled by Covid, but I've been fortunate to speak virtually at birding celebrations in Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Alaska, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin, South Dakota, etc. recently. Those were important because roosters need to crow.

Meeting adjourned

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else."—Charles Dickens.

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Fit to print...

Notes on zoning expansion

Letter to the Editor:

Comments on Zoning Commission Activities

Let me preface these comments by saying these are not from the Zoning Commission at-large, they are my own, but I wanted to provide as wide of a communication as possible with regard to the on-going discussions related to expanding zoning county wide.

Readers of this paper should already be aware that North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) has essentially advised the Supervisors that passage of the proposed wind ordinance county-wide should be contingent on zoning being applied county wide. The County Wide Development Plan adopted by the Supervisors in 2006, and in force since then has also stated that zoning should be applied county wide. So, what is zoning, and what does it really mean to folks?

First, zoning has nothing to do with taxes. According to Iowa law 335, county zoning is the tool used by counties to "…preserve the availability of agricultural land; to consider the protection of soil from wind and water erosion; to encourage efficient urban development patterns; to lessen congestion in the street or highway; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic, and other dangers; to protect health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to promote the conservation of energy resources; to promote reasonable access to solar energy; and to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements." In short, it is used to help manage development activities in the county in accordance with the approved county development plan.

Secondly, Iowa law and the county zoning ordinance carves out an agricultural exemption that says zoning requirements shall not apply "…to land, farm houses, farm barns, farm outbuildings, or other buildings or structures that are primarily adapted, by reason of nature and area, for use for agricultural purposes, while so used." In short, if its directly ag related than zoning requirements or restrictions (setbacks etc…) in the Zoning Ordinance do not apply, and permits don't apply. Many of you can feel free to stop reading now, zoning would have no direct effect on your farming operations.

Readers of this paper should be aware that the Zoning Commission intends to hold a public hearing on Feb 22. For those that might not have made it that night (since this is published after the meeting) I want to let you know what that meeting is/was about.

The purpose of the meeting is to let the public know, in an official forum, that based on feedback received from NIACOG and considerations from the Supervisors as recent as last night (Feb 16), the Zoning Commission has decided to explore county wide zoning, and we've come up with an initial plan for how that would be applied. There have been no final decisions yet – we want to let everyone know our thoughts and get feedback. Current thought is that we would recommend the current zoning ordinance would apply county-wide, vs just Hartland, Brookfield and Danville townships as has been the case historically. Basically, the reasons are that it's fair to treat the entire county the same, necessary to carry out the county development plan, and necessary if we want the proposed wind ordinance to apply county-wide. Our current thoughts are that we would assume all land in the nine townships that zoning would be extended to, would be zoned as Agriculture (A-1) with exception of the obvious things that are clearly not, such as operational scrap yards, gravel pits, operational commercial businesses (minus farm-based seed dealerships which fall under the Ag exemption), etc… Those obvious operations would be assigned the zone designation appropriate to them (C-1, C-2, C-R, I-L or I-H). The way we intend to identify these is to identify parcels which the Assessors office has classified as commercial for their tax purposes, then look at those parcels to see if they should be classified under a non-Ag zoning designation. That's what we want to explain on the 22nd and obtain feedback.

After we digest the feedback from the 22nd, the Commission will determine if that path is still the direction, or if we decide to make changes to it. Once, we've made those decisions, then a second public hearing will be scheduled, likely for mid to late March. In advance of that public hearing, we will have published township-level maps of the zoning assignments we believe should be made, as well as send a letter to every resident in those townships, explaining the direction and proposed assignments. That second public hearing would then be used to communicate those things in a formal setting and obtain feedback on those proposed details.

Subsequent to that second meeting, the Zoning Commission would meet to finalize our recommendations to the Supervisors, then it will be up to them to decide what direction they want to go. Nothing will change until the Supervisors have their own public hearing(s) and make their decision.

I hope this has helped educate you on this very important and emotionally-charged discussion, and I hope that you can attend the public hearings that the Zoning Commission has, and will be scheduling.

Regards,
Jeff Gorball
Rural Northwood

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

February 22, 1922

The fifth grade of the local schools, Miss Kjerland's room, gave an entertainment, which was in the form of a George Washington program. A number of mothers of the pupils attended the entertainment and highly praised the program, which reflected much credit upon Miss Kjerland, who coached them.

The annual Masonic banquet and dance was held at the Temple and in spite of the unusual conditions and failure of the electric service, which continued throughout the night, about 200 persons were in attendance. Following the dinner the ending was completed with music, cards and dancing.

Miss Emma Hengesteg returned to her work at Albert Lea after a pleasant weekend visit at the home of her parents. Miss Christine Hengesteg accompanied her for a brief visit.

Miss Grace Gabriel, Gladys Pixley and Estella Swensrud were among the Worth County school teachers who went from this part of the county to the student center held at Hanlontown.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Rohne most pleasantly entertained a company of Northwood young people at their farm home south of town. The event was a George Washington party, and the guests were served an excellent dinner by George and Martha Washington in costume, impersonated cleverly by Ole Bakken and Mr. Rohne.

Ole A. Olsen has received word that his final patent papers have been issued in Washington, and that he is fully protected in the Olsen Revolving Tooth Harrow, which is handled by the Northwood Implement Co. The Olsen Harrow is one of the best machines ever invented for the purpose of preparing rough, boggy land, and there is no reason why, with proper promotion, Northwood could not become the seat of a large sized factory turning out Olsen machines.

75 years ago

February 20, 1947

With 21 boys from Worth and Cerro Gordo counties participating in the program, the fourth annual 4-H Western Lamb Show and sale to be held in and Northwood on February 21 and 22, will be at largest in point of membership of any held in Worth County, according to Wm. H. St. Clair, county extensions director.

Thos. T. Teall was hired as Worth County engineer by the Ccounty supervisors and session. Mr. Teall succeeds Chas. Capper, who resigned last month and has accepted a similar position in Wayne County. Although Mr. Teall does not take over the county engineer's office until March 1 he has been here for the past four months doing drainage work for the county.

Richard Haagenson and Vernon Nyhus, two young men whose homes are at Leland, had a narrow escape from death when the automobile in which they were riding was struck buy a south bound Northwestern Railway passenger train on the highway crossing just northwest of Hanlontown. Haagenson suffered cuts and bruises and chest injuries. Nyhus was cut and bruised but was able to walk.

Discussion of a future building program, including the possible erection of a new elevator, the installing of a corn dryer, feed grinding and feed mixing equipment, where among the most important features of the postponed annual meeting of the Farmers Elevator Co. held on February 15, at the Odd Fellows hall in Northwood.

Starting late in 1945, the Deer Creek Valley cheese factory, operated in the building formerly used by the State Line creamery on the Minnesota side of the road, has come through in less than two years with a gratifying financial record. At the annual meeting held at the Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church Curtis Davis, secretary-treasurer, stated that the association stood high among the top dairy institutions in prices paid for milk during 1946.

50 years ago

February 24, 1972

An intersection collision southeast of Northwood on February 9 critically injured Warren Perkins and Gary Braun. Perkins, driver of the pickup, remains a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, where he underwent surgery for severe internal and back injuries. His lower spinal cord was severed, and he will be hospitalized for an extended period. Braun, who suffered a crushed arm and facial lacerations, expects to be discharged from Mason City hospital the latter part of this week. He was charged with failure to yield at an intersection by the Worth County sheriff.

The austere setting of a totalitarian state will be portrayed in the Northwood-Kensett drama production "1984" at the West Elementary auditorium. The play, based on George Orwell's morbid, frightening novel, is directed by Patrick Ellis with Jane Morris assisting. Cast members are Dana Bonker, Mark Millard, Brian Groe, Becky Schmitt, Mike Dolloff, James Iverson and Glenda Emmons.

Several thousand two-year-old northern pike were transferred to Silver Lake, in northwest Worth County, from Clear Lake on February 16. State Conservation officer Wilfred Macheak said that the oxygen content in Clear Lake is critical, but that Silver Lake is satisfactory. The fish were planted in the Worth County Conservation Board area on the south side.

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings defeated the Riceville Wildcats in the first round of sectional tournament play here Monday night, 75-44. The N-K win put the Vikings in the semifinal round of boys class A sectional competition against Rockford, Wednesday night, at Rockford. Results of that game were not available at press time.

