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Briefs

NKCEF golf tournament July 3

The Northwood-Kensett Community Educational Foundation will hold its annual golf tournament this Sunday, July 3.

The tournament will be held at the Northwood Country Club, starting at 1 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

The cost is $160 per team or $40 per person.

The tournament is a nine hole, four person team best shot event.

There will also be raffle prizes.

Those interested in taking part should contact Rhonda at the country club at 641-324-1662.

Worth County Main Museum open during summer

The Worth County Main Museum located at Central Ave. (Highway 105) and 10th St. (Highway 65) in Northwood is open on Sundays during the summer from 2-4 p.m. or any time by scheduling an appointment by calling Lois at 641-324-1722.

The main museum will also be open on Monday, July 4, after the Northwood Fourth of July parade.



The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. June 21	89	66	
Wed. June 22	85	59	
Thurs. June 23	90	59	
Fri. June 24	83	66	
Sat. June 25	83	64	1.96
Sun. June 26	74	54	0.01
Mon. June 27	79	50	

N-K leads the way as parade grand marshals

This Monday, the annual Fourth of July parade will once again be led with a recognition of a group dedicated to guiding, supporting and educating future generations. The teachers and staff of Northwood-Kensett schools have been selected to be the grand marshals this year.

Each year, the Fourth of July event is led by a person or a group that is a pillar of the community, recognized for their service with a front spot in the parade.

While there has never been any doubt that those that work in education are

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Fourth weekend brings ample entertainment opportunities

This weekend's celebration of the Fourth of July will once again include a variety of entertainment and activities for the whole family. That includes two musical acts highlighting events on Friday and Saturday.

Events start on Friday night with a pool party for kids in grades K-12, with music, games and food starting at 5 p.m.

A beverage garden opens that evening as well, with food from the Casper Friendly food trailer, Wright Popcorn and Papa Murphy's, as well as at downtown restaurants.

Friday night will also feature a performance by

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Fourth festivities set in Northwood

With the Fourth of July on the way Monday, four days of events and activities are planned in Northwood.

That starts with a pool party for kids in grades K-12 this Friday, July 1, with music, games and food at the Northwood Swimming Pool.

From 6 p.m. to midnight, the beverage garden will be open on Central Avenue.

Food offerings during the beverage garden will include downtown restaurants, along with the Casper Friendly food trailer, formerly Mr. Taco; Papa Murphy's; and Wright Popcorn.

The Trip will be the evening entertainment, from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Saturday activities begin with a pancake breakfast served by the members of the Our Buddies 6779 VFW at the post home on Highway 65. The meal will be served from 6:30-9:30 a.m.

TUNE will host its annual 5K run/walk, starting at the Timbers. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the start time is 9 a.m.

The weekend's softball tournament starts at 9 a.m. in Swensrud Park.

A bags tournament starts at Strike Zone at 3 p.m.

The beverage garden, including the same food options, opens at 6 p.m. on July 2.

The Dweebs will perform from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

On Sunday, July 3, the Northwood-Kensett Community Educational

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Fireworks rules in effect in Worth

With the Fourth of July events on the way this weekend, many in Worth County may be planning a fireworks display as a part of their celebration. Part of that should include the rules in place in each community in the county.

State law, which applies outside of incorporated areas in the county, says that the sales and setting off of fireworks can take place from June 1 through July 8, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. On the Saturdays and Sundays before this Fourth, fireworks may be set off until 11 p.m.

Those buying fireworks must be at least 18 years old.

Fireworks can only be set off on personal property or someone else's with their permission. Fireworks are not allowed on public, state, county or city property or parks.

If a burn ban is in place, fireworks are not allowed, regardless of the holiday.

There are different rules for those that want to set off fireworks in Worth County cities.

In Fertile, Grafton, Hanlontown and Joice, those that want to use fireworks have to get a permit for all dates.

In Kensett, fireworks can only be set off on July 3 and July 4, in addition to the New Year holiday. They are only allowed from 10 a.m. to

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Tufte joins library staff as new director

By JoAnn Lower

Emily Tufte recently accepted the position as director at the Northwood Public Library. The daughter of Dennis and Jill Mellem, she graduated from N-K in 2004 and then went on to attend Riverland Community College, where she earned her Associates Degree as a Medical Administrative Assistant.

After a few years serving as secretary at Worth County Public Health, Tufte became a stay-at-home mom and for the last nine years has been a day-care provider.

Asked what her hobbies are she replied, "house plants – all kinds of house plants."

Husband Matt is employed at the Diamond Jo Casino as slot manager. The couple has four boys – Carson, Brady, Jaxon and Ryan. Completing the Tufte family are their two dogs Tucker and Ruby and cat Kiki.

Emily began working at the library on May 26 and will officially become full-time director in July. She'll be busy purchasing library materials, books, managing day-to-day activities, book clubs and story time.

"I look forward to being at the library," she smiled.



EMILY TUFTE

Worth County Fair memories and livestock shows - see Inside

New ATV/UTV law in place for county, state roads in Iowa

A new state law is in effect that will change how ATVs and UTVs can be used on some Iowa roadways.

The law was passed earlier this year in response to requests to allow the vehicles to be used on more state and county roads and to be able to ride in all 99 counties under one uniform statewide law.

The law overrides all County ATV and UTV ordinances that had been in place.

Following are the rules that are now in place across the state of Iowa:

The maximum speed for ATVs and UTVs is 35 mph.

Drivers must be at least 18 years old, have a driver's license and carry proof of insurance.

The vehicles must have operational headlights, tail and break lights, horns and rear view mirrors. This will allow the vehicles to be used day or night.

A registered vehicle can only be used on State highways that are not a divided highway or Interstate.

State two lane highways can only be driven on as the most direct and accessible route to and from parks and trails, homes or the nearest County road or streets in cities that allow ATV and UTV use. The same is true of County paved highways.

Drivers can cross divided or four lane highways at intersections. That does not apply to interstate highways.

A registered vehicle may be operated on any county unpaved road.

ATVs and UTVs can not travel on roads closed to normal traffic.

ATVs and UTVs can be restricted from county roadways during special events. That is limited to no more than seven consecutive days and no more than 30 days in a year.

All Iowa cities may regulate the operation of the vehicles in their city limits. This includes any state or county road extensions.

Cities can not charge a fee to let the vehicles use their streets.

Online survey shares possibilities with N-K students

A survey is currently online that will give current Northwood-Kensett students a look at where an N-K education can take them.

N-K alumni are being asked to fill out the survey, which asks questions about their N-K education and about their lives since.

The information will be used to create a vision board showing the possibilities that others have achieved after receiving an N-K education .

With permission, granted on the survey, some information may also be shared with other N-K classmates and alumni via the Northwood Anchor in the future.

The survey may be found online at https://tinyurl.com/N-KAlumni.

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vital to their community, that is even more apparent for those that work at N-K.

The teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, custodians, nutritional staff, administrators, bus drivers and all others show that they care for the kids that they work with and guide through the learning process.

Their dedication has been highlighted in recent years, during a pandemic that introduced challenges beyond what anyone in education had expected.

The ongoing aftermath has brought tragic losses and ongoing mental health issues that brought even more difficulty into the classroom.

And more recently teachers are left with the prospect of added duties to comply with requests for added oversight.

But even amidst all of those challenges, there is little doubt in the minds of those that have been educated at N-K, whose children are in classes there today or who know those that continue to work in the district, they will adapt to what comes their way, because they have dedicated themselves to educating N-K's students and supporting them as they grow into members of the communities that N-K calls home.

For these reasons and more, those watching this year's Fourth of July parade should enthusiastically greet and thank this year's Independence Day grand marshals- N-K schools.

Festivities
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Foundation will host its annual golf tournament. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m., with a start time at 1 p.m.

The Fourth of July begins with a pancake breakfast hosted by Waking Miss Winifred at the shelter house in Central Park, available with a free will donation.

The Fourth of July parade starts at 11 a.m. N-K faculty and staff will be the grand marshals of this year's parade.

After the parade, the fairgrounds will be the place to be for food from Signatures, Hot Beef Sundae, Mini Donuts of Northwood, Shaka Shaved Ice and root beer floats from the local Boy Scouts.

Also at the fairgrounds will be Half Pint the Clown, bean bags and board and chalk for kids.

A pedal pull will be held in the shelter house at 1 p.m. on July 4.

At 2 p.m. citizens will be recognized for their commitment to their community. Also recognized will be the Mister, Miss, Junior and Lil' Northwood namesakes.

A horse shoe tournament starts at 3 p.m. in Swensrud Park.

A 3-on-3 basketball event will be held at 4 p.m., for kids to adults. More information is available by contacting Joe Fierova at 641-390-0423.

The Fourth of July events end with fireworks at the Northwood Airport.

See a full schedule on page 3 of this week's Anchor.

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The Trip, at 9 p.m., in the beverage garden.

The Trip is a cover band based out of Orange County, California, making a returning stop in Northwood.

The Trip regularly perform across California, alongside big names in the music industry at their events, as the official LA Dodgers pre-game party band and a popular choice for large scale corporate events.

They're also a popular choice for smaller community, family and other parties and celebrations, like Northwood's Independence Day festivities.

They perform music from across the decades, from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and today's Top 40 and rock hits.

Joining the Trip for this year's performance is Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal.

Entertainment on Saturday includes the beverage garden and the same food options.

Performing in the beverage garden on Saturday is The Dweebs, a unique favorite from past Fourth celebrations.

The Dweebs are a family band, featuring Michael Blue, his sons and his daughter.

They travel to fairs, festivals and a variety of events, where audiences enjoy their performances of hits from the 60s to today.

Their music is just part of the performance, accentuated by colorful costumes, crazy stage antics and lots of crowd participation.

The entertainment continues with the parade on Monday, at 11 a.m.

Following the parade, at the Worth County Fairgrounds, a number of meal and treat options will be available, as will Half Pint the Clown and more. That includes the pedal pull in the shelter house.

Local young royalty will be named at 2 p.m. in the shelter house, along with a recognition of service to the community.

The weekend's entertainment closes with the fireworks display at 10 p.m. on Sunday night at the airport.

See the full schedule of events organized by the Northwood Chamber of Commerce in the ad later in this week's Anchor.

Iowa invests $100 million in federal funds toward school security, mental health

By Robin Opsahl
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

Iowa will allocate $100 million in federal funds toward school security and mental health programs, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced [last week].

She proposed the investment, which includes no gun control measures, for prevention of school shootings and other violence, she said at a news conference.

The plan starts with the creation of a School Safety Bureau, which will coordinate violence prevention efforts among schools, law enforcement and parents. The bureau will work as a hub for law enforcement and school staff to train for emergency response situations. It will also create a system to anonymously report threats, by app, phone and website.

The bureau, alongside other mental health investments, will tackle the issues behind shootings, Reynolds said.

