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Briefs



Santa makes final visits

With Christmas on the way Sunday, Santa will find the time to make a couple more stops to his village in Northwood.

Santa will be back in his village in Central Park, tomorrow, Thursday, December 22, from 5-6 p.m. Santa will also make one more visit just before his big day, stopping at his village from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24.

Free movies continue

The Northwood Theatre is offering free holiday shows, courtesy of local sponsors, including one on Christmas.

The next holiday movie will be shown tomorrow, Thursday, December 22, at 7 p.m. "Polar Express" will be shown, sponsored by WCTA.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, at 7 p.m., "Strange World," will be sponsored by Tom Capranos of Northwoods Cabinetry.

Drive-through lights in Fertile park

The City of Fertile is offering a drive through Christmas light display that continues through Christmas Eve.

The display can be seen in Fertile's William Rhodes Park on Friday and Saturday, from 6-8 p.m.

Free will donations will be accepted.



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

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Tues. Dec. 13	34	32	
Wed. Dec. 14	42	28	0.14
Thurs. Dec. 15	31	20	
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Sat. Dec. 17	18	6	
Sun. Dec. 18	7	-1	
Mon. Dec. 19	17	-1	



Speaking with Santa

Santa Claus has been making the rounds, checking his lists and putting in some personal appearances throughout the world in recent weeks. While preparing for his big day this Sunday, Santa has taken the time to visit Santa's Village in Northwood. Children, like Briley and Breckynn Madson, have stopped by to ask Santa questions, tell him what's on their lists and share some surprising news with St. Nick, as seen here. Santa will be in Northwood two more times, Thursday from 5-6 p.m. and on Saturday, Christmas Eve, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Area business observe holiday hours

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays on the way, many area business will observe hours that will allow employees to celebrate.

Following is a listing of the holiday hours of local businesses:

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

Casey's General Store will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will open at 10 a.m. on Christmas day. The store will be open regular hours throughout the New Year's holiday.

Fallgatter's Market will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day. The local grocer will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Farmers State Bank will

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Christmas Church Services

With Christmas on the way Sunday, many area churches will hold special services to celebrate Christ's birth. Listed below are the days and times of services at area churches.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice- Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m..

Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Bethel United Methodist, Manly- Christmas Eve services, 5 and 10 p.m.; Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Elk Creek Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton- Christmas Eve candlelight service, 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Day service, 9:30 a.m.

Fertile Lutheran Church-Christmas Eve Sunday school program, 4:30 p.m.

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Ambulance dispatch policy discussed at council meeting

A discussion of County ambulance dispatch policy took place in response to a question at last week's Northwood city council meeting.

Following a report on law enforcement in the City, council member Dan Reeder asked about ambulances and helicopters being called out so frequently and the expense that meant for those that may not need an ambulance in an emergency situation. He said that 40% of the time, ambulances aren't needed.

Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank explained that on all medical emergency calls, both rescue squads and ambulances are called out immediately.

Fank said that it would be impossible for a dispatcher to be able to assess whether or not an ambulance would be necessary based solely on what a caller says, or leaves unsaid, over the phone.

Fank said that ambulances need to be dispatched immediately, as the differ-

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A misplaced present brings a belated Christmas lesson

By JoAnn Lower

It was the week before Christmas. Mom was in the kitchen busily rolling out lefse, Dad and my brothers outside doing the chores. As for me, I was just sitting wishfully gazing at presents under the Christmas tree.

"Mom," I called from the living room. "Could I open one of my presents before Christmas? Just one, Mom, please, please?"

"You'll have to wait till your dad finishes the milking and comes in for supper," she called back. "You can ask him."

A few minutes later my rosy-cheeked dad in his OshKosh B'gosh overalls came in from the barn, the sweet/sour smell of sileage lodged in his overall cuffs filling the room.

"Dad, I've tried to be a good girl all year, and I know Christmas isn't quite here yet, but could I please open one of my presents? Just one, Dad, please?"

"But that leaves only two more under the tree for you to open on Christmas Eve. How will you feel to have one less present to open than your brothers will have?"

"I'll be fine, Dad," I promised. "Just let me open one tonight." With a deep sigh and a half smile he finally said, "Okay," and I picked up the package I'd had my eyes on for days. No bows, no frills, just a box wrapped in the comic section of the newspaper. Peeling off the last bit of tape, I peeked inside to see something red. Could it be a red sweater?

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Merry Christmas! - See Holiday wishes inside





Polar postage

After a snow-related delay, the students in Northwood-Kensett's kindergarten classes were able to make the trip to Northwood's Central Park last week to visit Santa's Village. While St. Nick himself was not able to make an appearance, the students nevertheless got their message to Santa himself as they left letters in his mailbox before gathering for a picture with the park's snowmen.

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be closed on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas Day and closed on Monday, December 26. The bank will be closed on New Year's Eve, closed New Year's Day and closed on January 2.

Kelly Hardware will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The hardware store will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

NSB Bank in Northwood will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day and Monday, December 26. The bank will be closed on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Monday, January 2.

The R80 convenience stores in Northwood and Kensett will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. The stores will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The R80 cafe in Kensett will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Shade Tree Liquors will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and is closed on Christmas Day. The store will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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

Strike Zone will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, call the Strike Zone at 641-324-2749.

Sue's Cornerpost will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Cornerpost will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Day.

For Worth Brewing's holiday hours, call 641-324-9899.

MercyOne Pharmacy will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Christmas Eve as well as Monday, December 26. The pharmacy will be closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Glenville Short Stop will be open on Christmas Eve from 5:30 a.m. until noon and closed on Christmas Day. It will be open New Year's Eve from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. On New Year's Day it will be open from 6:30 a.m. to noon.

Worth County offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's' Eve and New Year's Day.

Subway in Northwood will be open on Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day. Subway will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

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

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center Rest Area will be open on Christmas Eve, closing at 4 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day. On New Year's Eve it will close at 4 p.m. and it will be closed on New Year's Day.

The Northwood Anchor office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26. The office will also be closed on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and January 2.

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood- Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Christmas Day worship followed by lunch, at 10:30 a.m.

First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood - Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, Hanlontown- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church- Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lyle, Minn.- Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood- Christmas Eve service at 4:30 p.m., Christmas Day service at 9 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church- Christmas Eve mass, 6:30 p.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve service, 4 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Bolan- Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m., Christmas Day at 9:10 a.m.

Lesson
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Oh, I'd wanted a red sweater for as long as I could remember. My wish had come true. Over and over again I hugged Mom and Dad.

Next day I felt like a princess walking into my classroom wearing my new sweater. The Pledge of Allegiance started the day, followed by math and then reading, followed by PE, and we were off to the gym for basketball.

Not wanting my sweater to get all sweaty, I carefully hung it over a chair by the door. I wasn't good at sports but, thoughts of being dressed in my new red sweater gave me confidence. I made a basket.

Gym time over, I skipped back to the chair to get my sweater. But it wasn't there. Where could it be? I looked everywhere. My sweater was gone.

I ran to tell my teacher. She said it would probably show up and that I shouldn't worry. Back at home, I got off the bus and ran up the driveway screaming. "Mom, somebody took my new red sweater."

"Oh, no, I'm sorry." She tried to comfort me with a hug. "I know how you loved that sweater. Please try not to worry. Let's hope you'll find it."

Next day I walked into my fourth grade class not believing my eyes. There was Emma Anderson wearing my new red sweater.

"Emma, that's my sweater," I said at the top of my voice. "No, it's mine," she yelled, pulling it tight around her.

When I told my teacher, all she said was maybe it really was Emma's sweater and that I should take my seat. "No, it's mine. It isn't Emma's. It's my Christmas present."

Back at home after school, "Mom," I yelled, letting the door slam behind me. "Emma Anderson took my sweater. She even wore it to school today. Makes me so mad. She's getting cooties all over my new sweater."

Mom, up to her elbows in flour and yeast, asked, "What are cooties?"

I shrugged, "Don't know. The kids say Emma has cooties."

Next morning was Saturday. I woke up to the smell of freshly baked bread and Mom asking if I'd like to take a couple loaves to the Andersons.

"No," I shouted, hands on my hips, "and I don't want to see Emma!" But there was no point in saying "no" to Mom. Together we drove north four miles to Thompson.

I'd never seen the Anderson house. It wasn't at all like our farmhouse. The paint was peeling, an upstairs window was broken and there was no Christmas tree in the window.

Mom knocked on the door. With Emma nowhere in sight, her mom and four brothers and sisters answered. They thanked us for the loaves of bread and headed to the kitchen, quickly gobbling up every last crumb.

"Why would Emma want to steal my sweater?" I asked my mother on the way home.

"Cause maybe because she's never had anything so pretty in her whole life."

Maybe she hasn't, I thought to myself, but all I knew was my red sweater was gone, and my parents didn't have enough money to buy me another one.

Many Christmases have come and gone since then. Emma and I are grown with kids of our own. When we see each other on the street we smile and say "How are you?" Memories of the Christmas when we were nine years old are well hidden behind our grandmother faces.

Looking back, I don't believe Emma ever wanted to steal my sweater. She didn't deserve to be called names; her family was struggling to make ends meet. All she wanted was to be like other kids – a kid with a mom and a dad, enough food to eat and on Christmas morning a present under the tree to make her feel like a princess.

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Fank said that it takes as much as six minutes for the ambulance to arrive, and in that time a patient's condition could change significantly. A difference in wait time could be a matter of life or death.

Responders on the scene can call off the ambulance response if they determine its not needed.

However, Fank said that relying on them to make the decision on the scene would critically delay the ambulance's arrival.

Fank said that it takes local responders 5-10 minutes to arrive at the scene, when they are available. Fank said that in some areas of the County, first responders do not arrive before an ambulance would.

When they do, they would have to take time to assess the situation, and then decide if an ambulance was needed. It would then take as much as six minutes to communicate between counties and have an ambulance dispatched. Then the ambulance would have to travel to the scene.

Reeder also asked if the County could solicit ambulances from Minnesota.

Fank said that there are ambulance zones, with agreements for the Mason City Fire Department, Forest City Ambulance and Lake Mills Ambulance services to respond.

As for the helicopter, Fank said that it is launched automatically if an emergency call meets certain criteria, such as chest pains, a fall over six feet and car accidents that take place at speeds over 35 mph. The helicopter also has its own criteria before they launch.

The helicopter returns if it is determined it is not needed.

Fank said that the policy won't change unless the county's medical director requires it.

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Added caution urged with holidays among leading home fire days

From the National Fire Protection Agency:

Many hallmarks of the holiday season, including Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and festive meals, present potential fire hazards that contribute to an annual increase in U.S. home fires at this time of year. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are among the leading days of the year for home fires.

"December is a leading month for home fires, in large part because many of the activities we engage in during the holiday season reflect leading causes of home fires year-round," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Plus, as colder temperatures impact much of the country, use of heating equipment increases significantly."

Fortunately, Carli notes, the majority of winter fires can be prevented with a little added awareness and planning.

"By knowing where potential fire hazards exist and taking some basic safety precautions to prevent them, people can enjoy a festive, fire-free holiday season," said Carli.

The NFPA Winter Holidays page offers a wide variety of tips and resources to reduce the risk of fires, while the latest NFPA statistics underscore the increased risk of fire during the holiday season and beyond:

Christmas Trees

An estimated average of 160 home fires involving Christmas trees caused two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries, and $12 million in direct property damage per year between 2016 and 2020.

Some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment, including decorative lights, was involved in more than two of five (44 percent) of home Christmas tree fires. Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires (19 percent) were started by decorative lights.