25 years ago

February 19, 1997

Anna Schultz celebrated her 96th birthday at the Lutheran Retirement Home where she is a resident. Her son-in-law and daughter, Melvin and Ruth Krumm, furnished bars and ice cream to all who came. Family members who visited were Delles Walk, Kensett, Dorothy Rademaker and Dorthy Hanna, Manly, and Lavonne Kruger, Grafton.

The Northwood-Kensett Junior High School students participated in academic contests in Mason City. Sitting in front are teammates Greg Horning, Kristen Schipull, Calsee Robb, Ashley Dierenfeld and Jackie Lupkes, who combined to get a fourth-place finish in the area "Math Counts" competition at Mason City High School. Standing are N-KJH spelling team members James Pratt, Cassie Trenhaile and Melissa Bauer, who competed in the regional spelling bee at Northern Trails Area Education Agency.

Sara Hulshizer was recently named memorial chair for Worth County for the American Heart Association. If you have a memorial to send or would like contribution envelopes you can contact Sara Hulshizer, Northwoods State Bank, 900 Central Ave., Northwood.

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings fought hard but fell short, bowing 45-29 to the North Central Falcons in a Class 1A girls district basketball tournament opener in Manly. The Vikings led the Falcons 7-6 after the first 8 minutes of play and held a 10-8 edge with less than 6 minutes remaining in the second quarter. But Hilleri Jennings scored four field goals in the last 5 p.m. of the second period to pace the Falcons to a 2-15 halftime lead.

Five NC/N-K wrestlers will compete in the district wrestling tournament at Iowa Falls. NC/N-K freshman Cody Hickle took the 135-pounder title at Hampton with a 3-0 decision over the host team's Scott Strother. He decisioned Ackley-Geneva's Jeremy Vietor 6-3 in the semis after an opening bye.

10 years ago

February 22, 2012

For years the Worth County naturalist program has provided numerous learning opportunities for Worth County students and residents. Since January that has included a college intern that has been assisting with the program. University of Northern Iowa student Nicole Streets has been interning for Worth County naturalist Dan Block since January. Streets, originally from Mason City, will graduate later this year, but before doing so, needed to complete a 40 hour a week internship in a job that she would eventually like to have. With a goal of working as a naturalist she sought a number of options before eventually finding the internship with Worth County Conservation.

Junior point guard Garrett Olson drives to the hoop in a 55-51 district win over Saint Ansgar. Olson dished out nine assists while committing zero turnovers.

Teresa and Steve Butler of Northwood are proud parents of a new baby girl named Isabel Scarlett, born on February 4 at Mercy Medical in Mason City. She weighed nine pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins a brother, Clay, 12 years old, and Sophia, four years old.

Senior Tyler Thofson continues to shine even brighter as the season came to a close, scoring a team high 20 points in the Vikings' 55-51 district win over the Saints. In Thofson's last three games as a Viking, he scored 55 points and grabbed 19 boards, an average of 18 points and six rebounds per game.

Each year area students take part in a competition that promotes mathematics achievement. That competition is known as MATHCOUNTS. The Northwood-Kensett students represented their school at the MATHCOUNTS competition held on February 4, at NIACC. Cade Tindall, McKenzie Beenken and Allura Johnson were the participates.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Bonnie Brevig



BONNIE BREVIG

Bonnie Jean Brevig, 65, of Northwood, passed away on February 10, 2022, after a courageous battle from complications with COVID Pneumonia in Des Moines, Iowa.

Celebration of Life for Bonnie Jean Brevig will be held at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood, on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 2 p.m. with Pastor, Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 5 – 7 p.m. At a later date, inurnment of ashes of both Bonnie and Richard Brevig, will be held at the Stateline Cemetery in Northwood.

Bonnie was born on September 15, 1956, to Beverly (Severtson) Estes and Wally Anderson in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and later confirmed. She attended Northwood-Kensett schools and later received her GED.

Bonnie married her high school sweetheart, Richard Gene Brevig, on December 30, 1974, in Kensett, Iowa. They became parents of daughters, Jody Lynn (Brevig) Brandt and Lisa Ann Brevig. They were blessed with four granddaughters, Kia, Addyson, Taryn, and Edyn.

Bonnie held many different jobs throughout her lifetime, at Midway Café, Fallgatter's, Fieldstone, A.H. Hermel (Fleetguard Cafeteria), Mills Fleet Farm, McKesson and TS Express Inc. Most recently, Bonnie was retired, but kept a few cleaning jobs to keep her busy aside from her most beloved role, being a grandma.

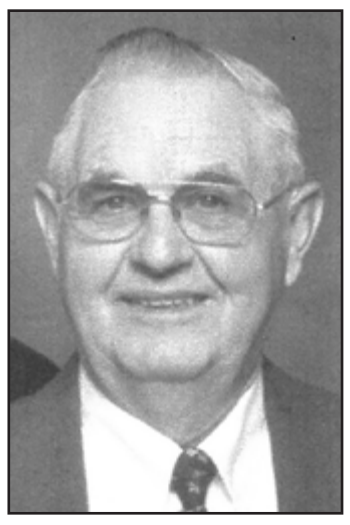
She enjoyed collecting rocks, hostas, painting, staining/refinishing projects, attending the Worth County and Clay County fairs, craft shows, listening to music, golf cart rides with her granddaughters and spending time with her dog Chloe and two cats, Tigs and Daphne. Bonnie enjoyed attending her granddaughters events: soccer, track, dance and gymnastics. You could always find Bonnie talking on her phone or she always enjoyed having conversations with others. People enjoyed her friendships, and her infectious laugh. Most importantly, loved spending time with her family, her mom, Beverly Estes, her four granddaughters, and her friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Jody (John) Brandt of West Des Moines, Iowa, and Lisa Brevig (Jon Stricker) of Kensett, Iowa; four granddaughters, Kia Stricker and Addyson, Taryn and Edyn Brandt; her mother, Beverly Estes; siblings, Marilyn (Gene) Gentz, Nancy (Dennis) Sanoski, David (Earleen) Estes and Allen Estes (Renee Rodeski); as well as many nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Brevig; fathers, Wally Anderson and Maynard Estes; sister, Darlene Tomlinson; grandmother, Ruby Severtson; grandfather, Carl Severtson; and father and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Dorothy Brevig.

Bonnie was no stranger to anyone! She'd always extend a friendly hello or stop you to chat. She was a very strong woman, very independent, hard worker, and caring. She loved her family and always spoke of them. She is loved dearly and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

LaVerne Gabriel



LAVERNE GABRIEL

LaVerne Earl Gabriel, 85, of Brownsdale, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna, Minnesota.

He was born on February 26, 1936, in Freeborn County, Minnesota, to Oscar and Gretchen (Hillman) Gabriel. He was delivered at home by midwife, Anna (Cerny) Prihoda. LaVerne was baptized on April 19, 1936, into the Lutheran faith in London Township. He later attended Sunday School at Trondhjem Lutheran Church. LaVerne attended school in Freeborn County District 75 until the age of eight. His family moved to the Brownsdale, Minnesota, area where he attended District 37 Tanner school through eighth grade by either walking or riding his pony. He was confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brownsdale. LaVerne attended Austin High School.

On November 30, 1958, LaVerne was united in marriage to Mavys Jean Johnson, of Rose Creek, at the First Congregational Church UCC in Austin, Minnesota. The couple made their home on the family farm in Brownsdale and their union was blessed with two daughters, Renee and Michelle "Shelley."

LaVerne was a lifelong farmer starting in his early years doing custom hay and straw baling for his neighbors. He also worked in the pea vineries, did construction work for Ralph Grant, and trucked gravel for Art Goetsch. LaVerne milked Holstein cows, and raised swine, sheep and 50 head of white-faced Herford cows. He also served on several boards, including Red Rock Township, Freeborn Mower Oil Coop and AMPI Dairy. LaVerne was an usher at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brownsdale and helped count the weekly finances.

LaVerne and Mavys enjoyed many years of traveling and would winter in Weslaco, Texas. When time allowed the couple would spend time at their home on Blackduck Lake, Minnesota. They also enjoyed trips to Hawaii, California and Florida. Especially memorable was an Alaskan cruise and many fishing trips to Lake of the Woods with family and friends. LaVerne liked playing cards with his neighbors and friends; in his younger years he could be found roller skating at Mark and Vesta Staples' roller rink in Brownsdale.