"The debate on guns will continue, but until we consider the lethal weapon in these events is the person who picks up the gun and turns it against another, we risk overlooking other solutions that directly address the cause of this violence and work to reverse its course," Reynolds said.

The investment follows a string of recent mass shootings: A man killed 19 students and two teachers in an Uvalde, Texas school three weeks ago. A 16-year-old died in a shooting outside East High School in Des Moines in early May. A gunman shot and killed two Iowa State students, then himself, outside of Cornerstone Church in Ames two weeks ago.

Reynolds originally proposed creating the safety bureau in 2020, but it was never funded. She said Tuesday that recent events — and the pandemic's mental health effect on children — spurred the new timeline. Department of Public Safety commissioner Stephen Baynes said they hope to have the new services in place for the 2022-23 school year.

"There's a sense of urgency just with the increased acts of violence that we see taking place every single day," Reynolds said.

Among the new safety measures, Iowa schools will now be eligible for a building security assessment and $50,000 per building to address vulnerabilities. Law enforcement will also provide emergency radios to schools for reporting threats and concerns.

The bureau and new services will be initially paid for through the federal American Rescue Plan Act and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, which will expire in 2026. Reynolds said it would cost the state about $1.5 million annually to continue services.

"We'll revisit it in 2026 when those funds run out," Reynolds said. "But by far, almost 90% of the funding, the 100 million, is really going to infrastructure, to set up it up, to establish the bureau and the policies."

These new efforts will build on systems already in place. Schools are already required to have emergency operation plans, and submit reports to the Iowa Department of Education each year to affirm compliance with state and federal requirements. Local law enforcement is already working with state and federal agencies to prepare for mass shootings and identify threats.

Of the $100 million invested, $7.5 million will go toward vulnerability assessments for all Iowa school buildings and $6 million toward incident mapping technology. A School Safety Improvement fund will receive $75 million.

Fireworks
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12:30 a.m. the next day.

In Manly, fireworks can be used June 1 through July 8, between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. On the Fourth of July, and the Saturdays and Sundays before and after, people may use fireworks until 11 p.m.

In Northwood, fireworks are only allowed on July 3 and July 4 from 6-11 p.m.

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Organizing our environments with visual supports

By Jennifer Cline
Special Education Consultant



JENNIFER CLINE

Have you ever felt lost in a new store? Have you ever been to a foreign country and not been able to understand the language around you? What did you do? Naturally, people start looking for visual cues to understand the unfamiliar. In the store there may be signs and labels for the aisles to help understand where to find things or at a restaurant you may rely on the pictures of food items if you aren't able to understand the words. If these visual cues are absent it makes it harder to navigate the environment or understand expectations. Consequently, you are more likely to disengage and not be as willing to put yourself in that environment again.

Now put yourself in the shoes of a five-year-old in the classroom setting for the first time or a high school student that has a new schedule and multiple teachers with different routines. Without visual support, the student may be anxious about what's next, how to find things, what the teacher wants them to be doing, etc. The more visual supports and routines we can put in place for students will reduce anxiety and allow them to be in a better frame of mind for learning.

Visual supports come in many forms and help to organize our environments. As adults, we have found things that work for us, such as calendars, post-it notes, and labels or signage. Each person finds what works for them. For example, handwritten calendars vs digital formats, or the use of words vs pictures. This is equally important to remember for students. We need to help students find the best supports and organization that meets their individual needs on their worst day. Supports may come in the form of schedules, labels, notes, checklists, file systems, etc. The support is a good fit if it allows the students to be more engaged and independent throughout their day.

Often students can navigate through the day relying on memory or routines they are familiar with. But, what if they are dysregulated on a particular day? They may have missed a few days of school, might have had a substitute teacher, missed breakfast, or fought with a sibling before school, any of which may make it more difficult for them to stay engaged and be independent. On those days, having supports in place to organize the environment can help them to stay focused and less anxious. Staff at Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA) are available to help teachers, families and the students find the right level of supports to organize and make meaning out of their environments to better support them daily.

Jennifer Cline is a special education consultant and member of the well-being and assistive technology teams at Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA). She can be reached at jcline@centralriversaea.org. Central Rivers AEA supports the educators, parents, and the communities we serve as we work together toward one ultimate goal: to improve student learning. We provide support in the areas of quality classroom materials, curriculum planning, best practices in teaching and learning, safe and caring learning environment, appropriate educational opportunities for all learners, technology planning, professional learning, assessment, special education, leadership development, and more. Learn more at www.centralriversaea.org.

Merrifield hired as Regional ISU Extension Director



SARAH MERRIFIELD

Sarah Merrifield has been hired to fill a regional director position with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Beginning July 18, Merrifield will serve as director for Region 4, covering Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Mitchell and Worth counties.

As regional director, she supervises county directors and provides guidance to county extension councils. Currently, she serves as regional director for the counties of Kossuth, Hancock, Winnebago and Wright. Previously, she served as director of the Charles City Foster Grandparent Program. In other ISU Extension and Outreach roles, she worked as the Chickasaw County director and the youth and family outreach coordinator in Bremer County.

"Sarah has already proven her ability to be a committed regional director, harnessing talent and leveraging council resources to help fulfill community needs. We are pleased she will be sharing her skills with her local communities," said Andrea Nelson, assistant vice president for ISU Extension and Outreach. "We congratulate Sarah on her move."

Merrifield received a bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences and Education and a master's degree in Family Consumer Sciences from Iowa State University.

ISU Extension and Outreach is part of the federal Cooperative Extension Service — a network of more than 100 land-grant institutions, including Iowa State University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture serving communities and counties across the United States. Every county in Iowa has an elected extension council that decides how to support ISU Extension and Outreach educational programs at the county level.

For more information about ISU Extension and Outreach, visit www.extension.iastate.edu.

Davidson receives Central College women's track and field honors



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

Lindsey Davidson was among those receiving postseason honors for the Central College women's track and field team this spring.

Davidson, a Central College sophomore and Northwood-Kensett grad, is a distance runner at the college. She recevied her second varsity letter and was named Academic All-Conference.

NORTHWOOD
JULY 4TH
CELEBRATION

Friday, July 1

5-7 p.m. — Pool Party — K-12, Music, Games, Food
6 p.m. - Midnight — Beverage Garden Open on Central Ave.
6 p.m. — Food being served by Papa Murphys & "Casper Friendly Food Trailer" (Formerly Mr. Taco) & Wright Popcorn
8:30 - 11:30 p.m. — "The Trip" with Guest Guitarist Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal in the Beverage Garden

Saturday, July 2

6:30-9:30 a.m. — VFW Pancake Breakfast
8:30 a.m. — 5K Run/Walk Registration at Timers
9 a.m. — Start Time for 5K Run/Walk
9 a.m. — Softball Tourney in Swensrud Park (1 Day Only)
3 p.m. — Bags Tourney at Strike Zone
6 p.m. - Midnight — Beverage Garden Opens on Central Ave.
6 p.m. — Food being served by Papa Murphys & "Casper Friendly Food Trailer" (Formerly Mr. Taco) & Wright Popcorn
8:30 - 11:30 p.m. — "The Dweebs" in the Beverage Garden

Sunday, July 3

1 p.m. — NKCEF Golf Tournament at the Northwood Country Club, 12:30 p.m. registration

Monday, July 4

8-11 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast hosted by Waking Miss Winifred at the Shelter House in Central Park — Free Will Donation
11 a.m. — Parade
After Parade at the Fairgrounds — Signatures, Hot Beef Sundae, Mini Donuts of Northwood, Shaka Shaved Ice, Boy Scouts with Root Beer Floats, Half Pint the Clown, Bean Bags & Boards for all to enjoy and Chalk for the Kids to play with!
1 p.m. — Pedal Pull in Shelter House
2 p.m. — Royalty & Citizen Awards in the Shelter House at Fairgrounds
3 p.m. — Horseshoe Tournament at Swensrud Park
4 p.m. — BB Skills Contest at Basketball Court in Central Park Contact Joe Fierova for more information 641-390-0423
10 p.m. — Fireworks at the Airport



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Local students honored

Morningside announces 2021-22 Roadman Scholars

Morningside University has named 239 students as Roadman Scholars in recognition of high academic distinction for the 2021-22 academic year. That included Ryan M. Cole of Plymouth, Iowa.

Roadman Scholars must be full-time students who have completed at least 45 credits of college work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.76 or above. The award is named in honor of Earl Roadman, who was president of Morningside from 1936 to 1956.

ECC announces Spring graduates

Sixty-three students have completed all requirements of their respective degree programs as of the end of the Spring 2022 semester and are now graduates of Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. These graduates were honored with their peers at the commencement ceremony in May.

Amongst the graduates was Kennedy Eskildsen, APS (Agriculture), of Northwood.

Dorsey is named to Upper Iowa University 2022 Spring Dean's List

Madison Dorsey, a Human Services major from Hanlontown, has been named to Upper Iowa University Dean's List for the 2022 spring semester.

To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Spring Term President's and Dean's List Announced at NIACC

North Iowa Area Community College recently announced that 782 individuals have been named to the 2022 Spring Term President's List and Dean's List. These students represent 101 Iowa communities, 9 states outside the state of Iowa and 11 countries outside of the United States.0

Local students named to the 2022 Spring Term NIACC President's List include Matthew Odden and Elijah Wagner of Fertile; Kelsie Kinne of Hanlontown; Sarah Heggestad of Joice; Marli Backhaus, Jadyn Beland, Tabitha Diamond, Ryder Lestrud, Emma Logeman and Brett Schmidt of Kensett; Willow Anderson, Jessica Jordal, Jonathon Kreame, Colton O'Hern of Manly; Ross DeArmoun, Lauren Halvorson, Dedra Harris, Gavin Lawson, Sydney Midlang, Peyton Shoger and Sydney Welch of Northwood; Gloria Rodriguez of Albert Lea, Minn.; and Madison Berry of Glenville, Minn.

Students on the 2022 Spring Term NIACC Dean's List include Jonathon Roethler and Kristi Roethler of Joice; Mackensie Dodd of Manly; and Madelyn Berge and Hannah Obermeyer of Northwood.

ECC announces 2022 Spring Term Dean's List

One hundred twenty-nine students were named to the Spring 2022 (January to May) Dean's List at Ellsworth Community College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have earned a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and had at least a 3.5 grade point average for the Spring 2022 semester. Part-time students are not included in this list.

The ECC staff and administration congratulated Kennedy Eskildsen and Kael Julseth of Northwood for the honor.



Singing at the festival

Before the end of the school year, these Northwood-Kensett performers traveled to Algona. The members of the N-K High School choir are pictured in the warmup room with teacher Nikkole Koenig, pictured in the back. They were there to take part in the Iowa High School Music Association's State Large Group Festival. The N-K students received a Division II rating for their performance.

Young Eagles Flight Rally is scheduled for July 9 at the Albert Lea Airport

Area young people ages 8-17 will have a chance to take to the skies on Saturday, July 9, 2022, as Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Vintage Chapter #13 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at the Albert Lea Airport.