The majority (74 percent) of Christmas tree fires occur in December and January.

Decorations

An estimated average of 790 home fires that began when decorations (other than Christmas trees) caught fire caused an average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and $13 million in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019.

One in five home decoration fires occurred in December.

Year-round, 35 percent of home decoration fires began with candles; in December, the number jumped to 45 percent.

In more than two of every five fires (44 percent) involving decorations, the decoration was too close to a heat source such as a candle, cooking or heating equipment.

Candles

An estimated average of 7,400 home fires (2 percent) started by candles caused an average of 90 civilian deaths (three percent), 670 civilian injuries (6 percent), and $291 million (4 percent) in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019.

Candle fires peak in December and January with 11 percent of candle fires in each of these months.

In three of every five candle fires, the candle was too close to something that could catch fire.

Christmas is the peak day for candle fires with roughly 2.5 times the daily average; Christmas Eve ranked second.

Falling asleep was a factor in 10 percent of the home candle fires and 12 percent of the associated deaths.

Cooking

Cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires (49 percent) and home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Fires caused by heating equipment, the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires year-round, peak during the winter months, when temperatures drop and more people use heating equipment to keep their homes warm. Put a Freeze on Winter Fires, an annual NFPA campaign with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), works to educate the public about ways to stay safe during the colder months, offering tip sheets and other resources to help reduce the risk of heating fires and other winter hazards.



Spencer Capitani named defensive coordinator of USF Football

The University of Sioux Falls, and head coach Jim Glogowski recently announced the hiring of Spencer Capitani as the next Defensive Coordinator of Cougar Football.

"I've had the opportunity to work with Spencer and I'm confident our student-athletes will love the fire and passion he brings to the game," said coach Glogowski. "I'm excited to welcome Spencer and his fiancée Marisa to our Cougar Family."

Capitani joins the Coo following a five year stint at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. He coached and developed defensive backs for the Wildcats where he helped produce one all-region athlete, one All-American and 10 all-conference players. Capitani helped lead the Wildcats to three conference championships along with an NCAA playoff appearance in 2021.

In his most recent season at CWU, Capitani helped lead the Wildcat pass, scoring and red zone defense to national recognition. During the 2021 season, he helped lead the Wildcat special teams to a number 14 national ranking in kick returns and blocked punts.

Prior to Central Washington, Capitani spent two years at Minnesota State – Mankato as a cornerbacks coach. While with the Mavericks, he helped produce two all-conference athletes while helping lead the #1 team in the nation to an NSIC conference championship in 2017. Capitani helped lead MSU to a 21-4 overall record during his time there while also helping lead the ninth ranked defense in the nation.

Capitani started his coaching career at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse as a cornerback's coach where he also coordinated special teams and offensive scout teams.

Prior to his coaching career, Capitani was an All-American cornerback at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he earned Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors and multiple all-region and all-conference awards. Capitani was named a team captain his senior season while helping lead his 12-1 team to back-to-back conference championships.

Capitani graduated from Wartburg College with a bachelor's degree in business administration followed by his masters in sports administration and coaching from the University of Concordia Irvine.

(Editor's Note: Capitani is a 2011 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School.)

Snowmobile and off highway vehicle registrations expire at year's end

Registrations for snowmobiles and OHVs purchased during the 2022 registration cycle expire on December 31. Any decal displayed on a machine with a 22 printed on it will no longer be valid for machines used on snowmobile trails, public ice or the OHV parks. Any registration that is not renewed prior to January 1, 2023, will have a late penalty of $5 applied to the cost of the registration.

All user permits, which include resident snowmobiles and nonresident snowmobiles and OHVs, also expire on December 31. There is no late penalty for a permit purchased after January 1, as they are issued for a calendar year. User permits are required for nonresident and resident snowmobiles used on public land or ice. Nonresident off road vehicles registered in their home state must display a user permit. Residents operating an off-highway vehicle do not need a user permit.

Bratrud elected to Kensett council

Last Tuesday, a special election was held to fill an open spot on the Kensett city council.

After council member Chuck Pilkington resigned earlier in the fall, a petition was submitted that called for a special election to fill the open council seat.

Two candidates appeared on ballots on Tuesday, December 13, Randy Bratrud and Mike Williams.

A total of 50 people turned out to vote. Bratrud was elected, with 38 votes, for 76%. Williams received 12 votes, for 24%.

Bratrud will serve the remainder of Pilkington's term in office, through the 2025 city election.

No foul play found in Olson death

An update has been provided by the Worth County Sheriff's Office in the death of Melissa Jo Olson.

On Friday, September 16, at approximately 11 a.m., the WCSO responded to a 911 call reporting that a body had been seen in the Shell Rock River along 390th Street.

The body was later identified as Melissa Jo Olson of Northwood.

Olson's death has been under investigation by the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation and Worth County Sheriff's Office since.

Last week, Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank said that the case is closed and that no foul play is suspected.

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Time for toys

Northwood-Kensett junior and senior student council members traveled to the Salvation Army headquarters in Mason City last week. The students were there to help set up for the Toys for Tots distribution. The students helped gather, sort and organization the toys for the annual Toy Shop, to help make the holiday a little bit brighter for the children that take part. The N-K council students joined others from North Union, North Iowa and North Butler to help last week. Pictured at right, helping with the toy drive are (from left) Ellie Ehrhardt, Christopher Madsen, Pete Kelly, Jadyn Beland, Kenny Conlin, Megan Ocel and Ella Leonard.









2023 Master Gardener training offered for winter and fall

The application window for the 2023 Winter Master Gardener training cohort opens on January 9. The training will be offered in 27 counties or extension regions, beginning in February.

Counties offering winter training include Black Hawk, Calhoun, Cerro Gordo, Clay, Clinton, Davis, Dickinson, Emmet, Floyd, Franklin, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Keokuk, Kossuth, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Mitchell, Monona, Monroe, Palo Alto, Poweshiek, Shelby, Tama, Wapello, Warren, Woodbury, Worth and Wright.

Iowans wishing to complete Master Gardener training choose a county to complete training, participate in online learning modules and attend at least four in-person training sessions organized by the county office. After completing the 10-week training, trainees put their knowledge to work with a 40-hour internship in their training county.

Applicants have from January 9 to February 3 to apply for the winter session. Training for the winter session begins on February 20. Applications for the fall session will be open in July. Learn more about the program online or through your local extension office.

"Many people have misconceptions about what the Master Gardener program truly is," said Alicia Herzog, Master Gardener statewide coordinator with ISU Extension and Outreach. "The Master Gardener training program is about more than just learning how to grow your best garden, although you will learn that as well. Trainees use knowledge gained in training to grow food for those in need, partner with area organizations to design green spaces, and present programs in their local communities."

Master Gardeners are volunteers who use research-based information to educate people and coordinate projects that promote healthy communities.

Local extension staff can help anyone with questions about joining Master Gardener training this year, including details of when and where in-person meetings will take place in their county or extension region.

Iowa State has offered Master Gardener training for over 40 years, engaging more than 15,000 people in learning about gardening best practices.

More information is available by contacting Herzog at 515-294-3627 or aherzog@iastate.edu.



Master Gardeners embody the slogan "Learn it. Grow it. Teach it." in their various volunteer roles. Presenting public programs is just one way Master Gardeners impact their communities.

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N-K WINTER SPORTS



2022 Northwood-Kensett varsity boys basketball team

Members of the 2022 N-K varsity boys basketball team include (front row) Anthoni Martin, Evan Lorenzen, Lamonte Sims, Dante Sims, Nicholas Hanson, (back row) Kooper Julseth, Carter Anderson, Grady Buenzow, Benjamin Yezek, Nolan Senne and Colby Eskildsen.



2022 Northwood-Kensett girls varsity basketball team

Members of the 2022 N-K girls varsity basketball team include (front row) Topanga Hackenmiller, Madalynn Hanson, Hailey Krambeer, Peyton Shoger, Emma Hengesteg, Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy, (back row) assistant coach Katie Strom, Chloe Costello, Morgan Wallin, Kamryn Backhaus, Damaris Peterson, Ella Leonard and coach Daryl Love.

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Conservation wreath making

Just in time to add some holiday decor to their homes, a number of people recently took part in an activity hosted by Worth County Conservation at Kuennen's Quarry. Crafty crafters were invited to take part in the activity on December 10. With their own decorations, the makers created grapevine wreaths, just in time to add the festive decorations for the weeks before Christmas.



N-K choir sings Christmas carols for Senior Center

The Northwood-Kensett High School choir, directed by Nikkole Koenig, stopped by the Northwood Senior Center to sing a few Christmas carols while members enjoyed their lunch on Wednesday, December 14.

Northwood volunteers send Christmas joy to children overseas

Northwood-area volunteers are celebrating the collection of gift-filled shoe boxes that will send a message to children around the world: God loves you, and you're not forgotten!

Thousands of volunteers contributed to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse by packing shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. The global Christmas project will deliver these gifts to children in need.

Although drop-off locations have closed, there is still time to share hope and love with children overseas by packing a gift-filled shoebox online. Shoeboxes



built online go to some of the hardest-to-reach areas in the world. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoe box by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

More information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child is available by visiting samaritanspurse.org/occ.

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Gifts of the Spirit



In First Corinthians, Paul speaks of various spiritual gifts, including the gifts of prophecy, speaking in tongues, healing, teaching, and even helping and administration. It is clear from the context that Paul is talking about individual gifts which benefit the Christian community. Some will be teachers and some will be preachers. Some will speak in tongues while others will interpret their utterances. All are essential for the health and benefit of the whole, in the same way that the parts of the body are all essential for the integrity and well-being of the whole body. We should cultivate the spiritual gifts which God has bestowed on us, in the same way that we should not let any useful talent go to waste. While some gifts are deemed to be "higher" than others, we should remember that every gift has its place in the well-integrated community. Prophets and preachers may be more edifying than helpers and administrators, but every church needs its helpers and administrators to function smoothly. We should reflect on our spiritual gifts and how we can develop them to maximize our contribution to our church and the larger body of Christ. – Christopher Simon

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
– 1 Corinthians 12: 7

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Cook Bookin'

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

Do you have a lot of cranberry sauce or fresh cranberries left over from Thanksgiving dinner? Since fresh cranberries can be frozen, it's easy to stock up and suddenly find you've still got them in February! Even bottled cranberry juice blends or "cocktail" can be lurking in the cupboard. So, as New Year's Eve is approaching and celebrations are on the horizon, how about some new ways to use those shiny red berries and extra bottles? "More Cranberry Creations" by James E. Ulberg (1995, Cookbook Publisher, Inc, Lenexa, KS) has a nice selection of party foods and beverages

Sparkling Cranberry Punch

2 cups canned whole cranberry sauce
2 1/4 cups water
1 bottle (33oz) ginger ale
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup fresh orange juice

Crush the cranberry sauce in a saucepan. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth, then add the water and beat over low heat until melted. Add the sugar and keep over the heat until it is dissolved. Cool. Stir in the juices and almond extract. Chill well until ready to serve. Pour into a punch bowl and just before serving, stir in the well-chilled ginger ale. Garnish with lemon and orange slices. You can add a white distilled beverage such as vodka (about 2 cups) if desired. Makes about 12 servings.

