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Briefs

KFD open house Oct. 2

The Kensett Fire Department will host an open house on Sunday, October 2.

The KFD will offer a meal that includes hamburgers, hot dogs or brats, available with a free will donation. Proceeds will go towards equipment for the department's new truck.

The open house begins at 11 a.m., lasting until 1:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m. a town hall meeting will be held to discuss the potential ambulance service and EMS tax that will be on ballots in November.

City flushes hydrants Oct. 10-12

The City of Northwood will be flushing hydrants throughout the city Monday through Wednesday, October 10-12.

Residents of the city are advised to refrain from washing clothes on those days, as the water might be discolored.

The water will remain safe to drink while the hydrants are flushed.

Northwood fall clean up begins Oct. 13

Northwood's annual fall clean up days have been set for October 13-15. The annual event gives residents an opportunity to dispose of items that would not normally be accepted during garbage collection.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105/ Central Avenue.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, mean-

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N-K 2022 Homecoming King and Queen

Last week Northwood-Kensett celebrated Viking pride with a week full of Homecoming events and activities. That included the coronation of this year's Homecoming king Lamonte Sims and queen Jasmine Renteria. They were joined on the coronation stage by other members of the homecoming court, including queen candidates Jadyn Beland, Teagan Johnson, Taylor Rodemeyer and Peyton Shoger and king candidates Nicholas Hanson, Dalton Logeman, Thomas Rodemeyer and Dante Sims. See more pictures of Homecoming activities on pages 11-12 of this week's Anchor. That includes scenes from the Homecoming parade, dress up days, Homecoming visitors at the elementary, class competitions and more.

Meetings set to discuss EMS tax/ ambulance plans

A number of town halls are planned for those that have questions or are looking for more information on the EMS tax that will be on ballots in November.

Over the course of several meetings, a committee made up of county emergency responders has discussed the needs, expenses and options to support emergency medical services (EMS) in Worth County.

A number of issues have been discussed, the impact on available volunteers, delayed response times during some hours and the potential cost to the County to maintain or improve existing emergency services.

Several options to address the needs of the county have been discussed.

That has included working with an existing ambulance provider to establish a vehicle and crew in a satellite location in Worth County, likely in or near Kensett, as the most central location of County-owned property.

There have also been discussions of a Worth County fire department expanding its capabilities to operate an ambulance service.

If no ambulance alternative is pursued, there is also a possibility that the ambulance services that currently serve the county may need to ask for County funding to continue operating as they have in the past.

Based on those possibilities and the recommendations of the committee, the Worth County supervisors have placed a measure on November general election ballots.

Voters will be asked whether or not they support a property tax of up to 75 cents per $1,000 of valuation and a 1% income tax surtax. The most the County could generate and spend from the EMS taxes would be $800,000.

Before the vote in November, several town halls are planned, with members of the committee discussing the community needs and answering questions from those that may vote on the measure.

Each community in Worth County will host meetings to share information, held at their local fire departments, city halls or community centers.

Kensett will host a meeting during the annual Kensett Fire Department

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County considers carbon pipeline approach

A question on a survey sent to supervisors in Iowa led to a discussion of potential policy on carbon pipeline assistance recently.

The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) survey included a question about whether Iowa supervisors would sign a petition to set the association as the intervening agency when it comes to carbon pipeline interest.

Supervisor Mark Smeby acknowledged that it wouldn't be something facing the County anytime soon. However, he said that if it did, ISAC is in place to provide assistance with such issues.

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Tie vote means no County stance on swine facility permit

At Monday's meeting of the Worth County Board of Supervisors, a public hearing was held, followed by an impasse on an application to build a swine confinement feeding operation.

On Monday's supervisors board agenda was a public hearing related to an application from Summit Pork IV, to build a 4,999 capacity swine confinement facility in Section 30 of Brookfield Township.

A public hearings was held first.

The majority of comments came from people opposed to the project.

Objections included those speaking to the impact on neighboring property owners and residents, some speaking on their own behalf and others in general opposition to animal feeding operations.

Comments included the impact of odors, groundwater pollution, other environmental impacts, noise, declining property values, a

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Grants offer funds for child care, buildings

There are two grant opportunities recently highlighted by Winn-Worth Betco, the joint economic development agency of Worth and Winnebago counties.

One grant provides funds to larger Iowa businesses that want to add child care benefits for employees.

The grant is for businesses in what is known as child care deserts, which includes Worth County.

Those entities working with Iowa Women's Foundation are given a priority.

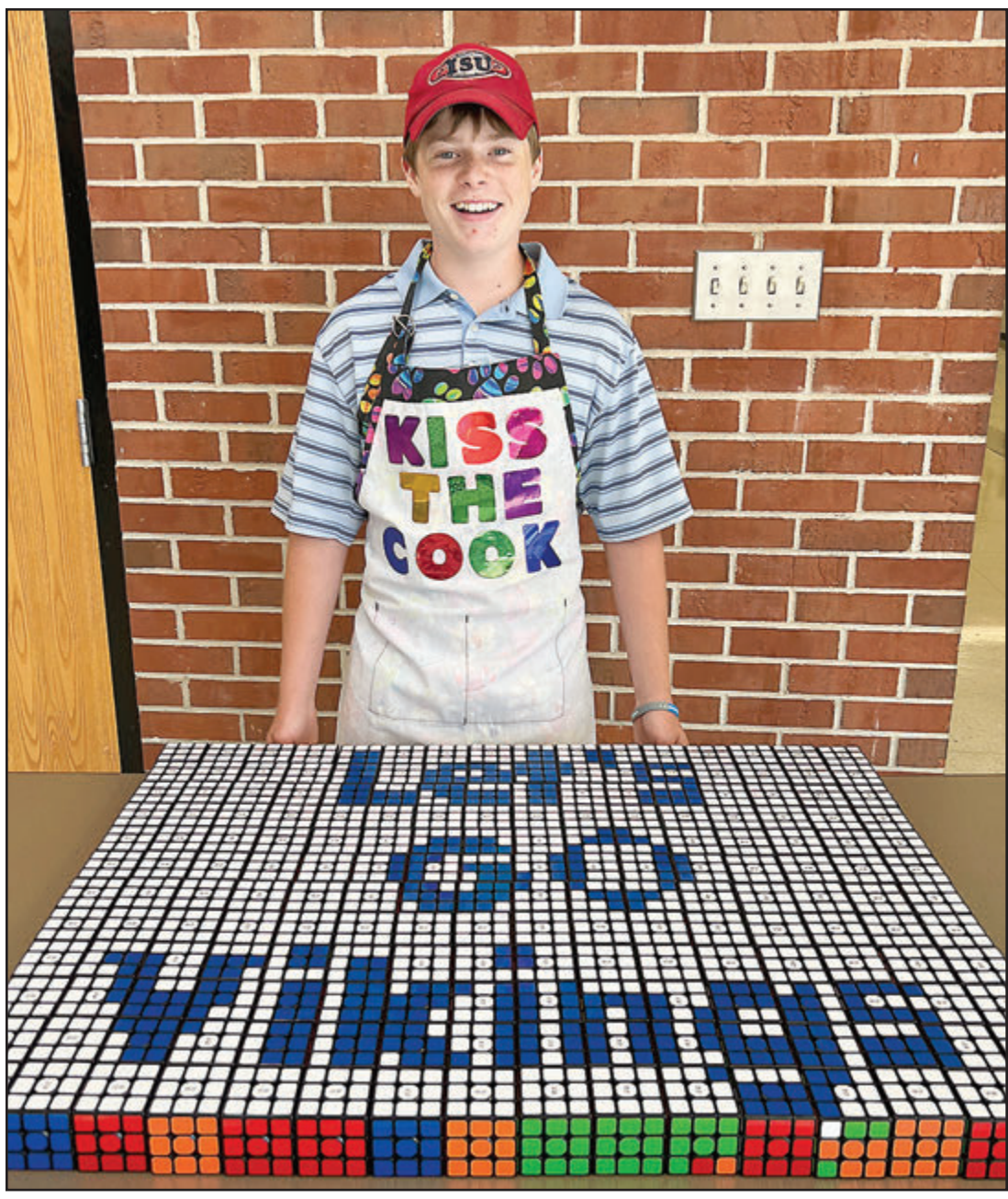
Partnerships are stressed and are 10% of the scoring criteria.

Businesses with at least 75 employees are open to apply. Businesses can create a consortium to reach the 75 minimum number.

Applications are due October 17.

More information can be

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Squaring off for Homecoming

Included amongst the Homecoming messages on display throughout Northwood-Kensett schools last week was this assembly of Rubik's Cubes. The 9x9x9 cubes were twisted and turned and arranged to spell out the message of school spirit pictured above. Weston Willand is the cubical creator pictured here. He used 192 cubes, with 1,728 squares arranged to say "Let's Go Vikings!"



The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
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Wed. Sept. 21	72	49	
Thurs. Sept. 22	64	42	
Fri. Sept. 23	58	46	
Sat. Sept. 24	74	51	0.16
Sun. Sept. 25	70	50	
Mon. Sept. 26	64	44	

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Conservation convention

On Wednesday, September 21, the Worth County Conservation Board served host to County visitors representing Iowa's Conservation Board District 2 for the fall meeting. The 17 county region met at the Worth County cycling Center for a tour, and on-site attendees had full access to see Worth County Conservation's equipment line, representation from D&L Equipment in Kensett and representation from Mark's Tractor and Implement in Osage. Also available to view was a hydro seeder and roadside spray pickup from Worth County Secondary Roads. The visiting Conservation staffers also got access to see Worth County Emergency Management's command center in action. After a business meeting and picnic style lunch at Worth County Lake Park and campground, attendees toured the Falkstone Trenhaile Quarry.

Northwood-Kensett audit report released

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. recently released an audit report on the Northwood-Kensett Community School District in Northwood.

Financial highlights:

The District's revenues totaled $9,660,767 for the year ended June 30, 2021, an 8.39% increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2021 totaled $8,773,669, an 11.44% increase from the prior year. Increased revenues from operating grants, contributions and restricted interest led to the increase in total revenues while the incr expenses occurred primarily in the instruction function.

Audit findings:

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. reported four findings on pages 65 through 69 of the fiscal year 2021 audit report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties, questionable expenditures, certified enrollment and inactive student activity accounts. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. provided the District with recommendations to address each of the findings.

One of the four findings discussed above is repeated from the prior year. The Community School District's Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports.

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loss of property tax income, and perceived impact on economic development and business at the Highway 105/Interstate 35 interchange. Others were opposed to outside companies bringing those impacts to local family farms.

One member of a family operating existing facilities shared personal anecdotes of limited impacts of odor and bugs, along with saying that property valuations have seen only a slight decrease while taxes have been up. They also shared benefits for their family and the options made available because of their facilities.

After hearing from all those that had comments during the public hearing, the two supervisors present for the meeting, Mark Smeby and AJ Stone, moved on to review the application through what is known as the master matrix process.

The master matrix consists of criteria that describe the potential site for facilities. Those applying can choose which criteria they apply for and score points towards a minimum needed for approval.

The supervisors could review the matrix and ask for clarifications and are to objectively confirm or provide their own scoring. Based on the matrix scoring, the supervisors are then asked to recommend to the Iowa DNR whether to approve or deny a permit application.

At Monday's meeting, no objections or changes to the score were discussed.

When it came to a vote to approve the matrix score and recommendation, Smeby voted in favor and Stone voted against. That effectively meant no official recommendation one way or the other would be submitted to the DNR.

Having the supervisors' recommendation is not a requirement for a State permit for the swine facility. State law gives the County the opportunity to submit a recommendation the Iowa DNR.

For the DNR, the County's recommendation is a consideration in the process. The DNR reviews each facility's application and may consider comments from the County, but approval by the supervisors is not a requirement and may or may not be an influencing factor.

