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Briefs

Gifts await first baby of 2023

A number of area businesses are still awaiting the arrival of the first baby born in the Northwood-Kensett school district in the new year.

The lucky first baby, and their family will receive a number of prizes from local businesses.

To qualify for the gifts the announcement of the birth must be submitted to the Northwood Anchor as soon as possible.

The winning baby must be born to parents living in the Northwood-Kensett school district. The baby's time and date of birth, gender, place of birth, weight, name and the names of the baby's parents and other family members will be shared.

Once the official announcement has been made in the Northwood Anchor, the parents are welcome to pick up the gifts from the participating merchants.

Coaches vs. Cancer is Friday

This Friday, the Relay For Life will welcome those at the home basketball games for some food and activities to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

During Northwood-Kensett's games against Mason City Newman this Friday, January 27, a number of events are planned.

There will be a baked potato or walking taco bar, including a drink and bars for dessert.

Several fundraisers will also be held in between the evening's basketball action. That includes a raffle and a 60 second challenge, named for the fact that every 30 seconds an Iowa resident is diagnosed with cancer.

Those coming to the games can also look for other ways to support the local Relay efforts at the event.



Frosty farm fence

The weekend's cold, foggy conditions left a beautiful display on may surfaces over the weekend. Also known as rime ice, water droplets in the air freeze on surfaces and form ice crystals. Pictured above is a close up view of a fence with the iced over surface, and more of the phenomenon can be seen on the trees in the distance.

Latest request will bring Worth's ambulance costs to $332,000

Last week, the Worth County supervisors received a second request for funds to continue ambulance coverage for a portion of the county.

A question in the November 2022 general election asked Worth County residents to consider taxes to fund a county-based ambulance service. The vote did not reach the 60% approval needed to pass.

During the lead up to the vote, discussions had included the likelihood that the services providing ambulances in Worth County would likely come to ask for funding. Those ambulance services have served the county at a potential loss for some time, with the full funding not recouped by Medicare and Medicaid.

At the end of 2022, the Mason City Fire Department made a request of the County, for $292,000, which would cover the costs of staffing needed to continue providing ambulance service to the portion of Worth County easter of Interstate 35.

At last week's meeting of the Worth County supervisors, a request from the Forest City Ambulance Service (FCAS) was discussed.

According to the proposal, submitted by FCAS president Thomas Gayther, after Winnebago County passed its EMS tax question, the service has stepped in to set up a team of rapid responders, covering all of that county's ambulance services.

The responders are dispatched to all coverage areas, including those in Hancock and Worth counties. Sometimes that includes rapid response vehicles meant to arrive before an ambulance, to get someone on the scene to triage, get access to higher levels of care sooner, to provide assistance to other first responders and to be there until an ambulance arrives.

That expanded service

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Driver pleads not guilty in crash that leads to two deaths

The reported driver of a vehicle that crossed lanes and led to two collisions and the death of two people has entered a plea in the case.

According to court documents, a vehicle driven by Maggie Harvey, 24, of Northwood, was traveling north on Highway 65, when it crossed the center line and struck a vehicle head on, driven by John Hinderscheid, 45, of Albert Lea.

Iowa State Patrol crash reports stated that Hinderscheid's vehicle stopped in the ditch on the west side of the road.

Harvey's vehicle rolled and was laying on its top in the middle of the highway. That's when a semi driven north by Dennis Stoneking, 62, Northwood, struck Harvey's vehicle, causing it to end up in the west ditch.

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NVFC asks for help keeping hydrants clear

With the ongoing snowfall this winter, a lot of time is spent clearing snow from streets, sidewalks, driveways and more. Area residents are asked to help fight fires by clearing hydrants near their homes.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company is asking Northwood residents with hydrants on their property to assist them by clearing snow away to allow access to the potentially life-saving water sources.



School calendar hearing February 9

At its regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

The school year begins with registration on Wednesday, August 9. Teachers begin their in-services, preparing for the school year, on August 14. For students, the school year will begin on

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Year in Review 2022-

Holiday events, school visitors, elections, new athletic opportunities



The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Tues. Jan. 17	32	25	0.46
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Thurs. Jan. 19	30	25	0.27
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Sat. Jan. 21	27	18	
Sun. Jan. 22	23	9	
Mon. Jan. 23	22	2	

October

N-K alum Wyatt Willand continued improving on his marathon successes. At the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Willand took home the medal as the winner of the men's wheelchair division.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company visited Northwood-Kensett Elementary to teach them about fire fighters and fire safety. They also took kindergarten students to the fire station to take a look at fire equipment and vehicles.