Cranberry Bog Fog

Makes 1 drink
4 oz. cranberry juice cocktail
4 oz. fresh orange juice
4 oz. vodka
Shake well with crushed ice. Serve as is or over more ice. Optional garnish is a slice of orange.
Spiced Cranberries
3 cups fresh cranberries
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon candied ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Place the cranberries and sugar with about 1/2 cup water in a saucepan and cook over low heat until the sugar is dissolved and the berries "pop." Add the vinegar and spices and simmer 10-15 minutes, making sure it doesn't stick. Chill and serve as a condiment with pork OR on crackers as an appetizer. Makes 3 cups.

Frozen Cranberry Margarita

3/4 cup jellied cranberry sauce
2 oz. tequila
1 oz. Triple Sec
1 oz. lime juice

Combine all ingredients in a blender with 6-8 ice cubes. Blend on high until slushy. Dip the rim of a stemmed glass into coarse salt and pour the margarita mix into it. Makes 2 drinks.

Vodka Cranberry Punch

2 bottles (32 oz. each) cranberry juice cocktail
2/3 cup fresh lemon juice
2 cups fresh orange juice
1/2 cup sugar
1 bottle (33oz.) club soda
1 bottle (750 ml) vodka

Combine all ingredients except the club soda in a large container. Chill well. Transfer to a punch bowl when read to serve and gently pour the chilled club soda into the punch. Serve over ice cubes and garnish with orange slices. Makes about 30 servings.

Because cranberries are tart they lend themselves to both sweet and savory dishes. They are easy to find fresh in bags during the holiday season and the canned sauce and juice is always available. There is a a wonderful cookie that uses dried cranberries, macadamia nuts and white chocolate chips but that's a recipe for another time! And….that's all she wrote.

When did Christmas lights become so popular?

Holiday lights are now everywhere come the holiday season. Private homeowners tend to hang the holiday lights outside their homes around Thanksgiving weekend and keep them up through New Year's Day. Though it might seem like a tradition without a deep history, decorating a Christmas tree with electric lights can be traced all the way back to the 19th century.

In 1882, Edward Johnson, who was a friend and colleague of the man who invented light bulbs, Thomas Edison, replaced candles, which had traditionally been used to briefly light Christmas trees, with light bulbs.

But at the time of Johnson's innovation, the high cost and relative infancy of light bulbs ensured the idea did not catch on.

And though United States President Grover Cleveland used electric lights to illuminate a Christmas tree in the White House in 1895, it would be another eight years before General Electric would begin selling Christmas light kits. Those kits cost $12 in 1903, which equates to several hundred dollars today.

The first outdoor Christmas light shows started to become popular in the 1920s, and this is the same time when commercial sales of Christmas lights picked up.

In the 1960s, GE's decision to begin manufacturing Christmas lights overseas helped reduce the price of outdoor lights even further, thus paving the way for the tradition of decorating home exteriors with string lights during the holiday season to take a firm hold.

And that tradition remains wildly popular today.

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Slagle – Katcher marry in Cancun, Mexico, November 19, 2022

Kelsey Katcher of Northwood and Landon Slagle of LeClaire, Iowa, were married on November 19, 2022, in Cancun, Mexico, at the Wyndham Alltra Resort. Officiating the wedding was a friend, Aamon Bond.

The reception was held at the Wyndham Alltra Resort in Cancun. They honeymooned in the mountains.

Kelsey is the daughter of Tony and DeAnna Katcher of Northwood. Her grandparents are Larry and Shirley from Charles City and Dick and Connie Buttjer from Charles City.

Kelsey graduated from Northwood-Kensett in 2014 and attended UNI to be a teacher and graduated in 2018. She is employed at the North Scott School District, teaching special education.

Landon is the son of Mark and Sara Slagle of Port Byron, Illinois. Grandparents are Janice Butler and the late Roger Butler of Port Byron, Illinois.

Landon graduated from Pleasant Valley High school in 2016 and attended Scott Community College for his Paramedic's education. In 2021, he went back to the police academy in Des Moines. He is employed as a Scott County Sheriff Deputy.

Maids of honor were Jaela Parks of Northwood, friend of the bride, and Courtney Shay of Las Vegas, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Katelyn Thofson of Northwood, friend of the bride; Megan Willsher of LeClaire, friend of the bride; Megan Katcher of Blooming Prairie, sister-in-law of the bride; Sarah Everett of Northwood, sister-in-law of the bride; Joselyn Meadows of Chicago, sister of the groom; and Jen Blumberg of Chicago, sister-in-law of the groom.

Flower girls were Aria Shay and Mia Johnson of Las Vegas, daughters of the bride's best friend, Courtney Shay; and Camille Katcher of Blooming Prairie, niece of the bride.

Personal attendant was Sadie Bleeker of LeClaire, Iowa, friend of the bride.

Best men were Colin Nelson of LeClaire, Iowa, friend of the groom; and Tyler Wilsher of LeClaire, Iowa, friend of groom.

Groomsmen were Shane Bleeker of LeClaire, Iowa, friend of the groom; Alex Rossmiller of LeClaire, friend of the groom; Jake Katcher of Blooming Prairie, brother of the bride; Zach Katcher of Northwood, brother of the bride; Michael Meadows of Chicago, Ill., brother-in-law of the groom; and Dalton Howland of Chicago, brother of the groom.

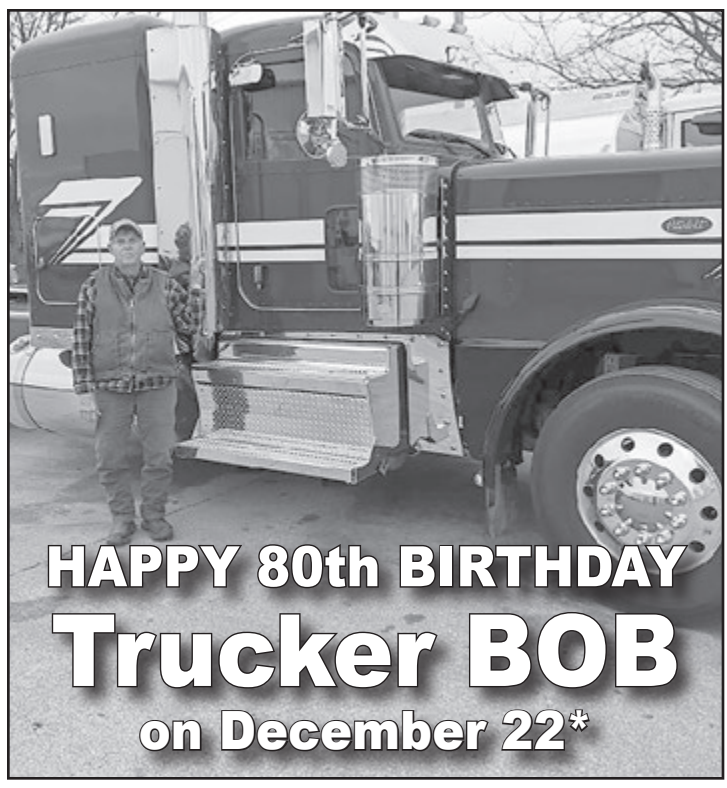


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Ring bearers were Jett Katcher of Blooming Prairie, nephew of the bride; Brayden Katcher of Northwood, nephew of the bride; and Lucas Katcher of Northwood, nephew of the bride.

Photographer was Emily Schuhmacher from Ankeny.

Landon and Kelsey reside in LeClaire, Iowa.



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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to reduce your medical bills

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips do you recommend to Medicare beneficiaries dealing with hefty medical bills? My husband recently had open heart surgery and is recovering slowly, but the medical bills are coming in fast and furious and they're putting us in medical debt.

Struggling in Springfield

Dear Struggling,

I'm sorry to hear about your billing struggles, but medical debt has unfortunately become a chronic problem in this country. According to U.S. Census data 19 percent of Americans households carry medical debt, including 10 percent of households headed by someone 65 or older. Even seniors on Medicare can easily get snagged in a web of complicated billing and coverage problems.

To help you slash your medical bills, here are some tips recommended by health care experts that you should try.

Double check your bills: Almost half of all medical bills contain at least one error, including duplicate charges or charges for services you never received. If you're facing a high bill and are on the hook for some portion of it, request itemized invoices from the hospital and other providers that detail everything you were charged for and go through them line by line. If you find something you don't understand or find fishy contact the provider for an explanation or a correction.

Wait for your EOB: Doctors' offices and hospitals may mail initial bills to you before they even submit them to your health insurer. So, hold off on any payment until you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your provider – Medicare, supplemental Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or private insurer. This will show what you owe after your insurance has paid its portion.

If your EOB shows that your insurer is refusing to pay for services that you think should be covered, call them to see whether it's a correctable mistake, such as a coding error for a certain test or treatment. If it's truly a denial of coverage, you may need to file an appeal. For details on how to file a Medicare appeal, see Medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal.

Ask for a discount: Call the hospital's accounting office or the billing staff at your doctor's practice and ask if they can reduce your bill. You'd be surprised how often this works. Or if you have the funds to pay the entire bill, ask the hospital or provider for a "prompt pay" discount which may save you 15 percent or more.

If it's best for you to pay your bills over time, ask the billing office to set up a no-interest payment plan for you. It's in the provider's interest to work with you to obtain payment.

You can also call the hospital where your husband had his surgery and ask a billing specialist if the facility offers financial assistance. According to the American Hospital Association, about half of U.S. hospitals are nonprofit. This means they are required to offer free or discounted services in some instances. This is usually reserved for low to moderate income patients who have limited or no health insurance, but requirements vary from hospital to hospital.

Get help: If you've gotten nowhere on your own, contact the Patient Advocate Foundation (patientadvocate.org, 800-532-5274) who can help you understand and negotiate your medical bills, free of charge. Or consider hiring a medical billing professional to negotiate for you but be aware that these services can cost upward of $100 an hour. You can find potential candidates through the Alliance of Professional Health Advocates (advoconnection.com). Be sure to choose someone who is credentialed by the Patient Advocate Certification Board.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I never get as many Christmas presents as I expect.

That's too bad.

I never expected I would.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Talking back to the weather gains me nothing, but I'll continue to do it. If I have to shovel any snow, we've received a lot of snow. Aristotle said, "To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

'Twas the night before Christmas and the oyster stew was stirring

I'd almost made it.

I'd been on my best behavior for a painfully long time.

There were presents bearing my name under a tree clamped firmly into a red and green tree stand that offered support and water. Despite the water, the tree shed needles at a furious pace.

It was Christmas Eve, the last night of the year I had to be a cut above my usual self. There was one last obstacle to overcome. Dun dun dun dunnnnnnnnnnnn! Oyster stew.

Eating oyster stew was a Christmas Eve tradition. My father loved oyster stew. Traditions could have been things he'd endured when he was a boy and he was determined to make sure his progeny suffered through the same traditions.

The milk-based broth was subtle and the little oyster crackers were delicious. I could put a dab of butter on a cracker and turn it into a healthy food option. I was a Platinum Elite member of the Clean Plate Club, a status I'd earned by my concern for starving children everywhere, but I disliked oysters and believed the first human who'd considered one worth eating did so because he couldn't find a pizza place.

My mother knew I didn't relish oysters and put just a few in my bowl. She reminded me I needed to eat them. I counted them first. The supply far exceeded the demand.

I stared at the stew, wishing it away. If the movie "Jaws" had existed, I'd have heard its theme music. There were rumors of gifts going back to the North Pole because a foolish youngster had refused to polish off a bowl of oyster stew.

Knowing it could be worse—a haggis, squid, kimchee and lutefisk stew, for example—I spooned a bite-sized oyster into my mouth and attempted to swallow it.