In later years, due to health concerns, LaVerne rented out his farmland. This allowed the couple to travel to the Rio Grande Valley area for two and a half months each winter where he and Mavys enjoyed making new friends. LaVerne always loved attending his grandchildren's hockey, baseball, swimming and dance events. Wherever he went he always enjoyed visiting with new and old friends. Most of all he loved being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Mavys Gabriel of Brownsdale, Minn.; daughters, Renee Swanson of Willmar, Minn., and Michelle (Peter) Gerlesberger of Rochester, Minn.; five grandchildren, Tim (Melissa) Gerlesberger, Ben (Shelby) Gerlesberger, Tyler (Jennifer) Everson, Gayle (Michael) Olson, and Brett (Kendra Spindler) Swanson; six great-grandchildren, Liam Gerlesberger, Eli Gerlesberger, Brynlee Gerlesberger, Gordie Olson, Alex Everson and baby girl Olson in June 2022; niece, Cheryl "Gabriel" (Steve) Newman; nephews, Lowell (Debbie) Gabriel, Gary (Linda) Gabriel, and Larry Gabriel; and many great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Gretchen Gabriel; brother, Glennis Gabriel; sister-in-law, Geraldine Gabriel; and brother-in-law, Harold (Gertrude) Johnson.

LaVerne's family appreciates the doctors and nurses of the Mayo Clinic Health Systems and Owatonna Hospice House for their care.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brownsdale, Minnesota. Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brownsdale.

Memorials are preferred to Greenwood Cemetery, Brownsdale, or the recipient of donor's choice. Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Margaret Bartness Reeves

Margaret Elaine (Paulson) Bartness Reeves, 85, of Northwood, passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at MercyOne Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, at Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home of Albert Lea with Rev. Ryan Henkel presiding. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery of Emmons, Minnesota. Online condolences may be left at www.bayviewfuneral.com.

Margaret was born on January 7, 1937, to Christ and Gida Paulson on the farm near Emmons, Minnesota. She attended and graduated from Emmons High School in 1954. After finishing school, Margaret married her high school sweetheart Lyle Bartness on September 12, 1954, at Lime Creek Church in Emmons, Minnesota. The couple settled down on a farm near Emmons to start their family.



MARGARET BARTNESS REEVES

Other than working full time as a farm wife, Margaret also worked outside the home at many different jobs over the years. The last being at Iowa State University in the Culinary Department. Lyle passed away in 1998 and later Margaret married Richard Reeves on April 11, 2005.

Margaret had many hobbies and interests. She loved to travel. Margaret visited and lived in both Texas and Arizona. She was very family oriented and loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Margaret is survived by her three children, Randy, Kim (Vickie) and Kelly (Bill) Moore; grandchildren, Ashley (Andrew) Brown, Alexandra (Eric) Blum and Cassandra (Jeff) Kyllo; great-grandchildren, Nolan Bertsch, Quinn Bertsch, Max Blum, Cole Blum, Julia Kyllo and Myles Kyllo; sister, Donna Hagen; brother, Carl Paulson; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Margaret is preceded in death by her two husbands, Lyle Bartness and Richard Reeves; sister, Mary Bartness; and brother, Robert Paulson.

Memorials are preferred to beautify the Maple Court Independent Living courtyard, where Margaret and Richard lived.

NIACC Performing Arts and Leadership series presents 'Who Hijacked My Fairytale?'

The NIACC Performing Arts and Leadership Series proudly presents "Who Hijacked My Fairytale?" at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7 p.m. this Friday, February 25. This presentation is part of the 2021-2022 Performing Arts and Leadership Series.

Step into the magical, heartwarming, incredibly funny journey of a wayward southern belle who went from being a shy child who tried to be invisible, to a tacky woman who just won't shut up. From muffin tops to age spots, no topic is off limits as Kelly laughs about being a woman in today's world.

This story starts and ends on the other side of the fairy tale – the place the books and movies never showed you. To the land of muffin tops and turkey necks, ungrateful children, and fairy dust that turned out to be just dust.

Kelly Swanson is an award-winning storyteller, comedian, motivational speaker, Huffington Post contributor, and cast member of "The Fashion Hero" television show airing on Amazon Prime. She is also the author of "Who Hijacked My Fairy Tale," "The Land of If Only," "The Story Formula" and "The Gutsy Girls Pocket Guide to Public Speaking." She was a featured entertainer for Holland America Cruise Lines, keynote speaker for the International Toastmasters Convention and has keynoted major conferences and corporate events from coast to coast. Kelly's wacky wit and powerful stories have charmed hearts and tickled funny bones for over 15 years.

The true magic of "Who Hijacked My Fairytale?" isn't just the comedy and the stories. It's a show that's also about you, and realizing that it's not too late to find your own happier ever after. Underneath the humor is a lot of heart and a powerful message about embracing what makes you unique. You walk out of the show feeling refreshed and empowered, with a message that will last much longer than the laughs.

Please note, all guests (over the age of three), staff and volunteers are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Other mitigation efforts may also be in effect. Please visit www.niacc.edu/pals or call the Box Office to stay apprised of our most recent policies.

More information about the show is available by visiting www.whohijacked myfairytale.com or watching a video at www.niacc.edu/palvideos.

For tickets to the show, call the NIACC Box Office at 1-888-466-4222, extension 4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.niacc.edu/boxoffice.

Farmers Market workshop to be held at NIACC on March 5

Healthy Harvest of North Iowa and the NIACC Pappajohn Center will be hosting a farmer's market workshop on March 5, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in room 224 of the Pappajohn Center. The workshop is geared toward both experienced market vendors and those who would like to learn how to get started selling their products at the market.

The keynote speaker is Darcy Maulsby of Lake City, Iowa. Maulsby combines her experiences as a journalist and marketing expert as well as farmer and food-lover in her presentation "Build Your Brand, Own Your Story, Grow Your Business." Maulsby will share her thoughts on how to tell if branding is effective and how to build a business through sparking conversation, building relationships and developing trust with customers and clients.

Other sessions will include the regulation of products at market, with speakers from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals and Cerro Gordo County Public Health.

Customer programs will also be covered, with Aryn McLaren from the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative discussing the Double Up Food Bucks Program and Paul Ovrom from IDALS with information on state nutrition programs applicable to farmers markets.

A third informational session will cover the Farmer's Market Toolkit, a resource developed by Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development. In this session, attendees will receive information on everything from developing a customer-friendly market display to insurance, pricing and record keeping.

Those interested may find more information and register at www.healthyharvestni.com/events/farmers-market-workshop-2022/ or call 515-337-2445 and leave a message. The cost of the workshop is $10 to pre-register, $15 at the door. Coffee, snacks and bag lunch with beverage are included in the price of registration.

NIACC offering Women's Day Empowerment seminar on March 8

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) will be offering a Women's Day Empowerment Seminar in honor of 2022 International Women's Day. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 8, from 1-4:30 p.m., with sign-in and networking from 12:30-1 p.m.

Participants will hear empowering and inspirational messages from three speakers:

KILLER CONFIDENCE with Jodi Krikke of Jak Sprat

Why not you? You can't practice courage if you're not scared! Take a look outside of your comfort zone… you know, that box you've been living in. Come listen as Jodi shares how she conquered her courage to gain the personal and business confidence she needed to follow her dreams. Discover what you can do to challenge yourself to become the confident version of you that you were born to be!

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Tuition for the seminar is $89. For more information, or to register for courses, visit niacc.augusoft.net (search "Empower") or contact the NIACC Continuing Education office at 641-422-4358.

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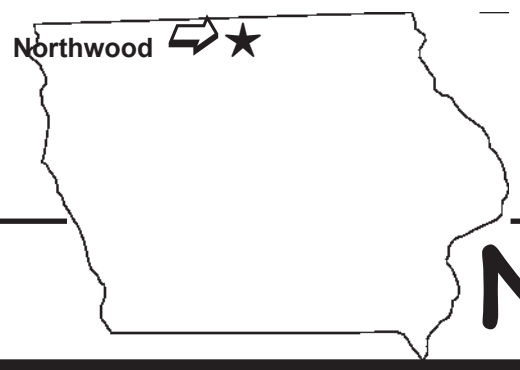
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How to help your child when you suspect a mental health concern

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Parents and caregivers are often put in impossible situations trying to navigate and balance their own mental health and the mental health of their children. We are all doing the best we can, and this has become increasingly challenging during the Pandemic as the mental health crisis continues to increase. Many parents/caregivers are asking how to recognize if their child may be struggling, when to intervene, and how to get support.

Let's start with the first question. How can a parent/caregiver recognize when a child needs help? While we can not list each and every sign and symptom of mental health concerns, we can focus on changes that may indicate someone is struggling.