A speaker whose life was the inspiration for the movie "McFarland USA" shared his story with N-K students.

Members of N-K's FFA Chapter traveled to the National Convention in Indianapolis. They took part in special sessions, speakers and other activities. They also took in the sights of the city during their visit.

Friends and neighbors took their machinery and their time to the farm of Bret Johnson. They completed the harvest while Johnson recuperated in the hospital.

Northwood's Halloween events began with a parade of costumed kids, and adults, to Central Park for the costume contest, before trick or treating began.

November

The general election was held. A ballot measure asked Worth County voters

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The first season of girls wrestling in Iowa began in November. N-K's student athletes began their season as a part of the shared team called the North Iowa Trailblazers.

Vikings basketball teams win at home — See Sports Page 10

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to consider whether or not to support taxes to fund a county-based ambulance service. The measure ultimately failed to reach the 60% support needed.

The annual Veterans Roll Call event brought veterans and their families together for a meal, entertainment and a chance to learn about programs and benefits, including Worth County's establishment in the Home Base Iowa initiative.

N-K hosted its Veterans Day program, with student essayists and Lieutenant Colonel Arv Olson as the speaker.

Worth County 4-H celebrated it activities and successes of the past year with the annual awards banquet.

The WCDA announced over $1.2 million in its fall awards. The largest WCDA grant went to Grafton Community Action, for its plans to renovate and expand the playground offerings in the community.

A special lighted display was added to Swensrud Park by the Northwood Lions Club. The display features carolers. It was dedicated in memory of community music leader and longtime Lion Lowell Gangstad, along with his wife Leila.

The inaugural season of girls wrestling in the state began for the North Iowa Trailblazers with a meet in Decorah, where they took home the team title.

Deputies with the Worth County Sheriff's office took took area young people on a shopping trip to provide gifts for themselves and their families.

The Holiday Hope event was held, with donated holiday decor auctioned to benefit local families during the holiday season.

December

The holiday season kicked off in Northwood with several holiday activities that included a holiday bake sale, candy cane hunt, lighted parade, community center events and more to follow in the park.

N-K's holiday concerts were performed with the backdrop of a new curtain on stage at the elementary auditorium.

A little winter weather wasn't enough to keep farmers away from the annual Corn and Soybean Clinic, hosted by the Worth and Cerro Gordo Extension offices.

Fertile welcomed visitors to William Rhodes Park for a holiday light display.

Randy Bratrud was elected to the Kensett City Council in a special election.

N-K student council members joined those from other schools in helping the Salvation Army prepare for their Toys For Tots distributions.



A neighborly effort was held at the farm of Brett Johnson, as friends and neighbors helped complete the harvest of his fields.



Santa and Mrs. Claus led the way in Northwood's lighted parade in December.



Northwood's Halloween activities began with the parade down Central Avenue.



In October, Northwood firefighters showed N-K kindergarteners clothing, equipment and vehicles at their station.

Ambulance
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supplements the existing ambulance coverage.

Also included in the proposal is an offer to deliver training opportunities to first responders from Fertile, Hanlontown and Joice.

However, that coverage can't be funded by Winnebago County taxpayers alone.

With an estimated 16% of the Winnebago County ambulance services' calls going to its neighboring counties (8% to each), the FCAS is asking each neighboring county to pay $40,000 in the fiscal year that begins this July. Future years' payment requests would be based on the number of calls that Winnebago ambulances answer in Worth County and the call cost rate at that time.

With the FCAS and MCFD requests, Worth County has been asked to pay a total of $332,000 annually to maintain its existing ambulance coverage, starting this July.

Where those funds will come from remains a question for the supervisors.

At the January 16 meeting, board chair Enos Loberg noted that the process to prepare the next fiscal year's budget is underway, and the ambulance funding hasn't been a part of that discussion.

That was especially true if the supervisors were going to ask the county's townships to raise EMS taxes to cover the services.