My body set up a roadblock. My throat closed, refusing to accept delivery. I rose to my feet and jumped up and down until the roadblock had been overcome and the oyster swallowed. It went down hard, but it went down. I repeated the procedure until every oyster had been vanquished.

Christmas was merry and memorable, and I received wonderful presents. I also got a lump of coal. It had been given in jest. I think.

I'd have gotten gifts even if I hadn't finished my oyster stew.

But why tinker with tradition?

I've learned

My family used to hibernate until they started wearing ugly Christmas sweaters.

Never make snow angels in a dog park.

No one can find a spider like someone who is terrified of them.

Moss always grows on the north side of the compass.

Nature notes

The feeders were bustling. "You eat like a bird," an aunt was fond of saying when I picked at my food. I was trying to locate and disarm anything good for me, but I didn't eat like a bird. A chickadee may eat 35% of its weight in food each day and a blue jay 10% of its weight. Generally, the smaller the bird, the greater the percentage of its body weight is its daily food intake.

It was 20° and house sparrows were taking baths in a birdbath. The members of this avian polar bear club plunged in, flew out, shook off the water and warmed up. I've heard of instances when a bird suffered from bathing in freezing temps. That might have been due to the steam produced by a birdbath's heat or perhaps the birds were ill. I see songbirds bathing in naturally occurring water in winter. There is usually no steam to worry about there. Birds have instincts and anatomy on their side.

My memory is excellent. I talked to Dennis and Larry. I mentioned the time we'd birded Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah, a place that preserves the past in heirloom seeds. Larry remembered our birding adventure. Dennis didn't because he wasn't along. I remembered him being there. Maybe my memory is too good.

Meeting adjourned

"Appreciation can make a day, even change your life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary."—Margaret Cousins.

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Fit to print...

'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus'

The title of this article is that of an editorial shared in the New York Sun newspaper in 1897.

Young Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the newspaper with a question about Santa.

The exchange is likely one of the most well known editorials ever to be printed, and reprinted thousands of times since. It was reprinted annually in the Sun after if first appeared in 1897, until the paper went out of business in 1949.

In later interviews, Virginia said that her father was a long time reader of the New York Sun, who trusted what he read in the pages. Her mother also read, and also sent letters to the editors.

Virginia was apparently teased by her classmates, but her belief in Santa did not waiver. So she sought the trusted information source that her parents turned to every day.

Virginia sent the letter shortly after her birthday in July 1897. A response appeared in the September 21, 1897, issue.

The letter ended up in the hands of editor Francis P. Church, who was routinely assigned to respond to controversial and difficult topics. His editorials were written anonymously, including his response to Virginia.

In an editorial after his death, his fellow editors wrote, "We know of no better or briefer way to make the friends of the Sun feel that they too have lost a friend than to violate custom by indicating him as the author of the beautiful and often republished editorial article affirming the existence of Santa Claus, in reply to the question of a little girl."

Virginia O'Hanlon went on to receive a Master's Degree from Columbia University. In 1912 she began a teaching career in the New York City school system. She retired as a principal after 47 years in education. She received many letters over the years about her original letter. To each she sent a special printed copy of the original editorial.

Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81.

According to the New York Times, Virginia's family has continued her efforts to honor and share the Christmas spirit. They appear at events each year, honoring Virginia and reading the editorial at schools and amongst their families. It all started with four sentences sent to the Sun 125 years ago.

Here is the original editorial, as it appeared in the New York Sun in 1897:

Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis B. Church

Editor of the New York Sun 1897

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

December 20, 1922

The theatrical event of this week will be "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," which comes to the Slosson Theatre. There will be special music which would add much to the value of the picture. This movie has been shown in Albert Lea and Mason City at prices as high as $2 for a single seat but manager Haight is only asking 40 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

The Northwood girls who attend the state teacher's college are at home for the holidays, most of them arriving yesterday. They are Misses Agnes Torgerson, Alice Gullickson, Mabel Keeler, Lucille Torgeson, Norma Slosson, Margaret Stehn and Ester and Geneva Mellem. They have two weeks' vacation.

County Agent B.W. Lodwick went to Ames, having some business at the state agricultural college. While there Mr. Lodwick witnessed the spectacular fire that destroyed the armory building on the college grounds.

On December 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Stehn, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Amanda, to Martin T. Johnson, of Brookfield Township at four o'clock, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. L.C. Kenison. The bride and groom took their places and in the presence of the immediate relatives, were united by Rev. Carl Landdeck, of Grafton.

The Farmer's Creamery of Kensett held their annual meeting and transacted their yearly business. Gilbert Nelson was elected president, John Freitag, vice president, Hilmen Gaarder, secretary. The new board of directors are August Krumm, Lewis Garnas, Truman Hogen, John Freitag and Albert Brunsvold.

75 years ago

December 18, 1947

Colonel Herbert Arthur White, Worth County's most distinguished soldier and a recognized authority on international and military law, died on Sunday, Dec. 7, at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He had undergone surgery in recent months but had failed to receive the benefit that had been hoped for. He was 77 years of age.

Officers of the Worth County health improvement association elected at the annual meeting on Monday evening at the Farm Bureau offices in Northwood are Mrs. Harvey Glassell, president; Mrs. Reubem Rustad, vice president; Mrs. Glenn Stoddard, secretary; and Donald Gullickson, treasurer.

Three men who escaped from the farm of the Anamosa men's reformatory last Saturday and held a Waterloo taxi driver captive during an all-night spree, were in Northwood early Sunday morning on a round about trip, which ended at St. Ansgar at about 6 a.m. on Sunday. They were unarmed and were taken without resistance in front of theatre in St. Ansgar.

Funeral services for S/Sgt. Donald L. Nissen, 26, an overseas war casualty whose body has been returned to this country for burial, will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Lutheran church in Fertile. The Rev. Benjamin Coltvet will conduct the rites.

The Farmers Creamery Co., Kensett, has decided to discontinue business and will sell all fixtures and stock of feed and other items at auction next Monday, December 22, commencing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The creamery building was sold some months ago to the Farmers Butter & Cheese Assn. of Northwood.

Mrs. L.A. Baken and Mrs. R.T. Nelson entertained the Girl Scouts on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Baken, the event being the 10th annual Christmas party of the group. Mrs. Elsie Douglass, Mrs. Lyle Bestel, Mrs. John Bush and Miss Lois Everist, assistant leader, were guests.

50 years ago

December 21, 1972

The Lake Mills Bulldogs handed the Northwood-Kensett Vikings their second loss of the season by defeating them 52-41 in a game Tuesday night at Lake Mills. The Bulldogs led the entire game but couldn't get more than a five point lead until the middle of the final quarter when they shot to an 11 point lead and maintained it through the end.

Janson's Barber Shop has moved from the van Der Linden building to the east portion of Ron's Plumbing and Heating on Central Avenue. The move was made Monday and he opened for business in his new shop on Tuesday. The van Der Linden building is being remodeled for the Worth County Social Welfare office and will be occupied sometime in January.

Rev. and Mrs. Roger Buhr pose at a display of Christmas items at a program presented to the First Lutheran Church Women in Northwood last Thursday. Mrs. Buhr made most of the items, assisted by her husband and several items were on display, prepared by other members of the group.

Northwood Jaycee Ettes met Monday at the home of Mrs. Al Venz. Mrs. Robert Hall and Mrs. Duane Thompson are co-chairmen of the conecession stand at the Jaycee sponsored Snowmobile Derby, Sunday, January 14. Mrs. David Arneson was elected secretary to replace Mrs. Milt Solomonson.

The Viking girls basketball team lost 48 to 38 to Riceville in a game there Monday night. Terry Arendts was high scorer for the Vikings with 23 points. Coach Francis Bogges said, "This was the poorest played game of the season, and we were good enough to have won the game." In the junior varsity game, Riceville won by a score of 40 to 23. Margaret Johnson made 13 of the 23 points. Their next game is at Northwood on January 4 against Lake Mills.

25 years ago

December 17, 1997

Northwood-Kensett High School musicians Jolene Schutz, Ben Hengesteg, Cliff Julseth, Theresa Stotts and Megan Julson swing into the spirit of the season while preparing for the coming N-K High Christmas concert at the West Elementary auditorium. The N-K High orchestra, under the direction of David Kovarna, and the N-K High mixed chorus and boys and girls choruses, under the direction of Nichole Barragy, will open their performance at 7 p.m.

The Worth County Sheriff's Department and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation continue to investigate the shooting death of Lowell Stumo. Authorities believe that Stumo died last Sunday of a gunshot wound caused by a high-powered rifle. Beyond that, they had numerous questions, according to Sheriff David Gentz. "We're still trying to figure out what happened," Gentz said Monday. "There are still a lot of unanswered questions here." Stumo's body was found at approximately 10 a.m. last Monday on his Brookfield Township property north of Elk Creek Marsh.

Patti Trenhaile displays a new shipment of Princess Di Beanie Babies, which her shop, The Splinted Basket, has generously donated to help support he Northwood Swimming Pool. Main Street Treasures and Garden Gate Gourmet and Gifts will also donate bears to the cause. The bears will be sold by silent auction to the highest bidders and are advertised in Iowa and Minnesota as well as over the internet.

Worth County Head Start pupils Kaila Lorentzen, Gene Van Deest, Christopher Stromley and Jovan Nelson take their pick of "Reading is Fundamental" materials recently provided to the Manly facility through a grant by reading materials retailers Borders and Waldenbooks. The young quartet makes up a fraction of the 18 children from Northwood, Manly, Plymouth and Grafton who attend Worth County Head Start, according to center director Karen Harris.

10 years ago

December 19, 2012

The children and adults that took part in a special holiday story time at the Northwood Public Library had a number of festive activities to take part in. That included making hand print trees, felt and button tree-shaped ornaments and glitter star ornaments. They read a Christmas book and had Christmas snacks as well.

Learning the value of giving is a gift that students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary receive each year as the holidays approach, as they collect food and funds for the Manna of Worth County food shelves. The holiday tradition started several years ago, when, instead of a gift exchange, the N-K school decided to instead encourage students to give to those in need. Students in Ryan Severson's fifth and sixth grade math classes use the food drive hands on math activities, counting, calculating and graphing the amount of items received as they come in.

An Albert Lea, Minnesota, woman won a top prize of $50,000 playing the lottery's "Peppermint Super Crossword" instant scratch game. Lugene Anderson claimed her prize on December 3 at the Iowa Lottery's headquarters in Des Moines. She purchased her winning ticket at Casey's in Northwood.

A truly unique day, at least mathematically speaking. on December 12, expressed numerically, all 12s, or 12-12-12. That distinction provided a great opportunity for the Northwood-Kensett Math Club to celebrate. Members of the Math Club are pictured choosing the winners of its 12-12-12 drawing. A total of 12 winners were chosen. Prizes include $12 gift certificates to Soup's Pizzeria and Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill, $12 in movie passes, 12 mechanical pencils, 12 Math Club pencils, 12 candy canes, 12 Tootsie Pops, 12 Smarties candy packages, a Math Club T-Shirt, a snowman eraser, a snowman pencil pack and a mini Connect 4 game.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Jill (Stumo) Walker



JILL WALKER

Jill Cathleen Stumo, the daughter of John and Jo (Joan Rabe) Stumo, was born in Ft Knox, Kentucky, on March 14, 1961. She shared her birthdate with the grandmother she never met, Lillian Stumo.

Jill was active in Girl Scouts and 4-H. She was left handed, but mastered cutting and sewing with the proper tools. She became a farm girl who loved to explore the countryside, to help with mom's chickens and dad's pigs. She learned to bake early on and became a great cook. Jill was an excellent seamstress. She enjoyed quilting, camping, biking, traveling, gardening and reading.