Whether or not the approves or disapproves, or in the case of Monday's vote, takes no official stance, the DNR has its own application review process and makes the ultimate decision on approval of confinement facilities in the state of Iowa.

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open house. The ambulance/EMS tax meeting will be held this Sunday, October 2, at 1 p.m.

A meeting is planned at the Grafton fire station this Monday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m..

On Tuesday, October 4, a meeting is set at the Manly fire station at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting at the Joice Community Center will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Hanlontown City Hall will host a meeting on Monday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Northwood's fire station will host a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at 6 p.m.

A meeting will be held at the Fertile Community Center on Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m.

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found online at www.futurereadyiowa.gov/child-care-grants.

Another grant opportunity offers funds to help communities revitalize commercial buildings.

The Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program assists communities with the redevelopment or rehabilitation of buildings to stimulate economic growth or reinvestment in the community.

The Catalyst Grant is currently open. Preapplications are due by January 27. Selected applicants will be invited to apply with a due date of April 14. Awards will be announced in June 2023. The local NIACOG (North Iowa Area Council of Governments) and other private grant writers can be utilized.

More information on the program can be found online at www.iowaeda.com/downtown-resource-center/community-catalyst.

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Auditor Jacki Backhaus agreed, saying that their help would streamline the process.

Smeby said that having the association on hand would make it easier than each of the state's 99 county boards making contacts and doing research each time.

"It's not about whether we're for or against them, it would just be to gather information," Smeby said.

Backhaus added, "They'd get us the resources to make informed decisions."

Supervisor AJ Stone agreed, noting that it would help to have the information gathered for them.

Smeby said that it would be better if the county had that position in place and make that official, should the County have to respond to interest in a pipeline.

Supervisor Enos Loberg agreed, saying it would be better to have a place to get informed feedback.

While the consensus suggested that the supervisors would look to ISAC for assistance, and potentially support a petition to that effect, no policy was on hand for the supervisors to make it official.

The County will look at policies in place elsewhere in the state to review at a future meeting.

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ing regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

More information will appear in future issues of the Anchor.

Hazardous collection set for Oct. 17 in Grafton

The Landfill of North Iowa's Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Trailer will be in Grafton on Monday, October 17, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Grafton City Hall.

Residents of Grafton can dispose of materials that day. That includes oil-based or latex paint, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, kerosene, insecticides, photographic supplies, weed killers, varnish, paint thinner, rug cleaner, fertilizers, motor oil, furniture stripper, furniture polish, slug bait, antifreeze, wood preservative, spot remover, rat poison, gasoline, air freshener, glue, cement, household batteries, oven cleaner, vehicle batteries, toilet bowl cleaner, drain opener and fluorescent bulbs and ballasts.

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Benefits of Elderbridge agency discussed at Senior Center

Last week, visitors to the Northwood Senior learned more about the services and opportunities made available through the Elderbridge Agency on Aging.

Two representatives of the agency were at the center to provide information.

Sue Anne Stoermer began the presentation on Elderbridge and its programs.

The mission of the agency is "To advocate for and empower older adults, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities to pursue independent, healthy lives."

Stoermer said that the agency helps people from birth to death, whether that be programs for older adults raising children up to age 18, helping those 18-59 with disabilities and a number of programs for all those 60 and over, and the caregivers that help anyone that Elderbridge assists.

Before discussing Elderbridge services, Stoermer emphasized that the agency helps all those that can benefit from their services, no matter their financial status, as a part of state and federal assistance for the elderly and those that are disabled.

That begins by contacting the agency's phone number, at 800-243-0678. A live person at the number helps assess the needs of the caller and then determines what services Elderbridge can provide and how to connect them.

For those 60 and older, the agency works to coordinate care to help them remain in their community or setting of their choice.

Elderbridge has a program that offers services, resources and other support for older Iowans caring for grandchildren or other relatives.

Elderbridge resources are also available to raise awareness of elder abuse and provide assistance to those that have been victims of the crime or that are at risk.

There are Elderbridge staff that help work with people to help reduce Medicare costs.

Older individuals with verified disabilities can also get help to return to the workforce, while working with Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Lauren Allen, based out of Elderbridge offices in Mason City, discussed some of the healthy living programs and services provided through Elderbrige.

One of the primary services, offered just before the Elderbridge presentation, was the congregate meals served during the week at the Senior Center. Elderbridge also helps to organize and fund the local Meals on Wheels service.

Another service is the Iowa Cafe program, which provides funds for seniors to eat at participating restaurants in the state. Locally, Bean and Bistro participates in the program.

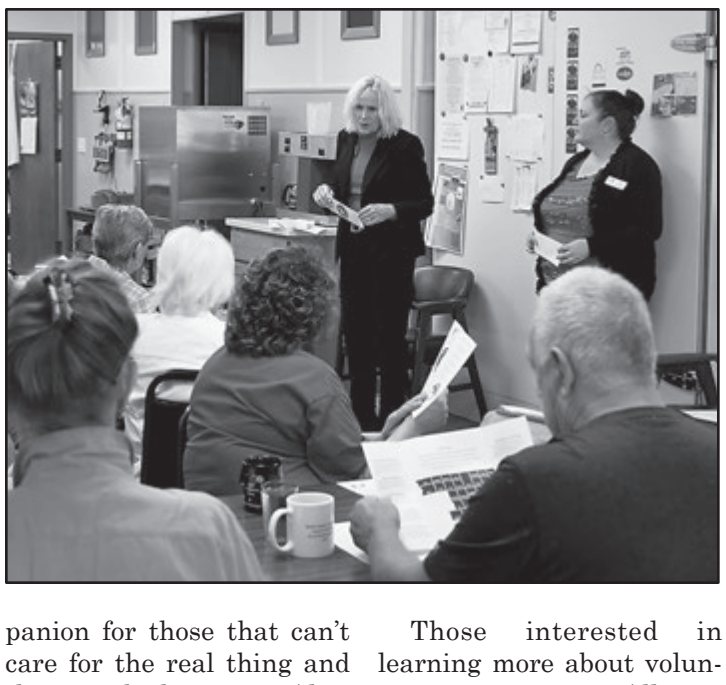
The agency also offers nutrition education and counseling.

The Fresh Conversations program supports healthy aging and independence through group discussions of nutrition and other health topics.

Other options that could be made available include information and in-person exercises, workshops and other resources to help maintain balance, strength, safety and vision.

Help with reviewing and maintaining medication is also available.

Allen also displayed two pieces of technology, a realistic robotic cat to be a companion for those that can't care for the real thing and those with dementia. Also, a "Grandpad," a tablet computer designed with helpful apps and ways to connect with family, friends and Elderbridge resources.



Allen also talked about opportunities to connect with others in their communicate with a number of volunteer opportunities.

That includes delivering meals to homes, helping people get to medical appointments, helping with facility services and groundskeeping, helping with errands, helping get items from food banks, helping with chores, connecting with others that need reassurance over the phone, serving on boards or councils, helping people relocate, helping translate or interpret, helping to organize and declutter, working with educational technology and helping advocate for victims of crimes.

Those interested in learning more about volunteering can contact Allen at lallen@elderbridge.org or find more information online at elderbridge.org/careers/#volunteer.

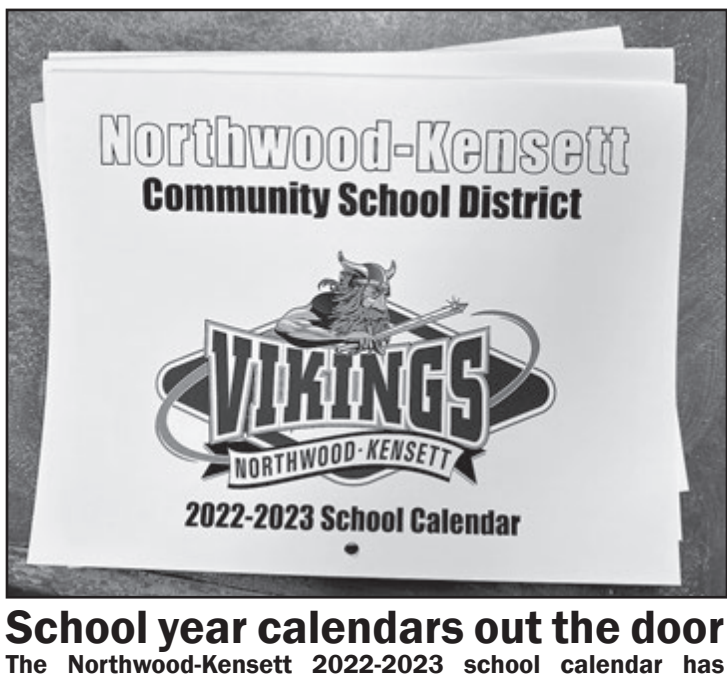
While Elderbridge provides many services, it also helps connect to other programs when it can't. Some of those may come with a cost, but Stoermer said that Elderbridge helps keep any outside costs as low as possible.

Those that need help or information or that could benefit from any of the Elderbridge services may call the agency's toll free number, 800-243-0678 or visit elderbridge.org online.

Elderbridge offers a variety of assistance, including the programs discussed that day and others. Those seniors that are struggling with life events and changes are encouraged to contact the agency to see what resources may be available.







School year calendars out the door

The Northwood-Kensett 2022-2023 school calendar has arrived. The calendar is provided for those looking for a way to keep track of school events, with some free space to add their own notes and happenings. The calendar is made possible by local sponsors and school supporters that can be found on each month's pages. Calendars were sent out to every address in the district over the past weekend. Those that didn't receive an N-K school calendar in their mailbox can get one at the *Northwood Anchor* office in Northwood.

ACT announces Oct. 3, 4 auditions for 'Elf The Musical'

Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) announces auditions will be held this Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 3 and 4, for "Elf The Musical" at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway in Albert Lea.

"Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity."

Directed by Risha Lilienthal, nine performances are scheduled for December 1-11. There are many roles available for children and adults of various ages. Children should be at least eight years old to audition. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing, read from the script and learn a few dance steps. Auditions begin at 6 p.m. for children ages 8–15 with auditions for 16 and older beginning at approximately 7 p.m. Rehearsals will be scheduled weeknights starting in October, with some weekend involvement closer to the performance dates.



Tickets and more information regarding auditions are at actonbroadway.com.

ACT is a non-profit organization featuring local actors, directors and stage crew who volunteer their time. All performances are at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 North Broadway in downtown Albert Lea. For ticket prices and more information, go to actonbroadway.com or find ACT on Broadway on Facebook.

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Davidson on Central College women's cross country team



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

Northwood-Kensett graduate Lindsey Davidson is a junior on Central College women's cross country team. She has received two varsity letters; Academic All-American Rivers Conference (2021); Most Improved Performer Award (2021); and Newcomer of the Year (2020) honors.

Her career-best 6,000-meter time was 23:34 at the NCAA Div. III Regional on November 13, 2021. Her career-best finish was in fifth place at the Nebraska Wesleyan Dual on October 24, 2020. In the 2021 American Rivers Conference she finished 29th with a time of 24:21. Her 2021 Division III Midwest Regional finish was 57th, with a time of 23:34.

Coach Joe Dunham returns 14 letter winners and four of the top seven varsity runners for 2022. The team finished third at the American Rivers Conference meet and sixth at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional. Central has made four appearances at the NCAA Division III Championships, most recently in 2009. The Dutch opened the 2022 season with a first place finish at the Central Dutch Invitational on September 2. They're currently ranked fifth in the Midwest Region.



A chair-raising experience

This group of helpful Northwood-Kensett students recently lent a helping hand to assemble some new chairs at the secondary building. They are pictured in the secondary media center as they put the pieces in place to prepare the new seats.

Extension wants to hear from Iowans through online survey

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is conducting a statewide audience assessment.