Those attending the flight rally can register at www.yeday.org. On the webpage, look for the flight rally held at Albert Lea Minnesota. Preregistration is not required. Flights will begin at 8 a.m. with registration ending at 11 a.m. A parent or guardian must be present to sign the permission form.

The rally is part of the EAA Young Eagles Program, created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program started in 1992 volunteer EAA pilots have flown over two million young people who reside in more than 90 countries. Our local chapter has flown over 1600 young eagles.

Free airplane rides are part of the Flight Rally. Pilots at the event will explain how airplanes operate and measures they use to fly safely.

Following the flight each young person will receive a certificate making them an official Young Eagle. Their name will be entered into the "World's Largest Logbook," which is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Logbook is also accessible at www.youngeagles.org. In addition to the certificate the new Young Eagle will be given a Logbook with an access code for a complete free online Flight Training course (private pilot ground school).

Along with flight rallies EAA members also fly Young Eagles on an individual basis. Each pilot volunteers their time and aircraft so the flights can be provided free of charge for interested young people.

Additional information about EAA and the Young Eagles program is available at www.eaa.org. For more information contact Denise Sandager - 507-402-7259

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Daughter of Jason & Jodie Bachtle



Hayley Wallin
Daughter of Kyle & Janet Wallin



Jadyn Beland
Daughter of Jeff & Stephanie Beland



Drake Tiedemann
Son of
Chad & Tiffany Tiedemann



Kennedy Christianson
Daughter of
Bradley & Jennie Christianson



Wyatt Willand
Son of
Wayde & Jill Willand

Jr. Miss/Mr. Northwood Contestants



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Daughter of
Teresa & Steve Butler



Alexander Tiedemann
Son of Chad &
Tiffany Tiedemann



Addyson Runde
Daughter of
Dan & Erin Runde



Kale Bode
Son of Kimberly &
Michael Bode



Ariah Bode
Daughter of
Kimberly &
Michael Bode



Weston Willand
Son of Jill &
Wayde Willand

Lil' Miss/Mr. Northwood Contestants



Kennedi Struck
Daughter of Matt &
Jeni Struck



Cohen Bode
Son of Kimberly &
Michael Bode



Aurora Navratil
Daughter of Jon &
Donna Navratil



Abel Wheeler
Son of Kris &
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Solara Navratil
Daughter of Jon &
Donna Navratil



Boden Braun
Son of Kevin &
Allix Braun

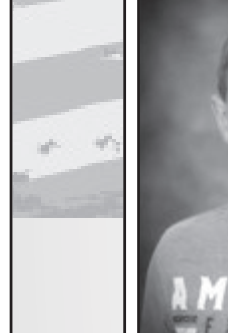


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Daughter of Sawyer &
Michelle Schutz



Caleb Eilertson
Son of Mark &
Emily Eilertson

Cambry Schulz
Daughter of Sawyer &
Michelle Schulz



Henry Horning
Son of Daniel &
Hayle Horning

Tinnley Mickelson
Daughter of Riki &
Joey Mickelson

Bauer Akemann
Son of Shelby &
Trent Akemann

Cambria Schreiber
Daughter of Sam &
Annika Schreiber



Sawyer Doty
Son of Dustin &
Chelsey Doty

Evelynn Ralston
Daughter of Christina
Stromley

Emmet Urbatsch
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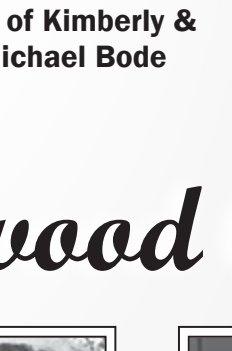
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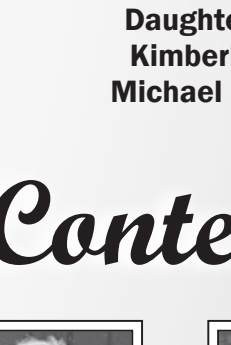
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Daughter of Brad &
Sam Haberman



Mia Martinez
Daughter of
Alex Martinez &
Brandon Kilbourn



Veda Waller
Daughter of Kyle &
Lacey Waller

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RSVP Volunteers honored for service in North Central Iowa

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of North Central Iowa celebrated volunteers in June at their annual volunteer recognition event. Where 289 volunteers were honored. Cumulatively, they served more than 7,000 hours during the 2021-2022 program year throughout six counties (Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth).

The ceremony featured messages from both Alison Mason, RSVP director, and Patti Hanson, Dean of Continuing Education. The event concluded with a video featuring area school teachers, nonprofit leaders and students who shared thanks to volunteers for their service and positive impact.

The focus of RSVP of North Central Iowa is childhood literacy. In addition to their school-based programs, Reading Buddies, Pen Pals and Reading Coaches, RSVP also partners with local organizations to provide volunteers. These agencies include Cerro Gordo Public Health, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Emergency Management.

During the ceremony, 27 volunteers were recognized for their service. Awards are based on total hours of volunteer service.

Bronze Award recipients, who have completed 100-249 hours are:

- Linda Bottorff, Mason City
- Jeanne Burgart, Clear Lake
- David Curtis, Clear Lake
- Elaine Fratzke, Clear Lake
- Connie Graber, Forest City
- **Kathy Hanson, Northwood**
- Gayle Heimer, Osage
- Robin Koob, Alexander
- Adriane McKinley, Osage
- Marilyn Moore, Clear Lake
- Harlan Rodberg, Forest City
- Phyllis Rush, Mason City
- Pam Stemmerman, Mason City
- Karolyn Hornung, Mason City

Silver Award Recipients, who have completed 250-499 hours are:

- Nickie Baker, Sheffield
- Star Barnes, Clear Lake
- Don Gettner, Mason City
- Sue Hoeft, Forest City
- Nancy Huber, Clear Lake
- Kathy Johnson, Kanawha
- Larry Kollman, Mason City
- **Joyce Nuehring, Manly**
- Vicki Robertson, Mason City
- Alan Steckman, Mason City

Gold Recipients who have completed 500+ hours are:

- Annette Bruns, Forest City
- Gwen Suntken, Mason City

More information on RSVP of North Central Iowa is available by visiting www.niacc.edu/community-and-continuing-education/continuing-education/rsvp or contacting 1-888-466-4222 ext. 4256, (641) 422-4256 or rsvp@niacc.edu.

RSVP of North Central Iowa serves the counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth responding to priority community needs by providing meaningful, purposeful volunteer opportunities for people ages 55 and over. RSVP is sponsored by North Iowa Area Community College and is partly funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, State of Iowa, United Way of North Central Iowa and local county governments.





Under construction

Construction is underway throughout Northwood. That includes this home being built just south of the downtown parking lot on Eighth Street South in Northwood. The home is being built as a part of the City of Northwood's $1 lot program. Under the program, property owners are offered funds to remove rundown homes and then sell the remaining property to the City. The City then offers the properties at a minimal cost to encourage new home construction, like the house-to-be pictured here.



RSVP ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

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

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

Northwood United Methodist Church
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Rev. Rob Lanphere

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

Sacred Heart Church, Manly
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Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor
Fr. Jake Dunne, Associate Pastor
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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

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of meeting Gail Kittleson. She is an accomplished author; most of her books are historical fiction. She has, however, teamed with an author friend, Cleo Lampos, and together they have created a most interesting book that will appeal to both lovers of history and to foodies.

"The Food That Held The World Together" (2020, WordCraft Press, Cody, WY) presents food in a far different light than the ordinary collection of recipes. Yes, there are recipes included but the history of food and how it played a critical role during the years of WWII gives the reader the opportunity to pause and contemplate more fully what is on our plates today. The three sections: The Home Front, The Military and European Challenges are meant to provide insights to the length and breadth of food in these three arenas. Each section is broken into several chapters addressing a variety of food-centered situations. We learn how the military coped with food shortages while overseas as well as how women joined the war effort by their dedication to victory gardens. A train depot canteen was established in Nebraska to feed soldiers passing through on their way to Europe. It took skill and perseverance to be creative with the use of those foods that were available and the American housewife rose to the occasion.

The following recipes are printed with permission of the authors.

Cheese and Potato Dumplings

2 pounds of peeled potatoes (set aside the peel to bake on the oven for another delicious snack)
2 reconstituted dried eggs (or two fresh)
3-4 oz. strong grated cheese SANDY'S NOTE: Try Parmesan
Salt and pepper
Dried herbs such as thyme

Method:

Cook the potatoes in boiling salted water. Set aside to drain in a colander for ten minutes. Mash potatoes, return to saucepan over low heat, add seasoning and herbs. Mix well. Add eggs and half the cheese; mix well again and stir until potatoes firm up. Once cooled a little, form into 10 balls and roll in remaining grated cheese. Place on greased baking tray and bake in hot oven for 20 minutes or until brown and crusty. SANDY'S NOTE: A "hot" oven can be said to be about 400 degrees F.

Eggless, Milkless, Almost Fat-Free WWII Cake

Bring to a boil in a heavy saucepan, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup water, 1 cup raisins, 2 tablespoons oil or margarine, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon cloves. Cook gently 5 minutes, remove from heat and cool until warm. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees, grease and flour an 8x4" baking pan. Sift together 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda. Add to cooled sugar mixture, beat until smooth. Stir in 1/2 cup chopped walnuts. Spread in baking pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until a broom straw inserted in the center of cake comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes, turn onto a rack to cool completely. For a good glaze, save back a little of the spiced water, mix with confectioner's sugar, a drop of vanilla and a pinch of salt. Glaze the cake while still warm.

Whacky Cake

3 cups sifted flour
6 tablespoons cocoa
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons salt

Sift above ingredients into a 9x13-inch baking pan. Add:

12 tablespoons shortening, melted
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 cups cold water
2 teaspoons vanilla

Stir all the ingredients in the 9x13-inch pan. Do NOT beat. Bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Some of the most interesting parts of this book are about the rationing of food which is hard for most of us believe. Eating organ meats such as liver, tongue or heart at home so the military could have the better cuts of meat in the field was a war effort! Saving cooking grease and turning it in at the grocery stores to be use to lubricate guns would get a family extra ration stamps. The research that goes into a book such as this is extraordinary. You can find The Food That Held The World Together in stores, online and at libraries. It is a read that will stay with you as your step up to the stove or sit down at a restaurant in 2022.

Northwood Anchor Society

Wunderlich wins bucket guess at Worth County Historical Society's fair booth

The Worth County Historical Society appreciated all the Worth County fair goers who stopped by their booth.

There was a bucket full of guesses for the pigs and corn candy and the winner was Cody Wunderlich, who received a $20 cash prize. His guess was just one short of the 723 correct answer.

The runners up were Laura Block and Dale Schultz, whose guesses were three off of the correct answer.