Jill graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 1979 - where she enjoyed her art classes above all else. Jill attended Hamilton Business College, where she made the Deans Honor Roll.

Jill worked a variety of jobs. But her favorite was waitressing at the Viking Restaurant on their famous fish fry night. She was featured in an article by the food critic for the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He described her saying she "served us as if we were guests in her family's farm home."

While receiving treatments for breast cancer, Jill was also diagnosed with ALS. It progressed much faster than anticipated. Jill passed away on December 16, 2022.

Jill is survived by her parents; her daughter, Joyce (Richard) Sanchez; and grandchildren, Ronin and Rayna Sanchez and Harley Sorensen. She was preceded in death by her son, Jon in 2020; and her grandparents, Nellie Rabe and Peter and Lillian Stumo.

A memorial service for Jill and her son, Jon will be held at a later date.*

George Kauffman



GEORGE KAUFFMAN

George C. Kauffman, Jr., 73, of Kensett died on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

A Celebration of his life was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Bride Colonial Chapel, 110 East Spring Street, Manly.

Visitation began at 12:30 p.m. and was held until the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Mason City Cancer Center, or an organization of your choosing.

The son of George C. Sr. and Blanche (Twigg) Kauffman, George Jr. was born on April 12, 1949, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Cumberland Valley High School in 1976 and soon after entered into the United States Army, where he served as a cook. Following his honorable discharge he married JoEllen, who passed away. Later he married Tanya (Leese) Bowles and the couple had two children, Jennifer and Tammy. George traveled with the carnival for almost 12 years. On August 24, 2022, George married the love of his life, Linda M. Harris, in Nashua. Together they had two children, Tiffany and Josh. George worked in various places, most notably at Kraft and later at Carroll George, from which he retired.

George always enjoyed the outdoors. Whether it was time on the lake fishing, camping with the family or just watching the birds, he looked forward to being outside. He was a huge NASCAR and Pittsburgh Steelers fan and over the years had collected numerous pieces of memorabilia. George enjoyed woodworking and creating pieces to share with family and friends. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, or at least "knew a guy" that could take care of it. But most of all, George loved his family. Becoming a grandpa was one of his greatest loves and he cherished time spent with them.

Those surviving are his wife of 37 years, Linda; children, Tammy (Dale) Baker of Waynesboro, Penn., Jenny Walters of Shermansdale, Penn., Tiffany Prince of Mason City and Josh (Heather) Kauffman of Kensett; grandchildren, Alexandria, Madison, Dustin, Itan, Bailey, Courtney, Zackery, Nathan, David, Natalie, Dylan, Jocelyn, Dmitri and Ava; great-grandchildren, Lily, Bentley and Olivia; siblings, Mary Louis Ney, Suzanne (Wayne Guy) Kauffman, and Mike (Cathy) Kauffman; nephew, Todd (Kim) Kauffman; as well as numerous extended family.

Preceding him in death are his parents, George Sr. and Blanche; and his first wife, JoEllen.

Tips for Christmas tree selection care and disposal

For many Iowans, decorating their homes with a live Christmas tree serves as an important holiday tradition. While artificial trees can be a time saving alternative, the charm of a cut tree cannot be replicated for some. However, as Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach explains, it is important to follow a few simple guidelines for Christmas tree selection, care and disposal to ensure an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

As Steil explains in an article for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Horticulture and Home Pest News, Christmas trees are available from both cut-your-own tree farms and commercial lots.

Many species of Christmas tree are available in both local farms and in commercial lots. "Tree species commonly available at tree farms and commercial lots in Iowa include Scotch pine, white pine, red pine, Fraser fir, balsam fir, Canaan fir, Douglas fir, white spruce and Colorado spruce," adds Steil.

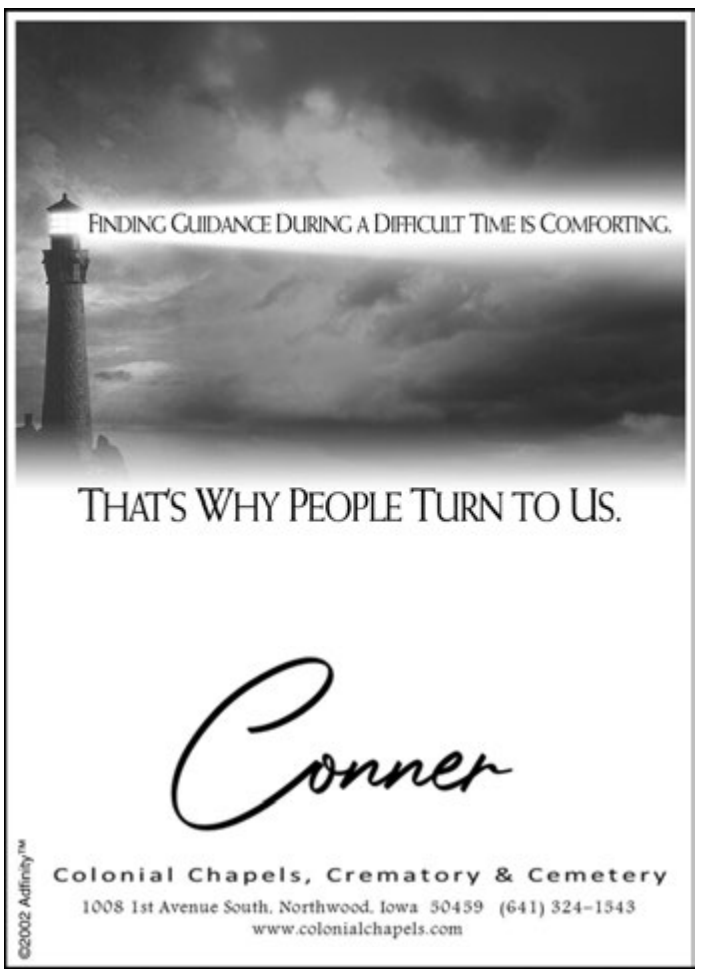
Before selecting a tree, it is important to consider where the tree will be placed within the home. "Be sure to choose a location away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or radiator. Also, decide on the size (height and width) of the tree you want," explains Steil.

While trees from cut-your-own farms are obviously fresh, trees from commercial lots may be cut, shipped and then stored for weeks before arriving in the lot, so it is important to check these trees for freshness. Needles on a fresh tree should be pliable, while those on a dry tree will be brittle.

After purchasing a tree, it is important to get the tree into water as quickly as possible. Before bringing the tree into the house, remove an inch or more from the bottom of the trunk to facilitate water uptake.

The most important factor in caring for a cut tree is providing enough water. To ensure a cut tree lives for as long as possible, use a tree stand with a large water reservoir and check water levels frequently. As Steil explains, it is best to use clear, plain water, as additives such as sugar or molasses provide no benefit to the tree.

After the holidays, Christmas trees can be disposed of or recycled in many ways. It is important not to burn Christmas trees.





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On Monday evening, December 12, Lori Willert and Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the Christmas Concert in New Richland, Minnesota. Evelyn Nydegger, who is a junior at NREHG School, is part of the high school band.

On Sunday afternoon, December 18, Joe and Linda Nydegger and Lori Willert met Loren and Renee and Anna Nydegger, who is on break from Wartburg College, at Mt. Vernon High School to attend the chorus, band and orchestra Concerts. Ben and Clare Nydegger participate in various choruses and band performances, including Jazz Band.

Supervisors

December 15, 2022
Special Meeting/
Closed Session

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met in special session pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 P.M. Present: Chairman Mark Smeby, Vice-Chairman Enos Loberg and Supervisor A.J. Stone, County Attorney Jeff Greve, Winn-Worth Betco Executive Director Melissa Michaelis and Auditor Jacki Backhaus.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the potential sale of lots at the I-35/Hwy 105 Interchange.

The Board went into closed session to discuss the sale of particular real estate under Iowa Code Secion 21.5(j) at 1:10 P.M. The Board came out of closed session at 1:39 P.M.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 P.M.

Reports, correspondence and other documents that were presented at today's meeting are placed on file with the supplemental minutes.

Mark Smeby, Chairperson
ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF WORTH COUNTY
EQUITY NO: EQCV012836
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Idaho Housing and Finance Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Lindsay J. Breitkreutz a/k/a Lindsay Jo Breitkreutz; Nicolas J. Breitkreutz; United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; State of Iowa, Child Support Recovery Unit; Unknown Spouse, if any of Lindsay J Breitkreutz, a/k/a Lindsay Jo Breitkreutz; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Nicolas J Breitkreutz; Parties in Possession, et al.
Defendants.

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on August 25, 2022, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of $93,994.91, with 4.25% per annum interest thereon from February 1, 2020, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from September 16, 2015, located in Worth county, Iowa:

LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THREE (3), IN BLOCK NINE (9), OF MITCHELL'S ADDITION TO MANLY, WORTH COUNTY, IOWA,

Also described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3, in Block 9, of Mitchell's Addition to Manly, Worth County, Iowa, commonly known as 337 E Elmore St, Manly, IA 50456 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Andrea Dyar, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 1401 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

NOTICE

The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until twelve months (or six months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before 17th day of January, 2023, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Worth County, at the county courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 641-494-3611. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI.

By: CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
Worth County Courthouse
1000 Central Ave,
Northwood, IA 50459

IMPORTANT:
YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

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Supervisors

December 12, 2022
Fiftith 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 December 5, 2022 meetings. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of $5,596.48 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD#52 Main, Prof Services.....$675.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD#13, Prof Services.....$2,471.50
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD#11, Prof Services.....$945.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD#13, Prof Services.....$270.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc., DD#46/ Lat 9, Prof Services.....$135.00
Peterson Excavating, DD#34, Prof Services.....$1,099.98
$5,596.48

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $133,578.37 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Eng 1,178.26
A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf 94.29
Access Systems Leasing
Service-Dap 98.50
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf..... 1,841.84
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 63.97
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr .. 105.93
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng 25,835.74
Bice Electric Llc
Service-Gsr 300.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,381.39
Certified Laboratories
Fuel-Eng 809.65
Cindy Thompson
Reimb-Asr..... 211.91
City Of Fertile, Rutf-Eng 1,644.78
City Of Grafton, Rutf-Eng . 935.51
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 407.75
City Of Joice, Rutf-Eng... 1,128.85
City Of Kensett, Rutf-Eng . 571.53
City Of Manly
Service-Eng 52.00
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 680.28
Forest City Ford, Inc
Equip-Shf..... 30,071.40
Gardiner + Company
Service-Ndp 4,500.00
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 6,481.42
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng 566.16
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Ww..... 3,239.56
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 229.26
Ia County Atty's Assoc
Edu-Aty..... 370.00
Ia Dept Of Agriculture
Edu-Eng..... 45.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy
Edu-Shf..... 750.00
Icap, Service-Ins..... 74.00
Imwca
Wk Comp Prem-Ins..... 20,641.00
Isaca District Ii Auditors
Dues-Aud 20.00
J&L Autobody And Customs Llc
Service-Shf..... 180.00
Jay Heims, Reimb-Asr 876.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf..... 85.34
Judy Stevens, Reimb-Asr 12.83
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Shf 1,002.29
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Gsr 607.00
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 431.17
Lexisnexis, Service-Aty..... 183.00
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr..... 504.15
Midwest Acutech Llc
Service-Phd..... 300.00
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Parts-Eng..... 505.92
North Central International
Parts-Eng..... 8.74
Ram Systems, Service-Phd 720.00
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 141.35
Reserve Account
Postage-Aud 1,000.00
The Sidwell Company
Service-Dap 1,891.89
Val Paulson, Mileage-Drng 145.00
Verizon Wireless
Service-Ema 40.01
Viafield, Supplies-Con 12.02
Visa, Service-Asr..... 1,427.77
Wex Bank, Service-Tra ... 2,044.86
Whks & Co, Service-Eng. 6,150.00
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Gsr 3,410.89
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf..... 6,673.30
Worth County Extension
Edu-Eng..... 350.00
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Gsr..... 31.47
Ziegler Inc, Service-Eng..... 513.39
Grand Total 133,578.37

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the clerk of court's monthly report. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve salary change to $24.48/ hour starting December 1, 2022 for Blair Brunsvold, Tom Clagett and Josh Rosenberg and $25.49/ hour starting November 29, 2022 for Mark Eliertson as submitted by the engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve Resolution #2022.12.12 Resolution to Adopt Right-to-Use Lease Asset Policy for Worth County. Roll call: Stone – Aye; Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the Auditor's Office).