However, supervisor AJ Stone said there wasn't enough time to look at EMS maps, determine how much the townships would need to raise and prepare the other information in time to meet budgeting deadlines.

Without time for it to be a township trustee decision, the supervisors will have to look at other sources of funding, or may have to include it in the county's general budget.

The possibility of using some form of pandemic relief or other federal sources was discussed, but those sources may not cover the entire amount, and may not be be eligible to cover ongoing expenses like the ambulance requests.

Loberg also made it clear that the County needs to be ready with some source of funding, as he asks what happens if the County doesn't have a way to pay the providers.

Stone said that if the County can't cover the ambulance costs, they are not required to respond in the county.

With the cost to continue services now official, the supervisors said they would begin looking at the options to pay for the first year of services, allowing time to look at other funding options in following years.

That may also allow some time for other services to look at taking over coverage in other corners of the County.

Stone was asked if there was the potential for a Mitchell County ambulance provider to cover any areas of the eastern part of the county.

Stone said that there have been discussions, and that it may be a possibility in the future.

Not guilty
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Hinderscheid was pronounced dead at the scene.

Also found dead at the scene was Thielen Fausnaugh, 3, of Northwood, a passenger in Harvey's car.

A toxicology report indicated Harvey had a blood alcohol content of .127%, above the legal limit of .08%.

Harvey was charged with two counts of homicide by vehicle, a class B felony, for causing the deaths while driving under the influence; and one count of of child endangerment leading to death, a class B felony, for knowingly acting in a manner that created substantial risk to a child.

Harvey entered a plea of not guilty in court last week. A trial date has been set for March 1 at the Worth County courthouse.

Calender
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Wednesday, August 23, the earliest weekday allowed by state law this year. Preschoolers will begin the following Monday.

The first quarter ends on October 24.

The last day of school before winter break will be on Friday, December 22, 2023, and last through Monday, January 1, 2024.

The first semester will end on January 5. The third quarter ends on March 7.

Spring break in 2024 will take place from March 8-15.

The class of 2024 will graduate on May 12.

The second semester and the school year will end on May 17, as currently planned.

The calendar includes 177 days in the classroom, with 1,132.24 hours. Iowa districts are required to offer 1,080 hours, meaning there is some space, 52.24 hours, in the calendar for snow days, late starts and early dismissals.

The meeting on February 9, which begins at 7 p.m. in the district administrative building, will include the public hearing on the school calendar, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Comments can be given at the public hearing, submitted in writing or via email to mcrozier@nkvikings.com.

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Former employee arrested for hotel reward point theft

A Minnesota man has been arrested for reportedly stealing rewards points at a Worth County hotel.

According to court documents, the manager of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites contacted the Worth County Sheriff's Office in August 2022, about an employee, identified as Reginald Terrell Jones, 30, formerly of Northwood and now of Richfield, Minnesota.

The manager said that Jones had stolen rewards points over a two month period, that he did not earn, with a reported value of $2,917.66. Jones was said to have been given until September to repay what was taken, but hadn't made any attempts to do so.

Jones was charged with theft in the second degree, a class D felony.

Jones was arrested in November. He has entered a plea of not guilty.

Worth semi driver struck by wrong-way driver

A semi driver from Worth County was involved in a crash that led to the death of a person driving the wrong way on Interstate 80.

According to an Iowa State Patrol crash report, around 3 a.m. on January 14, a vehicle driven by Rebecca McClaine, of Bettendorf, was driving eastbound in the westbound lane of Interstate 80 in Cedar County when she crashed into a semi being driven by Stuart Anderson, 65, of Northwood.

McClaine died in the crash. The report notes that she was not wearing a seat belt when the accident occurred.



Class is in session for NVFC

Several members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company recently began efforts to improve the care they can provide. Eight members of the department began taking EMT classes on January 17. Over the course of several weeks of classes, they will gather the information and skills that will allow them to use more advanced techniques, equipment and medical resources when helping those in medical emergencies.

Handguns stolen from Manly home

A Manly home was burglarized earlier this month, with two handguns reported stolen.

According to court documents, on January 2, Manly police chief Aaron Pals was called to a home on South Broadway Street, for a burglary that had just taken place.

The resident of the home had received a call from a neighbor, who said she heard a a loud banging next door and saw two individual break into the home via her video doorbell device. She then reportedly chased them away. She only got a good look at one of those breaking in.

