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Briefs

Fall Color paddle set for Saturday

Worth County Conservation is hosting a fall color paddle on Silver Lake this Saturday, October 15.

The event will include paddling around the lake to view the fall colors.

Worth County Conservation will provide the canoes, life jackets and paddles. Those attending are encouraged to bring a sack lunch for a picnic, with hot chocolate after.

The paddle will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting at the Silver Lake boat ramp.

Registration is required to make sure enough equipment is available. Register by emailing heaven.walker@worthcounty.org by calling 641-324-1524.

Walk-in flu shot clinics set

Worth County Public Health has additional walk-in flu shot clinics scheduled this week.

Clinics are set for Wednesday, October 12 and 13 from 8-9 a.m.; Friday, October 14, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon; and Monday, October 17, from 8-9 a.m.

The clinics will be held at the WCPH office in Northwood, at

There is no appointment needed for the walk in clinic times.

If these times do not work, people may call WCPH at 641-324-1741 to set up an appointment with a nurse for another day.

WCHS meets on Oct. 18

The Worth County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Grafton Community Center at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Oct. 4	75	44	
Wed. Oct. 5	69	48	0.02
Thurs. Oct. 6	61	35	0.01
Fri. Oct. 7	50	30	
Sat. Oct. 8	61	27	
Sun. Oct. 9	70	40	
Mon. Oct. 10	73	33	



Unbe-leaf-able

In case there were any question that fall has arrived, area trees are making the season known, both on their branches and on the ground below. Pictured above is a colorful example of the seasonal display, seen in Northwood.

WC Sheriff's Office asks for patience for death investigation

From the Worth County Sheriff's Office:

On Friday, September 16, at proximately 11:12 a.m., the Worth County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call, in reference to a body being found in the Shell Rock River along 390th Street by Raven Avenue. The female body was later identified as Melissa Jo Olson of Northwood. The Division of Criminal Investigation was called in to assist the Worth County Sheriff's Office with the investigation.

Since that time, the Division of Criminal Investigation, Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner and the Worth County Sheriff's Office have been continuing to investigate and gather information as well as conduct further testing.

Results from further testing and the completion of reports may take several weeks to finalize. We ask for your patience, as it is important to only provide accurate and verified information in any investigation. With any investigation it is important that misinformation is not disseminated and only verified facts.

We are still seeking information from

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City of Northwood's Fall Clean Up begins tomorrow

The annual fall clean up begins in Northwood tomorrow, Thursday, October 13, continuing through Saturday. The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some fall cleaning.

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

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accesso-

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Ambulance options for western Worth discussed

Town halls held last week to discuss the EMS taxes on ballots and the ambulance service they may support included discussion of options for those whose ambulance coverage comes from Winnebago County.

For those in Worth County that live west of Interstate 35, in emergency situations either the Lake Mills or Forest City community ambulance services are those that respond.

Representatives of the Forest City ambulance were on hand at a town hall meeting held in Joice last

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County approves requirements for ambulance service provider

At their meeting on October 3, the Worth County supervisors approved an RFP (request for proposals), inviting area providers to submit what they could offer for ambulance coverage in the county.

EMS tax options will be up for vote in November. If they are approved by 60% of voters, the County plans to use the funds to address county EMS needs by contracting with an ambulance provider to locate, operate and staff an ambulance service, likely based out of an addition to the Kensett fire station.

As the vote approaches, the County has made available an RFP, outlining the details of the service that the County will ask for.

If the vote is approved, a committee of county EMS officials will review the responses to the RFP, which are due on November 17, and determine who should be the one to provide ambulance service in the county.

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Willand takes winning ways to Twin Cities marathon

Northwood-Kensett 2022 graduate and track star Wyatt Willand has continued his winning ways, this time taking the top time at a Twin Cities marathon.

For Willand, it only took three tries to go from doing a marathon for his senior project in high school to winning a 26.2 mile race in his freshman year in college.

Willand took many medals, recognitions and top spots in his time as an N-K Viking, so it shouldn't come as a surprise to most that taking part in the Des Moines marathon would be a goal for a senior project.

That first marathon was the annual event held on St. Patrick's Day in the state capital.

Ever evaluating his performance and looking to how to improve, Willand said, "That wasn't an accurate representation of what I could do." He said he wasn't a part of an actual race, and the course didn't have wheelchair athletes in mind.

Of course that didn't mean he didn't enjoy it. For Willand, it showed him that it is just the race for him.

"I just kind of love it. You've got 26.2 miles to give it everything you have."

For Willand's second marathon, he was in more of a competitive frame of mind. This time, Willand traveled to Duluth, Minnesota, to take part in Grandma's Marathon, held each June.

Willand said this was a much more wheelchair-friendly event. He called it a "world class" event. It was a long course, largely downhill the majority of the length.

For his most recent, and most successful marathon, Willand was joined by his teammates from the University of Arizona Wildcats Adaptive Sports Team.

Of course, they didn't just show up ready to race, Willand described the nearly daily training regiment

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WYATT WILLAND

Vikings in action — See Sports Inside

WCDA pledges support for ambulance start up costs

It was announced last week, that if Worth County voters approve EMS taxes to support an ambulance service, the start up costs would be covered by the WCDA.

At town hall meetings held last week, Worth County supervisor AJ Stone informed members of the public that the WCDA had agreed to contribute funds to cover the start up costs.

That would involve the costs of building an ambulance bay and living quarters for the crew staffing the ambulance.

Also covered would be the cost of purchasing an ambulance for a contracted provider to use.

Having those costs covered would be used in the negotiating process to hopefully reduce the cost of an ambulance service contract.

According to Deb Hanson, representing the WCDA, "The Worth County Development Authority fully supports bringing an ambulance service to Worth County if the measure is approved. While we are unable to pay for operating costs, the board is committed to funding the costs of the building, ambulance and necessary equipment."

More EMS tax/ambulance details discussed at town halls

Discussion of the proposed EMS taxes and ambulance service continued at town hall meetings last week.

The discussion has centered around a ballot measure that will be up for vote on Tuesday, November 8, asking Worth County voters to decide whether a combination of taxes should be implemented to address the emergency medical services (EMS) needs of the county.

Below is more information on the taxes and potential ambulance service, as discussed at last week's meetings in Manly and Joice.

The taxes involved include a 75 cents per $1,000 of tax valuation property tax and a 1% income tax surtax. Those are the only EMS funding options allowed by the State of Iowa.

A committee made up of representatives from each Worth community fire department, as well as law enforcement and EMS officials has determined that the best option is to seek an ambulance service, with a plan to add on to the Kensett fire station to house the ambulance and a living space for the crew that will be on call.

The decision to base an ambulance service in the County would address several issues, as discussed at the meetings.

As was noted, Worth County is the only county in the state that does not have an ambulance or a local transport service.

Also at issue are the extending emergency response times in the county, largely a factor of the availability of volunteers in Worth towns. That also includes times when the local fire departments aren't able to respond.

That has led to increased times for community first responders to be on the scene. In some towns, there aren't enough volunteers and neighboring departments or the outside county ambulances are the first responders.

The County is seeking proposals from area ambulance providers to contract with the County to operate the ambulance service. The goal is to reduce the response times to not only be able to transport someone to a medical facility, but to get a paramedic on the scene. Currently, that only happens if one of the county's volunteer paramedics is available on an emergency call, or when an ambulance arrives.

It was also noted that the community's volunteer responders would still be called out to every emergency, as they would be the closest option to stabilize a patient's condition until the ambulance arrives. There may be times when, depending on the type of call, the ambulance crew may call off a fire department when they aren't necessary, saving the local volunteers' time.

Also included in the proposals will be the services' plans to have ambulance backups available.

The proposals are for five years. As discussed, that time allows a review to make sure the new system works, or to look at alternatives, like the potential development of local services or other options.

Besides details on the ambulance service, some of the questions involved how the surtax would work. As Stone explained, at the end of the year, those that file income taxes as residents of Worth County will pay an additional 1% on what they owe in taxes. For example, those that owe $1,000 in income tax would pay an additional $10.

Besides the taxes paid by county residents, the ambulance service will also bill those that use the service. However, based on insurance rates, that does not cover the full needs of ambulance service expenses.

When it comes to billing, that will be one of the things left to the ambulance provider, as well as staffing, liability and other essentials of the service. See more on the proposal requirements elsewhere in this week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal.

The taxes on ballots set a maximum to be raised for the service. It was explained that after the first year of operation, the County will have a better idea of what funds are needed and the property tax for EMS may be adjusted.

A timeline of what will happen if the tax is approved was discussed.

If the taxes are approved by voters, the EMS committee will review the proposals submitted.

The addition to income tax will begin accruing on January 1. The property taxes will be added to the start of the fiscal year in July 2023.

After the provider is chosen and the addition in Kensett is built, it is expected that the ambulance could begin operating in later summer or fall of 2023.

If the EMS taxes aren't approved, or an ambulance provider isn't found, services will continue as is in the county.

However, as explained at the meetings, it is expected that the Mason City Fire Department, which provides ambulance coverage east of the interstate, will come to the county to ask for an estimated $292,000 to continue coming into the county with its ambulance. It is expected that the other services responding in the county will follow suit, potentially costing the county another estimated $100,000.

Without voter approved EMS-dedicated taxes in place, the county supervisors would likely have to increase taxes to pay to maintain ambulance coverage as it currently stands.

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Following are some of the details that are being asked of for the County's potential ambulance provider:

The County is seeking a five year contract, starting on July 1, 2023, and lasting until June 30, 2028.