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to acknowledge the Compensation Board recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 8:57 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in special session at City Hall on 12/12/22 at 5 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

The purpose of the work session was to review the City Code of Ordinances & Rental Inspection Program.

No action taken.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Cindy Borcherding
Deputy Clerk

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 12/12/22 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Work Session Minutes of 11/28/22; Council Meeting Minutes of 11/28/22; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

Payable to:
For:
Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH fee..... $20.00
Iowa Finance Authority.....
Sewer Revenue Bond Interest.....
..... $61,257.50
Iowa Finance Authority
Sewer GO Bond Interest.....
..... $26,980.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $388.57
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Water Excise Tax $1,132.05
Verizon Wireless
Cell phones, fire line-tr,fd.....
..... $128.01
Visa
Supplies, postage, conference-cc.
..... $139.74
Iowa DNR, Water Permit $100.00
Iowa DNR
Wastewater Permit..... $100.00
Principal, Insurance..... $475.77
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Insurance..... $11,577.55
Payroll, Wages $19,222.84
Alliant Energy
Services..... $16,070.57
US Postal Service
Mailing-cc $328.24
Payroll, Wages..... $41,357.61
A & I Auto, Repairs-pw.... $113.30
Albert Lea Seed, Seed-pw $290.00
Carquest, Supplies-pw..... $459.94
Chamber of Commerce
Northwood Dollars..... $575.00
Chelsey Doty, Refund-cc.... $75.00
D&L Equipment
Parts-pw $771.05
David Patrick
Services-cc $60.00
Eilertson Repair
Repairs-pw..... $92.00
Falkstone
Supplies-pw $395.67
Grafton Welding
Repairs- $495.00
Hawkins, Supplies-pw .. $2,892.31
Huber Supply Co.
Cyclinder-pw $38.97
IMWCA, Premium $964.00
In Control, Inc.
Services-pw..... $397.50
Iowa One Call
Services-pw..... $22.50
Iowa Prison Industries
Golf Cart Tags-cc..... $440.00
John Deere Financial
Freight, Supplies..... $634.60
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-pw, park $3,930.88
Kevin Springer Const.
Services-cc $300.00
Knutson Oil Co.
Fuel-pw,tr..... $2,467.00
Lawson Products
Supplies-pw $113.34
Luke Hoffman
Services-park..... $929.23
Metering & Technology
Supplies-pw $2,510.84
Microbac Labs
Testing-pw..... $642.50
Midwest Pipe Supply
Supplies-pw $2,094.00
Northwood Anchor
Publications..... $477.80
Northwood Electric
Repairs, Christmas Lights .....
..... $3,091.99
Northwood Sanitation
Bags-cc..... $660.00
Northwood Sanitation
Garbage Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation $800.00
Nwd Waterworks
Water Dep. Refund-cc $50.00
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Water Deposit Refund-cc . $50.00
Proline Dist.
Supplies-pw $25.66
Quality Pump & Control
Repairs-pw..... $357.96
Richard Butler
Expenses-pw..... $30.00
Temple Display, LTD
Christmas Decorations $2,130.25
Trading Post, Parts-pw.... $259.99
Three Oaks Greenhouse
Spruce tops $945.00
WCTA
Phone/Internet Services $638.27
Worth Co. Extension
Training..... $245.00
Worth Co. Sheriff Office
Police Services..... $31,170.75
Worth Co. Treasurer
Drainage Assessment . $2,220.00
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Baker & Taylor
Materials $249.28
Alliant Energy
Utilities..... $343.41
Demco, Supplies..... $429.57
Visa, Supplies..... $1,235.26
Baker & Taylor
Materials $565.58
Center Point Large Print
Materials $127.90

Summary of November 2022 receipts by fund type: General - $462,064.67; Special Revenue-$31,253.42; Debt Service - $6,240.21; Capital Projects-$2,917.02; Enterprise-$87,780.01; Trust & Agency - $0.

Summary of November 2022 disbursements by fund type: General - $269,461.64; Special Revenue-$299,592.53; Debt Service-$3,000.00; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise- $74,701.82; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Cindy Borcherding, Deputy Clerk

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in the Administrative Office at 7:00 P.M.

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

(5-0) Approved the Agenda for December 8, 2022; November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Financial Reports for November; December bills for payment

Report

Elementary Principal: 1) Elementary Christmas Concert on December 8th 2) Partnered with the Wo Co Sheriff's office and ran a lockdown drill on November 16th 3) Ag in the classroom staff were at the Elementary to provide students with ag-related lessons.

Secondary Principal: 1) Discussion regarding proposed handbook language to portion of dress code we discussed in November 2) Math Club charitable fundraiser

Superintendent: 1) Security Assessment Report 2) Radon Testing will begin in December 3) Christmas Staff Fundraiser 4) Review of report that shows the last five year's finances.

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm

New Business:

(5-0) roll call vote approved the modified supplemental amount of $60,032 due to an increase of certified enrollment from the prior year

(5-0) allow Middle School Kids who are accompanied by their High School Siblings be allowed into the Viking Athletic Complex

(5-0) appoint Bradley Christianson to the Worth County Conference Board

(5-0) approved the second reading of policy changes, 501.2, 501.14, 501.15, 503.1, 503.1R1, 503.5, and new policies, 503.6, 504.5, 507.2

MMSP (5-0) approve the review of the 400-policy series

MMSP (5-0) approve the first reading of policy changes 401.1, 401.7, 401.9, 401.10, 401.12R1, 403.6E2, 407.2, 409.3, 412.2

(5-0) approve the deletion of policies 401.15, 401.16, 401.17, 401.18, 402.5, 402.7, 402.8, 405.10, 409.2E1, 410.3, 410.5

Discussion regarding proposed MS/HS handbook language to portion of dress code, No Action Taken

(5-0) approve the purchase of golf simulator for $12,649.99 from TruGolf

(5-0) approved the Math Club Charitable Fundraiser with proceeds donated to the Humane Society of North Iowa

Personnel

(5-0) approved Brad Zipse as evening custodian 20 hours per week at $14.00 per hour in the VAC

(5-0) approve Barb Butler as a Special Education associate at the secondary building at a rate of $13.00 per hour

(5-0) approve Stacy Martin as Head Softball Coach for the Summer of 2023

(5-0) approve Mike Piper as Volunteer Girls Wrestling Coach

(5-0) adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm

Northwood-Kensett Community School District
Vendor Name
Vendor Description
Amount
A & I AUTO, REPAIRS 660.84
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
propane..... 1,082.13
AIRGAS USA, LLC
SUPPLIES..... 194.20
All Star Pest Control
pest control..... 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY..... 13,573.43
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 1,349.29
BLICK ART MATERIALS
SUPPLIES..... 278.84
Buck, Brian, REPAIRS..... 587.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
SUPPLIES..... 78.36
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD
Shared Positions 19,038.00
Christianson, Bradley
REIMBURSEMENT..... 176.25
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 843.31
Creative Coating Solutions
equipment..... 3,360.00
Crozier, Michael
REIMBURSEMENT..... 417.50
DRIVEWISE, service..... 790.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 870.63
HENGESTEG, KIM
REIMBURSEMENT..... 53.44
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service 215.00
John Deere Financial
parts and service..... 606.74
JOURNEYED.COM INC
SUPPLIES..... 53.07
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 180.82
Kroneman, Mari Ann
REIMBURSEMENT..... 288.97
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., SERVICE..... 867.34
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs..... 741.39
MARTIN BROTHERS
SUPPLIES..... 1,218.67
Medical Enterprises, Inc.
supplies/fees 975.00
Microsoft, COMPUTER . 1,066.99
NOLTE, CORNMAN & JOHNSON P.C.
AUDIT SERVICES 4,000.00
NORTH IOWA AREA COMM. COLLEGE 35.00
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SUPPLIES..... 1,485.00
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ELECTRICAL SERVICES .....
..... 2,293.00
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Omaha Stage Equipment
Stage Curtain..... 49,795.52
One Source Background Check Company
background checks..... 162.00
Painters Gear Inc
Field Painter Repair 910.84
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
BOOKS..... 262.77
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY - MC, SUPPLIES..... 99.99
REALLY GOOD STUFF, LLC
SUPPLIES..... 457.92
Rieman Music, Inc
supplies..... 0.00
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY, SUPPLIES 437.51
School Bus Sales
school bus 808.90
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC
SUPPLIES..... 400.43
Security & Communication Professionals
security services..... 305.50
Staples Business Credit
supplies..... 419.99
TEACHER DIRECT
SUPPLIES..... 412.12
United States Treasury
payroll taxes..... 1,524.83
VISA, supplies..... 473.33
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service . 1,150.95
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas 4,572.76
OLSON INSURANCE
insurance..... 7,104.00
HENGESTEG, KIM
reimbursement..... 18.44
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 64.96
Fund Number 10..... 127,567.97
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 155.17
Barrett, Jonathan
official 80.00
Central Rivers Area Education Agency, service..... 12.00
CORNERPOST, THE
supplies..... 407.51
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
supplies..... 102.40
Decorah High School, fee.... 80.00
Eisentrager, Scott
official 200.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 259.25
FAUSNAUGH, TIM
official 70.00
Flower Forager, supplies 15.00
GOOD NEWS TOUR & TRAVEL
travel..... 10,400.00
Graettinger-Terril High School
fee..... 100.00
GREIMAN, TODD
official 120.00
HOBBS, BRIAN
official 120.00
Jay Brian Comedy Hypnotist
entertainment 500.00
KING, DION, official 80.00
Leber, Brandon, Official 80.00
Mason City High School
fee..... 125.00
MCCONE GOURMET FOODS
supplies..... 1,440.00
MENARDS, SUPPLIES.... 129.36
MINNTEX CITRUS
supplies..... 25,796.46
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CSD
fee..... 100.00
NCIBA, fee..... 30.00
Northern Festival of Bands
fee..... 36.00
NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC PC, physical..... 380.00
OSAGE CSD, fee..... 50.00
Pangburn, Cindy
reimb supplies..... 376.12
Patterson, Jared, official..... 80.00
PEARCE, BRIAN
official 120.00
Pizza Ranch, meals 1,363.00
Reindl, Jordan
reimb supplies..... 75.00
Rice, Dan, official 240.00
RICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
fee..... 40.00
Rieman Music, Inc
supplies..... 191.19
RUSTAD, DUANE
official 80.00
Schroeder, Mel, Official 190.00
SMITH, TROY
official 80.00
SNAPPY POPCORN
supplies..... 1,658.00
SULLIVAN, TOM
official 80.00
SUNTKEN, CHRIS
official 120.00
Thein, Trevor, official 120.00
TJADEN, RANDY
official 120.00
Valdus Performance Clothing LLC..... 2,300.00
VRIEZE, JON
official 200.00
WEST FORK CSD
fee..... 120.00
Whitehill, Scott
official 200.00
Fund Number 21..... 48,621.46
Dean Snyder Construction Co
general contractor services.....
..... 137,436.49
UMB Bank NA
bond payment..... 300.00
Fund Number 33..... 137,736.49
Atura Architecture
architecture services.... 3,171.10
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., service..... 2,165.97
Marco, copier lease..... 1,329.29
NCI North Central International
Repairs..... 5,044.16
PREMIER POLYSTEEL
supplies..... 2,002.12
Security & Communication Professionals
security services..... 3,145.00
Fund Number 36..... 16,857.64
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
MILK..... 2,597.64
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES
SUPPLIES..... 934.18
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 24.01
MARTIN BROTHERS
Food/Supplies..... 12,102.72
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD..... 787.37
Fund Number 61..... 16,445.92

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Never intimidated about going up against the big guys, N-K's point guard, Lamonte Sims drives the lane in last Monday night's 74-39 non-conference loss in Armstrong. Sims scored 10 points in the loss and is now second on the team this season, scoring 11.0 points per game.