The home's owner reported two handguns as stolen.

Jesup John Allan Ward, 18, was identified as one of the burglars.

Ward has been charged with burglary in the second degree, a Class C felony; trafficking in stolen weapons, first offense, a class D felony; theft in the third degree, an aggravated misdemeanor; and criminal mischief in the fourth degree, a serious misdemeanor.

Osage Women's Connection 'Sweet, Sweet Valentine held on February 7

Osage Women's Connection has a another evening planned for area women.

The program will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:15 p.m., at the Osage VFW, Highway 218 North, with a meal prepared by Taste.

Lori Mayer, St. Ansgar, will share the history of Valentine's Day and show some of her favorite nostalgic Valentines from her collection.

Kay Grote, from Monroe, Iowa, will share some humorous and hard lessons that have equipped her to become a better "Camper" for life with wisdom and purpose. Through her story, people will learn that a good camping experience greatly depends on WHO you go camping with.

For reservations, contact Leilani at 641-736-4027 or Kathy at 641-330-3663 by Friday, February 2.

Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll shows higher quality of life, lower stress

Every two years since 1982, the Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll has asked farmers to report on changes in quality of life, defined as "the degree of satisfaction with all aspects of life," for their families and families in their communities.

In 2022, 86% of participants reported that quality of life for their families either stayed the same or improved over the five years leading up to February/March 2022. This represents a substantial uptick from what had been a downward trend from 91% in 2014, 87% in 2016, 84% in 2018 and 80% in 2020.

The 2022 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll summary report was published in December, and is available online at the Iowa State University Extension Store.

Known also as the "Farm Poll," the survey is the longest-running survey of its kind in the nation. Questionnaires were mailed in February and March 2022, and 979 farmers statewide responded.

Periodically since 1994, the Farm Poll has asked farmers whether their levels of personal stress over the previous five years had increased, stayed the same or declined. The results show a continued long-term decline in the proportion of farmers who reported increases in stress, from 60% in 1994 to 27% in 2022. Conversely, the percentage of farmers reporting decreases in personal stress rose from 9% to 32% over the same time period.

"This is the first time since we first started asking this question nearly thirty years ago, that more farmers reported declines in stress than reported increases," noted J. Arbuckle, professor and extension sociologist at Iowa State, and director of the Farm Poll.

Other topics covered in the 2022 Farm Poll summary include farming and traumatic experiences, opinions about what makes a "good farmer," influence of information sources on decision making, and participation in carbon markets. View the full 2022 Farm Poll and previous years' polls online.

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Local students named to college honors lists

Seger named to BVU Fall 2022 Dean's List

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 500 students who were named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Those named to the Dean's List included Kari Seger of Northwood.

ISU announces fall 2022 Dean's List

More than 10,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Several local students were named to the school's fall dean's list, including:

• Kelsie Arlene Kinne, 3, Liberal Studies of Hanlontown

• Marli Ann Backhaus, 2, Elementary Education of Kensett

• Cecelia Susan Hill, 2, Kinesiology and Health; Hannah Lanphere, 3, Animal Science; and Brooke Marie Mueller, 4, Elementary Education, all of Manly

• Emma L. Davidson, 1, Agronomy; Kennedy Kaye Eskildsen, 3, Animal Science; Molly Grace Hunchis, 4, Event Management; Kael Julseth, 2, Agricultural Business; Hayden Michael Moore, 1, Pre-Business; and Julia Lynn Quisley, 4, Agricultural Business, all of Northwood and

• Tianna Laura Charlson, 3, Animal Science and Seth Pistek, 2, Engineering, both of Plymouth

Dorsey named to Upper Iowa University Fall Dean's list

Upper Iowa University has announced the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester.

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

Recogized on the dean's list was Madison Dorsey, a Human Services major from Hanlontown.

Midlang named to ILCC Fall Honor List

Iowa Lakes Community College releases the Fall 2022 Honors Lists recognizing students who achieve the highest academic standards earning inclusion on the President's List or Dean's List.

For the Fall 2022 semester, 109 students earned President's List recognition, an honor achieved by those who recorded a "straight-A" or 4.0 GPA, and 227 students made the Dean's List, those that earned a 3.25 GPA or higher for the semester.