The provider will work with the County to determine what is required of an ambulance facility.

They will be required to have the equipment and programming needed to work with the County's existing communications systems.

The provider will be responsible for all hiring and staffing to operate an ambulance.

The ambulance provider will be required to be staffed and en route to emergency scenes within five minutes for 75% of the calls. If a provider can't meet that metric, the County may sever the contract.

The ambulance provider will be required to respond to all fire and law enforcement emergencies, when called upon by dispatchers.

The provider will be responsible for billing and collection for the services provided. Information on rates will be a part of the RFP response.

The price quoted to the company will include all costs of employment, services and supplies. That includes fuel, utilities, maintenance, materials and equipment.

Thanks to a grant from the WCDA, the costs may be reduced with the costs of providing one ambulance covered through a grant to the County.

The provider will cover its own insurance and liability.

The provider will be required to report to the county the number and types of calls, financial information, inspection results, response times and other aspects of the service.

The County has made the RFP known to area providers. It is also available on the Worth County website, online at worthcountyiowa.gov, under "bid notices."

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week.

A number of questions and comments at the meeting were in regards to the proposed ambulance location in Kensett.

Joice area residents commented that even if an ambulance location is added to Kensett, that would not be any closer for them than those in Winnebago County.

Supervisor AJ Stone, who also serves on the committee looking at ambulance needs and options, said that Kensett was chosen as the ideal location to meet the needs of the whole county, even if areas on the western side have a closer option right now.

Worth County sheriff Dan Fank added that, based on the access to highways, roads and connections to the interstate, Kensett is the fastest launching point of any city in the county.

On hand at the meeting to share their situation and considerations were representatives of the Forest City ambulance service, Joe Kuklow and Thomas Gayther.

Winnebago County voters are also being asked to approve the same EMS taxes as those in Worth County.

If approved, the funds would be used to help the Forest City Ambulance Service grow into a county-wide service for Winnebago. One of their primary ways to do so would be to hire additional paramedics to respond to the scene, sometimes in advance of ambulances.

And it is creating some potential complications, or at least discussion, amongst Winnebago residents. They are questioning why their tax dollars should be used to help those living in neighboring counties.

As the FC ambulance representatives said, it is not an issue and they hope it won't be in the future for their service, but it is a question they will have to address if they expand.

For the service, it was said that is it their goal to help those in need in their service area, whether or not that extends over county lines. It was also added that it would mean some lost revenue if the border becomes their cut off.

Stone said that there has been discussion that the county border is a complicating factor and a regional ambulance could be a better option. However, based on the timeline of the votes in both counties, and the planning that would be involved, that's not an option at present.

However, Stone said that Worth is currently looking at five year contracts with an ambulance provider. During that time, other options may be pursued.

It was also noted that just because an ambulance service in Kensett is the current plan, that Worth County may still look at other options to add to the ambulance responders in the County.

The Forest City representatives also indicated that they would be looking at the county's proposal for a contracted ambulance provider, to potentially submit their agency to be the County's ambulance provider, having a crew in Kensett but also maintaining their responses on the western side of Worth County.

Sheriff
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the public in reference to this investigation. If anyone was with Melissa during the week prior to September 16 or had observed a female walking in the area of 390th Street and Raven Avenue on September 15 or 16, please contact the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation or the Worth County Sheriff's Office.

All information can be provided to Special Agent Ryan Herman at 319-217-1580 or Deputy Bryon Olson at 641-324-2481.

Clean up
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ries, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Thursday, October 13, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday, October 14, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, October 15, from 8 a.m. to noon.

More information is available in the ad in this week's Northwood Anchor or by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up week may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

Halloween Spooktacular set for October 29

A number of events and activities are planned for the Saturday before Halloween in Manly.

Events start at 4:30 p.m.

The returning trunk or treat will be held, with people invited to decorate the trunks of their vehicle for Halloween and bring them to Elmore Street, where costumed visitors can stop by to check out the trunks and trick or treat.

The Spooktacular events will also include a "Spooky Fun Run," a costume contest, games, food, including walking tacos, and more.

The events are being presented by the Edward Tosel Post 110 American Legion and Manly Development Group.

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The great landscape

Last week the Northwood Public Works crew was at work on the landscaping near the downtown civic center and parking lot. They removed the existing material and replaced it with new landscaping material.

Hazardous materials collection Monday in Grafton

The Landfill of North Iowa's Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Trailer will be in Grafton this 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.



Willand
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for the team.

For four days each week the team hits the trails for at least 10 miles a day. "It's usually more like 16-17 though," Willand said. On Wednesday, they practice sprinting. On Saturdays, it's literally an uphill climb.

The team traveled to St. Paul and were treated well by race organizers, Willand said. "They were extremely good to us. They treated us just like we were professional athletes. It was great."

On Sunday, October 2, Willand and the rest of the visiting Wildcats made their way to the starting line of the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon. And they were off.

And, until the last stretch it the course was perfect for Willand. "It felt like I was climbing a hill the whole time. As a distance guy, that's great for me." Willand said that he was on a record pace, until he hit the last six miles and the road conditions weren't as favorable.

Nevertheless, after 26.2 miles Willand crossed the finish line as the winner in the men's wheelchair division, with a time of 1:41:27.

Sweetening the victory was the arrival of his teammates across the finish line, as Jacob Allen finished in third, Aidan Gravelle in fourth and Stallberg in fifth. Taking the second place spot in the men's division was Tyler Byers, a University of Arizona alum. Willand's other teammate, Chelsea Stein, took second in the women's division.

It wasn't just his teammates joining Willand in celebrating the event. His family traveled from Northwood to visit, cheer him on and celebrate his success.

And, as the winner, Willand received a monetary prize and the first place medal, along with flowers and a 25 pound Salted Nut Roll candy bar, provided by race sponsor Pearson's candy company, based in the Twin Cities.

So what's next for Willand? Well, being an official marathon winner has opened a door that has him excited for a special opportunity.



"I was invited to be in the Boston Half Marathon on November 13," Willand said. "It's kind of as prestigious as you can get." And he won't be alone for that race. His teammates also earned invites to the event.

That will be a highlight of the events that the team takes part in over the school year. The team also travels to road races and events wherever they can find them. "We go where the competition is." And with a marathon winner, and top finishers, there's no doubt they bring the competition wherever they go.

IDALS announces in person and online pesticide applicator testing options

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced today that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Pesticide Bureau will offer in-person and online pesticide applicator testing options for commercial and private applicators this fall. The Department encourages commercial and private pesticide applicators to test and apply for certification early this fall to avoid delays in the spring.

"Pesticide applicators serve an important role in production agriculture and our goal is to promote the safe, accurate, and effective application of crop protection products," said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. "We are encouraging both private and commercial pesticide applicators to utilize these in-person or online testing opportunities to qualify for applicator licensing and certification."

In-Person Testing

The Department is partnering with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to host in-person applicator testing sessions starting in September. In-person testing sites are in Black Hawk, Cerro Gordo, Dallas, Dubuque, Fayette, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Scott, and Woodbury counties. In-person commercial and private applicator testing is free. Pre-registration is required. Applicators can visit iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/guidance-person-pesticide-exam-sites to reserve a spot.

Online Private Pesticide Applicator Testing

Private pesticide applicators who want to obtain or renew their certifications can register to take the private certification exam online. To register for the online exam, visit: https://iowaagriculture.gov/pesticide-bureau/applicator-licensing-certification. Links for the private applicator exam and instructions are provided under the Pesticide Applicator Testing Online section.

Online Commercial Pesticide Applicator Testing

Commercial pesticide applicators can create an account to take the online exam at data.iowaagriculture.gov/pest_signup/#online. The online exams are monitored, recorded, and reviewed by a third-party proctoring service. A web camera, high-speed internet connection, and government-issued photo ID card are required for online testing. There is a $25 fee for each commercial pesticide applicator test completed online, payable directly to the third-party online testing service.

Commercial pesticide applicators will receive a preliminary pass/fail test result as soon as they complete the online exam and these preliminary results cannot be used to apply for pesticide applicator certification. The third-party proctoring service will certify the test results and send the final scores to the email address used to register for the exam. Feedback on test results is only available at in-person paper-based testing sites and will not be provided for online or computer-based exams.

For information about the commercial pesticide applicator online exam, visit data.iowaagriculture.gov/pest_signup/#online.

Apply for Pesticide Applicator Licenses Online

Once applicators pass the online or in-person exam, they should use their certification number to log-in to the Department's pesticide self-service portal to submit their application, test results and payment. After the application, training and testing information are received and payment processed by the Pesticide Bureau, the licenses and certifications will appear on the individuals' online account within 1-2 business days under "My Licenses" and "My Certifications" respectively.

For more information, contact the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Pesticide Bureau at (515) 281-8591 or pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov.

Worth County Public Health

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NICK KUNZ

Meet the N-K alumni- Nick Kunz

Earlier this year, a call went out to Northwood-Kensett alumni to respond to a survey about their time at N-K and where their education has taken them.

The goal of the survey was to provide current students with a look at where former students have gone using what they learned at N-K.

The surveys also give a chance for Anchor readers to reconnect with former classmates and former students whose time at N-K was featured in the local newspaper.

Those N-K alums that have not yet taken the survey can find it online at tinyurl.com/N-KAlumni.

Following is information Nick Kunz shared in the survey:

Nick Kunz is a 2005 graduate of N-KHS.