Signs that a person is struggling can present in different ways. You may notice behavioral changes such as: withdrawing from others and activities they previously enjoyed, increased irritability, crying, being afraid, sharing worries, changes in sleeping and eating patterns, changes in hygiene routines, and energy levels. Parents/caregivers may also notice changes in academic performance, socialization (hanging out with different peers or not interacting with anyone). Some children may also have physical symptoms such as headaches or stomach aches that cannot be explained by a medical professional or specific illness.

Children and adolescents may also have increased difficulty remembering, understanding, and organizing things. They may struggle to complete daily activities that were previously not a concern. In short, your child may not seem like themselves.

When should a parent/caregiver intervene? Early intervention is important. Start the conversation when you first notice concerning behaviors. Check in with your child and talk with them about what they are currently experiencing and the concerns you have. This may be difficult, and children and adolescents may not want to engage in the conversation and/or may not be able to share what they are experiencing. That is okay. If that is the case, parents/caregivers should continue to encourage children to share with them or another trusted adult. If your child has demonstrated concerning changes for a while, know that it is never too late to start the conversation and seek support.

You may be wondering how to start the conversation. While there is no one right way, consider something like, "I noticed that you are spending more time in your room, what is going on?" Focusing on what is concerning without judgment, problem behaviors or blaming can help children open up. Ask what they are thinking and feeling and then listen. Listen without judgment, without offering solutions, without being defensive, just listen. Think about the best time to have the conversation. It is often helpful to engage in the conversation while doing another activity such as cooking, completing chores, coloring, etc. This makes it easier for the child to engage and open up. Let them know that you are there for them and that they do not have to cope alone. If they do not want to open up to you that is okay, meet them where they are and connect them with someone they will talk with.

Where can you turn to for support? The Iowa Mental Health/Well-Being site (iowaaeamentalhealth.org/) provides information regarding mental health awareness, finding support (providers), advocacy, and self-care. Through this site parents/caregivers can gather contact information for the Mental health region they reside in. Mental health regions help you identify providers and other available supports in your county.

What else can we do? Consider connecting with other community agencies and providers. Please Pass the Love (pleasepassthelove.org), a not-for-profit organization, offers a variety of mental health learning opportunities and supports for children, adolescents, and adults. In addition, Iowa National Alliance for Mental Illness (Iowa NAMI) offers support groups for those living with mental illness and caregivers. For additional information email info@namiiowa.org or call 515-254-0417. Central Rivers AEA also offers student and family toolboxes on the AEA Well-Being website (www.centralriversaea.org/mtss-for-well-being/self-care/).

If there is an immediate need or mental health crisis contact Mobile Crisis support through Your Life Iowa (yourlifeiowa.org), 855-581-8111Text: 855-895-8398) and they will help connect you to support.

You are not alone. Many of us are struggling to maintain our own mental health and support those we love. If you identify any of the above signs within yourself or your loved ones there is support. The resources listed above support children, adolescents, and adults. There is help and there is hope.

Dr. Dana Miller is a School Psychologist with Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA), based in Cedar Falls. She can be reached at dmiller@centralriversaea.org. Central Rivers AEA serves over 65,000 students in 18 counties of Iowa. To learn more, visit www.centralriversaea.org.

Social and Emotional Learning: What is it and why is it important to support student access?

By Dr. Dana Miller
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"What is Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)? How does it help our students? Why do we need it? Is SEL just another 'trend' in education?" These are questions I am frequently asked, and maybe something you have wondered about as well, so let's talk about it.

Social and emotional learning is vital to not only whole-student development but also education and academic success. It provides critical skills to meet the complex needs of our students.

So what is SEL? There are many definitions for social and emotional learning skills. Mainly, social and emotional learning helps all individuals develop and apply skills to help identify and manage emotions, achieve goals, have and show empathy, maintain healthy relationships and engage in responsible decision-making.

Building on the work from The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the Iowa Department of Education established five social and emotional learning competencies to aid educators in supporting the development of these crucial skills. The competency areas include: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. These skills are not only central to development over time, but also support our mental well-being and aid students in becoming future-ready.

When SEL skills are taught, modeled and practiced, we see significant improvements for students. There are increases in academic performance, improved classroom behavior, ability to manage stress and depression and better attitudes about themselves, others and school. We also see improved outcomes for educators with higher rates of job satisfaction and decreased burnout.

As we navigate life during the pandemic, the importance of SEL skills is clearer. Balancing life stressors in our ever-changing world can be overwhelming. Prioritizing SEL skills helps students, and all of us, prepare for and better cope with the challenges we are all facing. They help in creating a caring and supportive environment for students to thrive.

We all have a role to play in supporting social and emotional learning. Each and every adult has an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child; supporting these skills will also improve our well-being.

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This National FFA Week embraces more than 93 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future.

More than 735,000 members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture.

During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their schools and communities learn about FFA and agricultural education.

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The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

FFA Senior Class 2021-2022



BRIAR ANDERSON
Senior
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Showing livestock, FFA fruit sales, pedal pulls, ag fair and National FFA Convention.
Current SAE Project: Farming and showing pigs.



JACE GENTZ
Senior
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair, pedal pulls and National FFA Convention.
Current SAE Project: Raising selling dogs.



EMMA LOGEMAN
Seniorr
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Ag fair, fruit sales and pedal pulls.
Current SAE Project: Showing dairy cows



TYLER MILLS
Senior
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, National FFA Convention, Fruit Sales National Barrow Show, pedal pulls.
Current SAE Project: Raising and showing pigs.



BRAYDEN REYERSON
Senior
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Ag fair and fruit sales.
Current SAE Project: Dairy farm worker.



DYLAN TEWS
Senior
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit sales and ag fair.



HAYLEY WALLIN
Senior
Four year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair, showing pigs at the fair and pedal pulls
Current SAE Project: Raising and showing pigs.

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FFA Junior Class 2021-2022



JAYDEN BELAND
Junior
Three year member
Activities in FFA: Ag fair, fruit sales and National FFA Convention.
Current SAE Project: Show dairy cows and raise goats.



MICHAEL JANSSEN
Junior
Three year member
Activities in FFA: Ag fair, fruit sales, plot and pedal pulls.
Current SAE Project: Cattle and rabbits.



DALTON LOGEMAN
Junior
Three year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair, test plot, pedal pulls, show dairy cattle and National FFA Convention.
Current SAE Project: Raising goats, raise alfalfa and show dairy cattle.



HAYDEN PESTORIOUS
Junior
Three year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit sales and ag fair.
Current SAE Project: Raise and show rabbits and chickens.

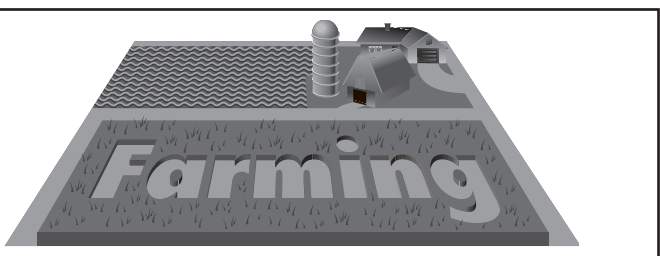


JOSH STEVENS
Junior
Three year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair and FFA plot.
Current SAE Project: Raising and showing pigs.

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FFA Sophomore Class 2021-2022



JACKSON FOSS
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Ag fair, conduct of meetings, fruit sales, pedal pulls

Current SAE Project: Raising cattle and horses.



MADALYNN HANSON
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair and conduct team.

Current SAE Project: Planning one.



CHRISTOPHER MADSEN
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair and conduct of meetings.

Current SAE Project: Work construction.



LANEY MILES
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair and FFA test plot.

Current SAE Project: Raise a raccoon.



JUSTIN MILLS
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: National FFA convention and fruit sales.

Current SAE Project: Raise and show pigs.



MEGAN OCEL
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, ag fair and pedal pulls.

Current SAE Project: Raising and showing llamas.

KYLIE ROBINSON
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Ag fair, fruit sales and Greenhand fire up.

Current SAE Project: Planning one.



MORGAN WALLIN
Sophomore
Two year member

Activities in FFA: Fruit sales, fruit sales and conduct of meetings.

Current SAE Project: Raise and show pigs and chickens.