"As technology continues to evolve, we want to learn how Iowans prefer to access, receive and engage with extension education – both in person and virtually," said John Lawrence, Iowa State's vice president for extension and outreach.

Through this survey, Iowans can tell ISU Extension and Outreach about the technology they prefer to use, the topics they want to learn more about and the issues they think will be important to the people in their communities over the next two years.

The survey is available online, www.extension.iastate.edu/survey, and will remain open through late October. Iowans may contact their ISU Extension and Outreach county office for more information.

"The more Iowans we can survey, the better we can engage all Iowans in research, education and extension experiences to address current and emerging real-life challenges," Lawrence said.

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 or contact an ISU Extension and Outreach county office.

Worth youth amongst exhibits awarded at Iowa State Fair

Over 3,100 static 4-H exhibits created by 2,332 youth exhibitors were displayed in the Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building at the 2022 Iowa State Fair.

Youth showcased cumulative learning projects in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; food and nutrition; home improvement; consumer management; child development; science, engineering, and technology; visual arts; photography; personal development; clothing and fashion; and sewing and needle arts.

"Each exhibit is an outgrowth of year-long project area work done by the 4-H member," said Mitchell Hoyer, assistant director, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development. "The exhibits displayed at the Iowa State Fair celebrate the educational and personal accomplishments of our Iowa 4-H members and are a way for them to share what they've learned with the public."

Included amongst those receiving certificates and awards was Worth County 4-H'er Kelsi Liddle. Liddle presented a photo that was recognized with a Professional Photographers of Iowa Gallery Award.

In addition to static project exhibits, over 600 youth gave live communication presentations on topics ranging from making sensory squares and glitter jars to gene editing, the honey bee life cycle, and the power of music.

Youth-driven 4-H experiences provide access to safe learning environments; hands-on experiences that build skills, competencies, and resiliency to address life's challenges and to actively contribute to society; and partnerships with caring adults to help meet youths' basic needs of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity.



KELSI LIDDLE

Want to learn more about the proposed EMS taxation and ambulance service?

Come to one of the following town halls:

Kensett - October 2
from 1:30-3 p.m. Kensett Fire Station

Grafton - October 3
from 6:30-8 p.m. Grafton Fire Station

Manly - October 4
from 6:30-8 p.m. Manly Fire Station

Joice- October 5
from 6:30-8 p.m. Joice Comm. Center

Hanlontown- October 10
from 6:30-8 p.m. Hanlontown City Hall

Northwood- October 11
from 6-7:30 p.m. Northwood Fire Station

Fertile- October 13
from 6:30-8 p.m. Fertile Comm. Center

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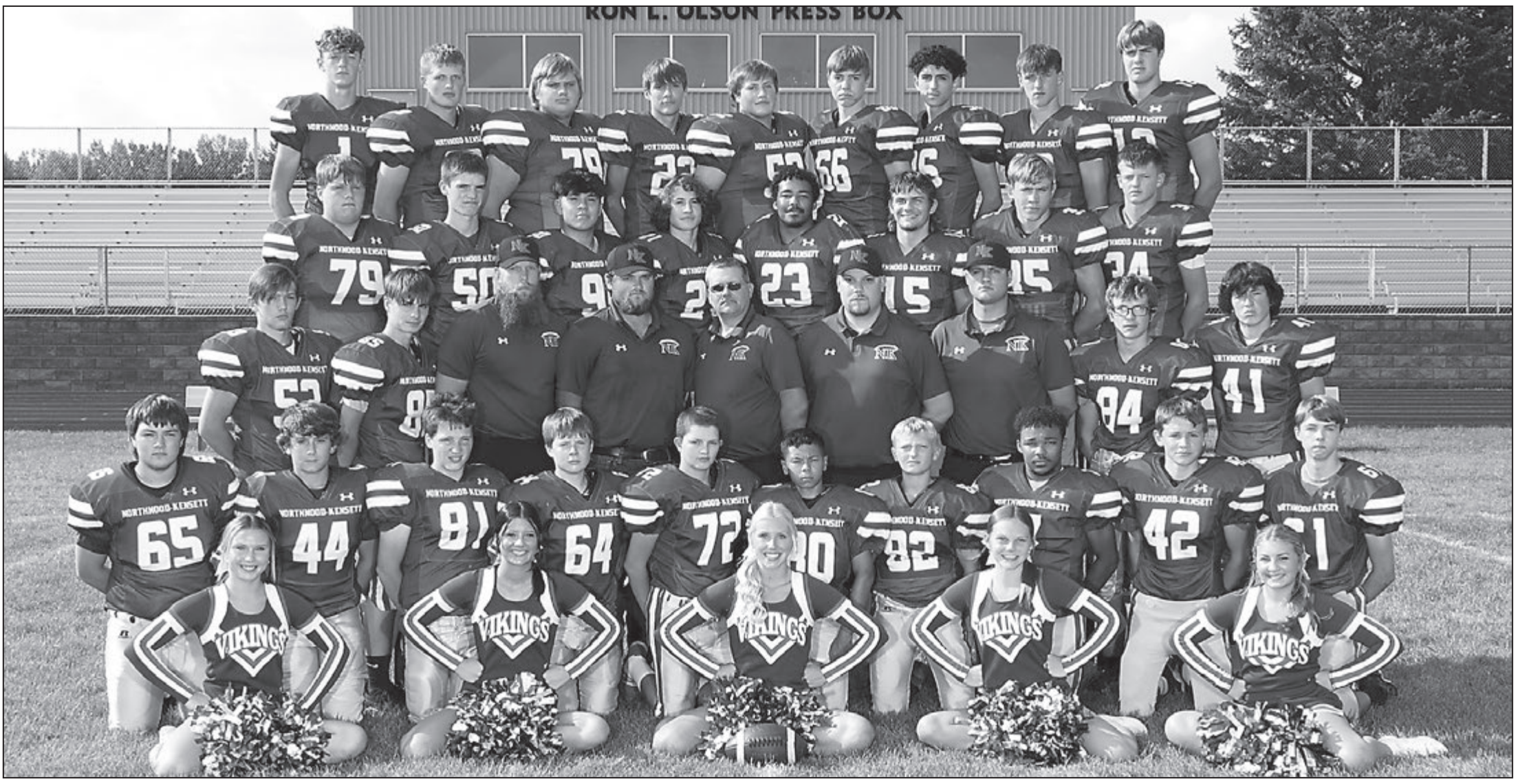
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N-K FALL SPORTS



2022 Northwood-Kensett varsity football team

Members of the 2022 N-K varsity football team and cheerleaders include (front row, from left) Ashlyn Rollene, Haddie Hanson, Lindsey Moore, Madalynn Hanson, Sophia Butler, (second row) Chaz Cummins, Brady Christianson, Quinton Butler, Weston Willand, Terry Ausborn, Linca Scarlett III, Caden Helgeson, Lamonte Sims, Alexander Tiedemann, Dagen Peterson, (third row) Trace Low, Aden Bice, asst. coach Zach Samson, asst. coach Tristan Hanson, asst. coach Ryan Parker, coach Trevor Hunt, asst. coach Leo Frost, Iver Girouard, Kolton Robinson, (fourth row) Thomas Rodemeyer, Loghan Nelson, Jose Obregon, Michael Janssen, Dante Sims, Dalton Logeman, Trent Tiedemann, Evan Lorenzen, (back row) Kooper Julseth, Nolan Senne, Noah Woltzen, Nicholas Hanson, Justin Mills, Isaiah Heeren, Benjamin Yezek, Carter Anderson and Colby Eskildsen.



2022 Northwood-Kensett JH football team

Members of the 2022 N-K junior high football team include (front row, from left) Konner Dowd-Mincks, Ethan Adams, Ray Thompson, Max Johnson, (back row) Landen Nelson, Tyce Skellenger, Aydan Schutz, Caleb LaPoint, Cayson Chodur and Carson Tufte.

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The Northwood Anchor

Bolan program features Freedom Rock artist

The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center hosted a program on Saturday, September 17, as a part of the annual Bolan Fall Market events. The program featured Ray "Bubba" Sorensen and the Freedom Rock program.

Sorensen spoke on his efforts to paint a large rock in each county in Iowa, creating a unique message that honors veterans in the communities.

Sorensen started painting the patriotic rocks in each county in the state in 2013 with St. Ansgar's being the second one after the original Freedom Rock in Adair County, which is the only one repainted every year in time for Memorial Day.

Also on hand were representatives of six area counties, who talked about their county's Freedom Rocks.

County representatives at the Bolan Fall Market program included Tom Dakin, representing Worth County, with the Freedom Rock #75, created in 2018, at 300 Willow Street in Kensett; John Warrington, Mitchell County, with rock #2, 2013, at on Highway 218 in St. Ansgar; Jan Stern, from Floyd County, whose rock #65, 2017, is at 812 Main Avenue in Rockford; Leon Christianson and Bill Clark, Winnebago County, whose rock #59, 2017, is at 198 N Mill Street, Lake Mills; and Jerry Christiansen, Hancock County, rock #14, 2014, at Second Street SW, Britt. Also mentioned was Cerro Gordo County's Freedom Rock #76, 2018, located at 2 N Eighth Street in Clear Lake.

Also attending the program were Don and Melody Tesch, of St. Ansgar, who had visited all 99 Iowa County Freedom Rocks, plus the 100th rock located at Adventureland.

Sorensen reached his goal of all 99 counties in 2021. His future goals are to paint a Freedom Rock in each of the 50 states.

More information on Sorensen and the Freedom Rock project can be found online at www.thefreedomrock.com.

Funds were raised for the program by a number of local and area sponsors, with funds collected above the cost of providing the program donated to the Freedom Rock Foundation, which assists with financing the repair of damaged rocks in the 99 counties of Iowa.



Pictured at the Freedom Rock program held at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center are (from left) John Warrington, representing the Mitchell County Freedom Rock, Jan Stern, Floyd County, Freedom Rock artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, Tom Dakin, Worth County, Leon Christianson and Bill Clark, Winnebago County, Jerry Christiansen, Hancock County, and Lori Willert, Freedom Rock program planner on behalf of the BSCC.

Emerald ash borer confirmed in Mitchell County

Emerald ash borer has been discovered in Mitchell County for the first time. Since its original detection in 2010, the invasive, ash tree-killing insect from Asia has now been confirmed in all but six of Iowa's 99 counties.

EAB larvae were collected near Spring Park in rural Osage by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Federal identification confirmed the samples were positive for EAB.

EAB is a significant threat to native ash tree species, typically killing a tree within two to four years after becoming infested. The cumulative damage by the larvae (immature stage) feeding on the inner bark eventually kills ash trees. The feeding cuts off the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients.

Indicators of an infestation may include canopy thinning, leafy sprouts shooting from the trunk or main branches, serpentine ("S"-shaped) galleries under the bark, bark splitting, woodpecker damage and 1/8-inch D-shaped exit holes.

While adult beetles can disperse locally by flying, long-distance spread of this insect is attributed to people moving infested material, including firewood. People are encouraged to use locally-sourced firewood where it will be burned to help limit the spread of EAB.

Now is the time to decide a course of action for ash trees at risk of EAB attack (within 15 miles of a known infestation). Landowners and managers can wait and see what happens, remove declining ash trees and replace them with other species, or use preventive insecticide treatments to preserve and protect valuable and healthy ash trees. The best time to treat for EAB is in the spring, from mid-April to mid-May. Insecticides are most effective when the ash tree is actively growing and uptake is at its peak. Tree service companies can apply insecticide trunk injections through the summer if soil moisture is available.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has produced a publication about EAB treatments. For more information, download Emerald Ash Borer Management Options, found online at store.extension.iastate.edu/product/13114.