After N-K, Kunz earned a BSD in Housing and Urban Development from Arizona State University in 2012; an MS degree in urban analytics from Columbia University in 2019; and is currently working towards a PhD in Systems Engineering from Cornell University in 2026.

Today, Kunz works as a data scientist, living in Washington state.

Kunz was asked what his biggest professional accomplishment. He answered, "I'm proud of my military service as a US Army Ranger at 2nd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in Ft. Lewis, Wash. This was important because of how humbling of an experience it was. I got to know some seriously amazing men - real heroes."

As for his biggest personal accomplishment, Kunz answered, "I made lifelong friendships at Northwood-Kensett. I'm still close friends with many of same people. In fact, a close friend of mine from Northwood-Kensett will be summiting Mt. Olympus in the Olympic National Park with me this summer, 2022."

Travels after high school have taken Kunz across the U.S. and the world. "I've been fortunate enough to have visited all 50 states. I previously worked in various roles on music tours across North America, so I had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada.

"I've also done academic work in Italy and the United Arab Emirates. My wife is Singaporean, so I travel there to visit family. I've also spent time in Japan, China, France and Norway, and was born in South Korea."

When asked what impact Northwood-Kensett had on her life, Davis said, "I made lifelong friendships at Northwood-Kensett. I'm still close friends with many of same people. In fact, a close friend of mine from Northwood-Kensett will be summiting Mt. Olympus in the Olympic National Park with me this summer 2022."



Northwood-Kensett FFA students who attended the District Conference were (from left) Collin Houg, Alex Tiedemann, Iver Girouard, Taylor Foss, Camryn Rheingans, Emersyn Wahl, Weston Willand, Aiden Moretz and Kolton Robinson.

N-K FFA members attend District Conference

Each year North Central district and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Greenhand Fire Up Conferences for FFA members in the district. Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls, welcomed FFA chapters from all over the North Central district on September 28.

While at Ellsworth on Wednesday, district and state officers led four interactive workshops for first year high school FFA members, also known as Greenhands, for the annual Greenhand Fire Up Conference. The workshops facilitated were leadership focused with an emphasis on the experiences that occur in the lives of beginning high school students.

Iowa FFA President Sam Martin stated, "Greenhand Fire Up provides a chance for first-year high school members to get a sneak peek of the opportunities that FFA holds, and is a conference for members to meet and interact with state and district officers."

The officers prepared and facilitated workshops of: authenticity, balancing priorities, communication and FFA opportunities – in order to provide the first-year FFA members with skills they would use both within and outside of FFA. The goal was to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high school and beyond.

Greenhand Fire Up is made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation.

NK FFA members who attended were Weston Willand, Taylor Foss, Iver Girouard, Collin Houg, Aiden Moretz, Camryn Rheingans, Alex Tiedemann, Emersyn Wahl and Kolton Robinson.







A few apples one day

Worth County naturalist Heaven Walker recently visited Northwood-Kensett Elementary to show kindergarten students how to make a tasty fall treat. Walker brought apples and a press to make apple cider. The students learned about apples and got a chance to operate the press before enjoying the delicious results.



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Steinmetz takes and bakes the cake to celebrate 100th birthday

By JoAnn Lower

As friends and neighbors gathered at Maple Court to celebrate Tharon Steinmetz' 100th birthday, conversations centered around this "wonderful lady and her amazing baking skills."

"Every time Tharon bakes, she brings each one of us a slice of pie or delicious angel food cake with pineapple filling."

With a twinkle in her eye, Tharon speaks of her love of baking. "My therapy is baking. I make the tallest angel food cakes, and yesterday I made two batches of kringle."

When the day of her birthday party approached and the mention of a cook from the Lutheran Retirement Home making her birthday cake, this spunky lady replied, "No. I'm going to make the cake myself."

Along with her baking skills, Tharon has always been described as a hard worker. If something needed to be done, she did it.

Born in Forest City, Iowa, on September 28, 1922, Tharon grew up in a family of 12 children. "I'm in the middle of the pack. I grew up taking care of kids, often carrying one on each hip."

Tharon's mother was a housewife. Her dad worked as a tiler in Winnebago County, but not a tiler as we think of one today. He tiled with a spade.

"We walked a half mile to school," she said. "This was during the Depression and, since there was no such thing as school lunches, we walked home at noon. With so many kids in my family our lunches were small, maybe a half cup of fruit. We were poor, but I didn't know it."

"My mother was fifty-one years old when she passed away. She was simply worn out, but I never once heard her complain."

"After my husband Merle and I were married, we moved in with his parents and lived there for 24 years."

Tharon is exceedingly proud of her children, Terry of Northwood and Paulette of Forest City. She remembers the names, birthdays, occupations and where each of her six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren live and how each one is so special to her.

After Merle passed away in 2001, Tharon sold the house and moved into an apartment in Forest City where she lived for 13 years. Nine years ago in November she moved to Northwood to be close to her son Terry and his wife Joanne.

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Secretary Pate helping 47,000 Iowans register to vote

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is helping Iowans register to vote ahead of the 2022 general election. His office mailed a postcard to approximately 47,000 Iowans who are eligible to vote, but not registered. The postcard includes instructions on how to register and a QR code the recipient can use to register online.

The postcards should arrive in mailboxes this week. The mailing to eligible but unregistered Iowans is conducted annually by the Secretary of State.

"Around 90 percent of eligible Iowans are registered to vote. I want to hit 100 percent and this mailing will help us get there," Secretary Pate said. "Voting is a civic duty and the best way to make your voice heard."

Iowa is one of 33 states enrolled in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Participation in ERIC helps Iowa election officials improve the accuracy of the voter rolls, register more eligible citizens, and improve efficiencies in the voting process. The mailing is done as a result of information from ERIC.

More than 538,000 Iowans have registered to vote since Secretary Pate took office in January 2015. "You can register to vote online and get other important election-related information at VoterReady.Iowa.gov."

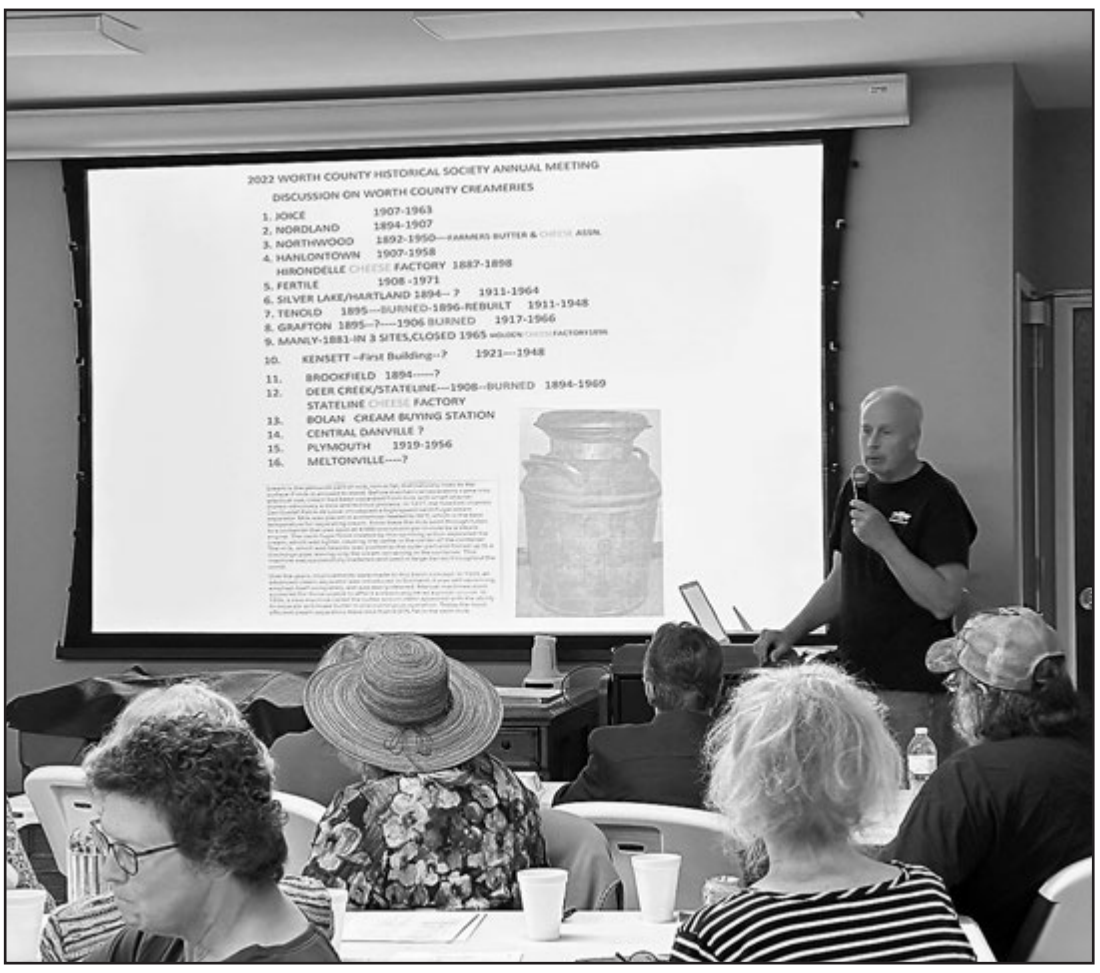
Halloween mystery dinner party October 29

A Halloween mystery dinner party event is being planned as a fundraising benefit for Waking Miss Winifred, the group restoring Northwood's historic Hotel Winifred.

The dinner party will be held on Saturday, October 29, at 6 p.m., at the Bee Hive Ballroom above Worth Brewing Company.