CODY WUNDERLICH

Women landowners share perceptions of farmland transitions

Nearly 360 women landowners in Iowa shared their experiences on owning and operating farmland in a recent survey conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

A study in 2017 showed that women own nearly half of the farmland in Iowa, and specialists with ISU Extension and Outreach wanted to improve their understanding of this important segment of the state's agriculture.

The current survey asked women landowners a variety of questions related to farmland leasing, conservation practices, and farmland transition plans. According to the results, a majority of women are interested in information about landowner responsibilities, the economics of farmland ownership, crop production costs, and determining the right rental rates.

The survey also shows how women prefer to receive farmland management information, with the majority preferring newsletters, followed by webinars, fact sheets and infographics, and half-day educational meetings.

"The survey sort of serves as the basis for trying to understand what women landowners want to know both in terms of content but also how they would like to receive information," said Wendong Zhang, one of the survey leads and an extension economist at Iowa State University. "The goal is to better match our resources that we can offer at Iowa State and other land grant universities to better inform and help empower women landowners, regardless of their location and experience."

The survey is part of a larger project partially funded by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Farm Credit Services of America. The goal is to improve the knowledge and confidence of women landowners on the use of more equitable farmland leases, the adoption of soil and water conservation practices and the implementation of efficient plans to transition farmland to the next generation.

The survey was sent to 688 landowners in the fall of 2021 and completed by 358 women for a response rate of 52%.

"There were some very interesting findings that differentiated the operating landowners and the non-operating landowners," said Madeline Schultz, program manager for Women in Ag with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Schultz said it's particularly noteworthy that most women in the survey lease out at least a portion of their farm, and that nearly a quarter of respondents lease their land to someone other than a friend or family member.

"This shows there are opportunities for others to lease land – potentially a beginning farmer or someone else from a younger generation," said Schultz.

The survey also compares women landowners by age, size of operation and operator versus non-operator status.

More than 80% of owners rely primarily on their tenants to make decisions on crop varieties and inputs, and 65% of owners report that tenants manage the tillage practices. Some 34% of operating owners and 85% of non-operating owners lease at least a portion of their land.

"Farmland leasing is very much of interest to women in agriculture and a majority of participants in the current farm management meetings across Iowa are men," said Schultz. "With women showing this level of interest, we would love to get more women to participate in those meetings."

The survey also shows which conservation issues women are most worried about. Most (69%) say they are concerned there are too many requirements and restrictions and too much paperwork associated with government conservation programs. Interference with the ability to change land management practices (57.6%), low cost-share payments (54.4%), and limited environmental value of the practices (51.5%) are also important concerns.

In addition to Zhang and Schultz, the survey was supported by Kristine Tidgren, Catherine DeLong, Jamie L. Benning, Melissa O'Rourke, Lisa Scarbrough, Cory Hyde, and Jingyi Tong (graduate student).

The results will be used in the months and years ahead as ISU Extension and Outreach continues to improve its face-to-face opportunities for women in agriculture and methods of educational delivery.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

July 4th of each year is Independence Day. We all learned why we celebrate the occasion and it's great fun with a parade, cookouts and (hopefully) nice weather. But, as a Senior, I think we need to celebrate another independence day: the freedom from the old-time thought that older men should sit around watching television with a cat in their lap and older women should be in a rocking chair knitting! Nothing wrong with those things but that's not all there is! Today's seniors continue to have varied interests, enjoy getting together with others outside home and have so much to offer in skills, ideas and experience from those years of life.

The Northwood Senior Center is all-in with providing a safe and happy place for people over 60 to get out of the house and join in socialization with their peers. Yep, we hear a lot about "peers" when describing students or people on a jury. OUR peers are the other seasoned citizens who are the same age and with some of the same ideas we have.

Activities at the Senior Center bring these people together. Activities for the summer have been reduced to encourage people to enjoy the warm weather and all the other things our area has to offer in July and August. We will continue to have Fun Bingo, Bookworms Book Club, lunchtime music by Lois and Trivia with Lorri. Tuesday will remain the open day to come with friends to play cards and games.

Fun Bingo will be held on July 18, August 1 and August 15 at the Center at 12:30 p.m. Bookworms will meet at the Public Library on July 11 and August 1 at 2 p.m. Lois Meyer will entertain at lunch on July 7 and 21 as well as August 4 and 18. Time is 11:30 a.m. Last but definitely not least, stretch your memory with Lorri with Trivia on July 25 and August 22.

I won't be writing a Senior Moments article for August, so please cut this one out and keep it handy. I'll be busy enjoying all the things there are to do as a Senior…and lovin' every minute!

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

How to hire an in-home helper for an aging parent

Dear Savvy Senior,

I would like to hire an in-home helper for my 82-year-old mother to assist with household chores like housekeeping, grocery shopping and driving her to the doctor, etc. But mom doesn't require any personal/physical caregiving, nor does she require any home medical care. Any tips to help us find someone?

Searching Sarah

Dear Sarah,

Getting your mother some help at home to handle some of her day-to-day chores is a smart idea that can make a big difference keeping her independent longer. Here's are some tips to help you find someone reliable.

In-Home Help

For seniors who could use some help at home – but don't need a caregiving aide for personal care – there are homemakers/home helpers you can hire that can help make life a little easier.

Most in-home helpers can assist with any number of things like shopping, running errands, transportation, light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, arranging services (home maintenance, lawn care, etc.) and other household chores, along with providing companionship and support. And, if your mom gets to the point she needs personal/physical care like bathing or dressing, many home helpers can assist with this too.

Most home helpers are part time workers who work a few hours a day or a few days per week.

You also need to know that while Medicare does cover home health care services if a doctor orders it, they do not cover in-home homemaker/helper services.

There are two ways in which you can go about hiring someone for your mom; either through a home care agency, or you can hire someone directly on your own.

Home Care Agency

Hiring a home helper through a non-medical home care, or non-medical companion care agency is the easiest, but most expensive option of the two. Costs typically run anywhere from $15 to $25 an hour depending on where you live.

How it works is you pay the company, and they handle everything including assigning appropriately trained and pre-screened staff to care for your mother and finding a fill-in on days her helper cannot come.

Some of the drawbacks, however, are that you may not have much input into the selection of the aide, and the helpers may change or alternate, which can cause a disruption.

To find a home care agency in your area, use search engines like Google or Yahoo and type in "non-medical home care" followed by the city and state your mom lives in. Or you can use Medicare's home health services search tool at Medicare.gov/care-compare – click on "home health services." Most home health agencies offer some form of non-medical home care services too. You can also check your local yellow pages under "home health services."

Hiring Directly

Hiring a personal assistant/home helper on your own is the other option, and it's less expensive. Costs typically range between $12 and $20 per hour. Hiring directly also gives you more control over who you hire so you can choose someone who you feel is right for your mom.

But be aware that if you do hire someone on your own, you become the employer so there's no agency support to fall back on if a problem occurs or if the assistant doesn't show up. You're also responsible for paying payroll taxes and any worker-related injuries that may happen. If you choose this option, make sure you check the person's references thoroughly and do a criminal background check.

To find someone, ask for referrals through friends or you can search online at sites like Care.com or CareLinx.com.

For more information on hiring in-home help for your mom, the Family Caregiver Alliance offers a helpful guide that you can access at Caregiver.org/resource/hiring-home-help.

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'll be right back with your beef dinner special.

Could I have extra mashed potatoes?

I'm sorry, but the potatoes are as mashed as they get.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Karen Bergner of Mankato asked if all the road construction was cramping my style. I'm not sure if I've ever had any style, but I have had cramps. So, maybe it is.

Books have a great ROI (return on investment) and are splendid company. Sunlight is a disinfectant and books are sunlight. I read a few chapters before going to bed each night. My neighbor likes to fall asleep while reading. He's been reading the same book for nine years.

Bath has a checkered past

Back when I had to walk 2 miles uphill to the refrigerator, I thought of Bath as a place where ancient ships would have fallen off the edge of the Earth had there been enough water to float a ship. It offered life on a grand scale. The village had a population of 2 before it closed and collapsed into the fold of a map. Old guys smoked miles of cigarettes while playing checkers at the Bath Store. Sometimes they let me play. On a better-than-average but rare day, they let me win. The old guys believed in throwing the first wisecrack. A geezer could gang up on me all by himself. Some talked as if they were on a long-distance phone call. People talked loud when on long-distance phone calls and when their hearing was diminished. On a day like today, the smell of cut hay was ubiquitous and there were always a couple of dogs hanging around Bath. One wowed when the other one bowed. I beat them both at checkers. If you've heard otherwise, it's because the dogs lied about it.

The canine chronicles

At another time, I traveled around one day a week taking photos and peering at birds. No birds were harmed in the process. My faithful Chihuahua companion Sancho accompanied me. He got his name because of the book I was reading when I brought the puppy home in my coat pocket. Sancho Panza was Don Quixote's squire in the novel "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes. Don Quixote represented illusion and Sancho Panza represented reality. The canine Sancho was a good friend. A good listener to my quixotic ideas. Such undertakings built a thirst and I'd swing into the drive-through of a fast-food restaurant to get a cup of iced tea. This was Sancho's favorite part of birding and photography. He perked up when he saw the person at the restaurant's window and turned on the charm. "Oh, your dog is so cute. Would it be OK if I gave him a bit of hamburger?" said the worker.

It was OK with Sancho.

I've learned

The easiest way to be thought smart is to listen to others.

Only fools are certain. I'm certain about that.

If all the miraculous golf clubs worked, everyone would be good at golf.

Right this minute, most long-married couples are yelling "What?" from separate rooms.

Mistakes are made to be made.

The bad joke department

Did you hear about the man who evaporated? He'll be mist.

I've invented a thought control air freshener. It makes scents when I think about it.

Al Pacino will star in "Scarface 2," a movie about the world knitting championships.

Nature notes

Cardinals commonly raise two broods in the north. When the first brood fledges, the father takes care of the fledglings as the mother builds a second nest, and lays and incubates eggs.

Dragonflies don't eat as many mosquitoes as I wish they did because adult dragonflies and mosquitoes can keep different hours, but the carnivorous dragonfly nymphs devour mosquito larvae.

When the Spanish first encountered hummingbirds, they called them resurrection birds—believing anything that shining must die each night and be reborn the next morning. Spanish missionaries used hummingbirds to explain the resurrection. Male Anna's hummingbirds dive at speeds of 385 body lengths per second according to a study in the U.K. journal "Proceedings of the Royal Society B." Mayan legend said the first two hummingbirds were created from small feather scraps left over from the construction of other birds. Hummingbirds are attracted to the color red. That includes parked cars, lipstick and hats.

Meeting adjourned

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." -Muhammad Ali.

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Fit to print...

The history of Independence Day, celebrations and traditions

From History.com:

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2022 is on Monday, July 4, 2022.

History of Independence Day

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade…Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Early Fourth of July Celebrations and Traditions

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war.