The State of Iowa continues to evaluate the potential spread of EAB on a county-by-county basis. Before a county can be declared positive, a life stage of the insect must be collected and confirmed. Anyone who suspects an infested ash tree in a county not currently known to be confirmed with EAB is encouraged to contact one of the following:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, State Entomologist Office, 515-725-1470. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Entomology, 515-294-1101. Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-8200.

Additional information on EAB, including a county detection map, can be found at iowatreepests.com.

Iowa made movies now free

Teacher Productions, the Clear Lake based film-video company, is releasing three of its movies to public at-home viewing.

At no cost to future audiences, these half-hour productions will be posted via email with accessible links for personal watching.

They are River Riders which is a high-adventure panorama of the various and unusual recreational watercraft experiences that can be had on Iowa's rivers and streams. It's designed to the music of Iowa composer Paul Micich and his World Port band.

Also, the first two episode videos in the Bueno Gang Kids movie series are being made available, now. They are: All God's Children, which deals with youngsters understanding the value of ethnic diversity and features the music of Paul Langholz; plus The Good Dentist, which encourages children to overcome the fear of visiting a dentist. It features the music of various regional Christian rock bands.

Both Bueno Gang movies earned the Family Approved recognition from the Dove Foundation.

All three productions were written and directed by Gregory Schmidt with cast members coming from local North Iowa towns.

Anyone can receive these free viewing links simply by sending their email address to gregfest@cltel.net.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service, with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

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Sensitive Egos



Ants are legendary for their strength and hard work. Aesop's fables contain a story about a hard-working ant who works hard to prepare for the winter while the lazy grasshopper enjoys the summer fun. When winter comes, the grasshopper is begging for help from the diligent ant. Even the book of Proverbs hails the ant's diligence: "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!" (Proverbs 6:6) Not only are ants hardworking, but they are tremendously strong as well; most species have the capacity to lift twenty times their own body weight, with their jaws! This would be the equivalent of a 200 pound man lifting a 4000 pound car. But what is perhaps most praiseworthy in the ant is their social cooperation. Most species of ants, and there are over 14,000 known species, have very specialized roles within their colonies which they carry out to keep their colonies safe and well-fed. Leaf-cutter ants, which cultivate fungi, have groups which cut the leaves and other groups which tend the fungi, in essence weeding their mushroom garden. A notable aspect of ant behavior is their readiness to work, fight, and even die for their colony. Each ant in the colony is closely related, so you could argue that they are only sacrificing for their family, but in any case, the ant is not just a model of hard work; he is also a model of altruism. —Christopher Simo

"Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose."
– Philippians 2: 2

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Cook Bookin'

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

Back at the dawn of time, 2003 to be exact, I visited Jerome, Arizona. I know the date because I wrote it inside the recipe book I purchased there, "The Copper Town Cookbook" (1972, Copper Town Cookbook Committee, Jerome, Arizona). Jerome was a prosperous copper mining town until the price of cooper bottomed out. It's now an artist colony but no less interesting. The recipes in this book are varied, some being handed down for generations and others concocted out of necessity. The chapter titled "Specialties" caught my eye so the following recipes are taken from that collection. I've adapted some of them for the cooks of 2022.

Granny Gook Sandwich Spread

1 pound cooked ground beef, drained
1 pound good bacon, cooked
8-10 hard-boiled eggs
1 medium yellow onion, peeled
5 stalks of celery
1 medium-sized green bell pepper
Real mayonnaise

Grind all the ingredients together adding salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste. When you're ready to make sandwiches, mix with enough real mayonnaise to make it easy to spread. SANDY'S NOTE: If you don't have a grinder, use your food processor, doing this in batches if necessary. Then, combine all the batches to make sure the ingredients are well mixed before adding the spices and mayonnaise.

Gazpacho (cold tomato soup)

1 large can tomato juice (low-sodium is good)
4 medium ripe tomatoes, chopped
2 medium cucumbers, peeled and chopped
1 can (4 oz.) green chiles, hot or mild, your choice, drained
3 tablespoons good olive oil
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons kosher salt

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Stir them and then fill a blender with as much of this mixture as will fit. Blend until smooth and pour into a bowl. Repeat with the rest of the mixture. Adjust seasonings if necessary. Serve cold; some people like a dab of sour cream on top.

Corn Meal Cream Puffs

1 cup hot water
1/2 cup real butter, softened
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup yellow corn meal
3/4 cup sifted flour
4 large eggs

Combine the hot water, butter and salt in a heavy sauce pan and bring to a boil. Sift the yellow corn meal and the flour together and add this, all at once, to the boiling water. Stir vigorously over low heat for 2 minutes or until the batter leaves the side of the pan and looks like mashed potatoes. Cool slightly. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat 1 minute the last egg. This can all be done by electric mixer. Drop onto an ungreased baking sheet 2" apart. It should make 8-10 portions. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 degrees F. for 35 minutes longer. Cool completely. Cut a slice off near the top. Fill with creamed ham, creamed chicken, chicken salad, or ham salad. These are not the sweet cream puffs used for dessert; they are sturdier and are for lunch meals.

The story of a once booming mining town that fell on hard times is sad but has a moral too: don't put all your eggs in one basket. The book reports that, "In 1932, cooper prices fell to an all-time low, five cents a pound, and Jerome started its decline" "The last car of ore trundled down the tracks at 5:30 p.m. May 13, 1953. Jerome was turned over to the ghosts." And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Hanson – Gentz wed July 23, 2022

Todd Hanson and Bethany Gentz of rural Lake Mills were married on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Winnebago Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa. Pastor Randy Baldwin officiated the ceremony. Reception was held at Storby Seeds of Lake Mills.

Bethany is the daughter of David and Cheryl Gentz of rural Northwood.

She is a 2017 Northwood-Kensett High School graduate and a 2019 graduate of NIACC for Agriculture Marketing and Finance and is employed at Farmers Coop Association in Forest City, Iowa.

Todd is the son of Mike and Beth Hanson of rural Lake Mills, Iowa.

He is a 2015 Lake Mills Community School graduate and a 2017 graduate of NIACC for Agriculture Operations and Sales and is employed at Storby Seed in Lake Mills.

Maid of honor was Naomi Gentz, sister of the bride, of Northwood. Matron of honor was Hannah Rickertsen, sister of the bride, of Clinton, Iowa. Bridesmaids were Hannah Hanson, sister of the groom, of Lake Mills; Dani Gentz, sister-in-law of the bride, of Northwood; Carley Wentworth, friend of the bride, of St. Ansgar; Maddie Brandt, friend of the bride, of Kensett; Lexie Gentz, cousin of the bride, of Northwood; and Karissa Heath, friend of the bride, of Buffalo Center.



TODD AND BETHANY HANSON

Flower girl was Paisley Olson, daughter of Carley Wentworth and Jesse Olson, of St. Ansgar.

Personal attendants were Brianna and Hailey Hepperly, friends of the bride, of Northwood.

Best man was Andy Gudmonson, friend of the groom, of Lake Mills. Groomsmen were Scott Wogen, friend of the groom, of Joice; Jake Gentz, brother of the bride, of Northwood; Marcus Brandt, friend of the groom, of Kensett; Alec Anderson, friend of the groom, of Leland, Iowa; Jesse Olson, friend of the groom, of St. Ansgar; Zarren Egesdal, friend of the groom, of Forest City; and Jace Gentz, nephew of the bride, of Northwood.

Ring bearer Keagan Brandt is the son of Maddie and Marcus Brandt of Kensett.

Ushers were Jon Anderson, of Albert Lea, and Luke Groe, of Lake Mills, both friends of the groom.

Singers were Corey Hanson, uncle of the groom, of White Bear Lake, Minnesota; Scott Kvigne, friend of the couple, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Bob Ablachten, friend of the couple, of White Bear Lake. Orangist was Ruth Sheldon of Lake Mills and Photographer was Sydney Breann Photography of Emmons, Minnesota.

The couple will be taking a trip to Las Vegas for their honeymoon in December.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

Now that fall has fallen and the weather is much cooler (at least this week!) we won't be spending as much time outdoors. So… what better place to spend your indoor time than at the Northwood Senior Center. Our beautifully remodeled and redecorated space is waiting for all area men and women over 60 to come and socialize, learn, listen, eat and play. Any more fun and it would be illegal! The October activity calendar has some new things so please cut this out when you've finished with the Anchor and post it on your fridge with the rest of your important papers.

Monday, October 3 will be the monthly meeting of the Northwood Bookworms Club. We will have finished reading "Maid" by Stephanie Land. Please join us at 2.p.m. at the Northwood Public Library even if you haven't read the book. A good discussion will take place; it always does, and you can get in on October's book. It's a secret for now but I can tell you it's a love story of great importance in American history.

We'll be starting a new event this month: Theater Thursday. Once or twice a month we'll show a classic film or television program at 12:30 p.m.. On October 6 it will be a series of funny Johnny Carson shows and on October 20 it will be one of the Thin Man mysteries. Popcorn will be served; bring your own beverage.

Lois Meyer is once again at the keyboard with lunch music on Thursdays October 13 and 27. She starts around 11:45 a.m. Lois is a joy to hear; don't miss it.

Worth County Public Health nurse, Shana Butler will visit on Tuesday, Oct. 11. She'll have good information on senior health and is such fun to interact with.

Have you ever wondered about your "roots" or how to go about using genealogy? Marcia Price will give a talk on the subject and share her extensive knowledge about finding out who you are and who went before you. Monday, Oct. 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Bingo….prizes….twice a month! Join us for Fun Bingo at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 and Monday, Oct. 24.

Amy from ISU Extension will offer Fresh Conversations with a sample of healthy food and a newsletter to take home. She'll be at the Center right before lunch at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Last but definitely not least, every Tuesday is our day for cards and games. After lunch, enjoy using our spacious dining area to host your card group, game club or adult coloring bunch. No charge to use the room; bring your own snacks and beverages. Just let the Center staff know you will be staying to play.

Please plan to enjoy one of Northwood area's best kept secrets: the Senior Center. It's not just a place to eat lunch; it's a place to enjoy friends and make new ones.

Elderbridge receives $2,000 grant for food assistance

Elderbridge Agency on Aging has received a $2,000 grant for food assistance. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund.

The Working Here Fund Grant will be used to support the emergency food assistance program for the homebound. Funds will be used to purchase frozen, shelf-stable meals, or home-delivered meals from meal sites.

"Growing trends show that Iowans are living longer, and outliving resources," said Tammie McCready, grant writer. "They are experiencing an increase in poverty. Inflation is at an all-time high, causing food, gas, rent, and other necessities to increase."

The need for services to maintain the independent living of Iowans has increased. Funds and food were provided to 786 low-income seniors and adults with disabilities in 2020 and the need continues to grow.

"We are proud to support organizations dedicated to addressing food and hunger issues in our local communities," said Julie Hoodjer, regional vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Mason City office.

Elderbridge Agency on Aging is one of 64 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the second quarter of 2022. FCSAmerica awarded $120,085 during the latest grant cycle ending June 30, 2022.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Free online hearing tests you can take at home

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any good online hearing tests? My husband has hearing loss, but I can't get him to go in and get his hearing checked, so I thought a simple online test could help him recognize he has a problem. What can you tell me?

Loud Talking Linda

Dear Linda,

There's actually a growing number of very good online and app-based hearing tests available that will let your husband check his hearing on his own. These tests are a quick and convenient option for the millions of Americans that have mild to moderate hearing loss but often ignore it, or don't want to go through the hassle or expense of visiting an audiologist for a hearing exam.

Who Should Test?

Hearing loss for most people develops gradually over many years of wear and tear, which is the reason many people don't realize they actually have a hearing problem.

Anyone who has difficulty hearing or understanding what people say, especially in noisier environments or over the phone. Or, if you need a higher volume of music or TV than other people, should take a few minutes to test their hearing.

Self-Hearing Tests

Online and app-based hearing tests can serve as a great screening tool. They are not meant to be a diagnosis, but rather to give you an idea of how bad your hearing loss is and what can be done about it.