Named to the Dean's List was Sydney Midlang of Northwood.

Jones named to Loras College Fall 2022 Dean's List

Loras College has announced the names of students who achieved Dean's List status for the 2022 fall semester.

A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

Caiden Jones of Fertile was named to the Dean's List.

2022 spring semester Dean's List at U of I announced

More than 4,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 spring semester. Dean's list status was earned by 714 first year undergraduates during the 2022 spring semester at Iowa, 1,268 second year students, 1,559 third year students and 2,045 fourth year students.

Local students on the list include:

• Hailee Ausenhus of Hanlontown, College of Engineering; Major: Industrial Engineering; fourth year

• Rebecca Evans of Joice, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Social Work; third year

• Stephanie Nettleton of Joice, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Psychology; fourth year

• Evelyn Ocel of Northwood, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Psychology; first year

University of Iowa 2022 fall semester president's list honorees announced

More than 870 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the president's list for the 2022 fall semester.

President's list status was earned by two first year undergraduates during the 2022 fall semester at Iowa; 133 second year students; 270 third year students; and 405 fourth year students.

University of Iowa undergraduates who achieve a grade point average (GPA; 4.0 is an A) of 4.0 in 12 semester hours and meet other conditions are recognized by inclusion on the president's list.

Local students on the list include:

• Rebecca Evans of Joice, Social Work; fourth year

• Peyton Pangburn of Northwood, International Relations; third year

U of I 2022 fall semester dean's list honorees announced

More than 7,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester.

Dean's list status was earned by 2,427 first year undergraduates during the 2022 fall semester at Iowa, 1,768 second year students, 1,503 third year students and 1,845 fourth year students.

Local students on the list include:

• Rebecca Evans of Joice, Social Work; fourth year

• Peyton Pangburn of Northwood, International Relations; third year

The Iowa Central President's or Dean's list for the fall 2022 semester announced

The President's List at Iowa Central College includes students with a 4.0 GPA, with a minimum of 6 credit hours. The Dean's List includes students with a 3.5-3.99 GPA and a minimum 6 credit hours.

Named to the lists were:

• Alivea Harms, Kensett, Dean's List

• Hailey Hepperly, Northwood, President's List

• Jeorge Brinda, Albert Lea, President's List











What's there to snow

Last week several inches of snowfall fell across much of Iowa and Minnesota. In Northwood, that left a snowy landscape. While that left a few serene winter sights, it also meant a few hours spent using a variety of machinery to clear a path for foot and vehicle traffic.

Dairy goat webinar series continues into 2023 Webinars announced for the upcoming year to assist with dairy goat management



The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dairy team will continue its dairy goat webinar series in 2023 with all webinar dates and topics listed below. All webinars will be from noon to 1:15 p.m. and are free to attend.

Webinar Dates and Topics

• Feb. 23 – Feeding Your Future, Robert VanSaun, extension veterinarian, Penn State University, and Jennifer Bentley, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

• March 23 – Feeding Forages to Dairy Goats, Gail Carpenter, assistant professor, state dairy extension specialist, and Fred Hall, ISU Extension and Outreach dairy specialist.

• April 20 – Health Challenges in Dairy Goat Kids, Roselle Busch, assistant extension specialist, UC-Davis Veterinary Medicine.

• Sept. 21 – Producer Perspectives, panel TBD

• Oct. 26 – What Do We Know about Dry Treating Dairy Goats? Michelle Buckley, post-doctoral associate at Iowa State University.

• Nov. 16 – TBD

• Dec. 21 – Milk Quality Investigations, Cathy Bauman, assistant professor, Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario.

There is no fee to attend the program; however, registration is required.

This work is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agricultural and Food Research Initiative Competitive Program, Antimicrobial Resistance number: 2020-04197. Register in advance for this meeting at https://go.iastate.edu/2023DAIRYGOAT WEBINARS or contact Jennifer Bentley, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, at jbentley@iastate.edu, 563-382-2949.

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

January 24, 1923

Bonds to the amount of $42,000 were disposed of by the Worth County board of supervisors in accordance with the previous advertising. The A.M. Shanke Co. of Mason City bought the Funding Bonds of $24,000 for 4 3/4 percent par and accrued interest with a premium of $360. The G.M. Bachtel Co. of Davenport purchased the drainage bonds of $18,000, the price being 5 1/4 par and accrued interest, with a premium of $107.