Costumes are encouraged.

Tickets are $60 and are available at Worth Brewing or by calling 641-390-0474.



A history of Worth creameries

At the Worth County Historical Society's Annual Meeting, those attending got a chance to learn more about the history of creameries throughout the county. Dave Holstad shared information about all the known Worth creamery facilities, how long they operated and the status of the buildings today.

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Harvest well underway

With the fall weather of the past weeks, farmers have had ample opportunity to get their crop out of the field. Most soybean fields have been cleared and the corn harvest is well underway.



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Let Us Talk

Northwood's fall clean up days begins October 13 and continues through October 15. These days are intended to be used ONLY by the residences of the City of Northwood. It is intended to be an opportunity for all of us to clean up our properties both inside and out. Please help us clean up our city.

Speaking of clean up I have been picking up a lot of animal droppings in my yard, since I don't have a pet it is a little disturbing.

Chapter 55 of the City of Northwood Ordinances deals with Animal Protection and Control. I can't list them all but here is an overview:

55.06 AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.

55.07 DAMAGE OR INTERFERENCE.

It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises, including damaging, soiling, defiling or defecating on private property other than the owner's, or on public walks and recreation areas unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the handler of the animal.

55.08 ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE.

It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit an animal to disrupt the peace and good order of the community, to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise; or, by running after or chasing persons, bicyclers, automobiles or other vehicles.

Violations of these Ordinances can be reported to the Worth County Sheriff's office at (641) 324-2481.

School is back in session, so please be alert for our children as they travel to and from school.

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better.

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, IA





Northwood receives All-Star Community Award

The City of Northwood was chosen as an All-Star Community Award winner at the Iowa League of Cities' Annual Conference held on September 29.

The Iowa League of Cities seeks to acknowledge and encourage excellence in local government. The All-Star Community Awards program provides an opportunity for officials and staff of member cities to receive recognition for their superior and innovative efforts. In addition, the program provides a means for sharing Iowa's best public service ideas and demonstrates that those involved with local government are progressive, caring and committed to their communities. Three cities were chosen in separate population categories; Northwood, Washington, and Fort Madison.

The City of Northwood received the All-Star Community Award for their support and work with TUNE on the Timbers Event Center. Amber Julseth, City Administrator/Clerk, serves on the TUNE board and The Timbers Advisory Committee. Those in attendance at the awards banquet were mayor Doug Moehle, councilmen Dan Reeder and Dave Tenold, and TUNE members and Timbers volunteers Wendy Weisert, Teresa Stehn and Deb Brockman.





September birthdays

Each month, students with that month's birthday at Northwood-Kensett Elementary celebrate with a special lunch, enjoyed somewhere other than the cafeteria as a special treat. Pictured here are students that celebrated their birthdays in September, enjoying a meal at the front of the elementary building.

Northwood Anchor

Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Adult Bible Study at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Joyful Noise Choir Practice at Grace, 9:15 a.m., Sunday School at Bethlehem, 10:15 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Confirmation - Bethlehem, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Bethany Council, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Wednesday, Church Family Meeting at Nydegger Home; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Wonderful Wednesday, K-3rd, 3 p.m., Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., 4-8th, 5:30 p.m., Meal & Confirmation, 6:15 p.m., HS Youth Group, 6:45 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6 p.m., HS Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Friday, Discipleship Journey, 10 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Sunday, Worship Services 10:30 a.m. available online at "One in Christ Lutheran Parish" Facebook Page and YouTube under "One in Christ Lutheran Parish." Sunday Worship Services, 8 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366; 9:30 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills; 11 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Confirmation, 5 p.m., Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m., Inspire, 7 p.m., SH Youth, 7:50 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Gr., 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m., Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Service with H.C., 9 a.m., 3rd Grade Receives Bibles, Sunday School, Care Group Meeting, 10:10 a.m., LRH Service, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Church, Manly
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Keep Your Foot on Satan's Neck



There is a classic painting of the Archangel Michael by Guido Reni which depicts the angel with his foot on Satan's neck, or more accurately, on his head, and with his sword poised to strike. The Archangel Michael appears calm and completely in control, and almost femininely serene. When I was growing up, my Italian grandmother had a statue in her house of the Virgin Mary which depicted Mary with her foot on the neck of a serpent, clearly meant to represent Satan. What I most remember about that statue is the nonchalant way in which Mary keeps her foot on the serpent's neck. It was almost as if Mary was oblivious to the serpent underfoot. That there are serpents at loose in the world, and a world where Satan seems to have free reign, certainly lends a note of seriousness to our earthly journey. But, if we are soldiers in God's army, like the Archangel Michael and the Virgin Mary, we can go through life calmly and do battle with Satan without being overly concerned. A good man or woman will do God's will, regardless of the circumstances, and will always be on the side of truth and goodness, and thus can be confident that he or she is keeping his or her foot on Satan's neck. —Christopher Simon

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." – Romans 16: 20

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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

I was well into adulthood before I realized that Betty Crocker wasn't real! Oh, tell me it isn't so….she's the epitome of home and hearth, the best down-to-earth cook ever, the keeper of all knowledge regarding a kitchen. But, alas, General Mills made her up and changed her appearance as time went on so she always appeared modern and…. real. Part of Betty's legacy is the series of small, supermarket check-out aisle cook booklets that enticed us to pick one up as we paid for our groceries. "Fall Baking from October/November 2009" is just what we need right now with the cooler weather heading our way. Time to turn on the oven again.

Warm Caramel Apple Cake

1/2 cup real butter
1 Betty Crocker® yellow cake mix
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 1/4 cups water
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup chopped pecans
3 large eggs
2 large cooking apples
1/4 teaspoon apple pie spice

NOTE: Braeburn or Granny Smith apples are good in this recipe.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Peel and core the apples and cut them into thin slices. You should have about 2 1/3 cups. In a heavy 1-quart saucepan, heat the butter, heavy cream and brown sugar, over low heat, just until the butter is melted, stirring occasionally. Pour this mixture into a 9x13-inch baking pan and spread evenly over the bottom. Sprinkle with the pecans and top with the apple slices. In a large mixing bowl, prepare the cake mix according to directions using the eggs, water, and oil and the apple pie spice. Carefully spoon this batter over the apple layer in the pan. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until it tests done with a wooden toothpick. Let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then loosen the sides of the cake from the pan with a knife. Place a heatproof platter over the top of the pan and carefully invert the pan onto the platter. Let it sit this way for about 2 minutes so the caramel can drizzle over the cake. Remove the pan. Serve with real whipped cream (NOT C-whip) or with a scoop of rich vanilla ice cream and the caramel topping.

Layered Pumpkin Cheesecake

2 cups gingersnap cookie crumbs
1/4 cup real butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Lightly butter a 9-inch springform pan. Wrap the outside of the pan with heavy-duty foil. In a bowl, combine the crumbs and melted butter to make a crust. Press into the bottom of the pan as well as 1-inch up the sides. Bake for 8-10 minutes; cool 5 minutes.

4 packages (8oz) cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
4 large eggs
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup canned pumpkin, not pumpkin pie mix. Save the rest of the pumpkin for recipe below.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium speed just until smooth and creamy; do not overbeat. SANDY'S NOTE: Please use Philly® cream cheese. It is smoother and richer than the less expensive brands. It DOES make a difference. On low speed, gradually beat in the sugar. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, just until blended. Spoon 3 cups of this mixture into the crust; spread evenly. Into the remaining batter, add the pumpkin and spices and whisk until smooth. Spread this over the mixture in the pan. Bake for 1 1/2 hours or until the edges are set but the center of the cheesecake still jiggles slightly when moved. Turn the oven off and open the door about 4-inches. Leave the cheesecake in the oven for 30 minutes. Remove to a wire cooling rack. Without releasing the sides of the pan, run a knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the cake. Cool in the pan for 30 minutes. Cover loosely with plastic and refrigerate at least 6 hours but no more than 24 hours. Loosen the edges again and carefully remove the sides of the pan. Place on a serving platter; cover and refrigerate any leftover cheesecake.

Pumpkin Cranberry Muffins
(Use up the rest of the canned pumpkin from the cheesecake!)

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup canned pumpkin
3/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 teaspoons baking powder
2 large eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Coarse sugar, if desired

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line 12 regular-sized muffin cups with paper liners. In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Stir in the pumpkin, oil, eggs, cranberries and pecans just until moistened. Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups and sprinkle with a little coarse sugar. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until they test done with a wooden toothpick. Remove muffins from the pan to a wire cooling rack. Serve warm with real butter or cream cheese. NOTE: if you don't have exactly 1 cup of pumpkin left from the first recipe, no matter. Just scrape the can out well. A can of pumpkin is usually 15 oz.

Pumpkin, cranberry, apples, walnuts or pecans…these all remind us of fall. The traditional spices of cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger do the same. It's a very special season. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Patterson – Low marry Sept. 24, 2022



THOMAS PATTERSON AND SHELBY LOW

Shelby Low and Thomas Patterson were married on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Winan Creek Barn in Hanlontown, followed by a reception. Officiating the marriage was Richard Fjone.

Shelby is the daughter of Connie Low and the late Rocky Low of St. Ansgar, Iowa, and granddaughter of Del and Bev Theobald of Stacyville, Iowa and the late Russell and Dorothy Low of Northwood.

Thomas is the son of Todd and Dana Patterson of Manly and Carla and Randy Faught of Mason City, and grandson of Mary Geistler of Mason City and Harvey and Evy Patterson of Northwood and the late Carol Patterson of Mason City. Step-grandparents are Junior and Deanna Bork of Manly and Marge Faught and the late David Faught of Manly.