George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the Federalist Party and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

Fourth of July Fireworks

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

See more on the history of the Fourth of July, its celebrations and traditions on History.com.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

June 28, 1922

A world wide view of one of the most significant movements of our times, the emancipation of modern womanhood, is the theme of the stereopticon lecture, which will be given at the Methodist church. Up through the centuries women have had long struggles to become endowed in the minds of men with a distinct and inalienable personality of their own and to get out of the class of chattel or a personal dependent.

Northwood will not celebrate the 4th of July this year, nor has she for 15 years, although many express themselves in favor of a celebration at the county seat. The only Worth County town to celebrate this year is the town of Grafton and the enterprising citizens of that good town are making extensive preparations to entertain a large crowd.

The first open air free band concert will be given this evening in the new bandstand in Central Park. Although the new stand is not entirely completed it is in shape suitable for seating the band members. Director Dillon has arranged a special program for the evening in honor of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Corncik and little daughter Bernice will leave for Glenwood, Minnesota, to join Mrs. Cora Pickell in a visit with relatives making the trip in their Ford sedan. Levi will also endeavor to find out if it is easier to catch big fish than to catch elusive messages on the telegraph wire.

The Daily Evening News of Glendale, California, in its issue of May 24 tells of a musical recital given be Miss Gertrude Cleophas, formerly of Kensett, at Barker Bros. auditorium on Friday, May 17. The News refers to Miss Cleophas as one of the foremost pianists of western America.

75 years ago

June 26, 1947

More than 1,000 4-H girls and leaders attended Iowa's 18th annual 4-H girls convention held at Iowa State College at Ames. Worth County was represented by Betty Winkelman, Bristol club; Roberta Gallion, Lincoln club; Eva Holstad, Silver Lake club; Betty Eskildsen, Deer Creek club; Rena Rustad, Grove club, and Mrs Byron Nessa, as leader. The theme of the convention was "Learning to Live in a Changing World."

Robert Bowen of Maxwell, Iowa, has been hired as athletic coach for the Northwood public schools. Bowen will succeed Henry Kool, who goes to the Estherville public schools after three years in Northwood.

O.J. Wardwell, Worth County chairman of the savings bonds division of the treasury department, reported that total sales of Series E.F. and G savings bonds in the county were $74,746 during May. This brings the county's total sales for the first five months to $444,100, 40.58 percent of its 1947 quota of $1,094, 245.

Word that Pfc. Edgar A. Fenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fenney, southwest of Northwood, must now be "presumed dead" was the sad intelligence received by the Fenneys from the war department in recent days. Edgar had not been heard from since June 19, 1945, when the war department sent word to his parents that he had been evacuated to "an unknown hospital" from Okinawa, where he served during the spring and summer of 1945 with he 96th division.

The Rev. Fred Smith of Rockford was assigned to the pastorate of the Northwood and Kensett Methodist churches at the annual Upper Iowa Conference meeting held at Dubuque. He will succeed the Rev. Leo G.Wolfe, who was transferred to Tipton, Iowa, after serving in the field since November 1944.

50 years ago

June 29, 1972

Mrs. Wintson Hamersly successfully gathered her political eggs to be elected one of the 10 delegates-at-large from Minnesota to the Republican National Convention to be held in Miami in August. Mrs. Hamersly was one of two from Minnesota named to the Rules Committee.

Two juveniles girls were apprehended in Northwood and charged with stealing items from parked cars. Northwood policemen Gene Weitzel and Harold Quisley, with the assistance of six local juveniles, made the arrest. Weitzel said the value of the stolen items totaled about $250. The juveniles were released in custody of their parents.

Britt downed the Vikings baseball team 9-2 at Northwood, as assisted by nine Northwood errors. Paul Butler and Jimmy Hanson each scored for the Vikings after hitting singles. The Northwood Kensett team is now 3-4 in NIC play. Dreng Gunderson and Billy Alexander pitched for the Vikings. The team traveled to Britt for a North Iowa Conference game.

The 77-year-old barn on the Arnold Jorde farm one mile south of Kensett was totally destroyed after being struck by lightning. Jorde credits the fire companies from Kensett, Manly and Northwood preventing the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

A late model kayak was given a trial ride by the senior lifesaving class of the Northwood Municipal Pool. Class members are Jody Crane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaDon Crane, Gary Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Larson, Frank Orth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Orth, Stephanie Block, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Block, all of Northwood; and Glenda Sime, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sime, and Kim Jaspers, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Lee Jaspers, both of rural Northwood. Class instructors are Mrs. Donna Jepson and Dana Bonker.

25 years ago

June 25, 1997

Sheffield teenagers Katie Klunder and Julie Adams kept their cool, and their balance, while sidling out on the ledge of the Shell Rock River dam in Swensrud Park in pursuit of a softball that landed in the backwash below the dam. The two girls were visiting fiends and relatives here.

Ken Block of Northwood and Audrey Thompson of Kensett braved the heat of the barbecue pit to make sure their ribeyes and french bread were seasoned just right during the county conservation foundation's annual Conservation Day steak fry at Worth County Lake. More than 180 people turned out to make the fundraiser a success.

Paul Hengesteg of Northwood has been recognized for academic excellence during the spring 1997 semester at Simpson College. Hengesteg has been named to Simpson's Dean's List. Hengesteg is a sophomore majoring in Theatre Arts.

U.S. Senators Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin met with 76 high school students from the North Central Iowa 4-H group during their recent trip to Washington, D.C. The students were accompanied by Vicki Knudtson.

Ground work began two weeks ago on the 10 acre plot west of I-35 and north of Highway 105 for the Top of Iowa Welcome Center. Larson Contracting of Lake Mills completed the base of the parking lots, and expects to move on to develop the sewage lagoon on the south side of Highway 105. Current plans are to have the parking lots and sewage lagoon completed by fall and the actual building up by March of next year, according to Dave Brunsvold of Win-Worth Betco.

Corey Buehrer, 11-year-old son of Mark and Lori Buehrer of Northwood, recently landed this big northern pike in Turtle Creek using a spinnerbait. The fish measured 34 inches in length and came in somewhere around 11 pounds, according to the bathroom scale.

10 years ago

June 27, 2012

The Worth County Fair once again closed with the annual ribbon sale. The 2012 Worth County Fair 4-H Livestock Ribbon Sale raised money for local 4-H youth and the 4-H program. A total of $53,275 was paid for 131 ribbons. The average price paid per ribbon was $400.56.

As the fiscal year ends on June 30, so too do the careers of two women who have served in local governments for a combined 64 years. Retiring at the end of this week are city clerk Donna Tyrrell and Northwood-Kensett School District business manager Karen Abrahams.

Pritchard's of Northwood chose their grand re-opening to donate $1,000 to the Northwood-Kensett Athletic Complex. Pritchard's of Northwood employees are pictured with N-KAC Fundraising Committee members Kory Olson, Jeff Miller, Gary Hengesteg, Dylan Hanson, Brent Steinman, Matt Ressler, Eric Hungerford, Caleb Schwieger and Brendan Nagle. The Athletic Complex construction is underway and will be ready for the first N-K football game at the beginning of the school year.

Jordan Garcia, Northwood, was named to the dean's honor scholastic list at Minnesota State University Mankato for the spring term.

Erika Willand was recently awarded the Northwood Lions Club 2012 Russell Herberg Achievement Award for excellence in school activities. The $300 scholarship was given to Erika based on cooperation, citizenship and her leadership abilities.

Nick Watney, great nephew of Bill and Lucille Watney, Northwood, tied for sixth place at the U.S. open professional golf tournament on June 17 in San Francisco. Wabb Simpson won first with a score of 281 and Watney shot 287. He tied with Tiger Woods.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Bob Harris

Bob Allen Harris, 74, Northwood, died on June 19, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, June 24, 2022, at Schroeder Funeral Home Highway 65 South, Northwood. Burial followed services at Sunset Rest Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Schroeder Funeral Homes.

Bob Allen Harris was born on August 6, 1947, in Northwood, the son of Ralph and Cheryl (Whitney) Harris.

Bob graduated Northwood-Kensett High School in 1965.

Bob married Julie Butler-Fierova on August 31, 2013. Bob farmed with his dad and brother for many years. Bob then worked in hog confinement construction then worked for Carroll George Inc. until he retired in 2010. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling in



BOB HARRIS

his earlier years. In later years he enjoyed mowing, snow blowing and watching the Minnesota Vikings, the Wild, the Iowa Hawkeyes and Tom Brady!

Bob is survived by his wife, Julie; children, Tony (Dedra) and Larry (Sheri) Harris, Miranda (Dustin) Hodson, Joe (Steph), Tommy (Nikkole) and Phillip (Hayley) Fierova, Dawn (Brian) Skay, Jodie (Timothy) Chevalier, Bill Adams and Shane (Erin) Shimon; grandchildren, Shelby (Dustin), Tori (Jake), Lindy, Sydney (Greg), Dylan (Hannah), Treasure (Daniel), Daniel, Olivia, Spenser, Loren, Damaris, Jade, Mia, Brooks, Noah, Hunter, Beatrix, Brittnee (Luke), Emylee (Ryan), Nick, Zach, Heather (Matt), Chris and Drake; great-grandchildren, Alexander, Corrinne, Natalie, Zuilianixia, Braelynn, Westlynn, Kase, Aubree, Westley, Haylee, Kenzee, Lilly, Ian, Amelia and Leo; and sister, Paula; along with nieces, nephews and many other extended family members and friends.

Preceding Bob in death were his parents, Ralph and Cheryl; brothers, Lonnie and Larry; sister, Ann; granddaughter, Linzee; great-granddaughter, Quinlynn; maternal grandparents, George and Mary Whitney; and paternal grandparents, Roy and Carrie Harris.

In lieu of flowers direct your memorials to the family to be given to the organization of their choice.

Robert Harris

Robert Harris, 64, died on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at his home in Mason City, Iowa.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 30, 2022, at Kensett Cemetery, 410th St, Kensett. All are welcome to attend lunch and time for sharing memories from 12 to 3 p.m. at Kuennen's Quarry, 1555 450th St, Northwood.

Family suggests that memorials may be directed toward the North Iowa Community Kitchen.

Bob was born on August 16, 1957, the son of Vernon and Judith (Calgaard) Harris. He was a graduate of St. Ansgar High School's Class of 1977. After graduation Bob worked for local farmers and several manufacturers Farmstead Foods, Carroll George Inc., Triggs Trailers, Mason City Fence as well as Sukup. Eventually he worked in carpentry until his health declined.

One of Bob's favorite pastimes was fishing, often



ROBERT HARRIS

along the Shell Rock River. He also enjoyed camping, hunting, wood working, gardening and bird watching. He took pride in having a well manicured lawn and having beautiful flowers for those who passed to enjoy. He spent most of his life in Iowa but he explored living in Denver, Colorado, Florida and South Dakota. Bob was a fan of classic cars, motorcycles and rock and roll, listening to an extensive collection on vinyl. Although Bob didn't have any children of his own he considered his nieces and nephews a big part of his life and loved them dearly.