The first regular annual meeting of the Northwood Livestock Shipping Assn. is to be held on January 27 at the courthouse. The association now has membership of close to 170, and considering the short time it has been organized has done a remarkable lot of business.

Hon. J.M. Slosson, senator for Worth, Winnebago and Mitchell counties in the state legislature, has been given some excellent committee assignments in this session. He is not only chairman of the important Motor Vehicles committee but is also a member of Ways and Means and Agriculture and Highways.

T.O. Groe, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, was made cashier of the Northwood Savings Bank at the annual meeting of the directors held recently. Mr. Groe is an "old timer" with the First National, which controls the Savings Bank, and is thoroughly familiar with the details of both institutions. S.E. Espeseth, who has been with the First National for several years, was made an assistant cashier.

At the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. A.O. Johnson, at 11 a.m. on January 18, Miss Trina Vold and Mr. C.M. Reed were married by Rev. Carl B. Ylvisaker, pastor at the Northwood Lutheran Church. Immediate relatives were present with the exception of W.R. Christiansen and Miss Eva Keller.

75 years ago

January 22, 1948

The fuel oil supply in this area is critical, according to a survey made by an Anchor representative. Many dealers in the county have no fuel oil on hand, while others report that they "think" they will have enough to supply their regular customers until new allotments are received.

"Death from exposure in sub-zero weather" is the decision given by Coroner Robert C. Bride of Manly, following the discovery near Joice of the frozen body of Jacob Hansen of Fertile. At one time Mr. Hansen lived on the Christianson farm two miles south of Northwood. The tragic discovery was made by Mr. and Mrs. George Wyborney of Plymouth as they were driving south on the west road from Joice at about 4:20 p.m.

Frank Stremlow, one of Northwood's experienced hunters, bagged a large wolf northwest of the Iver Bidne farm and one not quite as large southwest of town. With the bounty of $10 each and a small amount in addition for the pelts, Frank received fairly good compensation for his two days' work, in addition to the sport of shooting the wolves.

The farm and home Labor Saving Show drew 1,551 people during the six hours it was open in the high school auditorium. Northwood is one of the small towns in the state on the itinerary of the show. Attendance here was better than in some of the larger towns. Mason City had an attendance of 1,489.

Alfred J. Peterson of near Hanlontown purchased the J.A. Hanson tract of 134 acres in section 31 of Brookfield Township at referee's sale held at the court house. The price was $6,834 or $51 per acre. There are no buildings on the land.

Fines collected in the office of the clerk of the courts during 1947 totaled $3,238.40, according to the annual report of Clerk Ole O. Bakken. This amount is $2,081.21 greater than the $1,157.19 paid into that office in 1946 and is more than twice the amount paid in a 1944, when $1,515.65 was collected.

50 years ago

January 25, 1973

Unseasonably mild, almost spring like temperatures for the past week melted most of the snow, opened many creeks and rivers and sent the Shell Rock bridge high in Swensrud Park. Six to eight inches of snow early reminded residents that it is January. The snow and accompanying winds forced many school and meeting cancellations. Northwood-Kensett School was not affected because of a teacher workshop.

H&K Farm and Home will open in Northwood by April 1, according to the owners, Bob Hoag and Lyle and Roger Klitzke, Austin. Northwood's new farm-oriented hardware store will carry everything needed for the home, farm and auto, with an inventory expected to be over $50,000. Klitzke said both he and Hoag were associated with the Big Bear store in Austin, and say that the H&K Farm and Home store will carry along the same lines.

Conrad Johnson fell on the ice, breaking a bone in his left ankle. The accident happened in the north part of town as he was delivering mail. The leg is in a cast and he is getting about at his home on crutches.

Dan Robb hits for two in the Belmont game, while Travis Pollock, Bill Alexander and Jim Hanson poise for a rebound. The Viking boys host the Garner Cardinals, as they work their way into the second half of the season.

The Viking girls defeated the Rockford Warrioretes "B" team by a score of 73-67. The Vikings pulled ahead early in the game and maintained their lead throughout the game. An exciting reserve game ended up with Rockford's "C" team defeating N-K by a score of 38-28, after a double overtime. The Vikings were ahead by two when Rockford sank a last second shot to tie the score at 23 all.