Shelby is a 2016 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and received her Associate of Science in 2018 from North Iowa Area Community College and is a 2020 graduate from the North Iowa Area Community College PTA Program. Shelby is employed at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa PTA.

Thomas is a 2014 graduate of Central Springs High School, 2016 graduate of North Iowa Area Community College and 2018 graduate of the Iowa State Construction Engineering program. Thomas is employed at Dean Snyder Construction as a project manager.

Matron of honor was Britney Fjone of Rockwell, sister of bride. Bridemaids were Jenna Schaefer, friend of bride of Manly, Hattie Davidson, friend of bride of Northwood, Chloe Breitsprecher, friend of bride of Des Moines, Jordan Theobald, cousin of bride of Des Moines, and Bailey Maulsby, friend of bride of Des Moines.

Flower girls were Karcyn Patterson, daughter of the couple of Rockwell, Millie Patterson, niece of the couple of Northwood and Delaney Dahl, niece of the couple of Mason City.

Shelby's personal attendants were Bailey Yezek, sister-in-law of Northwood, and Harley Faught, sister-in-law of Mason City.

Best man was Zach Patterson, brother of the groom of Northwood. Groomsmen were Travis Havel, friend of the groom of Mason City, Brandon Hebel, friend of the groom of Nora Springs, Jacob Webb, friend of groom of Nora Springs, Lincoln Boehmer, friend of groom of Slater, Iowa, and Will Bird, friend of groom of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Ring bearer was Hayes Fjone, nephew of the couple of Rockwell, Wyatt Patterson, nephew of the of the couple of Northwood and Ryker Dahl, nephew of the couple of Mason City.

Ushers were JD Sliger, friend of the couple of Nora Springs, Iowa, Connor Smith, friend of the couple of Manly, Matt Stiles, friend of the couple of Garner, Iowa, and Austin Pals, friend of the couple Mason City.

DJ was Tom Lathen, First Class Entertainment Service of Bondurant, Iowa. Photographer was Juliana Sabo Photography.

The couple resides in Rockwell, Iowa.

Efflandt inducted into Wartburg's College Phi Eta Signa Honor Society

Isabella Efflandt of Northwood is one of 31 Wartburg College students recently inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society.

Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society. A student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and be in the top 20 percent of their class by the end of the first year.

Wartburg College's Phi Eta Sigma members have the opportunity to win additional scholarships through the honor society as well as participate in a variety of social and service events on campus.



N-K Class of 1967

The class of 1967 celebrated their 55 year reunion on September 8, 2022. Pictured are (first row) Tom Christianson, John Nagle, Craig Aamodt, Sharon Mooney Krafka, Linda Hengesteg Lyman, Ron Lyman, Sharyl Hanson Engelhardt, Linda Tobiason VanDenBosch, Vicki Hagen Swanson, Donna Aldrich, (second row) Chris Forland Moore, Darlene Brevig Oakland, Sheryl Perkins Jahnel, Carolynn Trenhaile Meyer, Pat Goddard Muehl, Jim Ranum, Darrell Berg, John Hagen, Clair Hengesteg, (back row) Ken Tenold, Mike Lee, Orville Hogen, Linda Kenison Lindsay, Donna Swartwood Gilbertson, Oscar Fewins, Tom Nelson, Enos Loberg, Mark Johnson, Dennis Reyerson, Francene Siebrecht Lee, Richard Patterson and Lynn Gunderson.

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Northwood City Clean Up Days

October 13-15



The City of Northwood will provide Dumpsters for Northwood Residents Discardable Items at the Northwood City Yard

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Open Thursday, October 13 from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The City does NOT authorize the public to remove discarded items from the dumpsters.



RULES: Regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.
Following items will not be accepted: Computers & Accessories; Construction Debris; Tires; Batteries; Paint; Hazardous & Flammable Items; Fluorescent tubes/bulbs.

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Northwood Anchor

Opinion

Savvy Senior

How much does an average funeral cost?

Dear Savvy Senior,

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Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

It definitely pays to know what charges to expect when pre-planning a funeral. Most people don't have a clue and can often be upsold thousands of dollars' worth of extra services they may not want or need. Here's a breakdown of what you can expect.

Funeral Prices

The first thing you need to be aware of is that funeral costs will vary considerably depending on your geographic location, the funeral home you choose and the funeral choices you make. With that said, here's a breakdown of what an average funeral costs, nationwide, according to the most recent data from the National Funeral Directors Association.

Professional services fee: This is a basic non-declinable fee that covers the funeral provider's time, expertise and overhead: $2,300.

Transfer of the remains: This is for picking up the body and taking it to the funeral home: $350

Embalming and body preparation: Embalming is usually mandatory for open-casket viewing, otherwise it's not required unless the body is going to be transported across state lines. Embalming costs $775. Other body preparations, which includes hairdressing and cosmetics runs $275.

Funeral viewing and ceremony: If the viewing and funeral ceremony is at the funeral home, you'll be charged for use of the chapel and any necessary staff. Costs: $450 for viewing, and $515 for funeral ceremony.

Metal casket: This is a big money maker for funeral homes, with markups of up to 300 percent over the wholesale price: $2,500.

Funeral transportation: Use of hearse and driver; $325 to transport the body to the cemetery. Use of a service car/van: $150.

Memorial printed package: This includes printed programs and memorial guest book: $183.

In addition to these costs, there are also a number of cemetery costs like the plot or mausoleum fee, the vault or grave liner that most cemeteries require, and the opening and closing of the grave, all of which can run between $2,000 and $3,000; and the gravestone, which typically runs between $1,000 and $3,000.

You'll also need to budget for related expenses like flowers for the funeral ($200 to $400), the newspaper obituary fee ($100 to $800 or more), the clergy honorarium ($200 to $300) and extra copies of the death certificate ($5 to $35 per copy depending on the state).

All told, the average cost of a total U.S. funeral today with viewing and cemetery burial is around $12,000.

Ways to Save

If this is more than you're willing or able to pay, there are ways to save. For starters, you should know that prices can vary significantly by funeral provider, so it's wise to shop around. If you need some help, there are websites you can turn to like Parting.com that lets you easily compare prices online based on what you want.

When evaluating funeral providers, be sure you get an itemized price list of services and products so you can accurately compare and choose what you want.

The most significant way to save is to request a "direct burial" or "direct cremation." With these options you and your wife would be buried or cremated shortly after death, which skips the embalming and viewing. If you want a memorial service, you can have it at the graveside or at your place of worship without the body. These services usually run between $1,000 and $3,000, not counting cemetery charges.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

What's new?

York, Jersey, Hampshire, England, Orleans, Mexico, Delhi, Guinea and Zealand.

Why can't your answer ever be "nothing"?

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I was hungry enough to eat a cloud. I was in line and I knew what I wanted. I typically need to scan the big lighted board showcasing the menu. The well-advertised sandwich I got was made from particleboard. "Fiddlesticks," I mumbled, "I should have scanned the big lighted board showcasing the menu."

I found another home for a tiny radio I'd purchased years ago at Tesco Groceries when I was visiting England. I wanted to listen to the BBC and the single-earphone radio allowed that. The first transistor radio was called Regency TR-1 (TR was short for Transistor Radio), was made by Texas Instruments and I.D.E.A. and hit the consumer market in 1954. The radio had low-quality sound, a 22.5-volt battery, was small, portable (measuring 3 × 5 × 1.25 inches and weighing 12 ounces) and was priced at $49.95. I paid a tenth of that for my ex-radio.

I've learned

Chimes aren't that calming when the wind blows all the time.

When I was a boy, the good old days were Saturdays.

Despite old movie and TV show depictions, I've never known anyone who fell prey to quicksand.

Bad joke department

I always fall for a joke about gravity.

What is green, fuzzy, falls from trees and could crush you? A pool table.

If someone says, "Is it just me or is the cat getting fat?" "It's just you" is never the right answer.

Hartland Harold's news

Some of Hartland was gone with the wind of December. The post office and the Village Inn have been taken down. Holes filled with memories.

Nature notes

I love me some nice weather. On this day, the world was held in the wind. I watched the leaves blow by a window. We could all look through the same window, but see different things. A friend used to see Bambi out her window until the deer chowed down on her garden. Now she sees Dambi.

I appreciate bird feeders more each year. I want the common birds to remain common. Blue jays and cardinals have processed much of their molts and no longer look like messy birds. In 2021, there were 59,601 migrating blue jays counted at Hawk Ridge in Duluth. This year's total (60,310) has already exceeded that.

Keep a sharp eye or two out for American coots (mudhens) to be on water or grazing on land. Native sparrows will become a diverse group. Meadowhawk dragonflies will continue to dazzle. Pied-billed grebes need long running/flapping starts to take off from water. The Latin genus name for "grebe" means "feet at the buttocks" which perfectly describes the body type of the pied-billed grebe and the position of their legs helps to propel them through the water when they dive after prey, which includes crustaceans and small fish. The rear placement of their legs means it's difficult to lift the weight of their bodies, causing them to walk awkwardly on land. It makes it difficult for them to take flight from dry land. Sometimes, when in flight and looking for a body of water to splash into, grebes mistakenly land on wet pavement, which gives the illusion of a pond or lake from the air. Even if they escape from the crash landing unscathed, their unique adaptations for the water prevent them from getting back in the air, stranding them on the ground. Mark Sorenson of Hollandale found a stranded grebe. He planned to take it to the lake, but wanted to show it to his wife first. That proved to be a mistake. Once inside his home, well, let me put it this way—it should have been wearing a diaper. The grebe was released into the lake and Mark's home got an unscheduled cleaning.