Those left to cherish memories of Bob are his sisters, Bonnie (Jerald) Charlson, Susan (Dean) Cowell, Katherine (Stephen) Marshall and Linda (George) Kauffman; nieces and nephews, Angela (Brian) Thompson, Brian (Robin) Charlson, Nicole (Rob) Nelson, Tammie (Jason) Dickens, Wendy (John) Trihus, Jason (Jessie) Cowell, Megan (Rob) Evans, Sara (Luis) Garcia, Jacob (Mariah) Marshall, Tiffany Prince and Joshua (Heather) Kauffman; aunt, Irma Harris; and many great nieces, nephews and cousins; as well as his furry companion, Gunner.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Judith Harris; and his brother, Steve.

Bride Colonial Colonial Chapel, Manly.

Help fight the spread of invasive species

From the Iowa DNR:

Governor Kim Reynolds recently proclaimed June as Invasive Species Awareness Month in Iowa.

Invasive species, like emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, spongy moth and oriental bittersweet threaten Iowa's ecosystem by competing with and destroying native trees and disrupting the natural complex habitat system.

Iowa woodlands, wildlands and waterways draw hundreds of thousands of tourists and recreational users each year. Much of the spread of Invasive species comes from people simply enjoying nature. Uninvited guests can hitch a ride on outdoor gear, shoes and clothes, travelling hundreds of miles in a single day.

Take these easy steps to stop the spread of invasive species in your community.

Verify that the plants you buy for your yard or garden are not invasive. Many non-native plants can become invasive. The Forest Invasive Species Guide includes quick ID photos and common management techniques to control 19 invasive trees, shrubs and plants.

Look for spongy moth egg masses on all outdoor equipment when traveling from a spongy moth quarantined area.

Clean your boots before and after you hike in a new area to avoid spreading seeds. This is a common way garlic mustard and other plants are spread.

Do not buy or sell firewood from outside your county. Firewood can contain emerald ash borer, Sirex woodwasp, Asian longhorned beetle, oak wilt and many more pests. Plenty of firewood is available locally near state and county parks. Make sure to burn all of the firewood at the campsite and not leave it or transport to a new area.

Work with your Private Lands Forester for plans to make your forests more resilient to invasive species.

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Bolan

On June 5, 18 bicyclers headed to the David and Kathy Bakken home in Decorah, Iowa to start the "Decorah to Duluth" Bike Tour. They all enjoyed pizza as Lori Willert, coordinator of the ride, gave out more information about the tour.

On Monday they started their two-week journey arriving in Grand Portage, Minnesota on the afternoon of June 17. This was a 90 mile day. Lori and Kelsie Willert then put their bikes in Linda's RV, she served as a support person for the ride, and rode with her to the Canadian border.

They also took time to view the "High Falls" in Grand Portage State Park before riding their bikes back putting in a 99 mile day. Joe Nydegger, who served as the bicycle gear and baggage person, drove some of the others up to the border.

The group also took in some tours along the way and just visiting places, which included 1911 Dahl Auto Museum and 1858 Historic Hixon House in La Crosse, Wisconsin; National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minnesota; Red Wing Pottery Museum and the Red Wing Shoe Museum; Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway with a 90-minute train ride to Marine On St. Croix; Lake Superior Railroad Museum in Duluth and also seeing the 1905 Aerial Lift Bridge; Glensheen Mansion, which is the most toured historic house in Minnesota; and Split Rock Lighthouse in Two Harbors, Minnesota. This tour was approximately 600 miles, with the average day putting in 44 miles. Everyone arrived back at their respective homes the evening of June 18.

On Sunday, June 19, the Willerts spent the day getting the town of Bolan ready for Vacation Bible School. This would include the Quonset, Feed Shed, old garage, BSCC basement, Trinity Church basement and the Willert garage. Later in the afternoon, Vickie Flo and Linda Nydegger helped also.

Area VBS started at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24, running until noon each day. The theme was "ZOOMERANG" Returning to the Value of Life. There were 47 children and about as many helpers. The churches involved in this Ecumenical VBS were from Bolan, Manly, Northwood and Shell Rock Valley Methodist and the Lutheran churches from Manly and Hanlontown.

On Friday evening at 6 p.m. there was a free-will hot dog meal served by the Trinity UM Church Family, with the program beginning at 6:45 p.m. and afterwards the viewing of the stations. The Mission Offering that was taken each day amounted to $400! This offering was split between the Worth County Community of Promise and Children's Hunger Fund.

Supervisors

June 20, 2022
Twenty-five Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, present. Enos Loberg, absent. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda and minutes from June 13, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve agreement for DOT-Initiated Detour of Primary Highways onto Local Road (S-56 to S-62). Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $37,251.34, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 14, Prof Services $750.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 32, Prof Services $540.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 48, Prof Services $750.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 72, Prof Services $810.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 72, Prof Services $2,290.00
Popp Farm Drainge, DD 32, Repairs $607.14
Popp Farm Drainage, DD 34 Lower Main, Repairs $902.02
Peterson Excavating & Drainage, DD 34, Repairs $30,602.18
Grand Total $37,251.34

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $726,845.64, as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf 195.84
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 17,842.25
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,047.00
All Flags, Llc, Supplies-Vaf . 46.91
Alliant Energy, Service-Shf243.41
Ann Yezek, Election-Aud ... 192.97
Aramark, Service-Eng 360.51
Barbara Smith
Election-Aud 195.23
Belinda Borchardt
Election-Aud 192.39
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 4,721.70
Bryn Pangburn
Election-Aud 212.17
C J Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng 105.00
Callie Flattum, Election-Aud69.49
Cemstone Concrete Materials, Llc
Supplies-Eng 1,112.14
Centurylink, Service-Gsr ... 128.90
Christine Dorenkamp
Primary 2022 ..... 189.38
City Of Fertile, Rutf-Eng ... 823.74
City Of Grafton, Rutf-Eng . 492.37
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 212.86
City Of Joice, Rutf-Eng 528.93
City Of Kensett, Rutf-Eng . 265.61
City Of Manly, Service-Eng. 51.00
Connie Rosenberg
Election-Aud 192.39
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 105.30
Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen, P.C., Service-Sup 1,128.00
Eilertson Repair
Service-Con 20.35
Elizabeth Backhaus
Election-Aud 174.25
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 1,462.81
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Con 81.96
Five Star Cooperative
Supplies-Con 375.00
Gail Read, Election-Aud 179.97
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf 123.67
Gene Watson
Election-Aud 182.00
Geocomm Inc
Service-911 ..... 2,021.00
Glaxosmithkline
Supplies-Phd 388.56
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,528.80
Hovey's Lawn & Garden
Service-Con 2,050.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy
Edu-Shf 875.00
Icube, Dues-Dap 200.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 73,331.68
Janelle Johnson
Election-Aud 20.50
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd 50.00
Jill M Ehrhardt
Election-Aud 151.19
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf 83.54
John Wonsmos
Election-Aud 193.92
Judy Wonsmos
Election-Aud 171.69
Julie Tweeten
Election-Aud 184.84
Kam Line Highway Markings Llc
Service-Eng 57,934.50
Karen Abrahams
Election-Aud 1.50
Kathryn Brodersen
Election-Aud 188.44
Kim Severson
Election-Aud 169.83
Knudtson Automotive Service
Service-Shf 287.87
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Shf 464.46
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 337.98
Lois Low, Election-Aud 170.30
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup 897.63
Marcia Prestegaard
Election-Aud 192.19
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 234.07
Mardene S. Lien
Election-Aud 171.69
Marilyn Holt
Election-Aud 83.12
Melinda Holden
Election-Aud 169.13
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health
Service-Eng 180.00
North Central Ia Regional Economic & Port Authority
Service-Cap 128,000.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup 1,052.49
Penny Miller, Election-Aud197.21
Ronald D. Miller
Election-Aud 171.69
Rosemary Fredericks
Election-Aud 171.69
Sandra Holden
Election-Aud 183.76
Sandra Trainer
Election-Aud 190.41
Shanan Redinger
Election-Aud 189.38
Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition
Service-Org 1,500.00
Sue Hartwig
Election-Aud 183.03
The Rustic Thread
Service-Shf 204.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Supplies-Shf 8.28
Triwest Healthcare Alliance
Reimb-Phd 950.41
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Ndp 962.10
Verizon Wireless
Service-Eng 186.32
Virginia Lovik
Election-Aud 172.64
Visa, Service-Ema 1,257.25
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp 2,650.00
Windstream
Service-Eng 14.18
Winnebago Co Auditor
Service-Soc 1,309.82
Ziegler Inc
Equip-Eng 411,242.05
Grand Total 726,845.64

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve following the Federal IRS mileage rate which is changing to 62.5 cents per mile starting July 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve Resolution 2022.06.20 Setting Forth Percentage of Funding for Property Tax Credits & Exemptions for Assessment Year 2021. Roll call: Stone – Aye, Smeby – Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022.06.20

Setting Forth Percentage of Funding for Property Tax Credits & Exemptions for Assessment Year 2021

Whereas, the State of Iowa has appropriated funds for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, which moneys are sufficient to fund fully the various local property tax credits /exemptions,

And, whereas, Iowa Code Section 25B.7 requires local governments to extend to the taxpayers only those portions of the property tax credits/exemptions that are estimated by the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance to be funded by the state appropriation,

And, whereas the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance has estimated the percentages of funding for the affected property tax credits/exemptions as follows: Homestead Credit (including Disabled Veteran's Homestead Credit) 100%, Low-income, Elderly, Disabled Credit 100%, Military Exemption 100%,

And, whereas the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance has estimated the prorated percentages of funding for the affected property tax credits as follows: Agland Credit 20.4037288% and Family Farm Credit 14.4522343%,

Now, therefore, be it resolved pursuant to Iowa Code Section 25B.7 that the property tax credits/exemptions in Worth County for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 shall be funded as follows: Homestead Credit 100% Disabled Veteran's Homestead Credit 100% Low-Income, Elderly, Disabled Credit 100% Military Exemption 100% Agland Credit 20.4037288% Family Farm Credit 14.4522343%

Adopted this 20th Day of June, 2022.

Mark Smeby, Chairperson
Worth County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 8:51 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 6/13/22 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Pilkington, Douglas & Heiken.

Absent: Parker & Woltzen.

Visitors: R. Bauer- City Maintenance, Barb Berge, Linda Kauffman, Angie & Jessie Sanchez, Tom Dakin.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Heiken, 2nd by Pilkington, carried unanimously.

City maintenance discussed a sink hole that goes down 2-3 ft that needs to be fixed.

Visitors Barb & Linda discussed Centennial plans.

Visitors Angie & Jessie Sanchez discussed the excessive amounts of water they get in their basement and what steps could be taken to help alleviate this problem.