25 years ago

January 27, 1998

There's more than enough snow for recreation this winter, and most Northwood youngsters would agree that nothing tops the fun of playing king of the mountain and tumbling in soft snow. Another three-plus inches over the weekend added to the growing piles of snow.

School was dismissed three days because of drifting snow, and virtual whiteouts halted travel. Although there was only 3 1/2 inches of snow, fierce winds whipped it into drifts.

Members of the Drift Busters Snowmobile Club of Armstrong stopped in Northwood on their way to a benefit rally in Cresco. The cold cruisers stopped here for lunch about 1 p.m. after leaving Armstrong at 8:30 a.m. that morning on their 130 mile trek.

Mayor Einer Lunde presents retiring councilman Stilaf Anderson a plaque in appreciation of his 25 years tenure on the Northwood council, while Mrs. Anderson smiles with approval Lunde also read a resolution dedicating the Northwood Civic Center to Anderson. The center was built during his term in office. Northwood residents attended a reception honoring Anderson.

Northwood-Kensett sophomore Mark Midtgaard worked the ball into N-K's offensive court against Bulldog Tim Abrahamson during first-half action in the Vikings' 51-49 victory. The win improved N-K's record to 5-4 in the North Iowa Conference and 7-5 overall. Midtgaard's 12 points topped the N-K scoring chart.

Senator Chuck Grassley gestures to make a point during a public listening post at the Northwood Civic Center. Discussion ranged from the budget deficit to health insurance.

Frank Cole, 35, a resident of Northwood, has announced his Democratic candidacy for sheriff of Worth County. Cole is self employed, owning and operating Cole Photography. He is a former Worth County deputy and presently is a police officer with the Northwood Police Department.

10 years ago

January 23, 2013

The small red, brick building at 87 Eighth Street North with the year 1938 engraved at its peak now has a new owner. Dan Sitch, formerly a truck driver in the Chicago area, decided a couple of years ago to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and move to Northwood — along with his beagle, Roxie. Dan purchased the building in January 2012 and immediately enlisted the help of his ex-father-in-law Ken Tenold, who, after early retirement from AT&T Bell Telephone Laboratories, had moved to Northwood in 2005.

Breanne Lombard and Amanda Maricle held a bake sale fundraiser at the newly opened Finders Keepers Artifacts and Antiques in Northwood on Saturday to raise money for the Ramierz family, owners of Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill. They are parents to a baby boy named Diego. He was born three months premature at a Des Moines hospital. His mother, Shawna, has been traveling back and forth to Des Monies until he grows strong enough to come home.

Jordan Reindl was named to the Hawkeye Community College Fall Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must have successfully completed 12 or more credits in the given semester with a major GPA of 3.50 or better for curses take at Hawkeye Community College.

N-K's Mary Bjorklund has been a pleasant surprise for this year's Lady Vikings. The senior guard is sixth on the team with an average of 3.9 points per game, fourth in assists with 18, fourth in steals with 16 and is third on the team with an average of 2.9 boards per game.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Marjorie Olson

Let me introduce you to Marge Olson, 85, mother of Mark Olson and Dawn Divis and grandmother to Jeremy Anderson, Austin Anderson and Keaton Higgins.



MARJORIE OLSON

Marjorie Ellen Olson was born on July 27, 1937, to Merrill and Hildegard Arnold at home. She was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota. She was later confirmed at Central Freeborn Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota, in 1951 and graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1955. Later, she attended Winona State College and graduated in 1958, with a degree in Elementary Education. Marjorie frequently went by Marge or occasionally Midge in her younger years. In her words, she describes her life:

"Dad didn't believe it was fitting for a woman to drive, and he was never reluctant to leave his farm work to take us wherever we needed to go," confides Marge, remembering her early years on the farm in southern Minnesota. "In fact, my mother worked fulltime, sometimes split shifts starting at 5 in the morning, but Dad was happy to do the driving; he considered it to be the man's responsibility. My sister and I also got sleigh rides in winter to the country school we attended. Later when in high school at Albert Lea, Dad believed that my responsibilities lay on the farm, so I was never involved in any groups or attended after-school activities."