The Vikings' Carter Anderson glides down the baseline for two points in last Monday's 74-39 loss to North Union in Armstrong. Anderson led the team with seven boards against the Warriors and is now second on the team so far this year with 6.7 rebounds per game.

Two-point second quarter dooms the Vikings in 74-39 loss to NU

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

At times this season the Vikings offense has been one of the best in the Top of Iowa Conference East, but at other times, like last Monday night in Armstrong, the men from Northwood-Kensett just can't seem to catch a break, or a basket.

And although the Vikings started the game slow, scoring just nine points while surrendering 23 to the home team, with this talented group of young men, anything is possible, any deficit can be overcome.

But when the Vikings were nearly held scoreless in the second quarter, scoring just two points, facing a 31-point deficit at the halftime break, this game was more or less over except just waiting for the final horn to sound.

The Vikings did snap out of their offensive blues in the final eight minutes of play, pouring in a game high 18 points, but with the Warriors scoring 74 points, 21 points above and beyond their season average per game, N-K eventually fell by 35 points to its non-conference foe.

Sophomore Kooper Julseth led the team with 13 points while Lamonte Sims added 10 points. Carter Anderson led the Vikings with seven rebounds, including a team high three on the offensive glass.

NU 74, N-K 39

N-K	9	2	10	18 – 39
NU	23	19	22	10 – 74

TIC East Boys Basketball Standings

	TIC East	Overall
Newman Catholic	4-0	5-0
West Fork	3-0	3-0
Nashua-Plainfield	3-1	3-1
Osage	3-1	4-1
North Butler	-3	2-4
Saint Ansgar	1-3	2-4
Central Springs	0-5	1-5
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HS Vocal.....Sun, 4 pm
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HS Band .....Sun, 6 pm
HS Vocal.....Fri, 6 pm
MS Band .....Fri, 12:30 pm
MS Vocal.....Sat, 10:30 am
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HS Band .....Sat, 12 pm
HS Vocal.....Sun, 2 pm
Hancock County Little Theatre.....
.....Fri, 8 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church Service
FC.....Sat, 5 pm
Lake Mills
5/6 Band/Vocal.....Sun, 1 pm
HS Band/Vocal.....Sat, 11 am
MS Band/Vocal.....Fri, 5 pm
Luverne
Elementary .....Sat, 1 pm
Newman Catholic
HS Band/Vocal.....Sun, 8 pm
North Iowa
Elementary .....Sun, 3 pm
HS Band/Vocal.....Fri, 4 pm
MS Band/Vocal.....Sat, 8 pm
Northwood-Kensett
HS Band/Vocal.....Fri, 2 pm
United Methodist Church Service FC
.....Sat, 6 pm
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Elementary .....Sun, 5 pm
HS Band/Vocal.....Fri, 3 pm
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N-K's Ella Leonard looks to the basket with a North Union defender trying to force her out of the lane. Leonard scored five points and pulled down six rebounds in the 45-25 non-conference loss in Armstrong. The junior post player is averaging seven points (2nd) and 5.5 rebounds (2nd) so far this season.



Lady Viking point guard Madalynn Hanson breaks free for an open, running jumper last Monday night in Armstrong. Hanson went 0-3 from the field but helped her team in many other ways, including six rebounds, two assists and two steals. The talented junior leads the team this season with 3.5 assists per game.

Lady Vikings lose to North Union 45-25 in non-conference action

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team fell to 1-3 overall after last Monday night's 45-25 loss to North Union in Armstrong, falling to its non-conference opponent for the fifth consecutive time, losing five of the six games played now between the two programs.

Consistent play, or the lack of it, plagued the Lady Vikings once again as they played a nearly perfect first quarter, trailing just 10-8 after the first eight minutes of play, only to turn around and score just three points in the second quarter, going to the locker room at the halftime break facing a still manageable seven-point deficit at 18-11.

That deficit once again grew just a little in the third quarter where the Lady Vikings kept pace with the Warriors, scoring seven points while holding NU to just 11, but the gap between the two teams swelled to 11 points at 29-18 to begin the final eight minutes of play.

Needing a big quarter on offense and a stingy defense to keep the Warriors in check and to give the Lady Vikings a shot at a comeback, N-K put up another seven points in the fourth. Unfortunately for N-K though the Warriors had their best eight minutes of the contest, pouring in a game high 16 points in the fourth, securing the 45-25 non-conference win in front of their home fans.

Junior Chloe Costello led the team with nine points and six steals while Morgan Wallin and Ella Leonard combined for 10 points and 16 rebounds. Wallin has been a beast on the boards this season despite spending most of her time on the perimeter, now boasting a team high 7.0 rebounds per game.

The weather limited the Lady Vikings to just one game last week but hopefully it will be more cooperative this week. N-K had games on Monday at Newman Catholic and Tuesday at Central Springs.

NU 45, N-K 25

N-K	8	3	7	7	– 25
NU	10	8	11	16	– 45

TIC East Girls Basketball Standings

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Newman Catholic	3-1	4-2	
Saint Ansgar	3-1	4-2	
Northwood-Kensett	1-1	1-3	
Central Springs	1-3	3-3	
Nashua-Plainfield	1-3	2-3	
North Butler	0-4	2-4	
Rockford	0-3	0-5	

N-K picks up first two wins of the season at Viking Duals

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Finally able to compete against teams of similar size, the Northwood-Kensett boys wrestling team, at last Saturday's Viking Duals, picked up its first wins of the season, defeating Tripoli 48-24 and Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock 48-12.

To show just how shorthanded some of these teams are this season, Saturday's first opponent, Tripoli and the Vikings wrestled just one match out of the 14 weight classes, a Treycen Rollene win by fall over Wesley Brandt.

But with just a few more bodies than Tripoli, the Vikings were able to win the forfeit game and prevailed for the first win of the season over Tripoli, 48-24.

Wrestling a team that's more in line with their numbers, the Vikings had a very competitive match against Humboldt, picking up three wins out of the five matches wrestled, all by fall, including Linca Scarlett over Sam Knight, Alex Tiedemann over Joseph Keenan and Trent Tiedemann over Cael Donahe.

But unlike the Tripoli match, Humboldt was able to prevail by sending just a few more kids out to get their hands raised by forfeit, finally defeating the Vikings in a nailbiter, 37-30.

Facing a 33-6 deficit in their match against Graettinger-Terril/Ruthven-Ayrshire with just six remaining in the dual, the Vikings faced an uphill climb but did add one more win before falling to the Titans 63-12, a Rollene win by fall over Aaron Wilson who the talented Viking defeated in just 20 seconds.

Facing a RRMR team that perhaps has the smallest roster in the Top of Iowa Conference, sometimes able to put just three or four kids on the mat at any one time, the Vikings came out on top, crushing the depleted Warriors 48-12.

The Vikings were able to get just three matches out of RRMR, all wins by fall, including Alex Tiedemann, Rollene and Trent Tiedemann.

The Vikings took their three wins to Lake Mills on Tuesday for a quad, while the Trailblazers, the all-girls team consisting of young ladies from Northwood-Kensett, Central Springs, Saint Ansgar, Lake Mills and Forest City, were in action on Tuesday as well, is in Saint Ansgar.



N-K's Aden Bice had some opportunities in his Humboldt match but despite wrestling to the end of time, lost his match against Levi Marchant by a 9-1 major decision.



The Vikings' Treycen Rollene prepares to let his Tripoli opponent get a taste of the new wrestling mats in last Saturday's 48-24 win over the Panthers. Rollene and the Panthers' Wesley Brandt were the only ones to actually wrestle in this forfeit fest, with Rollene putting his opponent's shoulders on the mat with just 10 seconds remaining in the second period.







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2. Basketball
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Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A ball
2. A beanbag chair
3. Remote snake

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Lots of love, Ian

Dear Santa,
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1. Ice skates
2. Snow globe
3. Stuffed animals

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Dear Santa,
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1. Dinosaur Rex
2. Spinosaurus
3. Velociraptor

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Lots of love, Oliver

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Doll
2. Bouncy ball
3. Teddy bear

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
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1. Lights
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Lots of love, Myles

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A doll
2. A fake snake
3. A fake baby

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Kollyns

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A skateboard
2. A toy cat
3. A red ball

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Elon

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A barbie dream house
2. A barbie
3. A pokemon

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Aubree



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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A snake box
2. A gel blaster
3. Deer hunting set

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Hudson

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A tablet
2. Headphones
3. A bike

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Kennedi

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Makeup
2. Toy dog
3. Dolls and doll house

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Dinah

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Dinosaur
2. Smashers
3. Candy Cane

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Lucas

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Tablet
2. Monster truck
3. A toy tractor

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Cohen

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Briar Horse
2. Barbie camper
3. LOL Dolls

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Kinslie

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Remote Control Snake
2. Snow Globe
3. Ipod

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Nova









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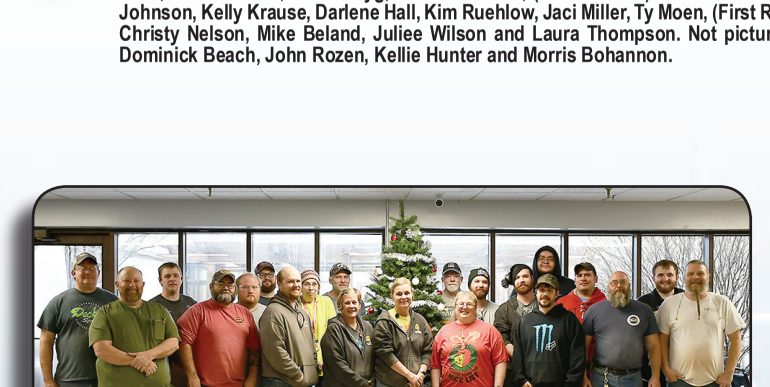
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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A Pokemon box with sleeves
2. Tin of Pokemon cards
3. A Pokemon game

I will leave a glass of milk for you and sparkles for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Ryan

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A pop it
2. A barbie
3. A baby doll

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Kenlyn

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. A doll house
2. Stuff Animal
3. Matching jammies with cousin

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Harper

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. LOL Doll
2. Color Reveal Doll
3. A doll house

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Cambria

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Teacher doll
2. A pet
3. New shoes

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Davina

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Barbie with barn
2. Doll house
3. Toys

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Mia

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Spideyting toys
2. Rescue vide vider toys
3. Blue Christmas Toys

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1. Tractors
2. Semi
3. Combine

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Paxton

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Charzard
2. Pikachu
3. Nerf guns

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Jack

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Orange kitten
2. Pattern Blocks
3. Toy glasses

I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Adrianna

Santa Claus
The North Pole Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. How is your year?
1. Dinosaur
2. Table
3. Computer

Lots of love, Trealyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Ellery. I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are Play doh Ice cream set, joke books, candies cookie mis clues resape/lagos, art set, echeech, makeup, render, a bell from comet, tv, ball shoes, books, mini starburst, fidgets, 100 squishes, fidgets barar, water botelis, 100 pusos. PS- you are the best sparks is owes so kind and for giving us presents.
Thank you Santa,
From Ellery

Dear Santa,
My name is Nora. I have been good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are a bling, makeup, cookies, mis Claes resape, candy, triabell from Dancer, Balay shoes, books, mini starbrust, echascesch, rander, back set, figits, 100 squshes, figits, tuBawari water bottles, puzzles. PS You do not need to give me this all pick what you want. Love you Santa. Thank you Santa from Nora. Sparkles is all ways vary kind. I wish she can stay after Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Bria. I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are a doll house, and a bake set, play doe, ice cream maker, hare extensions, coloring stuff, randeer, candy, cookies, mis clues respay, bell from the reindeer, snowman. Thank you Santa, from Bria.