For most do-it-yourself hearing tests, you'll be advised to wear ear headphones or earbuds and sit in a quiet spot.

You also need to know that there are two different type of tests available. One type is known as pure-tone testing, where tones are played in decreasing volumes to determine your specific level of hearing loss. And the other type is known as speech-in-noise or digits-in-noise (DIN) where you'll be asked to identify words, numbers, or phrases amid background noise.

Where to Test

If your husband uses a smartphone or tablet, two of my favorite app-based hearing tests are the hearWHO app created by the World Health Organization, and the Mimi Hearing Test app. Both apps are free to use and are available through the App Store and Google Play.

HearWHO allows users to check their hearing status and monitor it over time using a DIN test, while Mimi uses pure-tone and masked threshold tests to give you a detailed picture of your hearing abilities.

There are also a wide variety of online hearing tests your husband can take on a computer.

Some top online tests – all offered by hearing aid manufacturers – for speech-in-noise or DIN tests can be accessed at ReSound (resound.com/en-us/online-hearing-test) and Mircle Ear (miracle-ear.com/online-hearing-test).

And some good online hearing tests for pure-tone testing are available by Signia (signia.net/en/service/hearing-test); Ergo (eargo.com/hearing-health/hearing-check); and MD Hearing Aid (mdhearingaid.com/hearing-test).

All of these hearing tests are completely free to use and take less than five minutes to complete.

What to do with Results

If the tests indicate your husband has hearing loss, it's best to think of that as a starting point. He should take results to his doctor or an audiologist for further evaluation.

Many insurance providers and Medicare Advantage plans cover routine hearing exams, however original Medicare does not.

If his hearing loss is mild to moderate, he should look into the new over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, which are available this fall online and at retailers like Best Buy, Walgreens and CVS.

OTC hearing aids don't require a prescription or medical examination for purchase and they're much more affordable than traditional hearing aids you buy through an audiologist or a licensed hearing instrument specialist.

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

My doctor told me I should sleep and eat at the same time each day.

That sounds like good advice.

I tried it, but I can't sleep and eat at the same time.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. As I walked the Oregon\California\Mormon Pioneer Trail near Alda and Wood River, Nebraska, I thought about an old character-driven TV series called "Wagon Train." I'm not sure I ever watched it, but I know it starred Ward Bond. Bond was the man who John Wayne accidentally shot in the behind and, adding insult to injury, Wayne had used a shotgun owned by Bond. "Wagon Train" was filmed at 21 locations traveling from the plains of Missouri to Sacramento. Bond appeared in some famous movies: "It's a Wonderful Life," "The Searchers," "Gone with the Wind," "My Darling Clementine," "The Grapes of Wrath," "The Maltese Falcon" and "Topper." Back to the bit of trail I walked. In 1841-1869, nine of 10 deaths on the trails were due to illness and an estimated 6 to 10% of emigrants succumbed to illness. The covered wagons were rolling arsenals, so accidental shootings were common, murders rare. Drowning, weather and other accidents took their toll. Native Americans were the least of the pioneers' problems. It's estimated that in the 2000 miles of the Oregon Trail, there were 10 graves per mile.

Buffalo Bill Cody was born in Iowa and used his showmanship skills and fabrications to make himself famous, prospering on the gullible. My grandmother was born Anna Sundstrom in Sweden. She became a teacher in Iowa. My mother said, unlike Buffalo Bill, Anna Sundstrom couldn't tell a lie. Her husband was a spendthrift, but Grandma practiced great purseverance. I have Swedish ancestry—not too much, not too little, just enough. Many people claim to be of Swedish descent when they're not. Why wouldn't they? These social climbers are known as artificial Swedeners.

On the road again

I was exhaustipated, too tired to know how tired I was. I spent a night in a hotel that had a five-story waterfall. It was loud at night. A man there told me he used to live in Brooklyn. "Do you know what my goal was when I was growing up?" I didn't. "To get out of Brooklyn." I know that feeling. As a teenager, I couldn't wait to get away. A few years later, I couldn't wait to get back home.

Bad jokes department

Leon Schoenrock of New Richland sent this one, "A man found a wooden shoe in his toilet. It was clogged."

The first rule of the Passive-Aggressive Club is ... oh, never mind, it's OK.

Mr. Spock had a left ear, a right ear and a new front ear.

I've learned

It's easy to criticize. That's why so many people do it.

The game of "rock, paper, scissors," began as "rock, rock, rock."

If you wait until the last minute to do something, it will take only a minute to do.

When I watch an old "Bonanza" episode, I feel for Lorne.

Nature notes

A no-see-um bit me. I didn't see that coming. Minute pirate bugs (insidious flower bugs) are top predators of corn earworm eggs, which makes them a valuable ally to farmers. Minute pirate bugs are usually felt before they're seen. The tiny insects are 1/5 of an inch long, but they bite with an impact out of proportion to their size. Minute pirate bugs prey on many small pest insects and are often found around flowers. During the fall, minute pirate bugs bite people. These bites may irritate but have no lasting effects. The bugs are flattened, oval or triangular, and black with white wing patches. During spring and summer, they have a full-time job eating small insects (aphids, thrips, and whiteflies), mites and insect eggs. Minute pirate bugs are sometimes called no-see-ums, a nickname for dozens of different small, biting insects, including biting midges (biting gnats or punkies) that look like mini-mosquitoes and can be problematic near slow-moving, fresh-water habitats like lakes, ponds, marshes and streams in June-August. Minute pirate bugs are attracted to light-colored clothing and are most active on warm, sunny days. Insect repellents have little effect on minute pirate bugs, but they stop biting when cold temperatures hit. I've used vanilla extract with some success to repel black flies (buffalo gnats) and have heard from folks that it works on minute pirate bugs, too.

Meeting adjourned

"How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time."—Morgan Freeman.

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Fit to print...?

What a day!

By Kris Kenison

This week's publishing days happen to fall on two national days of celebration that are very or very nearly close to my heart.

This Thursday, September 29, is National Chris Day. Of course, as a Kris and not a Chris, I have to accept that most of those with the similar sounding name just have to live with the misspelling and so had to form a day to console themselves.

To celebrate, here is some history shared on nationaltoday.com:

HISTORY OF NATIONAL CHRIS DAY

During the Middle Ages, there was a legend about a saint named Christopher, who literally carried a young Jesus across a river, leading to his canonization and popularity as a patron saint for travelers. Its popularity peaked during the 20th century, becoming one of the top 20 most popular male names in England and Wales. Chris may also be a short-form of Christian or Christiana.

Christopher has a mind-boggling number of variations in other cultures, a few of which are: Christoffel in Afrikaans; Kristafor, Kristufer, or Kristufar in Arabic; Krystafier in Belarusian; Cristofanu in Corsican; Krystof in Czech; Kristoffer' in Finnish *(Anchor Editor's Note: this is the correct spelling)*; Christof, Christoph, or Christoffer in German; Cristovo in Galician; and Christoffel, Christoforus, Kristof, or Christophe in Dutch. Other abbreviations of Christopher include Kit, Topher, Kris *(correct again)*, and Kester.

Based on Social Security Administration records between 2000 and 2021, Chris was at its most popular in 2008, ranking 346th in the list of most popular male names in the United States. In 2021, its popularity dropped to 660th place on the list, matching 407 births accounting for only 0.022% of total male births in that year.

There's the history, so what about today? Today, the name Chris can be found across many credit scrawls before and after movies in some of my favorite franchises. Star Trek has Chris Pine as Captain Kirk. The Marvel movies have Chris Evans as Captain America (and the Human Torch before that), Chris Hemsworth as Thor and Chris Pratt as Starlord.

Want a laugh? Chris Farley may take the cake for Saturday Night Live aficionados.

Want some quality directing done? How about Chris Columbus, director of classics like Adventures in Babysitting, Home Alone, Mrs. Doubtfire, a couple of Harry Potter movies and more.

If you look at names Chris is short for, you can turn to Batman, with movies starring Christian Bale and directed by Christopher Nolan. And Chris O'Donnel played Robin.

Want more cowbell? How about Christopher Walken!

And you couldn't have gone back to the future without Christopher Lloyd.

Christina Ricci will alway be the best Wednesday, whether it be Addams or day of the week.

And that's just those in entertainment. I'm sure most of you reading this know a Chris or two or more.

And what do all these and those people have in common? They've persevered despite living with names that are spelled wrong, and they have a day to celebrate their brave struggles.

And why wouldn't I celebrate with those poor people that have lived with too many letters and a potential "ch" sound? Is that a stupid question? Well, it's perfect then for National Ask a Stupid Question Day, which falls on September 28.

Many often say there's no such thing as a stupid question, only a stupid answer. Or at least I think they do. I'd ask, but I'm afraid of the stupid answer I might get. So I turned to Google, and began asking questions, literally.

The Google search engine will automatically finish your sentence if you begin to type, based on what others frequently finish the sentence with, so I typed in the start of a few questions and found these results. But... are they stupid or profound?

How do I...ask a question on google?

Can I eat my...shoes without dying?

What do I...want to eat?

Why do I... ask dumb questions?

Where should...we go on a date?

Why should...n't you whistle at night?

Can you... cry underwater?

How do...you spell stupid?

How can...google answer everything?

What would...you do for a Klondike bar?

How would a...dog wear pants?

How would a...giraffe wear a tie?

Why is my pet...fish upside down?

Where is my pet...chicken located?

Who, what, where, why and how indeed?

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

September 27, 1922

Since the organization of the Northwood Livestock Shipping Assn. in May, it has 150 members and has shipped out over 30 cars of stock, says County Agent Lodwich. Saturday marked the largest day's run in the history of the organization when five cars of cattle and one car of hogs went out. Manger G.E. Gunderson went with the cattle to Chicago in order to acquaint himself better with the methods of handling cooperative shipments.

Next Wednesday, October 4, will be the first official visiting day of the Northwood schools for the present year. This gathering will be in the nature of a "get acquainted" meeting, at which time it is expected the patrons of the schools will welcome the new teachers and inspect the work as programed for this year. Luncheon will be served in the Domestic Science room at the usual hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rhodenbaugh and daughters Faith and Jean left last evening on Rock Island No. 20 for Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter and possibly locate. Their son Guy and daughter Maureen and Ellen are at Los Angeles and a happy reunion is anticipated. Miss Gladys will remain here for the winter, having contracted the Slosson school, south of town, which she is now teaching.

Postmaster Iver Iverson has taken out all of the call boxes at the P.O. and substituted therefore a section of combination lock boxes, which it is hoped will save the clerks some time heretofore taken up in handing out mail.

Hon G.N. Haugen arrived from Washington the first of the week and will spend some time here looked after business affairs and visiting with numerous friends in the fourth district. He states that his son, Lauritz Haugen, is also expected to reach Northwood in a few days. The session of congress that has just closed has been a strenuous one, marked by long hours and constant work.

75 years ago

September 25, 1947

Joice High School won the final game of the sectional baseball tournament played on Wednesday afternoon at Joice by defeating Plymouth 4-3. Twice during the game, in the second and fourth innings, the score was tied. Tweed and Petersburg comprised the Joice battery, Tweed having 17 strikeouts to his credit.

Some slight damage to late corn and late soybeans is believed to have resulted from this week's frost, it is said by those who have observed the condition of those crops since Monday morning's 32-degree temperature, the first frost of this fall season. Where the corn and beans had ripened to a considerable degree the light frost will prove beneficial, stopping growth and hastening the drying process, say many farmers.

Appointment of Mrs. C.L. Olson of Northwood as a chairman of the Worth County chapter of the American Cancer Society was announced this week by Dr. H.W. Morgan of Mason City, state chairman of the Iowa division.

Play started on Monday in the annual bowling league at Northwood Recreation Parlors owned and operated by Axel Johansen, and will continue through weekly schedules until the first of next June.