THE FFA CREED

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so-for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

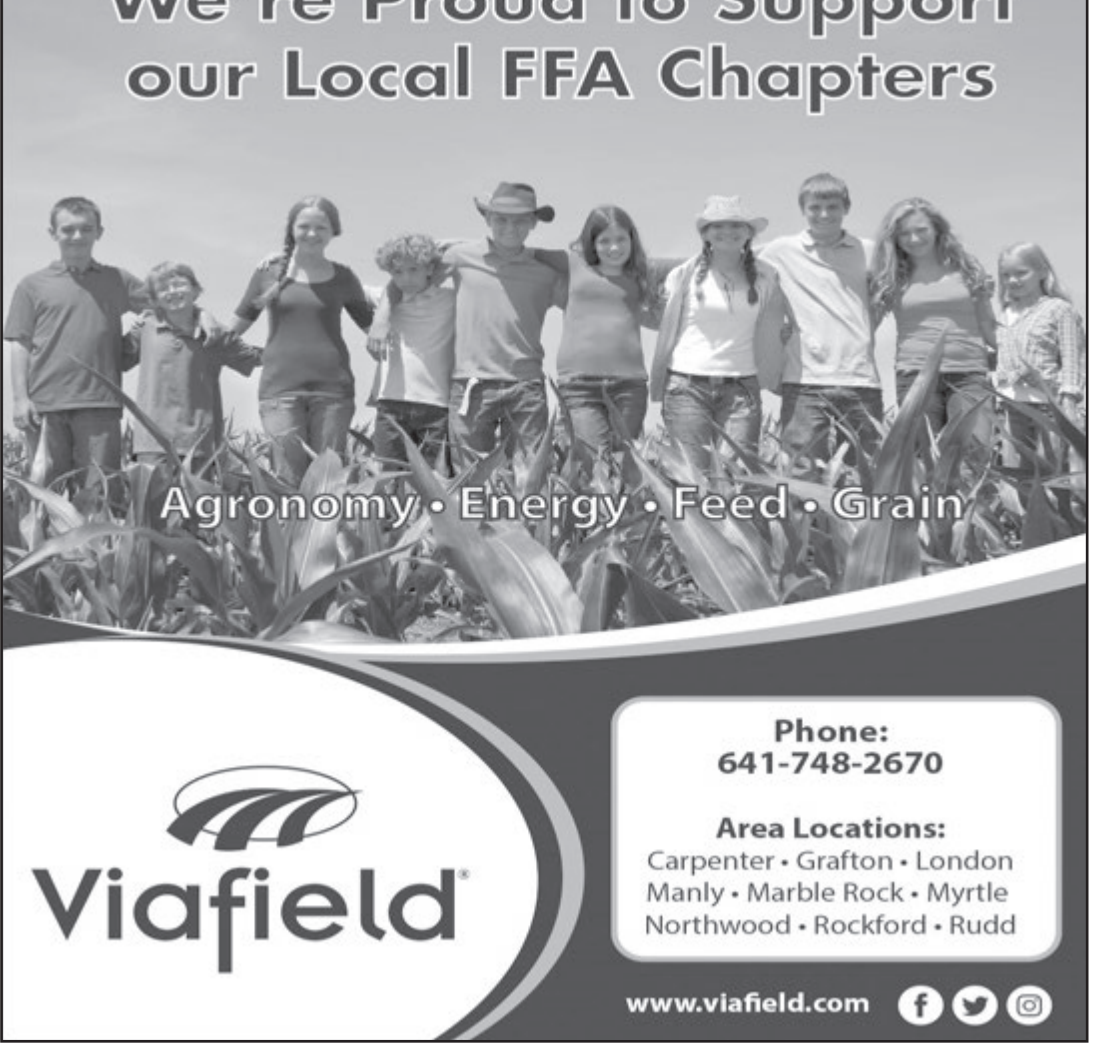
The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.The ffa creed











FFA Freshman Class 2021-2022



CARTER ANDERSON
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Raises livestock, work on farm.

KYLE BUEHRER
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire Up, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Still planning one.



HADLEY BUENZOW
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Pedal Pull, Fruit Sales, Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire-up.
Current SAE Project: Planning one.



COLBY ESKILDSON
Freshman
One ear member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire-Up, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Work on Grandparents' farm.



JACKSON FABER
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Work on a farm.



BRAYDEN HOEPPNER
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire Up, Fruit Sales, Conduct of Meetings.
Current SAE Project: Deer Food Plots.



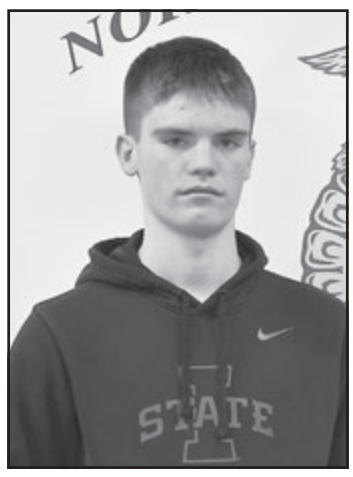
KOOPER JULSETH
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Food Sales, Pedal Pull, Green Hand Fire Up, Conduct of Meetings.
Current SAE Project: Owns lawn mowing business.



HAILEY KRAMBEER
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire Up, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Still planning.



EVAN LORENZEN
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire Up.
Current SAE Project: Still working on one.



LOGHAN NELSON
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit Sales, Green Hand Fire Up, Ag Fair.
Current SAE Project: Raise and show sheep, goats and cattle. Work on my family's farm.



BRODY PAULSEN
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Green Hand Fire Up, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Mechanic.



ASHLYNN ROLLENE
Freshman
One year member



ADDISON TASKER
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit Sales, Ag Fair.



MACY THORSON
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Fruit Sales, Green Hand Fire Up, Creed Speaking.
Current SAE Project: Raise and Show Cattle, Chickens and Rabbits.



MACKENSY TOMLINSON
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Fruit Sales.
Current SAE Project: Raise and Show Horses.



CAMDEN TRENHAILE
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Fruit Sales, Ag Fair.



CHLOE WRIGHT
Freshman
One year member
Activities in FFA: Ag Fair, Fruit Sales, Green Hand Fire Up.
Current SAE Project: Planning one.

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On Friday, February 18, the UNI Track and Field Team went to the University of Wisconsin Camp Randall Sports Complex/ McClain Center in Madison to participate in the Badger St Valentine's Invitational. Cole Willert, who is part of the team, ran in the 200M.

There was a great attendance at the Vacation Bible School Pancake Brunch fundraiser this past Sunday held at the Bethel UM Church. VBS will be held in Bolan the week of June 20 - 24, 2022. The theme this year is "ZOOMERANG, Returning to the Value of Life!" It has an Australian flair with kangaroos and koala bears.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY E. WILLIAMSON, Deceased
Case No. ESPR009304
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jerry E. Williamson, Deceased, who died on or about the January 20, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on February 16, 2022, the undersigned was appointed as 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 this January 27, 2022.

Terry J. Williamson
129 E. Elmore
P.O. Box 65
Manly, IA 50456
Administrator
of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#000008531
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Administrator

Date of second publication the 2nd day of March, 2022.
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY G. MOORE, Deceased
Case No. ESPR009288
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeffrey G. Moore, Deceased, who died on or about the September 17, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on February 16, 2022, the undersigned was appointed as 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 this February 17, 2022.

First Citizens Bank
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Mason City, IA 50401
Administrator
of the Estate