I worked in Colorado and had a handsome Canada jay land on my hand to pluck a morsel of food. The jay, also called gray jay, whiskey jack or camp robber, is known for this behavior. It made me smile for days.

The duck hawk is a nickname for the peregrine falcon. The American kestrel is the sparrow hawk, the merlin is the pigeon hawk, the osprey is the fish hawk and the Cooper's hawk is the chicken hawk, although many other birds of prey have been called chicken hawks.

Gulls follow farmers working the fields. The gulls devour worms, insects, mice and waste grain uncovered by an implement.

Meeting adjourned

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."—Marcel Proust.

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Fit to print...

Public health funding may change, but dedication to services will not

By Dr. Stephanie Seemuth
Chairperson
Worth County Board of health

Thank you to all who have called or contacted the Worth County Public health office with concerns about the change in focus of state funds in the work of our agency.

There is a yearly allocation from the state to all county health departments. It is a total of 7.6 million dollars and the money is dispersed to each county by the following formula:

18% of the total fund is divided so each county gets an equal amount

8% of the total is given to each county according to its population

44% of the total funds is given according to the proportion of the county residents who are elderly (60 or older)

30% of the total funds are dispersed according to the proportion of low income persons living in the county.

This distribution shows the amount of money given Worth County Public health is dependent on our elderly and low income groups so would indicate a concern for being able to fund programs appropriate for those groups.

The state has mandated a change in the way we spend these funds. This change in focus is to increase the percentage of money used for "population" and decreasing the amount for "non-population" services. "Population" services are defined as services aiming to improve the health of a group or community of individuals; "non-population" services are the personal services of nursing, homemaker and respite care. In addition, the money is to be used in strengthening infrastructure and leadership and governance.

Defunding the personal care portion, even though it is done gradually, is to negate the many years this has been a valued function of local public health in our rural counties especially. This defunding is by percentage beginning in 2023-24 with 25%, 50% in 2025, 75% in 2026 and 100% in 2027.

From 2010 to 2020, not a single North Iowa county showed population growth .That includes Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth , Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth and Wright. Iowa grew 4.7% from 2010 to 2020 with 80% of that growth in the four largest counties: Johnson, Linn, Polk and Scott.

We have an aging population -our needs are different from the larger centers of population.

This change in direction of funds and subsequent changes in public health programs could have been more reasonable if executed with input from local agencies. It was presented with no discussion of options.

I have been assured that this does not mean that we cannot furnish the services (as we have done for the last 40 years) Only that the funds from the state must be spent as directed by the state formula.

Fortunately, we will be able to continue our personal services (nursing, home care, respite care) because we have resources of grant funds and our services are also paid by Medicare, Medicaid and private fee. We have a sliding fee scale and no one is turned away. Our services make it possible for our vulnerable populations to remain in their own homes as long as is safely possible. We also anticipate more opportunities for community involvement and look forward to serving the health needs of all our citizens. The staff is committed to providing for the health needs of all the citizens of Worth County. Schedule your booster shot!

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

October 11, 1922

In the rearrangement of the working plans of the Worth County State Bank made necessary by the death of T.S. Hanson, vice president, cashier A.O. Rye has been advanced to the office of president to succeed H.T. Toye, who becomes chairman of the board of directors. Chas. H. Dwelle, who has been contracted with the bank for 20 years, is made cashier, L.D. Beckett, one of the tellers, will be assistant cashier, as will also Alvin L. Tenold, formerly of the Tenold Hardware.

Dr. L.W. Boe, president of St. Olaf's College at Northfield, Minn., was the operator sent to deliver the principal address at Mason City on the occasion of the Lutheran Reformation festival. Dr. Boe was president of Waldorf College at Forest City from 1904 to 1914 and served in the Iowa senate representing Worth and Winnebago counties.

The big Legion special train will leave Mason City for New Orleans and those who go from this vicinity expected to be aboard the cars when they pull out at 9:40, and will be equipped with observation car, dance car, radio apparatus and many other features to help make the trip pleasant. A 29 piece band will accompany the train, which will be known as McNider's Own Special. To join the crowd from Northwood will be J.S. Veenker, fourth district delegate, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Veenker, also S.E. Espeseth and Knute Christianson and others.

At the A.O. Tenold home a new Northwood organization came into being and promises to become one of the most useful of the local association designed for the betterment of its members. The Fellowship Club is the name and it is intended to be an association of the working women of Northwood. Starting with 33 charter members the association is composed of business, teachers and all working women.

75 years ago

October 9, 1947

Homecoming activities, which began for the Northwood high school, will terminate tomorrow evening, the football game with Britt High School being the main event of the evening. A good crowd is expected and all football fans and especially former students and alumni of the school are urged to attend and give their encouragement. Seven touchdowns marked the margin of victory scored last Friday night by the Lake Mills High Bulldogs in the game with the Vikings played at Lake Mills. The score was 48 to 0.

Importance of stop signs at the street intersections near the school grounds was brought to the attention of the town council at the regular meeting. School Supt. Russell T. Baker suggested the safety measure to Mayor O.J. Wardwell, who presented It to the council.

It is a little early to determine what the reactions are going to be in Northwood concerning president Truman's appeal for "meatless Tuesdays." This is the consensus of opinions expressed by restaurant operators, grocers and meat men and some housewives of Northwood.

Harold McKinley, prominent Mitchell County farmer, implement dealer and Farm Bureau leader, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Worth County Farm Bureau to be held the latter part of October. The date of the meeting will be announced later and in ample time for all Farm Bureau members to plan to attend, it is announced this week by the local Farm Bureau office.

Edgar Fenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fenney of Northwood, whose fate was hidden in mystery for nearly two years after action on Okinawa, in 1945, has been placed on the list of war casualties by the U.S. Army officers of the quartermaster general's department, Washington, D.C.

50 years ago

October 12, 1972

New construction in Northwood for the third quarter of 1971 reached $119,900, according to the value of building permits issued by Mrs. Wayne Lawhorn, town clerk. This compares to $294,270 for the same period in 1971. Total for the first six months was $133,025 and for the first nine months of 1972, $252,925. The figure is somewhat below the nine month total for 1971, which was $478,000; $78,000 for 1970 and $329,000 in 1969.

Ina Rebekah Lodge, Northwood, entertained 45 guests for their Friendship Night. Guests were from Manly, Albert Lea, Mason City and Forest City. Following the regular meeting, a program consisting of a skit on election, Sherry Porter in a modern jazz solo dance and three readings by Gladys Pixley, was given. A collection was taken for the Odd Fellows Home in Mason City.

Mrs. Dale Flatness and Mrs. Maynard Jaspers entertained the Sorosis Study Club at the Flatness home on north Eleventh. Each member brought a Christmas decoration and explained how it was made.

The Northwood-Kensett cross country team slipped by North Central, Manly, 30-27 at the Manly Country Club. Vikings Alan Hove and Bruce Crom were the first to cover the two-mile course, finishing with times of 11:16 and 11:20 respectively. Other Viking place winners and times were Pat Otis, fifth, 11:49; Dave Brunsvold, seventh, 12:15, and Gary Brevig, twelfth, in 13:54.

Two Northwood-Kensett gridders are among the North Iowa Conference's individual leaders after three weeks of league play, according to figures released by Bert Hanson, NIC statistician. Viking halfback Ron McMullen leads the conference in pass receptions with 22 and ranks third in receiving yards, behind Garner's Prohaska and Roger Fiderlick of Buffalo Center, with 144. Fiderlick has 204 yards in 10 catches, while Prohaska has 11 catches for 167 yards.

25 years ago

October 8, 1997

Homecoming queen and king candidates at Northwood-Kensett High School this week are Jon Hickman, Jake Hanson, Jake Stotts, Ben Hengesteg, Holly Fallgatter, Angie Rustad, Audra Anderson, Jessica Madson and Ryan Bendickson.

The Northwood swimming pool fundraising committee is asking farmers to donate a wagonload of grain when they haul their harvest to the Northwood Cooperative Elevator. "It's no problem to us," said elevator manager Larry Wright. "If farmers want to donate money for a new pool, we can make out a check in the proper amount to the swimming pool account."

The Northwood Cooperative Elevator has a new look, all because the co-op's old scale was weighed in the balance and found wanting. At first glance, Northwood Co-op management and book keepers appear to be the main beneficiaries of last week's move to the co-op's new $175,000, 36 by 74 foot, two level office. The spacious, well-lit facility features five offices upstairs, and a conference room and space for an office expansion downstairs.

Northwood-Kensett High cheerleader Abby Flo hoisted squad mate Pearl Podgorniak on her shoulders to perform some high artwork Sunday afternoon, when the N-K cheerleaders squad painted homecoming slogans on store windows in the downtown business district in anticipation of Friday's annual parade and football game here.

Army Pvt. Adam M. Ingersoll has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. During the training, he will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies and first aid. He will develop basic combat skills, and experience using various weapons available to the infantry soldier. Ingersoll is the son of Mike and Kim Ingersoll of Northwood.

City Crewman Dirk Van Ryswyk flushes another of the many Northwood city fire hydrants last Thursday morning. According to City Superintendent Craig Toft, flushing the hydrants removes rust and residue from the city water system.