William Carey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B.I. Carey of this city, is now engaged in business with his father, who has operated the Northwood Produce and Hatchery for a number of years. William graduated last month from Iowa State College, Ames, where he specialized in animal husbandry, and his course at that outstanding agricultural and science school will be of great benefit in the local business.

Members of the Northwood High School football squad were taken to Ames last Saturday to attend the Iowa State-Iowa State Teachers College football game, which resulted in a victory for the Ames team. Twenty-five members of the squad and two managers were in the group.

50 years ago

September 28, 1972

Five Northwood-Kensett students are candidates for 1972 homecoming queen this weekend. They are Joan Lawhorn, Laurie Kolwinska, Sandi Fretty and Rosalie Anderson. The queen will be crowned during the half time festivities at the football game with Lake Mills on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen J. Brunsvold marked their 60th wedding anniversary on September 25 when they quietly observed the date at their home near Joice. Their children are Mrs. Szymour Sorenson, Kensett; Mrs. Ted Haugo, Lake Mills; Mrs. Arling Anderson, Mankato; and Enis Brunsvold, Hanlontown.

Ronald K. Sietsema, Northwood, has joined Van Sabben Realty as real estate salesman. He formerly owned Ron's Drive-Inn and was employed as insurance adjuster for Worth Mutual Insurance Association.

New cheerleaders have been selected at North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City, and include Julie Jaspers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jaspers, Northwood. Others are Karen Krueger, New Hampton, and Barbara Pederson, Lake Mills.

The old scoreboard at the football field has a new look this year and is located in the south end of the field. The score reads 8-0, and was taken during the second quarter of the Vikings-Osage game on September 15. The Vikings went on to win the game 14-8.

The Bolan Store has made a few changes since 1907, but is still recognizable as the F.L. Benish store when it was photographed. The Art Whites purchased the store from the Benishes, and it is now owned by the former Mrs. White and her husband, Mr. George Hansen.

25 years ago

September 24, 1997

Northwood volunteer firemen Brad Zipse and Ellert Nodtvedt kept an eye out for a flare-up after knocking down the initial flames that damaged this shed on the alley behind 108 N. Ninth St. last Wednesday night. It was the fourth fire of suspicious origin in the past three months, according to Northwood fire chief Rick Hanson.

Kelsey Dahl, daughter of Dennis and Jayne Dahl of Manly, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seeberger of Mason City and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Dahl of Manly, attended the American Coed Pageant over Labor Day weekend in Des Moines as a state finalist. She received three awards and trophies. She was recognized as state finalist, doing most community service and most photogenic. Receiving the most photogenic trophy award makes her an Iowa State Finalist at the National Pageant in Orlando, Florida.

The Northwood-Kensett Varsity volleyball team continued its feisty, inspired play here last week. But the Vikings couldn't overcome Garner-Hayfield or Lake Mills and dropped a pair of matches last Monday and Thursday in the N-K gymnasium. The Vikings fell to Garner-Hayfield here last Monday 7-15, 4-15, 15-7, 4-15. "The big difference was that we had no blocks at all on our defensive side," said DeArmoun. "But our passing game was a little off tonight too, and in the second game we were only 9-14 serving."

Northwood-Kensett coach Dave Capitani called off the dogs with 20 minutes to play last Friday. Eric Loberg's five-yard blast up the gut gave Capitani's Vikings a 47-0 lead with 8:02 showing in the third quarter at Ventura Friday night. Besides their 47-0 lead over the Ventura Vikings, the N-K Vikings owned a 365 to 7 edge in rushing yards at that point, and Capitani figured it was time to get his reserves some varsity playing time.

10 years ago

September 26, 2012

Many area farmers took to their fields recently, with the sight of combines and wagons full of corn and soybeans an increasing presence throughout North Iowa. This year's drought conditions have led to a harvest that is well ahead of schedule. According to the latest Iowa Crops and Weather Report, released Monday, statewide corn harvested is at 27 percent, compared to 4 percent last year and the five year average of 4 percent. Soybeans harvested was at 23 percent, compared to 2 percent last year and 5 percent for the five year average.

The Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary held their 27th annual Fall Festival this past Saturday. Members of the LRH Auxiliary are Maynis Aamodt, Dianne Cooper, Jean Nelson, Genie Foss, Ann Hendrickson, Marilyn Dolloff, Sandy Trainer, Stacy Davidson, Judy Trenhaile, Jean Michaelson, Joan Dierenfeld and Gloria Hagen. Auxiliary members represent the nine churches that make up the LRH corporation and do many projects, in addition to this fundraiser, that benefit residents of LRH, Breen Center, Pines and Maple Court. Funds from the Fall Festival are used to purchase many items to improve life for residents of all these entities.

Samuel Arnold, Trent Millard and Laura Tempus, all of Northwood, are among the students named to the Spring 2012 semester Dean's list at the University of Northern Iowa.

Students in elementary classes held their first day of themed reading last Thursday with "Read with Clifford." They brought books starring the big red dog Clifford and were invited to wear red clothes.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Carolyn Kalvig



CAROLYN KALVIG

Carolyn L. Kalvig, 81, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022, at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, with Rev. Becky Sogge officiating.

Carolyn was laid to rest at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood. Visitation and public viewing was held on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at Conner Colonial Chapel, Northwood. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

Carolyn Luella Kalvig was born on June 3, 1941, to Clayton and Laura (Myli) Land in Martintown and raised in Worth County on the family farm. She was taught to love and enjoy animals, gardening and flowers. She especially loved her dogs.

Carolyn was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Northwood. She graduated from Northwood High School and continued her education at Mason City Jr. College.

Carolyn married Ben Berg in December 1958 and to this union a son was born, John Charles. On October 4, 1965, Carolyn married Carl Kalvig, and to this marriage Carl Jr. was born. Carl Jr. was born with cerebral palsy, so Carolyn worked diligently with exercise and numerous trips to Iowa City, Carl Jr. was able to attend school and eventually walk.

Around 1971 Carolyn went to work at Boyd Implement and later Town and Country Motor in Northwood as a bookkeeper. In 1988 she moved to NSB Bank where she worked for 18 years until her retirement.

Carolyn and Carl enjoyed traveling to Wisconsin, the hills and Mississippi, as well as antique shops and casinos. She enjoyed time at nurseries and looked forward to buying all types of different plants and flowers alongside her mom, Laura and sister, Luan. Her bird feeders were constantly full and she loved watching the variety of species enjoy them. Spending time watching the many wild animals out her window brought her great joy.

Surviving are her sons, John (Jolene) Berg of Northwood and Carl (Roxanne) Kalvig Jr. of Clear Lake; step-sons, Michael (Pam) Kalvig of Morgan, Minnesota, Steve (Lorraine) Kalvig of Grafton, Edward (Roberta) Kalvig of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Scott (Mary) Kalvig of Northwood; many grandchildren, Trisha (Michael) Nuehring, Robert (Mandy) McCormick, Tina (Brain) Becker, Tiffany (Mark) Ganrude and Nathan Berg; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Carl Kalvig; parents; and siblings, Lila Frank, Luan Sallee, Lily Anderson, Fran Christiansen, Andrew Land and Harry (Mary) Land.

Darla Jean Beighley



DARLA JEAN BEIGHLEY

Darla Jean Beighley passed away at the age of 80, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at Mayo Hospital in Mankato, Minnesota, where she spent her final days surrounded by her family.

Darla was born on November 13, 1941, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, to Clarence and Ruth (Anderson) Bridley.

She attended grade school in Gordonsville, Minnesota and Northwood and graduated from high school in Glenville, Minnesota.

Darla married Dean A. Beighley on December 9, 1961, and later divorced. This union brought them one daughter, Kelly Jean (Beighley) Akemann.

Darla was the youngest of three children, having a brother, Dwaine Bridley and a sister, Darlene (Bridley) Doughty. She grew up in Gordonsville, but also lived in Oceanside, California, Northwood, Albert Lea, Minnesota, and Ellendale, Minnesota. She spent her life working in many fields and jobs and furthered her education and graduated with a Lab Technician degree from Riverland Community College in Albert Lea. Darla was the best at caregiving and did this for her entire family and found a career in it for many years.

Darla enjoyed music, both singing and playing instruments. She was self taught and very talented at the piano, guitar and accordion. She enjoyed embroidering, cooking, puzzles, coloring and especially baking. She was infamous for some of her goodies, like fudge, homemade donuts, rhubarb cake, jelly rolls, and any cookie she baked was heavenly. She also loved pets and had many different ones over the years, but her cat, Cody, will miss her very much, they were best friends. Darla had a great sense of humor and her laughter would fill a room and everyone's heart in the room. She loved joking with everyone, especially the great-grandchildren.

Darla was preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister.

She is survived by daughter, Kelly (Tim) Akemann; grandchildren, Alyssa (Josh) Iverson and Trent (Shelby) Akemann; great-grandchildren, Dylan Tews, Kaelix Iverson, Parker Iverson, Bauer Akemann, Braxlee Iverson and Brayden Akemann, all of Northwood.

A funeral service for Darla was held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Northwood United Methodist Church in Northwood. Pastor Rob Lanphere officiated. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

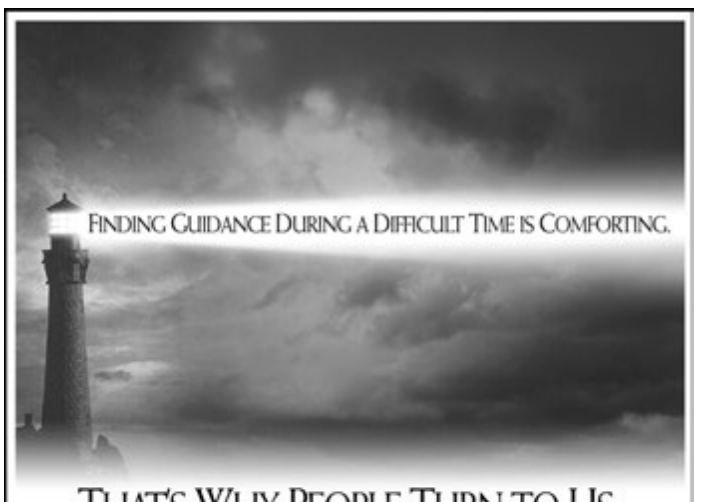


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Ocel places third and fifth in XC meets last week

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

After a bit of a slow start to the season, Northwood-Kensett's Megan Ocel is now running in top form, placing third last week at West Fork with a time of 22:28.64 and fifth at Central Springs, completing the course in an even better time of 21:19.22.

In the West Fork meet last Monday, because of the weather this meet was a girls only event.

Along with Ocel, N-K's Macy Thorson placed a very respectable 13th with a time of 24:18.32.

Both teams were able to compete last Thursday at Manly's Pioneer Town and Country Club, where Thorson placed 29th for the girls. The top boys for N-K were Christopher Madsen (61st), Aden Bice (62nd) and Zach Heiken (77th).

N-K's XC teams had just one meet this week. On Monday they traveled to Garner for a meet hosted by Garner-Hayfield/Ventura.

Boys Team Scores at Manly – Forest City 36, Lake Mills 73, Newman Catholic 78, Central Springs 107, North Butler 138, Nashua-Plainfield 163, Hampton-Dumont 172, West Fork 183

Girls Team Scores at Manly – Forest City 26, West Fork 51, Central Springs 77, Newman Catholic 83

WCTA'S annual meeting held on September 22

WCTA's 72nd annual meeting was held on the evening of Thursday, September 22.

Members had the option to attend the meeting in person or virtually to hear reports on Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association operations.

"I am honored to be able to serve with the dedicated board members, work with the best employees in this industry and to offer amazing service and customer service to each of our members," stated CEO Mark Thoma.