John P. Lander
ICIS#: AT0004583
Brown, Kinsey, Funkhouser & Lander, P.L.C.
214 North Adams
P.O. Box 679
Mason City, IA 50402-0679
Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication the 2nd day of March, 2022.
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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 2/14/22 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2022; Treasurer Report; Beer Permit Renewal – Dollar General Store #9644; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
IA Dept of Revenue Sales Tax $281.00
IA Dept of Revenue Excise Tax $1,005.00
NSB, ACH Fee..... $20.00
Wellmark BCBS Insurance..... $11,399.84
Verizon Wireless Cell Phone, router $128.15
Payroll, Wages..... $19,740.87
Principal, Insurance..... $446.07
Alliant Energy Services..... $19,262.28
Visa, Supplies-cc,lib $76.63
Lake Shore Industries Cemetery Lot Markers.. $537.00
USPS, Mailing-cc $298.80
Payroll, Wages..... $21,628.29
Big State Industrial Suuply Supplies $110.38
Brown Supply Co. Supplies-pw $354.00
Bruce Rheinfels Inspections..... $660.00
Carquest, Supplies-pw.... $869.55
Chamber of Commerce City Celebration Donation $1,500.00
Cindy Borcherding Cell Phone Expenses..... $540.00
D & L Equipment Repairs..... $394.30
Doug Moehle, Mileage $95.36
Dyan Braun, Water Dep... $50.00
Greve Law Office Court Filing Fees $190.00
GWorks Meter Reader Interface..... ..... $3,000.00
Huber Supply, Rental-pw . $35.62
IA DNR, Certification-pw . $60.00
Iowa One Call, Services..... $4.50
Jim Meland Cell Phone Expenses..... $540.00
John Deere Financial Freight-pw $558.76
John Greve Legal Services $500.00
Kelly Hardware Supplies-pw $287.58
Keystone Labs Testing-pw $1,129.60
Knutson Oil Co. Fuel-pw,tr $1,659.00
Landfill of North Iowa Dues $2,797.20
Northwood Anchor Publications..... $140.21
Northwood Chiropractic DATA $90.00
Northwood Sanitation Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Sanitation Bags $330.00
Northwood Senior Center Monthly Donation $800.00
Office Depot Supplies-cc,pw $91.70
Olson Insurance Bond Surety Policy..... $193.50
Proline Dist. Supplies-pw $127.15
Richard Butler Boot Expense..... $262.15
Saveco North America Inc. Supplies $412.16
SEH, Engineer Fees..... $365.61
Special Events Committee City Celebration Donation..... ..... $1,500.00
Top of Iowa Welcome Center Annual Ad Lease..... $500.00
WCTA, Phone/Internet ... $634.07
Verizon Wireless Cell Phone/Router $128.15
Visa, Supplies-cc,pw..... $620.25
Worth Co. Sheriff Office Police Services..... $30,262.83
Worth Co. Sheriff Office Serve Legal Notice $100.68
Library:
Alliant Energy Utilities..... $564.28
Visa, Supplies..... $141.53
Baker & Taylor, Books.... $265.85
Center Point Large Print Books $142.58
Demco, Materials $219.88
Kelly Hardware Supplies/repair parts $119.84
Larsen Plumbing Furnace Maintenance ... $140.94
Midwest Living Magazine Subscription .. $11.00
Northwood Electric LED Lights/Installation $9,994.00

Summary of January 2022 receipts by fund type: General - $259,924.31; Special Revenue-$48,280.76; Debt Service - $1,428.84; Capital Projects-$3,094.78; Enterprise-$91,987.30; Trust & Agency - $0.

Summary of January 2022 disbursements by fund type: General - $62,132.00; Special Revenue-$280,979.74; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$71,896.58; Trust & Agency - $0.

Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Following the Public Hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2202-04 Approve the FY 2022-2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Unam. Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Motion to set the budget public hearing for Monday March 14, 2022 at 6pm. Unam.

Motion to adjourn.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

February 14, 2022
Seventh Day

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

Smeby led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve the February 14, 2022 board agenda.

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve the February 7, 2022 board minutes.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $5,515.00, as per the following schedule:

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 2, Prof Services.....$5,515.00

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve claims in the amount of $340,279.52, as per the following schedule:

A.J. Stone, Mileage-Sup..... 678.54
Ajb Enterprise Llc Service-Gsr 133.00
Amazon Capital Services Supplies 584.51
Aramark, Supplies-Eng 89.84
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr 90.77
Bob Barker Company Inc Supplies-Shf 46.82
Brian M Kuchay, Md Ems Contract 100.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc Supplies-Eng 2,420.40
City Of Joice, Service-Eng ... 87.05
City Of Kensett Service-Eng 51.60
City Of Manly, Service-Eng. 54.00
City Of Northwood Service-Gsr 603.37
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio Service-Shf..... 3,100.07
Culligan Of Mason City Service-Gsr 248.81
Dave Syverson Inc Parts-Eng..... 400.29
Dick's Place Body & Tow Service-Eng 375.00
Drivers License Guide Company Supplies-Shf 31.95
Fallgatter's Market Inc Supplies-Shf 843.25
Five Star Cooperative Fuel-Eng 73.40
Flynn Company Inc Service-Eng 201,537.20
Frank Stearns Service-Mex 1,125.00
Greve Law Office Reimb-Aty..... 17.90
Heartland Power Coop Service-Wwt 4,519.28
Heiman Inc, Supplies-Con. 749.00
Huber Supply Co Inc Supplies-Eng 193.50
Ia County Recorders Assn Edu-Rec 100.00
Ip Pathways, Service-Dap1,028.00
Isacs, Edu-Sup..... 120.00
Itsavvy Llc, Supplies-Dap5,601.00
Johnson Controls Fire Protection Lp, Service-Gsr..... 4,434.41
Kelly Hardware Supplies-Eng 544.05
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc Service-Gsr 4,076.66
Lawson Products Inc Parts-Eng..... 811.67
Lexisnexis, Service-Aty..... 177.00
Manly Junction Signal Service-Sup & Aud..... 349.98
Marco Technologies Llc Service-Dap & Asr..... 684.15
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health, Service-Tra..... 120.00
Motorola Solutions Inc Service-Dap 89,157.16
Nelson Family Trust Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Niacc, Edu-Shf..... 114.00
Northwood Anchor Inc Service-Vaf 2,175.68
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc Parts-Eng..... 2,580.50
Peterson Contractors Inc. Service-Eng 2,127.93
Singelstad's Hardware Supplies-Eng 169.06
State Hygienic Laboratory Service-San..... 160.00
Visa, Service-Dap 2,107.06
Von Bokern Associates Inc. Service-Shf..... 1,000.00
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc Service-Sdp..... 2,200.00
Wex Bank, Service-Tra ... 1,808.61
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn Service-Sdp..... 86.88
Worth Lumber Co Supplies-Eng 91.17
Grand Total 340,279.52

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

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to approve the addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement between Worth County and the City of Joice.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to approve resolution 2022.02.14.02

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 109 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act and,

WHEREAS, Worth County applied for and has been received the first tranche of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act totaling $716,836.50.

WHERAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors has reviewed some requests and determined some that will qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act and

WHEREAS, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following projects have been approved fore the use of said funds:

• Water & Wastewater improvements at the 1-35/Hwy 105 interchange not to exceed $700,000.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Worth County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed and authorizes the Auditor to make these payments as they are presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2022

Mark Smeby, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, at a regular meeting held on 02/14/22, by the following vote:

AYES: Stone, Loberg, Smeby
NAYS: N/A
ABSENT: N/A

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor and Clerk to Board

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to open the public hearing of the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022.02.14 – An Ordinance Establishing Worth County Board of Supervisor Districts at 9:00 A.M. There was no public comment.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to close the public hearing at 9:03 A.M.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session at 9:03 A.M.

Motion by Stone, second by Loberg, carried to approve the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2022.02.14 – An Ordinance Establishing Worth County Board of Supervisor Districts.

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2022.02.14 – An Ordinance Establishing Worth County Board of Supervisor Districts and to approve the ordinance.

Motion by Loberg, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:18 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Monday February 14, 2022 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Larry Hovey; John Anderson, Cindy Pangburn, Susan Kliment and Bradley Christianson

(5-0) Approved the Agenda; January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Financial Reports for January; February bills for payment

President Hovey opened the public hearing for 2022-2023 School Calendar at 7:32pm

Superintendent Crozier gave an overview of calendar days

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

Public hearing closed at 7:34PM

Reports:

Jodi Hansen gave a presentation on special education services

Elementary Principal: 1) Finished FAST assessments for Winter screening 2) The Month of March will be filled with various reading activities

Secondary Principal: 1) Service events for the National Honor Society and Student Council members 2) Attending the Iowa State Teacher Career Fair on March 7 3) Health Class as a requirement

Superintendent: 1) Zoom meetings with legislators every other Friday while in session 2) Mike and Kim attended Budget workshop on Friday, Feb 10th 3) Health Insurance rates going up 9.9%, researching partial self-funding.

Next regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Secondary Media Center

Old Business:

Viking Activity Center: Upstairs floor has been poured and finished, block work completed, duct work has started along with electrical work, interior stud walls are going up and gym floors are starting to be poured

Administrative Offices and Transportation Building update:

Carpet areas have been patched, Daryl's office has been painted, Kim's office walls have been built, drywall finishing is complete, the bus bay has been spray-foamed and painted, internet has been installed, exterior lighting and other electrical work is completed and bathroom in the office area is being remodeled to make it handicap accessible. Garage doors for the outbuilding have been ordered.