New Business: Sexton position discussed and Tom Dakin was appointed the new Sexton, motion to approve by Douglas, 2nd by Heiken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

R80 cigarette & beer license renewal, motion to approve by Douglas, 2nd by Pilkington, Parker joined in via phone, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #643- Transfer of funds, motion to approve by Heiken, 2nd by Pilkington, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #644- Transfer of funds, motion to approve by Pilkington, 2nd by Douglas, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: May 2022 Revenues by Fund: General 8,290.26, Utilities 6,733.31, Special 4,110.28. Total Revenues: $19,133.85. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by Douglas, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 2598.84, WCTA 270.57, B. Luckason 827.47 (net), R. Bauer 1478.25 (net), C. Hagen 1306.98 (net), Federal & SS 969.14 (payroll), IPERS 729.28 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #40/60 321.98 (casino $-general), Kensett Water Works 104.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1459.23 (garbage & recycling-general), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Drew Bram 100.00 (water deposit refund), Nelson Septic Service 250.00 (service – general), R80 131.80 (gas-road use), Hawkins 385.83 (chemicals-water), Plunkett's 204.33 (services-pest control-CH), Kelly Hardware 20.07 (CC supplies-general), IA Municipalities Workers' Compensation Assoc. 952.00 (work comp prem-general), AgSource 160.50 (service-water-testing), A & I Auto 64.00 (mower-general), Beland Tree Service 950.00 (perpetual care-cemetery savings), NSB 18,337.79 (sewer loan-sinking savings-general), C. Hagen 30.80 (mileage-general), Arlys Bergdale 63.00, Culligan 21.40, Baker & Taylor 100.56 (books), Tab Computers 135.00 (tech services), IRead 120.62 (books).

Disbursements by Fund: General 6248.02, Special 1375.27, Utilities 19,559.03, Payroll 5495.82 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $32,678.14.

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

Carrie Hagen, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday June 21, 2022 in the Administrative Office at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Susan Kliment

(4-0) Approved the Agenda; May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Financial Reports for May; June bills for payment

President Larry Hovey opened the public hearing for Sale of the old Bus Barn at 701 7th ST N., Northwood IA

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

(4-0) Public hearing closed at 7:01 pm

Reports:

Elementary Principal: 1) Preschool Schedule change 2022-23 School year 2) Elementary Summer School Update

Secondary Principal: 1) Kensett Sesquicentennial Comm requested HS band to march 2) Secondary Summer School update 3) Girls Wrestling Co-op Update

Superintendent: 1) End of Year Service Award Pot Luck 2) Top of Iowa Conference 3) Bus Barn Renovations 4) Blue Bird Dealer Letter

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday July 14 at 7:00 pm

Old Business: Viking Activity Center Update

New Business:

(4-0) approved the contract with NIACC for education services for the 2022-2023 school year

(4-0) approved Brian Costello and Keith Fritz as Level I Investigators and Worth County Sheriff's Department as Level II Investigators

Facility Rental Fees for the Viking Activity Center – No Action

(4-0) approved the Change Orders #11 for #3,868.35, #13 for $2,069.60, and #14 for $2,892.55 as listed in the Board Packets

(4-0) approved the Anderson Erickson Dairy for the Milk bid and Pan-O-Gold for the bread bid for the 2022-2023 school year

(4-0) approved to use Middleton's Instrument Recycling for disposal of old band equipment. Approve selling the wall pads for $10 per section and floor rubber of $2 per

section and the mirrors for $20 per mirror. These will be advertised on the website and will be sold on a first come first serve basis

(4-0) approve the first reading of Nut Allergy Policy 507.10

(4-0) approve the bid of $55,000 from Ivan Fredericks for the old bus barn property

Personnel

(4-0) accept the resignation of Raevyn Knutson as Secondary Associate

(4-0) accept the resignation of Kari Seger as Secondary Associate

(4-0) accept the resignation of Joann Aswegan as part-time help in the nutrition program

(4-0) approve the hire of Angie Gaskill as Elementary Reading Specialist at the BA-2 level for the 2022-2023 school year

(4-0) approve Lee Okerlund as 5/8 Secondary Math Teacher for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year at a BA+15-17

(4-0) approve a stipend for Kimberly Odegaard for teaching 3 math classes for the first semester at $8,340.62

(4-0) adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District

Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount

A & I AUTO, REPAIRS 501.96
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
propane 1,542.78
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.
legal services 794.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC
SUPPLIES 189.88
All Star Pest Control
pest control 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY 11,505.07
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES 959.19
Anderson Wheelchair Inc
supplies 14.00
BLAZEK ELECTRIC
service 423.66
Brett's Drain Cleaning
purchased service 168.40
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
SUPPLIES 118.94
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.
supplies 251.56
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD
open enrollment 81,432.19
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 1,435.49
Clayton Ridge CSD
open enrollment 7,388.89
CLEAR LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, Educare 3,694.44
College Board, AP exams ... 174.00
COMMUNICATION INNOVATORS, Service 172.95
Crisis Prevention Institute
training 1,188.71
Delta Dental of Iowa
Benefits 2,164.96
DRIVEWISE, Service 750.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES 795.29
Flower Forager, supplies 90.00
FOREST CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Shared Position 13,603.21
Goodale Custom Pumping
Service 520.00
Hanson, Jacob, Food 200.00
Helgeland, Clara
Reimbursement 25.20
Henkel, Natalie
Reimbursement 1,361.74
HOVEY'S LAWN AND GARDEN LLC, LAWN CARE 2,500.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service 215.00
John Deere Financial
parts and service 19.11
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES 409.66
LAKE MILLS CSD
open enrollment 29,896.45
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs 1,645.00
MARC, Service 112.00
MARTIN BROTHERS
Supplies 5,823.58
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
open enrollment 27,395.55
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION 1,134.04
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES 199.84
NORTHWOOD SANITATION
garbage 785.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF MASON CITY, Service 219.00
PERFECTION LEARNING
books 146.90
POSTMASTER, Box Rent 130.00
Prairie Ridge Integrated Behavioral Healthcare 6,954.00
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY, Supplies 306.26
Skyline Sales and Marketing
Product 395.00
Southern Lock & Glass
lock services 313.50
ST. ANSGAR CSD
Open enrollment 3,694.45
Staples Business Credit
supplies 38.96
Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC
natural gas 6,519.64
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies 60.49
Unity School Bus Parts
parts 89.35
VISA, Supplies 685.15
Wellmark, Benefits 71,544.36
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service .. 1,059.82
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas 7,502.20
Worth Lumber Company
supplies 188.97
GOPHER, SUPPLIES 1,170.88
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION 384.00
Fund number 10 ..... 303,079.67
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES 335.81
ASPI SOLUTIONS, INC
Supplies 96.00
AWARD DECALS.COM
Supplies 210.07
BECKER, TREY, official ... 130.00
Butler, Samantha
Reimbursement 135.00
BW T&F ENTERPRISES LLP
Product 150.00
Central Rivers Area Education Agency, Product 54.75
Children's Cancer Connection
Donation 250.00
Clothing Care Center
dry cleaning 229.10
Cotter, Martin
Reimbursement 76.56
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
Product 499.00
DEHRKOPP, MIKE
official 130.00
Ehlke, Brendan
Reimbursement 1,450.85
Einertson, Troy
Reimbursement 2,756.95
ERICKSON, DARYL
official 120.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES 99.09
Farmers New Ag, LLC
Product 4,086.39
Fenske, Josh, Official 260.00
Flower Forager, supplies ... 270.00
Golfballs.com, Inc
supplies 647.76
GOOD NEWS TOUR & TRAVEL
travel 5,200.00
Graffix Inc - Wall of Fame
supplies 836.00
Hansen, James, Official 260.00
HOPPEL, SCOTT, official . 130.00
Hulshizer, Ryan, Service ... 240.00
ImPACT Applications Inc
supplies 462.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK COACHES, Fee 50.00
IOWA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UNION, Fee 50.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOC, Fee 40.00
JENSEN, STEVE, official .. 130.00
John Deere Financial
service 103.84
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES 238.24
KRUKOW, ARNIE
official 130.00
LAKE MILLS CSD 5.00
Leber, Brandon, Official 130.00
Luke, Dewaard, Official 130.00
Marley, Jay, official 130.00
Maroo, Mackensie
Reimbursement 43.76
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Fee 746.00
McColloch, Dan, Official 120.00
MEINDERS, DAVE
official 130.00
MEYERS, KEN, official 130.00
Mueller, Dean
Reimbursement 6,165.59
N-K GENERAL FUND
Reimbursement 193.77
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION
Fee 22.00
Vendor Name
Vendor Description
Amount
Newton, Jeff, official 120.00
North Union School, Fee 20.00
Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless, Donation 310.00
O'Hern, Tony, official 120.00
PBC Pepsi Beverages Co
beverages 621.90
PEARCE, BRIAN, official .. 120.00
PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO., supplies 1,943.45
PUMP, MARTY, official 120.00
rSchool Today (DWC)
subscription 300.00
RUSTAD, DUANE
official 370.00
SLATOR, JASON, official .. 130.00
Smith, Jerry, Official 260.00
TROPHIES PLUS, INC.
Product 644.53
VISA, Supplies 234.44
Wentz, Larry, Official 120.00
Whitehill, Scott, official 130.00
Yates, Mark, official 130.00
Fund Number 21 ..... 33,497.85
Beland Tree Service LLC
tree removal 750.00
IMEG, Service 1,671.17
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS, Equipment 85,405.94
Trane US Inc, repairs 1,039.25
Fund Number 33 ..... 88,866.36
AGRI-SALES & BUILDING SUPPLY 938.93
American Waterworks
supplies 3,273.05
Atura Architecture
architecture services 3,171.10
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES
supplies 2,705.51
CEMSTONE CONCRETE MATERIALS, LLC, SUPPLIES ... 300.00
Dean Snyder Construction Co
general contractor services 500,643.04
FLR Sanders, Services 4,650.00
KENISON CONSTRUCTION
Contractor 18,810.00
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs 1,906.99
Marco, copier lease 1,329.29
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES 227.78
TimeClock Plus
time clock system 704.28
Fund Number 36 ..... 538,659.97
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
MILK 1,466.55
Delta Dental of Iowa
Benefits 151.70
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES 14.97
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP
repairs 533.36
Hubert, Supplies 20,202.64
MARTIN BROTHERS
Food 6,484.27
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD 465.67
Rapids Foodservice Contract & Design, equipment 1,963.07
Staples Business Credit
supplies 163.57
Wellmark, Benefits 2,492.04
Fund Number 61 ..... 33,937.84

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009325
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN J. BANG, Deceased

To: All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marilyn J. Bang, Deceased, who died on or about January 24, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the 10th day of June, 2022, the last will and testament of Marilyn J. Bang, deceased, bearing date of the 7th day of January, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that David Bang was appointed personal representative of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 16th day of June, 2022.