10 years ago

October 10, 2012

Northwood-Kensett Elementary classes joined schools, governments, businesses and other groups to promote the importance of regular exercise, even in the simplest forms. For the N-K students that meant going for a walk around the Worth County Fairgrounds. N-K Elementary took part in the activity, which proved to be fortuitous timing as temperatures dropped nearly 20 degrees to more fall-like weather the next day, with walking conditions that wouldn't have been quite as pleasant.

Northwood-Kensett fans were invited to "Pink Out" in support of the American Cancer Society at home volleyball and football games again this year. The Vikings celebrate Parents Night for Volleyball. They will host Parents Night for football on Friday, October 19.

Northwood-Kensett High School students will present this year's school play on November 2 and 4. This year's play is "Mini Loa Luau" by Burton Bumgarner. The comedy is about a Hawaiian village that must find a human sacrifice from amongst a number of unique tourists, in order to prevent the Mini Loa volcano from erupting.

Burton and Dorothy Williams of rural Northwood have recently donated a scarifier to the Worth County Historical Society. "Years ago farmers planted sweet clover a year ahead so that frost would crack the hull of the kernel," said Burton. "This machine, turning at 3300 revolutions per minute, took the shell off so the seed could be planted and produce a crop in the same year."

Northwood-Kensett Junior Senior High School played host to its annual Quiz Bowl on September 20. Student leaders of this year's Quiz Bowl were Sonya Medlang, Jayde Hapgood and Brooke Burnes.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

Bruce Mogk

Bruce Allen Mogk passed away peacefully on October 9, 2022, at Mayo Health System Hospital in Austin, Minnesota.

He was born on August 8, 1950, to Maynard and Nora (Johnson) Mogk in Osage, Iowa. He married Penny Robb in June of 1973, they later divorced. On October 23, 1982, he married Shirley Ferstl.



BRUCE MOGK

Bruce owned his own company, Mogk Construction, and was General Superintendent of SPF Builders, where he built large hog confinements all over the United States. He also drove truck for Norseman hauling U.S. Mail. Bruce had the talented reputation of being able to fix anything.

Bruce was a Vietnam Vet, serving from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and very proud of his 24 years of sobriety. He was a member of the Sunset Saddle Club, being very proud of Ashley's (granddaughter) talent on his horse Sally. He was also a member of Dry Riders, were he enjoyed riding motorcycle and making many wonderful friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Jay (Christy) Ferstl of Lawson, Mo., Mike (Kari) Mogk of Conger, Minn., and Isaac (Kelly) Mogk of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Jeff (Cassie) Ferstl, Jessica (Pat) Moore, Delanie Mogk, Joseph Hennebry, Theressa Thompson, Ashley Songstad, Anthony Graham, Steven Lifsey, Daegan Lifsey, Garrick Mogk, Damon Mogk and Devin Mogk; great-grandchildren, Jade Ferstl and Beckett Thompson; sister, Vickie (Brad) Flo of Kensett; brother, Dennis Mogk of St. Ansgar; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Maynard and Nora Mogk; brother, Bob Mogk; son, Joseph Ferstl; sister-in-law, Cindy Mogk; and niece, Jennifer Mogk.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022, at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa, with Rev. Becky Sogge officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place at the Kensett Cemetery.

Dallas Thoen

Dallas Lamar Thoen, 66, of Kensett, died peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, on Friday, September 30, 2022.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Killdeer Ave., Kensett, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Elk Creek Lutheran Church Cemetery.



DALLAS THOEN

Dallas was born on March 21, 1956, in Mason City. He was the son of John Raymond Thoen and Vivian Catherine (Dahl) Thoen. Dallas graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School on May 25, 1977, at the Central Heights Developmental Center in Mason City. He played the organ at the graduation ceremony. Dallas was baptized and confirmed at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, where he enjoyed a lifetime of participation and worship. He participated in various activities in church, including helping with Sunday school and working with friends preparing for the 150th Anniversary Celebration. He did volunteer work at the Kensett Public Library, the Whittier Backpack Program and Project Warm Up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; packed food for Feed My Starving Children; rode in the Elk Creek Church float in the 4th of July parade; and delivered Christmas gifts to children in the Angel Tree Program.

Dallas was a gifted artist and loved to draw a wide variety of subjects. He participated in Special Olympics; bowling, softball throw and track. He loved his family and friends so much! He enjoyed spending time with them watching TV, playing miniature golf, bowling, going to movies, concerts, swimming, riding motorcycle, RV's, go-carts, jet skiing, tubing and boating. He loved animals; cared for sheep in his youth and enjoyed cats and dogs, his as well as those of family and friends. He loved to dance! He danced at the Surf Ballroom "Dancing for Downs" event and even attended a prom sponsored by Tim Tebow. Dallas enjoyed traveling to see his family throughout the United States and made friends everywhere he went. Dallas's favorite color was blue, favorite drink was Pepsi, favorite food was pizza and his favorite musician was Johnny Cash because his music "tells a story."

Those left to cherish memories of Dallas are his brother, Dennis Thoen; sisters, Sandra Miner, Patricia Edenfield, Sherry (Eric) Blake, Shelly Thoen and Trav (Jo) Reyerson; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins; extended family members; special friend, Laurie Aamodt; and a multitude of friends throughout the United States.

Dallas is reunited in eternal life with his parents, Raymond and Vivian Thoen; sisters, Bonnie Stanton and Roxianne Reyerson; brother, Rodney Thoen; two brothers-in-infancy; brothers-in-law, Allen Miner, Bill Stanton Sr., Roy Edenfield and Steve Burns; a nephew, Eric Miner; and grandparents, George and Annie Dahl and Johann and Thea Thoen.

Dallas has touched many lives with his wink, smile, hugs and unconditional love that he shared with everyone he encountered. He will be greatly missed!

Family requests memorials be directed to the Elk Creek Lutheran Church Cemetery perpetual care fund or to One Vision (a disability services and support organization) in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Bolan

On Tuesday Lori Willert and Joe and Linda Nydegger drove to Des Moines and joined Kelsie Willert for a tour of the State Capitol. Kelsie is currently employed at the Capitol as a tour guide. Afterwards they all went out to lunch celebrating Kelsie's birthday and visited other friends in Des Moines.

On Wednesday Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the funeral of Vernon Terlouw at the Lynnville Friends Church in Lynnville, Iowa, as did Lori and Kelsie. Vern was a bicycler who did his first RAGBRAI at the age of 50. He also did bicycling rides in Ireland, Holland, Italy and Spain. He rode on the Iowa 150 Bike Ride Across America in 1995, the Lewis & Clark Ride and recently the Route 66 Ride, which he completed at age 88. Many of the bikers who did these rides attended Vern's 90th birthday gathering at the end of May. They also came to Lynnville for his funeral service and gathered after the lunch at a local outside restaurant to share their special memories of Vern.

There was a great crowd at the "Pancakes, Pumpkins & Pumpkin Pie" event in Bolan on Sunday. A beautiful day to tour the "patch" and pick out the perfect pumpkin.

Green Thumb Garden Club meets Sept. 26

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on September 26 at the Olson Room with Theresa Copper as hostess.

Ten members were in attendance. Topics that were discussed included yard of the week, possible Holiday Hope tree and the 2023 fair program exhibit titles.

Penny Robb presented an interesting program about Arboreal trees: flowering, fruit and deciduous shrubs.

Nancy Amundson

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N-K FALL SPORTS



2022 Northwood-Kensett varsity volleyball team

Members of the 2022 N-K varsity volleyball team include (front row) Madalynn Hanson, (second row) Haddie Hanson, Lindsey Moore, Mallory Rheingans, Emma Hengesteg, (third row) coach Mackensie Maroo, Luisa Bremer, Demaris Peterson, Marisa Halbach, Morgan Wallin, assistant coach Sam Butler, (fourth row) Ella Leonard, Chloe Costello, (back row) Kennedy Christianson and Madison Berry.



2022 Northwood-Kensett JV volleyball team

Members of the 2022 N-K junior varsity volleyball team include (front row) Haddie Hanson, (second row) Kamryn Backhaus, Luisa Bremer, Topanga Hackenmiller, Addison Tasker, (third row) coach Mackensie Maroo, Lindsey Moore, Damaris Peterson, Marissa Halbach, Ella Leonard, Emma Hengesteg, assistant coach Sam Butler, (back row) Ashlynn Rollene and Hailey Krambeer.

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By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett volleyball team completed its portion of the Top of Iowa Conference East schedule last Tuesday night against Osage, falling to the Green Devils 3-0 (7-25, 7-25, 20-25) and ending the regular season with an 0-8 record in the conference.

As happened many times this season, the Lady Vikings got the match started with a 2-0 deficit, being blown out with scores of 25-7 and 25-7. It seemed at times that the team didn't play up to its capabilities until it had nothing to lose, finally playing the way it could when it had a chance to relax, but by then the matches were out of reach.

That's exactly what happened last Tuesday night in Northwood when the Lady Vikings fell behind 2-0, losing both sets 25-7, before snapping out of it and giving the Green Devils the match they were capable of, losing in the third and final set by a much more reasonable margin, 25-20.

The Green Devils did a good job defensively against N-K at the net, limiting the Lady Vikings to just three kills on the night, all by talented junior Lindsey Moore, who now leads the team on the year with 71 kills, 48 of those coming during TIC East play, recording six kills per match in conference matches this season.

One thing that can't be said about this Lady Vikings team and this match though, is that they beat themselves, the fact is that they just ran into a more talented team on this night as they went an incredible 32-33 from the service line for a 97.0 serving percentage at the line.