New Business:

Negotiations

Exchange of initial negotiations proposals with NKEA. No action taken

(5-0) approved the WCDA expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year

(5-0) approved the 2022-2023 School Calendar

(5-0) approved the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool

(5-0) rescinded Board Policy 403.7

(5-0) approve the service events/fundraisers for the National Honor Society and Student Council members

Personnel

(5-0) approved the hire of Caitlyn Ambrosy as the K-8 Special Education Teacher at the BA-15 Step 4 for the 2022-2023 school year

(5-0) approved Dave Capitani as the JH football coach for the 2022-2023 school year

(5-0) approved Troy Einertson as 7-12 cross country coach for the 2022-2023 school year

(5-0) approved Leo Frost as the assistant varsity football coach for the 2022-2023 school year

(5-0) approved Trevor Hunt as the head varsity football coach for the 2022-2023 school year

(5-0) accept the resignation of Annika Della Vedova as secondary science teacher at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

(5-0) accept the resignation of Cindy Pangburn as the JH cheerleading sponsor

(5-0) adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm

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AGVANTAGE FS, INC propane 725.44
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ALLIANT ENERGY ELECTRICITY.....13,704.21
Amazon Capital Services SUPPLIES.....812.23
APPLE, INC. SUPPLIES.....716.00
BLICK ART MATERIALS SUPPLIES.....66.38
Butler, Teresa reimbursement.....49.00
CAM Community School District open enrollment 1,630.80
Cambium Assessment Inc assessments.....63.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS SUPPLIES.....224.21
Central Rivers Area Education Agency work experience 6,351.05
Christianson, Jennifer reimbursement.....49.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD water/sewer 1,234.25
Clayton Ridge CSD open enrollment 7,388.89
Crozier, Michael REIMBURSEMENT 324.82
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION fee.....50.00
DICK'S PLACE TOWING.....275.00
Ehlke, Brendan reimbursement.....519.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET SUPPLIES.....885.78
GOPHER, SUPPLIES.....142.19
Haxton, Ashley reimbursement.....49.00
Helgeson, Kelli reimbursement.....324.02
IOWA ASS OF SCHOOL BUS Registration.....100.00
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR SERVICES, fee.....120.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES furniture 1,649.20
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY fee.....50.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service 200.00
John Deere Financial parts and service.....1,559.86
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES.....311.64
LAKE MILLS CSD open enrollment 29,896.45
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., REPAIRS.....189.00
Marco Technologies LLC COPIES 97.52
MARTIN BROTHERS supplies.....1,931.53
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS.....161.90
NCI North Central International Repairs.....120.30
NIACC Book Zone CCE books 402.60
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR PUBLICATION.....158.40
NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC PC, physical.....100.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION garbage 610.00
One Source Background background checks 50.50
Personnel Concepts supplies.....45.85
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY supplies.....443.58
SCHOOL SPECIALTY SUPPLIES.....862.53
Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC natural gas 5,977.68
Thorson, Megan reimb supplies 44.30
Trane US Inc repairs.....4,105.50
Unity School Bus Parts parts.....58.92
VISA, supplies.....10.69
Waldorf University tuition 750.00
WINNEBAGO COOP TELE phone/internet service 946.95
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER diesel/gas 2,466.61
Worth Lumber Company supplies.....11.25
OLSON INSURANCE insurance 869.00
NIACC, scholarship 2,500.00
Fund Number 93,765.55
ACE Fundraising fundraising 400.00
Albert Lea Steel, Inc. supplies.....85.44
Amazon Capital Services SUPPLIES.....29.79
Cotter, Martin reimb supplies 94.49
DECKER SPORTING GOODS merchandise 547.60
FALLGATTER'S MARKET SUPPLIES.....39.76
Hungerford, Rod official 70.00
IHSAA, fee.....96.00
IOWA FCCLA, fee.....590.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH fee.....92.00
IOWA PEDAL PULL fee.....180.00
IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY CO. supplies.....1,500.00
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES.....43.05
MEYERS, KEN official 70.00
N-K Wrestling Boosters supplies.....181.00
ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, supplies 239.98
Reindl, Jordan, expense.....480.00
Rice, Dan, official 70.00
Rieman Music, Inc supplies.....75.00
RUSTAD, DUANE official 140.00
RUSTIC THREAD, THE merchandise 225.00
Thorson, Megan reimb supplies 56.11
TRAINER, SANDY repair 100.00
TROPHIES PLUS, INC. merchandise 1,016.54
VISA, supplies.....68.91
Willert, Lori reimbursement.....22.40
Fund Number.....6,513.07
Atura Architecture architecture services.....6,342.20
Dean Snyder Construction Co general contractor services..... .....243,708.18
IMEG, services 2,968.00
Trane US Inc, repairs 1,510.00
Fund Number.....254,528.38
Atura Architecture architecture services.....4,078.38
Crozier, Michael REIMBURSEMENT 28.68
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES.....215.51
Marco, copier lease.....1,232.58
MENARDS, SUPPLIES.....81.74
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Inc., plumbing 1,400.00
Worth Lumber Company supplies.....3,712.98
Fund Number.....10,749.87
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N-K lands five athletes on TIC East All-Conference teams

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With the bigger schools in the Top of Iowa Conference East dominating the all-conference selections lately it was nice to see Northwood-Kensett players well represented in this year's picks.

The Vikings, who finished the season with five wins, had two players chosen to the all-conference team, senior Jason Hanson and freshman sensation Colby Eskildsen.

Hanson, a second team pick, was second on the team with 261 points, averaging 12.4 points per game and was tops on the team with 29 blocks and 167 rebounds, or 8.0 boards per game. The talented lefthander ends his N-K career with 467 points and 311 rebounds after playing varsity for three years.

Eskildsen, just a freshman, was N-K's honorable mention selection, he led them in scoring with 289 points, scoring 13.8 points per game. Eskildsen also led the team with 71 assists and pulled down 105 rebounds.

The Lady Vikings had one of their best years for all-conference selections with the TIC East coaches choosing three for recognition.

Senior Carly Hengesteg was picked for second team honors. She had 193 points and 78 rebounds this season. Hengesteg ends her four-year varsity career with 461 points and 236 rebounds.

Earning first team honors was sophomore Chloe Costello. Costello led the team with 230 points this season, averaging a team high 10.0 points per game. Costello, after two years of varsity play, has 343 points and 220 rebounds.

Madalynn Hanson was named honorable mention for her great season. Hanson led the team in multiple categories this season, including rebounds (5.5), steals (3.2) and assists (2.9). In her two years of varsity play she has 161 points and 201 rebounds.

2021-22 Top of Iowa Conference East Division Boys Basketball All-Conference Team's

First Team

Angel Jose	Central Springs	Sr.
Bo Harrington	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
James Jennings	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Doug Taylor	Newman Catholic	Jr.
Nathan Havel	Osage	Sr.
Kolton Lyman	Rockford	Sr.
Cayde Eberling	West Fork	So.

Second Team

Drew Kelley	Central Springs	Sr.
Max Burt	Newman Catholic	Jr.
Corbin Lewis	North Butler	Jr.
Jason Hanson	**Northwood-Kensett**	**Sr.**
Max Knudson	Osage	So.
Tyler Oberfoell	Osage	Sr.
Sage Suntken	West Fork	So.

Honorable Mention

Joey Marino	Central Springs	Jr.
Drew Wilken	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Tim Castle	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Nathan Hawker	North Butler	Sr.
Colby Eskildsen	**Northwood-Kensett**	**Fr.**
Drew Tusler	Osage	Jr.
Bryce Larson	Rockford	Sr.
Ryan Hackbart	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Reed Stonebreaker	West Fork	Sr.

Player of the Year – Doug Taylor, Newman Catholic
Coach of the Year – Jerry Gatton, Newman Catholic

2021-22 Top of Iowa Conference East Division Girls Basketball All-Conference Team's

First Team

Jennah Carpenter	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Breanna Hackman	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Chloe Costello	**Northwood-Kensett**	**So.**
Claudia Aschenbrenner	Osage	Jr.
Samantha Brandau	Osage	Jr.
Madison Hillman	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Emma Martinek	West Fork	Jr.

Second Team

Kaci Crum	Central Springs	Fr.
Ellyse Ball	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Emma Weiner	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Carly Hengesteg	**Northwood-Kensett**	**Sr.**
Adrianna Kruse	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Rylie Akins	West Fork	Jr.
Leah Weaver	West Fork	Fr.