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The importance of authentic student learning experience: science and mathematics (STEM) education

By Cari Teske

Education is always changing. Sometimes we may ask ourselves, "Didn't yesterday's learning in the classrooms meet the needs of today? Why the need for change?" The answer may lie within our communities. As we take a closer look at skills employers need in their workforce, we may be surprised to learn that teamwork, collaboration, flexibility and the ability to identify and anticipate change are among the top skills employers look for. These skills are best developed through learning experiences rather than direct instruction, and one way to accomplish this is in the classroom.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning offers an opportunity for students to build the skills needed beyond the classroom. STEM experiences allow students to focus on real-world issues and problems. Some learning/project examples include:

How to prevent soil erosion.

• Growing food during a flood or drought.

• Solving a city's design needs.

• Building earthquake-resistant structures.

All of these projects not only emphasize real-world issues but allow students the opportunity to work collaboratively, learn to be flexible and identify changes needed to resolve problems.

When students are provided with learning opportunities that allow them to experience a collaborative, productive struggle, they connect and learn from each other. Testing out their theories and running experiments help students learn through trial and error while allowing them to view failure as part of the learning process. Life isn't about having all of the answers but improving yourself to seek them out. Businesses thrive when they have employees who keep improving their skills.



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STEM offers students the knowledge they need to obtain those skills. Reach out to your local schools and businesses to see what support they can provide to help establish programs that develop lifelong skills students need to be successful in school and beyond.

Central Rivers Area Education Agency (CRAEA) is proud to support STEM education for students and educators through many unique opportunities including:

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Providing access to professional books that emphasize design thinking, maker spaces, engineering and resources that support innovation.

Providing schools access to a variety of STEM equipment like Ozobots, BeeBots, Cubetto, Spheros, Makey Makeys, littleBits, drones and countless other resources.

The Iowa Governor's STEM Council currently has 12 programs offered on the 2021-22 STEM Scale-Up Program menu. These are offerings that support STEM initiatives for students in grades PK-12. Every educator in Iowa is eligible to apply. The Iowa STEM impact map showcases the positive influence the Scale-Up Program has made from 2012-2018. The Iowa STEM Council also offers learning opportunities for educators who make an impact in the lives of students through their integration of STEM in the classroom.

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This hard-hit grounder to third takes a bad hop on N-K's Jace Gentz in last Thursday's 29-9 loss in Nashua. Gentz leads the team in numerous offensive categories this season, including batting average (.295), on base percentage (.429) and slugging percentage (.432).



N-K sophomore Justin Mills delivers a pitch last Thursday afternoon in Nashua. Mills had three Ks in 1.1 innings of work, his first start of the season, taking the loss in the 29-9 defeat.

Untimely mistakes cost the Vikings dearly in 8-7 loss to RRMR

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Talking to Northwood-Kensett's head baseball coach Brian Faunsnaugh earlier in the season the first-year skipper told the Anchor that his kids could play, they just needed to become more consistent in their play to be successful moving forward.

Moving forward to the second half of the Top of Iowa Conference East season the Vikings are playing better, but they still need the consistency as evidenced in last Monday night's narrow 8-7 loss to Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock, a team the squad from N-K lost to earlier in the season 6-0.

The Vikings out hit and out played RRMR for most of this game, but it was the errors that allowed five Warriors batters to reach base that would end up costing this young but fast improving team the win.

The Vikings struck out just three times and out hit RRMR 12-8, but a two-run sixth inning by the Warriors broke a 6-6 tie and gave the home team the slim 8-7 TIC East win in Rockford.

Leading the team with three hits on the night was freshman secondbaseman Breyden Hoeppner (3-4), while a few other collected two hits each, including Evan Lorenzen (2-4), Nolan Senne (2-4) and Bowen Behne (2-3).

Senior Brayden Reyerson suffered the loss on the hill with 5.1 innings of work with four Ks and just two walks allowed, giving up just three earned runs in the game.

Last Tuesday the Vikings gave up two HRs and 23 runs to Osage in the 23-4 conference loss in Northwood. The Green Devils used a 16 run second inning to put this game on ice early to secure the win, their 10th over the Vikings in 11 games played.

Hayden Moore (2-3) and Dylan Freerkson (2-2) led the Vikings with two hits each while Moore and Buenzow shared the pitching duties against the Green Devils, combining for eight Ks and six walks, allowing just 11 earned runs of the 23 Osage scored.

Last Wednesday night the Vikings got the chance for some non-conference action when they traveled to Riceville to face the Wildcats. The Vikings made a game of it with two runs in the top of the fourth to make the score 5-3 in the Wildcats' favor only to see the home team respond with six more runs over the next three innings to secure the 11-3 non-conference win. The Riceville win snapped a two-game win streak for N-K, who now trails in the series 16-6 since the 2009 season.

Senior Jace Gentz led the team with two hits and also worked the first five innings on the bump, striking out 10 batters and allowing just three walks. Gentz is now 0-5 on the season but leads the team with a 3.78 ERA and an incredible 1.86 WHIP.

The Vikings wound up having to play one of their home games on the road in Nashua last Thursday and looked to get beat 12-0 in three innings after an N-P homer in the top of the third inning.

But with N-K on the ropes, the team responded with eight runs in the bottom half of the inning and despite giving up 29 runs in the 29-9 loss, made a game of it if only for a moment. The Vikings were out hit by N-P 23-2 with Reyerson recording both hits, going 2-3 on the night.

Next up for the Vikings were the 24-3 Knights of Newman Catholic, who disposed of N-K in six innings last Friday night in Mason City 10-0. Newman's pitching sat down 10 Vikings on Ks in 21 at bats to secure the TIC East Win.

With the five losses last week the Vikings enter the final week of the regular season at 0-16 overall and 0-13 in the TIC East. N-K had games this week on Monday, a double header in Northwood against Central Springs, Tuesday versus non-conference Lake Mills and Wednesday at Saint Ansgar. And in a quirk of the post season, this Saturday night the Vikings will travel to SA once again for the opening round of the district tournament to face the 15-9 Saints.

TIC East Baseball Standings

TIC East	Overall
Newman Catholic 15-0	24-3
Osage 10-3	15-4
Saint Ansgar 10-4	15-9
Rockford 9-6	10-10
Nashua-Plainfield 7-7	8-12
Central Springs 5-8	8-11
North Butler 5-9	6-10
West Fork 2-12	2-15
Northwood-Kensett 0-13	0-16

Lady Vikings fall to 0-16, but show huge improvement as season goes on

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If I'm being honest, the Northwood-Kensett softball team at the beginning of the season couldn't do anything right, they couldn't catch a flyball, field a grounder, throw to first, hit the cutoff man or hit the ball.

But oh, how times have changed. The Lady Vikings are still winless at 0-16 but this team that took the field last week shows no resemblance to the one that took the field on opening night. This team can hit, they can field the ball and hit the cutoff man. All the things needed to build on the program, this team can now do.

And while the wins haven't come for this team, it did show that the future is bright for this young squad despite losses last week to Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock (21-1), Osage (30-1), Riceville (12-0), Nashua-Plainfield (17-1), (18-8) and Newman Catholic (15-0).

Last Monday in Northwood the Lady Vikings took a pounding from RRMR, surrendering 16 first inning runs on the way to a 21-1 Top of Iowa Conference loss. But despite the lone run, N-K registered seven hits against the Lady Warriors, one of its most productive games at the plate to date. Hitting safely in the game were Kelsi Liddle (1-1), Addy Tasker (1-2), Hadley Buenzow (1-2), Trinity Roush (1-2), Macy Thorson (1-2) and Topanga Hackenmiller (1-2).

The Lady Warriors now hold a 22-5 advantage over N-K dating back to the 2009 season.

Facing 3A schools this season the Lady Vikings haven't fared so well, losing their two games against Osage by a combined 45-0. In last Tuesday's contest, N-K could manage just one hit, a single by Kennedy Christianson before falling to the Green Devils 30-0.

Historically the Lady Vikings haven't done so bad against Osage, winning three of the 10 games played, including a 4-1 win just last year.

In last Wednesday's game at Riceville the Lady Vikings were no-hit by Wildcat pitching, losing 12-0 in 2 ½ innings of play. But a look at the stats shows signs of improvement despite the loss. N-K allowed only one Riceville player to reach base on an error, showing the Lady Vikings are improving in the field.

The Lady Vikings finally made it past the third inning for the first time this season in last Thursday's first game of a twin bill against Nashua-Plainfield in Northwood. And while N-K did suffer the 17-1 loss, they trailed only 9-1 after three innings before falling 17-1 in four innings. N-K collected two hits in the loss, both singles by Hackenmiller (1-3) and Liddle (1-3).

Playing the visitors in the second game of the Thursday night double header the Lady Vikings fell behind 1-0 after the first inning of play, and then, pushed four runs across the plate in the second inning, an offensive outburst that gave the team its first lead of the season at 4-1.

N-P bounced back in the bottom of the second to take the lead back at 6-4, but once again, this improved and newly confident Lady Vikings team responded with another three runs in the top of the third, taking their second lead of the game at 7-6 before finally falling to the Huskies in six innings, 18-8.

N-K fanned just two times in the game and used eight walks and four hit batters to get runners on base to score the eight runs, its most in any one game this season. Freshman Addy Tasker worked 5.1 innings in the circle with two Ks and seven walks allowed in the TIC East loss.

Last Friday the Lady Vikings faced the third-place team in the TIC East standings, the Knights from Newman Catholic and lost 15-0 in three innings. N-K was held to just two hits by the Knights' pitching, singles by Liddle (1-2) and Lexi Hanson-Brandsoy (1-1).

With the six losses last week the Lady Vikings, despite the improvement shown as of late, are now 0-16 overall and 0-14 in the TIC East.

Following a Monday double header in Northwood against class 2A's No. 1 ranked Panthers of Central Springs, N-K will compete in regional tournament play on Friday night in Ackley where it will face AGWSR who is 1-21 on the year.

TIC East Softball Standings

TIC East	Overall
Central Springs 11-0	23-1
West Fork 9-2	14-2
Newman Catholic 9-5	19-8
Osage 7-5	17-5
Saint Ansgar 8-6	16-7
North Butler 7-6	9-11
Rockford 3-8	6-12
Nashua-Plainfield 3-11	3-20
Northwood-Kensett 0-14	0-16



Showing confidence in the field last Thursday night, N-K's left fielder Macy Thorson scoops up a grounder and gets the ball quickly back to the infield holding the Huskie hitter to just a single. Thorson has a very respectable .526 fielding percentage in 15 games played this season.



The Lady Vikings' Kennedy Christianson delivers a pitch in last Thursday night's first game of a double header against Nashua-Plainfield. Christianson had five Ks and gave up just six earned runs in the 17-1 TIC East loss to the Huskies.

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