Serving up darts on the night were Chloe Costello (6-7), Madalynn Hanson (6-6), Emma Hengesteg (5-5), Damaris Peterson (4-4), Mallory Rheingans (7-7) and Morgan Wallin (4-4).

With the loss to Osage the Lady Vikings are now 2-15 overall and 0-8 in the TIC East.

N-K will close out the regular season this week with matches on Tuesday at North Iowa and Thursday night at West Hancock where it will compete against the Eagles and North Butler in a triangular.

TIC East Final Volleyball Standings

TIC East	Overall	
Osage	8-0	23-6
Saint Ansgar	7-1	15-10
Central Springs	5-2	17-13
Rockford	4-4	13-9
Newman Catholic	4-5	8-15
Nashua-Plainfield	3-4	7-16
North Butler	3-5	4-19
West Fork	1-6	4-14
Northwood-Kensett	0-8	2-15



Helicopter lands downtown

Eighth Street North, north of Central Avenue, was recently made into a makeshift helicopter landing pad, as the MercyOne Air Med helicopter was called in for an emergency medical call. The helicopter paramedics assisted at the scene, but were not required to transport the patient.

Ocel and Thorson place in top 10 at Lake Mills meet

By Mike Simmons
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Northwood-Kensett's Megan Ocel and Macy Thorson are making a late season push to make a mark in the Top of Iowa Conference meet and beyond to maybe even a state meet appearance.

In last Monday afternoon's meet at Lake Mills, Ocel was just 1:59.03 behind the winner, crossing the finish line in 22:22.84, good enough for a solid fourth-place finish. Coming in not far behind Ocel, completing the course in 23:40.26 was N-K's Thorson, who placed ninth with her effort.

The boys times have been improving as well with Aiden Bice placing 29th with a time of 21:22.54. N-K's Christopher Madsen and Zach Heiken placed 34th and 44th respectively at Lake Mills.

After a final regular season meet on Monday at Forest City the XC team will compete in the TIC meet on Thursday at NIACC in Mason City.

Girls Team Scores at Lake Mills – Forest City 37, North Union 51, Lake Mills 54, West Hancock 68

Boys Team Scores at Lake Mills – Forest City 27, Lake Mills 54, North Butler 92,, Hampton-Dumont 96, North Union 104



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Supervisors

October 3, 2022 Fortieth Day

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

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

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from September 26, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the amended reclassification and annexation report for DD #13, amended as discussed at the hearing to remove city parcels included in the report from the annexation and to reduce assessments to the $5.00 minimum going forward for city parcels in the report already in the district that cannot be removed from the district. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of $1,230.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc, DD11/Main A, Prof Services.....$405.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 13, Prof Services.....$405.00
Hudson Law Firm, DD 13, Prof Services.....$280.00
Hudson Law Firm, DD 46, Prof Services.....$140.00
Grand Total.....$1,230.00

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $202,116.28 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Access Systems Leasing Service-Dap 124.50
Alliant Energy Service-Eng 1,997.51
Aramark, Service-Gsr 297.08
Bice Electric Llc Service-Gsr 250.00
Black Hills Energy Inc Service-Eng 80.58
Bmc Aggregates Llc Rock-Eng 5,404.00
Bomgaars Supply, Inc Supplies-Con 151.98
Central Square Technologies, Llc Supplies-911 .....729.50
Certified Laboratories Fuel-Eng 446.15
City Of Fertile, Rutf-Eng .2,263.74
City Of Grafton Rutf-Eng1 .....348.91
City Of Hanlontown Rutf-Eng 587.94
City Of Joice, Rutf-Eng 1,502.16
City Of Kensett, Rutf-Eng ..749.68
Cnh Capital Prod Plus Account Service-Con.....273.18
Crisis Intervention Service Fy23 Appro-Org.....1,000.00
Deano's Road Dust Control Service-Eng 221.00
Eilertson Repair Service-Shf.....93.67
Elderbridge Agency On Aging Fy23 Appro-Org.....3,149.00
Fertile Public Library/City Of Fertile, Fy23 Appro-Lib ...9,500.00
Five Star Cooperative Parts-Eng.....212.68
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf 263.11
Government Forms & Supplies Supplies-Aud 108.93
Grafton Public Library/Grafton Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals Supplies-Eng 900.70
Healthy Harvest Of No Ia Fy23 Appro-Org.....1,307.50
Heartland Business Systems, Llc Supplies-Dap 1,731.92
Homeward Inc Fy23 Appro-Org.....5,000.00
Huber Supply Co Inc Supplies-Eng 196.50
I35/105 Welcome Center Inc. Fy23 Appro-Org.....7,500.00
Ia County Engineers Assn Edu-Eng.....1,115.00
Ia Dept Of Natural Resources Fees-Wat.....115.00
Ia Division Of Labor Service Service-Gsr 40.00
Ian Treasurer, Edu-Con.....64.00
Imwca Wk Comp Prem-Ins.....20,641.00
Isaac Hovey, Safety-Eng.....150.00
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Joice Public Library/City Of Joice Fy23 Appro-Lib 9,500.00
Jolene Hickle, Reimb-Rec ...342.55
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R80 Llc, Service-Vaf.....43.31
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U S Postal Service Postage-Aud 88.88
Van Diest Supply Company Supplies-Eng 11,285.80
Viking Steel Structures Supplies-Ema 2,072.25
Von Bokern Associates Inc. Service-Shf.....1,000.00
Webster County Sheriff Service-Juj 35.00
Woody's Dust Control Supplies-Eng 99.75
Worth County Extension Fy23 Appro-Org.....20,000.00
Worth County Fair Fy23 Appro-Org.....16,000.00
Worth County Sheriff Service-Juj 34.00
Ziegler Inc, Service-Eng...4,545.89
Grand Total 202,116.28

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for E & F Site #63402. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the request for proposals for ambulance service in Worth County. Motion Carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 8:55 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

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Taking some snaps at the QB position, N-K's Carter Anderson looks to beat a St. Eds defender to the corner in the Vikings' 54-26 district 2 loss last Friday night in Northwood. Anderson has four carries for 22 yards this season, an average of 5.5 yards every time he touches the ball.



Viking defenders Kooper Julseth (1), Justin Mills (52) and Nolan Senne pursue a St. Eds ball carrier, popping the ball free and recording a loss on the play in last Friday's district 2 loss. The three defenders, Julseth (19.5), Mills (18.5) and Senne (13.5), have combined for 51.5 tackles this season.

After slow start vs. St. Ed, Vikings avoid shutout with 26 second half points

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Staring down the barrel of a second consecutive shutout loss last Friday night in Northwood, the Vikings rallied in the second half to put 26 points on the board after ending the first half scoreless and trailing 34-0.

Early in the first quarter against St. Edmond the Vikings found themselves backed up against the goal line with the Gaels looking to get on the board after quickly moving the ball into scoring position inside the Vikings' five-yard line.

Giving the team some hope, the Vikings D held and forced a St. Eds fumble, averting the early score.

But for all the defense that the Vikings put up, their offense just could not get things going in the first half and found themselves down 34-0 at the halftime break. But while there was a lack of offense in the first half, that all turned around in the second half of play with the two teams combining for 46 points in the final 24 minutes of play.

Trailing 34-0 the Vikings came out and got on the board for the first time in six quarters of play when QB Colby Eskildsen hit wideout Kooper Julseth for a 64-yard score.

Eskildsen hit on his second TD pass of the game when he found Nicholas Hanson for a 15-yard score, cutting the deficit to 40-12 after another Gaels score.

Trading scores now in the second half, the Vikings went on to score their final two TDs of the when Julseth caught a seven-yard pass from Eskildsen and then scampered 52 yards for the final score of the night, giving the Vikings 26 points, the most they've scored in a game other than the two wins, a 55-12 opening night win over Riceville and a 28-14 win over North Iowa.

And while the ground game continued to struggle, the Vikings' passing game looked as good as it has all season with Eskildsen completing 16-30 passes for 229 yards and three TDs.

With the loss the Vikings are on the outside looking in at the playoff picture at 2-5 overall and 1-4 in district 2.

N-K will play its final regular season game this Friday when it travels to Algona to face Bishop-Garrigan. The winner of the game will finish the district season in sole possession of fifth place.

St. Eds 54, N-K 26

St. Ed	6	28	6	14	– 54
N-K	0	0	12	14	– 26

Team Totals

Vikings	Gaels
Total plays	54 75
Total yards	298 596
Pass yards	229 148
Rush yards	69 428
First downs	12 26
Third down	4-13 7-12
Fourth down	1-2 1-2
Turnover	3 1
Fumbles lost	2 1
Interceptions thrown	1 0
Penalties	4 6
Penalty yards	37 55

8-Man District 2 Football Standings

District 2	Overall
West Bend-Mallard	5-1
	5-2
GTRA	4-1 6-1
Harris-Lake Park	4-1 5-2
St. Edmond	3-2 4-3
Bishop-Garrigan	1-4 2-5
Northwood-Kensett	1-4
	2-5
North Iowa	0-5 1-6



N-K DB Nicholas Hanson stretches to make a play on the ball last Friday night in Northwood. Hanson and the pass defense did a fine job against the Gaels' passing attack, holding them to just 148 yards in the air.



Viking QB Colby Eskildsen and head coach Trevor Hunt talk strategy in last Friday night's 54-26 loss to St. Edmond. Eskildsen had his best night yet at QB, completing 16-30 passes for 229 yards and three TDs. Eskildsen for the year now has 570 yards passing and six TDs for the 2-5 Vikings.

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