Honorable Mention

Alivea Harms	Central Springs	Sr.
Abbie Hyde	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Madi Eldwood	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Haley Freesemann	North Butler	Sr.
Madalynn Hanson	**Northwood-Kensett**	**So.**
Brooklyn Halbach	Osage	Jr.
Chloe Rooney	Rockford	Sr.
Addison Tabbert	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Maddie Hubka	West Fork	Sr.

Player of the Year – Claudia Aschenbrenner, Osage
Coach of the Year – Chad Erickson, Osage

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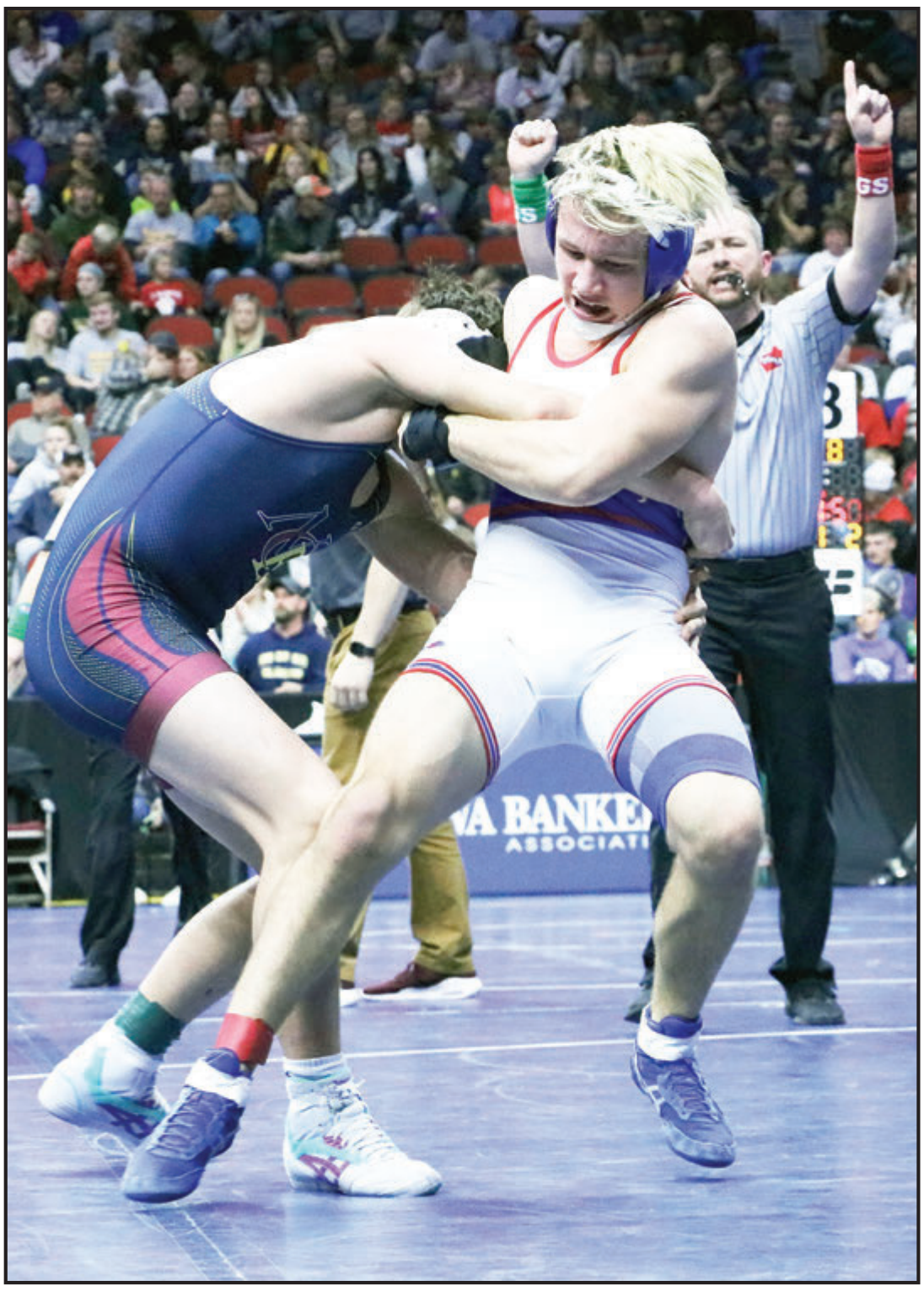
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Anchor Sports



Drake Tiedemann works the leg of Cade Shirk of Emmetsburg in his second match in Des Moines. Tiedemann beat Shirk by fall before losing for the second time of the tournament, losing a close 3-2 decision to Aiden Zook of North Tama.



N-K's Drake Tiedemann tries to keep hold of North Butler/Clarksville's Makade Bloker in his first-round match last Thursday evening in Des Moines at the Iowa State High School Wrestling Tournament at Wells Fargo Arena. Tiedemann, N-K's lone state qualifier, lost to Bloker in the first round in a 7-3 decision.

Tiedemann goes 1-2 at state, loses in heartbreaking 3-2 decision

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Northwood-Kensett's lone state wrestling qualifier, Drake Tiedemann, had a season for the record books despite his state tournament dreams coming up just a bit short, going 1-2 last weekend in Des Moines.

Tiedemann, who is the first N-K wrestler to surpass 150 wins in his career, took his sectional and district titles to Des Moines with the hopes of a better finish than his seventh place finish a year ago.

Those hopes were put to the test early in the tournament when Tiedemann lost his opening round match to Makade Blocker of North Butler/Clarksville in a 7-3 decision.

Now in the consolation side of the bracket Tiedemann had to face Cade Shirk of Emmetsburg. In that match, Tiedmann put Shirk on his back with just 18 seconds remaining in the third and final period to pick up his first win of the tournament by fall.

Now battling for a seventh-place spot on the podium, Tiedemann faced North Tama's Aiden Zook and after battling for six minutes, fell just short in the 3-2 decision, ending his career at the state tournament. Tiedemann, making his second state tournament appearance, went 44-3 this season.



N-K's Chloe Costello scores in the lane in last Tuesday night's regional quarterfinals loss to Riceville. Costello led the team with 19 points and five rebounds in the 57-42 season ending loss to the Wildcats.



Lady Viking Madalynn Hanson gets off a running jump shot last Tuesday night in regional quarterfinal action in Riceville. Hanson had five points, three steals, two assists and four rebounds in the season finale.

The Lady Vikings end season with nine wins after regional loss to Riceville

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Hoping to end their losing streak to Riceville, a team that once was a Corn Bowl Conference foe, now an Iowa Star North member, the Lady Vikings took on the 21-2 Wildcats in the regional quarterfinals last Friday night and saw their season come to an end with the 57-42 loss.

Northwood-Kensett, who once dominated the Wildcats in the CBC days, accumulating a 21-6 record, have now lost three in a row to its former rival and four of the last five.

In last Friday's regional game the Lady Vikings, unfortunately now known for their slow first quarter starts, fell behind 8-0 before Chloe Costello got them on the board, but facing a 17-4 deficit with 3:51 left in the first quarter, the best N-K could do was to claw its way back to a 24-12 deficit at the end of the first.

Trailing 29-14 in the second quarter, the Lady Vikings mounted a comeback, cutting the lead to just eight points with 2:40 remaining in the half and five points with 20 seconds left, before a Wildcat 3-pointer increased the gap to 35-27 at the halftime break.

Getting just what the doctor ordered, cutting the lead to under 10 points before the half, the Lady came out of the locker room ready for the third quarter, at least they thought they were.

Defensively, N-K did everything the coaches asked of them in the third, holding a high scoring Riceville team to just eight points, its lowest total of the game. But offensively the Lady Vikings hit a snag and were able to manage just one third-quarter point and fell behind 43-28 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

In the fourth, despite its best effort, N-K could come no closer than 12 points before finally falling to the home team, 57-42 in the regional quarterfinal.

Costello, the team's lone first team all-conference selection, led the team with 19 points and five rebounds.

Also helping with the scoring in the season finale were Madalynn Hanson (5 pts.), Carly Hengesteg (4 pts.), Ella Leonard (2 pts.), Emma Davidson (5 pts.) and Morgan Wallin (7 pts.).

Playing their final game in a Lady Vikings uniform were seniors Haley Wallin, Carly Hengesteg, Addy Bachtle, Marli Backhaus and Emma Davidson.

With the loss in the quarterfinals N-K falls just one short of a 10-win season and will instead post a very respectable 9-14 overall record.

Rice 57, N-K 42

NK	12	15	1	14 – 42
Rice	24	11	10	12 – 57

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