Mark R. Johnson of Leland, Iowa, and Dale Meinders of Buffalo Center, Iowa, were re-elected to the WCTA Board. Other WCTA Board members are Steve Thorland, Vice President; Mike Stensrud, Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Foley, Curt Helland and Shanan Redinger.

WCTA prize winners included: Bruce Wubben of Woden, John and Theresa Bryan of Leland, Alan Carson of Buffalo Center, and Eston Johnson of Thompson were winners of the 50" 4K Smart TVs. Timothy Palmer of Forest City, Lois Sonius of Crystal Lake and Scott Drexler of Lake Mills were winners of the 64 GB Apple iPad Air tablets. Tammy Olsen of Crystal Lake and Doug and Jeanine Aasland of Leland were winners of the iRobot Roomba vacuums.

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association is a member-owned cooperative providing a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services, and products to communities in North Central Iowa and South Central Minnesota.

Bolan

Those from Bolan Trinity UM Women who attended guest night on Wednesday evening at the Forest City UMC were Sue Cowell, June Erdmann, Linda Nydegger, Lori Willert and Pam Wirtjes. The speaker was Jeannie Hough, the District Shepherdess for both UMW Units.

Linda Nydegger attended the Camp Clear Lake United Women in Faith (UMW) District Annual Meeting on Saturday at the Faith UM Church in Humboldt, Iowa. The featured speaker in the afternoon was Deb Streff, Conference Social Action Coordinator. Her topic was "Racial Justice."

On Saturday morning Lori Willert attended the Rudd Historical Society Decades of Fashion Fundraiser Luncheon, which was held at the former school gym. Their Society's building, which was the former Wesleyan Church, built in 1894, was heavily damaged and ultimately torn down following the December 15, 2021, storm, in which an EF-1 tornado struck the town. They are looking for locations and taking donations for a new building. The town is slowly recovering.

Notice

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON DESIGNATION OF EXPANDED WORTH COUNTY CONSOLIDATED URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AND ON PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Notice Is Hereby Given: That at 9:30 o'clock a.m., at the Worth County Courthouse, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, Iowa, on October 17, 2022, there will be conducted a public hearing on the question of designating an expanded Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, by the addition of the property situated in Worth County, Iowa more particularly described as follows:

Certain real property situated in Worth County, State of Iowa more particularly described as follows:

All of the established right-of-way of all roads, bridges and highways in Worth County as of September 1, 2022; and

Certain real property situated in the City of Northwood, Worth County, State of Iowa bounded on the north by 1st Avenue N; bounded on the east by 11th Street N; bounded on the south by Central Avenue N; and bounded on the west by 10th Street N; and

Certain wind turbines situated in Worth County, State of Iowa, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel Number, Legal Description

04-07-300-901
SECTION:07 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-31 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-08-300-901
SECTION:08 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-32 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-08-400-901
SECTION:08 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-33 ON LEASED LAND E 34 A. NE SE

04-09-300-901
SECTION:09 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-34 ON LEASED LAND NW SW EX PAR

04-09-400-901
SECTION:09 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-35 ON LEASED LAND NW SE

04-09-400-902
SECTION:09 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-36 ON LEASED LAND NE SE

04-10-400-901
SECTION:10 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-37 ON LEASED LAND S 1/2 NW SE

04-10-400-902
SECTION:10 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-38 ON LEASED LAND SW SE

04-14-300-901
SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-70 ON LEASED LAND SW SW

04-14-300-902
SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-70 ON LEASED LAND SE SW

04-14-400-901
SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-69 ON LEASED LAND NW SE

04-15-300-901
SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-67 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-16-100-901
SECTION:16 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-62 ON LEASED LAND SE NW

04-16-200-901
SECTION:16 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-62 ON LEASED LAND NW NE

04-16-400-901
SECTION:16 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-62 ON LEASED LAND SW SE

04-16-400-902
SECTION:16 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-62 ON LEASED LAND SE SE

04-17-200-901
SECTION:17 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-60 ON LEASED LAND SE NE

04-17-300-901
SECTION:17 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-60 ON LEASED LAND SW SW

04-17-300-902
SECTION:17 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-60 ON LEASED LAND SE SW

04-17-400-901
SECTION:17 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-60 ON LEASED LAND PT OF NW SE LYING EAST OF DEER CREEK

04-18-100-901
SECTION:18 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-60 ON LEASED LAND NW NW

04-18-400-901
SECTION:18 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-60 ON LEASED LAND NW SE

04-19-300-901
SECTION:19 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-79 ON LEASED LAND SW SW

04-19-400-901
SECTION:19 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-81 ON LEASED LAND

04-19-400-902
SECTION:19 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-80 ON LEASED LAND SW SE

04-20-300-901
SECTION:20 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-82 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-21-100-901
SECTION:21 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-83 ON LEASED LAND SW NW

04-21-100-902
SECTION:21 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-84 ON LEASED LAND SE NW

04-22-100-903
SECTION:22 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-85 ON LEASED LAND SE NW

04-22-200-901
SECTION:22 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-86 ON LEASED LAND NE NE

04-23-400-901
SECTION:23 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-98 ON LEASED LAND SE SE

04-24-100-901
SECTION:24 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-87 ON LEASED LAND SW NW

04-25-100-901
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-99 ON LEASED LAND NW NW EX PAR

04-30-200-901
SECTION:30 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-97 ON LEASED LAND SE NE

04-30-300-901
SECTION:30 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-95 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-30-400-901
SECTION:30 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-96 ON LEASED LAND NW SE

04-11-300-901
SECTION:11 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-39 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-12-300-901
SECTION:12 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-40 ON LEASED LAND NW SW

04-12-300-902
SECTION:12 RANGE:19 WIND TURBINE T-41 ON LEASED LAND SE SW

04-12-400-901
SECTION:12 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-42 ON LEASED LAND NW SE

04-12-400-902
SECTION:12 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-43 ON LEASED LAND NE SE

04-13-200-901
SECTION:13 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-75 ON LEASED LAND PT PAR "B" NE NE

04-13-200-902
SECTION:13 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-74 ON LEASED LAND PT PAR "B" SW NE

04-13-300-901
SECTION:13 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-73 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

04-14-100-901
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04-14-200-901
SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-72 ON LEASED LAND NE NE

04-15-200-901
SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-66 ON LEASED LAND SW NE

04-15-200-902
SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-67 ON LEASED LAND SE NE

04-24-200-901
SECTION:24 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-88 ON LEASED LAND SE NE

04-25-200-901
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:19 DEER CREEK WIND TURBINE T-100 ON LEASED LAND NW NE

03-11-200-901
SECTION:11 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-27 ON LEASED LAND FRL SW NE

03-11-300-901
SECTION:11 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-26 ON LEASED LAND NE SW

03-11-300-902
SECTION:11 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-25 ON LEASED LAND NW SW

03-12-100-901
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03-12-300-901
SECTION:12 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-28 ON LEASED LAND NW SW

03-12-400-901
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SECTION:13 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-52 ON LEASED LAND NW NW

03-13-100-902
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03-13-300-901
SECTION:13 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-51 ON LEASED LAND SE SW

03-13-400-901
SECTION:13 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-55 ON LEASED LAND SE SE

03-14-100-901
SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-48 ON LEASED LAND SE NW

03-14-200-901
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03-14-400-901
SECTION:14 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-50 ON LEASED LAND NE SE

03-15-100-901
SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-44 ON LEASED LAND NE NW

03-15-200-901
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03-15-200-902
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03-15-400-901
SECTION:15 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-47 ON LEASED LAND NE SE

03-23-200-901
SECTION:23 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-76 ON LEASED LAND SW NE

03-23-400-901
SECTION:23 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-77 ON LEASED LAND NE SE

03-24-300-901
SECTION:24 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-78 ON LEASED LAND S 1/2 S 1/2 SW

03-25-100-901
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-89 ON LEASED LAND W. 22.50 A. NE NW

03-25-100-902
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-90 ON LEASED LAND W. 22.50A. SE NW

03-25-200-901
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-91 ON LEASED LAND NW NE

03-25-400-901
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-94 ON LEASED LAND NE SE

03-25-400-902
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-92 ON LEASED LAND SW SE

03-25-400-903
SECTION:25 TOWNSHIP:100 RANGE:20 GROVE WIND TURBINE T-93 ON LEASED LAND SE SE EX PAR 430'X340'

The subject matter of the public hearing will also include a proposed amendment to the urban renewal plan for the Urban Renewal Area covering the territory identified above, pursuant to Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, a copy of which amendment is on file for public inspection in the office of the County Auditor.

The general scope of the proposed urban renewal plan, as more specifically described therein, includes the following: The proposed amendment to the urban renewal plan brings the property described above under the plan and makes it subject to the provisions of the plan. The amendment also authorizes the undertaking of new urban renewal projects in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of (i) using tax increment financing to pay the costs of renovating and remodeling the existing County Courthouse and Jail or constructing a new County Courthouse and Jail; (ii) using tax increment financing to pay the costs of constructing county road and bridge improvements in order to enhance transportation infrastructure and encourage the promotion of economic development; and (iii) using tax increment financing to provide credit support to ReadiFuels-Iowa, LLC in connection with the installation of the pipeline from Hanlontown to Manly Terminal.

At the hearing any interested person may file written objections or comments and may be heard orally with respect to the subject matter of the hearing.

Jacki Backhaus
County Auditor

Legal

Northwood Anchor

Notice

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, Jacki A. Backhaus, hereby gives notice that there have been changes to the Worth County voting precinct boundaries. These changes are a result of the required redistricting process following the 2020 census and are effective immediately. The new precinct maps may be viewed on our county's website at https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/vote/maps/

The description of the updated precincts are as follows:

Precinct No. 1 - UNION – DEER CREEK – BARTON - GROVE TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated areas of Union Township, Barton Township, Deer Creek Township, and Grove Township East of Raven Avenue and the City of Grafton.

Precinct No. 2 - LINCOLN TOWNSHIP PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Lincoln Township, the City of Manly.

Precinct No. 3 - BRISTOL – SILVER LAKE – HARTLAND TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Bristol, Silver Lake Townships and Hartland Township West of Interstate 35 and the City of Joice.

Precinct No. 4 - BROOKFIELD-KENSETT TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Brookfield and Kensett Townships, and the City of Kensett.

Precinct No. 5 – DANVILLE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Danville Township and the City of Hanlontown.

Precinct No. 6 – FERTILE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Fertile Township and the City of Fertile.

Precinct No. 7 – GROVE-HARTLAND TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Grove Township West of Raven Avenue and Hartland Township East of Interstate 35 and the City of Northwood.

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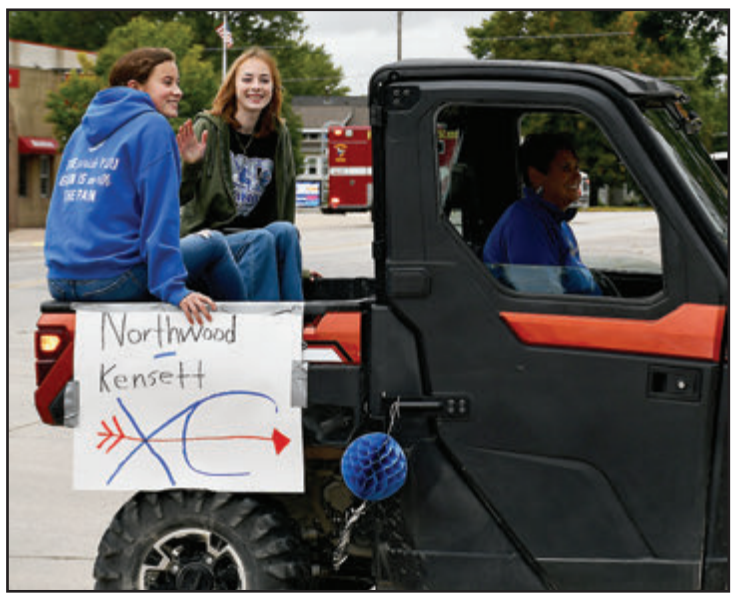














































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Yard and Garden: Common diseases of perennials

Diagnosing problems in the perennial garden can be challenging. When disease issues are observed on perennials, the first step is to evaluate the growing conditions. For example, if the site is too wet or too shady, this can promote disease problems. Horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach answer frequently asked questions about the diseases commonly found in Iowa perennial gardens.