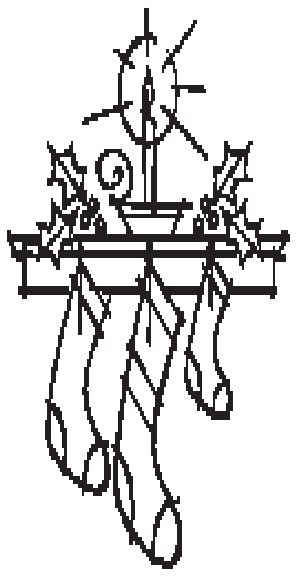


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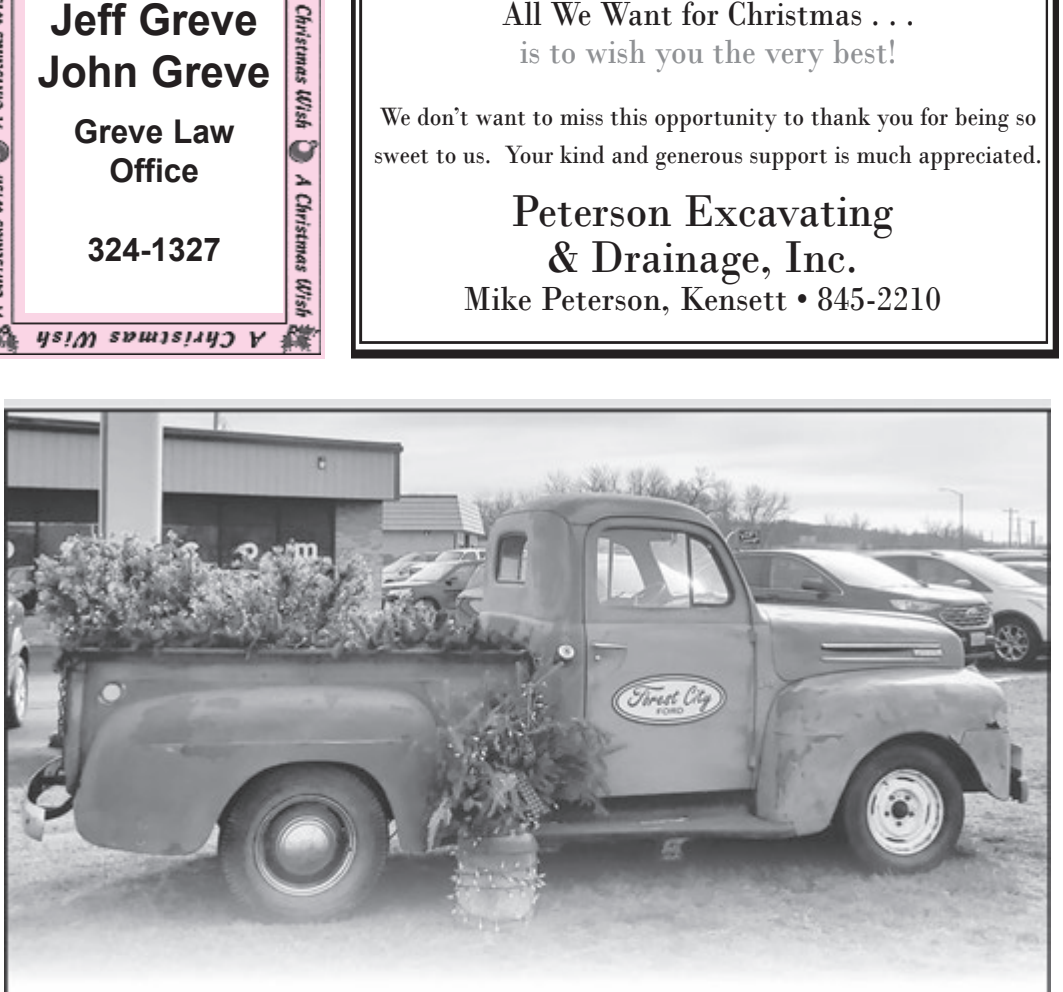
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1.Barbie ambulance
2. Barbie dream house
3. Paw patrol movie remote
I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Ellie

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Toy dinosaur
2. Toy giraffe
3. Toy elephant
I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Maylynn

Dear Santa,
As I have been really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory…
1. Tablet
2. Fan
3. Toy tractor
I will leave a glass of milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Lots of love, Maximus

Dear Santa,
Christmas for Kaydance
1. Paw Patrol toys
2. Spidy toys
3. Chase stuffy
4. Snickers
5. Picture of our family
6. Stachu of Heather
7. Tablet

Dear Santa,
Christmas for Charlotte
1. Squishies
2. Slime
3. Orbees
4. Gliter
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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, This holiday season, I am 9 years old. This year I have been nice. My holiday wishes are AirPods, Pokemon, so sih and live it in the fridge a cramur. Be sure to look on the tree to put the prelit for the presents and the fun that I'll leave for you and the reindeer.

Love, Gabe

Dear Santa, This holiday season, I am 9 years old. This year I have been nice. My holiday wishes are big lego sets, xbox gift cards, Pokemon crds, my sining monster's stuff, Nintendo switch games, monster jam, legos, olive garden, Olives, watermelon. Be sure to look on the table for the cookies, milk and the carrots that I'll leave for you and the reindeer!

Love, Logan

Dear Santa, This holiday season, I am 2 years old. This year I have been nice. My holiday wishes are train, dinosaur. Be sure to look on the table for the cookies, carrots and the milk that I'll leave for you and the reindeer!

Love, Enzo

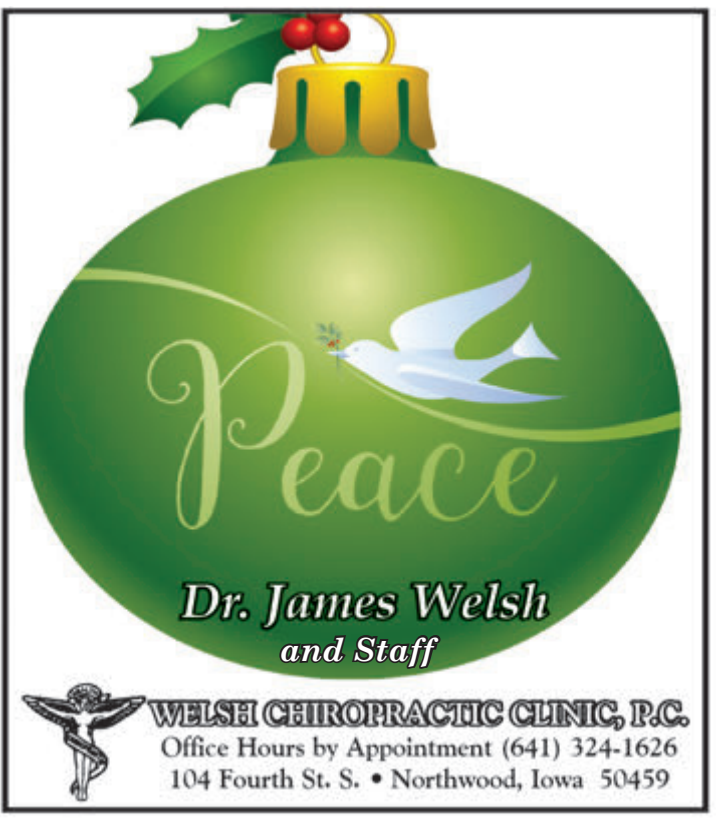
Dear Santa,

1. Elf stuff
2. Pajamas with hood encanto
3. Reindeer stuff
4. Picture Frame purple
5. Stickers Encanto Stickers
6. Unicorn Robot
7. Candy cane. No mint. Rainbow Please

Love Avery Rae Nielsen.

I am going to be 5 years old on Dec. 22.

Merry Christmas

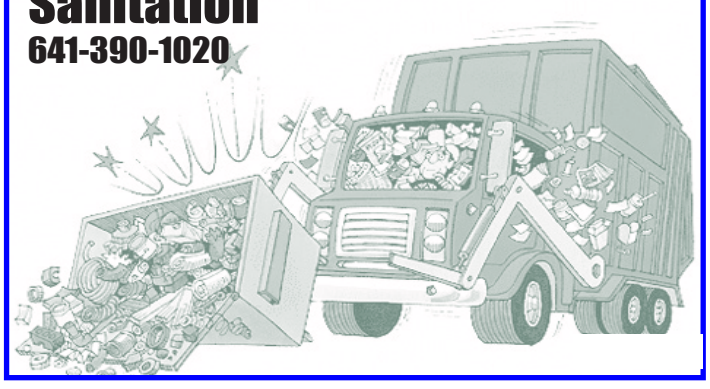


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Love Nolan

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1. Beware of the Bear game
2. Paw Patrol log truck with the dog name AL
3. Marble Run track
4. Rocky vehicle from the movie!
5. Operation Game

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3. Air soft bullets that dissolve in the rain
4. Ukulele
5. Violin

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Dear Santa,
My name is Bauer and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas please bring me:

1. Batman car
2. Back Panther car
3. Ginger bread house craft
4. Fish (blue)
5. Rescue hero
6. Paw Patrol= AL, liberty, Ryder
7. Paw Patrol books
8. Dog Bone for my Dog Luna
9. Cat & the Hat toy
10. Elf Decoration

With love, Bauer

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas lights and Squishmallows! I hope you love me. Can you please use our door to drop off presents. I am worried about not having a chimney. I would like paint, a castle, a Barbie, a jewelry box, and a bike. I waved to you on our cruise!
Love, Bryn Smalley

Santa Claus The North Pole
Dear Santa Claus,
I was good today. Sorry that I missed to see you on the parade. I want:

1. Pup pillow
2. Kitty corn
3. Snowman of are family

Love, Tinnley

Santa Claus
The North Pole
Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa, I am a 3 year old little guy and love anything with levers, wheels, and knobs. Hope you've had a swell year!

1. Tools
2. Cars
3. Tractors

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