How can I control powdery mildew on my garden phlox?

Powdery mildew is caused by a number of different fungus species and is a common disease of garden phlox (Phlox paniculata) and other perennials such as bee balm, asters, peony, mums and dahlias. The fungal disease produces a grayish-white coating or "dusting" on the leaves starting on lower leaves and progressing upward. Infected leaves eventually turn yellow and then brown. Powdery mildew is most commonly found on plants growing in shady areas and in crowded plantings with poor air circulation. Optimal conditions for powdery mildew are cool nights followed by warm days.

Cultural practices can reduce the severity of powdery mildew. The fungal pathogens that cause powdery mildew can survive the winter. Cutting off and removing diseased plant debris in fall can reduce the amount of pathogen present in the garden next year. Plants growing in shady locations should be moved to a sunny site. In overcrowded plantings, improve air circulation by digging and dividing perennials. Planting resistant varieties also minimizes problems with this disease in species that are prone to becoming infected.

Fungicides are rarely warranted for home gardens, but if cultural practices do not provide enough control, they can be used. To be effective, fungicides should be applied according to label directions at the first sign of the disease and repeated on a regular basis. These fungicides are mainly protective, not curative. Fungicides available for the home garden to treat powdery mildew include horticultural oils, neem oil and products that contain chlorothalonil or sulfur.

How do I manage hollyhock rust?

Hollyhock rust is caused by the fungus Puccinia malvacearum. The undersides of infected leaves show raised brown or brownish-red spots about the size of a pinhead and the upper leaf surface has small yellow spots. Symptoms typically start on lower leaves and the disease progresses to stems and upper leaves over the summer. Infected leaves eventually turn brown, wilt and die. Wet conditions promote rust fungus on hollyhock (Alcea rosea). Other perennials, such as daylily, iris and mums, can also get rust disease, but the disease is host-specific infecting only specific species or groups of closely related species.



To manage rust disease, remove and destroy infected leaves when they are first observed. After flowering, cut down and remove plants to help remove the fungus from the area. Control weeds in the garden, especially common mallow (Malva) as this weed is also susceptible to hollyhock rust and can help spread the disease to hollyhocks. In most situations, these good gardening practices alone will not control rust completely. If desired, fungicide applications can be used for additional disease management. Fungicides, such as those with the active ingredient Myclobutanil, Azoxystrobin, Chlorothalonil or Thiophanate methyl, should be applied according to label directions when symptoms are first observed and reapplied approximately every seven to 10 days.

What do I do with my purple coneflower infected with aster yellows?

Aster yellows is a disease that can cause many bizarre symptoms on coneflower (Echinacea purpurea) and other perennials such as daisy, marigold, zinnia, snapdragon, mum, tomato, carrot and lettuce. Infected plants can have veins that turn pale, yellowing of new leaves, abnormally bushy growth, deformed flowers and stunting. On coneflowers, the most typical symptom is the replacement of flowers by tufts of small, green, deformed leaves. These symptoms can be more pronounced in hot weather and some plants may be infected and never show symptoms.

Aster yellows is caused by a microorganism called a phytoplasma, which is similar to a bacterium. The phytoplasma is carried from plant to plant by aster leafhoppers, which feed on the sap of the plants.

No treatment is available to save a plant infected with aster yellows. This disease is best managed by removing infected plants from the garden and destroying them to minimize spread. Management of the insect vector is not usually feasible in a home garden. Always inspect new plants for symptoms before you purchase, propagate or plant them in the garden.

How do I control petiole crown rot on my hostas?

Petiole crown rot (also called southern blight) is a soil-borne disease of hosta (Hosta) caused by the fungus Sclerotium rolfsii. This fungus has a very wide host range, including phlox, mum, windflower and daylily, so it can be a problem on many garden plants. Disease symptoms on hosta start as marginal yellowing and browning on the lower leaves first. A soft, brown, mushy decay may be seen at the base of the petiole sometimes accompanied by white fungal threads. As the disease progresses the leaves discolor and wilt. Eventually, the base of the petioles rot away and the leaves collapse and lay flat on the ground. Collapsed leaves pull easily from the crown of the plant.

Once plants become infected there is little that can be done to cure them of petiole crown rot. However, several cultural techniques can be used in combination to slow or stop the spread of the disease. Dig and destroy any plants showing symptoms (do not compost). Carefully inspect plants before planting or transplanting for symptoms of petiole crown rot to prevent the disease from entering the garden. Thoroughly wash soil from all tools used in infested soil. Replant with species not susceptible to petiole crown rot or remove the surrounding soil to a depth of 6-8 inches and replace it with non-contaminated soil. While some fungicides are available and labeled for petiole crown rot, control with fungicides has limited success.

THANKS

CARD OF THANKS: Thank you to my family who so amazingly surprised me on my 80th birthday with a party that so many knew of and showed up for! Thank you to all who came to celebrate and for the many gifts. What a special day it was. I am so thankful to my Heavenly Father for 80 years of good health, a wonderful community to live in. There is no place I'd rather live than right here in Northwood, Iowa.

Much love, Sharon*

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N-K halfback Evan Lorenzen jukes his way to positive yardage in last Friday night's 28-24 Homecoming win over North Iowa. Lorenzen has eight carries this season for 17 yards.



Viking defensive back Carter Anderson stops what could have been a huge pass completion in last Friday's 28-24 Homecoming win over North Iowa. The talented sophomore has 9.5 tackles and one interception this season for the 2-3 Vikings.

Sims, specials teams play lift Vikings over NI in Homecoming win

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Using the special teams play to their advantage last Friday night in Northwood, the Vikings were able to slip past North Iowa 28-24 thanks in large part to its kick return teams and specifically returner Lamonte Sims, who returned a punt 65 yards for a TD and had a 77-yard kickoff return for a TD – Sims also had a return for a TD called back for holding.

After the Vikings defense held NI to a three and out on its first possession of the game, Northwood-Kensett ran just three plays before turning the ball over to the Bison, giving them a first and 10 at their own 11-yard line.

NI ran off 10 plays, including two first downs before the Viking D was able to put a stop to the drive at the N-K 36-yard line and with just 6:08 remaining in the first quarter of play.

On the Vikings' first play of the drive QB Colby Eskildsen ran for a 32-yard gain down to the NI four-yard line, leaving it to Lamonte Sims to take it the remaining four yards for the score and a 7-0 Vikings advantage.

The Vikings expanded that lead to 14-0 in the second quarter when Sims returned a punt 65 yards for the score, but the Bison slowly worked their way back in the game before the halftime break, completing a three-yard pass for a score and trailing 14-6. The Bison then got in on the punt return magic themselves with a 53-yard return to close the deficit to just 14-12 at the half.

Sims got the scoring going again in the third quarter, with both offenses having trouble moving the ball. Sims broke loose on a 77-yard kickoff return that put the Vikings comfortably in front by nine, 21-12.

But still the Bison would not give up, pulling to within just three points at 21-18 on a 19-yard run. After an Eskildsen one yard run for a score, the Vikings were able to head into the final eight minutes of play boasting a 28-18 lead over their rival from Buffalo Center.

Nursing that 10-point lead, the Vikings defense was able to hold on, despite NI closing the gap to 28-24 on a Brogyn Greensky nine-yard score.

The four-point win snaps a three-game losing streak to the Bison, giving the Vikings an 8-4 advantage in the series.

Eskildsen led the team in the air and on the ground, throwing for 77 yards and one TD while rushing for 43 yards on 12 carries for another TD.

With their first district win of the season the Vikings improve to 2-3 overall and 1-3 in district 2.

They will face Gladbrook-Reinbeck this Thursday at Wartburg. The Rebels are 5-0 this season and beat the Bison 70-13 on opening night.

NK 28, NI 24

NI	0	12	6	6 – 24
NK	7	7	14	0 – 28

Team Totals

	Vikings	Bison
Total plays	52	66
Total yards	127	229
Pass yards	77	75
Rush yards	50	154
First downs	6	9
Third down conv.	2-11	3-14
Fourth down conv.	0-0	1-4
Turnovers	3	1
Fumbles lost	0	0
Interceptions thrown	3	1
Penalties	7	9
Penalty yards	45	53

8-Man District 2 Standings

	District 2	Overall
GTRA	3-0	5-0
Harris-Lake Park	3-0	4-1
West Bend-Mallard	3-1	3-2
Bishop-Garrigan	1-2	2-3
St. Edmond	1-2	2-3
Northwood-Kensett	1-3	2-3
North Iowa	0-4	0-5



N-K outside hitter Chloe Costello taps the ball over two Central Springs defenders in last Tuesday night's 3-0 (8-25, 11-25, 19-25) loss to the Panthers. Costello is No. 2 on the team this season with 36 kills and is also killing it at the service line, going 88-98 (89.8) with 19 aces.



Junior outside hitter Emma Hengesteg powers the ball past two Central Springs defenders to score the point in last Tuesday's TIC East loss. Hengesteg led the team on the night with four kills and now has 15 kills to her credit on the year.



Lady Vikings libero Madalynn Hanson receives a serve in last Tuesday's 3-0 loss to Central Springs. Hanson is tops on the team with 126 digs and also leads N-K at the service line with an incredible 93.5 serving percentage, going 88-96 on the year.

Lady Vikings fall to class 2A Central Springs, now 0-6 in TIC East

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett volleyball team fell to 2-13 overall and 0-6 in the Top of Iowa Conference East after losing to Central Springs 3-0 (8-25, 11-25, 19-25) last Tuesday night in Northwood.

In the first set last Tuesday the Lady Vikings were able to hang with their class 2A opponents early on, trailing by just three points at 6-3. But soon it was 8-5, 10-5 and then 15-5, with the Panthers going on a 19-5 run to end the first set with a 25-8 win over N-K.

In the second set, the Lady Vikings took their first lead of the match when they came out swinging and jumped out to a 4-0 advantage, only to see the Panthers erase it, tying the score at 4-4 before eventually losing the second set, 25-11.

After a 4-0 deficit in the third set, N-K, with nothing to lose and playing a little more relaxed now, came roaring back, closing to within 14-8 before CS slowly ground its way to the 25-19 victory.

The Panthers now have a 27-4 record against N-K with the Lady Vikings' last victory coming back in 2015, putting their losing streak to CS at 14 matches without winning a set.

Emma Hengesteg led the team with four kills while Damaris Peterson recorded the team's only block. The Lady Vikings, despite the defeat, didn't beat themselves, going 26-29 at the service line with Chloe Costello (8-8), Madalynn Hanson (4-4), Hengesteg (1-1), Mallory Rheingans (9-9) and Morgan Wallin (2-2) all having perfect nights.

The Lady Vikings' lone match this week was on Tuesday when they faced the Saints in Saint Ansgar.

The Saints have a 15-2 advantage over N-K dating back to the 2008 season, with the Lady Vikings' wins coming in the 2011 and 2013 seasons.

TIC East Volleyball Standings

TIC East	Overall
Osage	6-0 14-4
Saint Ansgar	4-1 7-9
Central Springs	4-2 11-8
Newman Catholic	4-3 8-13
Rockford	3-3 11-8
Nashua-Plainfield	2-3 5-15
North Butler	2-4 3-16
West Fork	1-4 4-11
Northwood-Kensett	0-6 2-13

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