It wasn't until Marge had earned her teaching degree and was employed in the Albert Lea school district that she met Larry Olson. Like his father, Larry was a farmer. They were united in marriage on August 17, 1963, at Central Freeborn Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota. They settled in to their own farm life near Northwood, and in one month's time, Marge was expecting their first child. This of course required trips to the doctor, but unlike her father, Larry declared he was not about to leave the fields to run her back and forth for appointments. 'You're going to learn to get behind the wheel,' he informed her. But at eight months pregnant, Marge could barely squeeze behind the wheel! Nevertheless, she read the book, passed the test and was driving the next day.

They had two children, Mark and Dawn, while farming and she eventually traded her teaching position at Rockwell Elementary for a job at Fleetguard Manufacturing in Lake Mills, which she held for 25 years. At that point Larry contracted Muscular Dystrophy, and she was needed at home to care for him. They were grandparents by this time, though not even his wheelchair and medical needs could keep them from attending their events in Belmond. Jeremy, Austin and Keaton were the light of their lives, and she continued to be a very proud grandmother.

Sadly, Larry passed away in 2003, just shy of their 40th wedding anniversary. After moving to Belmond, Marge began stepping out into the community. For 10 years she was a volunteer at the elementary school where she listened to students practice their reading. She also enjoyed 10 years of sewing with the Prairie Quilters; in fact, each of her grandsons and nieces and nephews have a handmade quilt of their own-with special colors picked just for them.

In her later days you would have found Marge enjoying one of her novels of the Old West or happily engaged with "Jeopardy" and "The Price is Right." It may surprise you to know that she was a die-hard NASCAR fan and has taken many bus trips with friends and to various race tracks around the country, including the Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama…even her daughter knew not to call on a Sunday afternoon, because she would be glued to the races! Marge also enjoyed reading and word search puzzles, as well as continuing to support her grandsons. She also was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Green Bay Packers, as Larry was a die-hard fan. She is remembered as being spunky in her end days by her caregivers and family. Marge finished her race on January 15, 2023, at the Rehabilitation Center of Belmond.

Marge is survived by her son, Mark Olson of Winona, Minn.; daughter, Dawn (Gary) Divis of Belmond; grandsons, Jeremy Anderson, Austin Anderson and Keaton Higgins; sister, Arlene (Dennis) Galagan of Albert Lea, Minn.; brother-in-law and his wife, Keith and Fran Olson of Northwood; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry; and sister-in-law, Bonnie Schutz.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023, at First Lutheran Church in Northwood with Rev. Becky Sogge officiating. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial took-place at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood.

Memorials may be donated to the nascarfoundation.org, which helps to support children's medical needs or the Muscular Dystrophy Association in honor of Larry Olson.

Grayling Stayner

Grayling Wilbur Stayner, 69, of rural Northwood, Iowa, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023, at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Homes in Northwood. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, from 2 – 4 p.m. Burial was at London Deer Creek followed by a meal at Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church in rural Glenville, Minnesota, following the burial.

Grayling was born on October 18, 1953, in Mason City, Iowa, the son of Wilbur R. and Susie O. (Askelson) Stayner. He graduated from Northwood High School in 1972.

Grayling was united in marriage to Marilyn Kay Ibbotson on July 5, 1980, at the Old Stone Church in Rock Falls, Iowa. Born to them was the love of their life, daughter, April Kay Stayner on April 13, 1981.


GRAYLING STAYNER

They farmed on the home farm in Northwood where Grayling lived his whole life. Grayling loved farming and raising purebred Hampshire pigs, milking Holstein and Shorthorn cattle, raising Hereford Cattle, and pure bred Angus cattle. He and his daughter raised, bred and showed Dorset show sheep, cross bred show sheep and they brought home many awards, honors and State Fair championships.

In school, Grayling excelled in wrestling. He loved competing.

Grayling is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marilyn Kay Stayner of rural Northwood; sister, Kathleen Corell; nieces and nephews, Sara (Les) Hardy and their children, Rachel and Daniel, Shanan (Jim) Evens of Oelwein and their children Logan, Lucas and Desiree, Timothy (Ashlyn) Stayner and their children Jakobi, Jasmine, Jason and Jade, Theodoar (Amanda) Stayner and their children Madelynn, Violet, Charlotte and Eddie, and Sam Stayner of Orchard; and sister-in-law, Janet (Tom) Ewer.

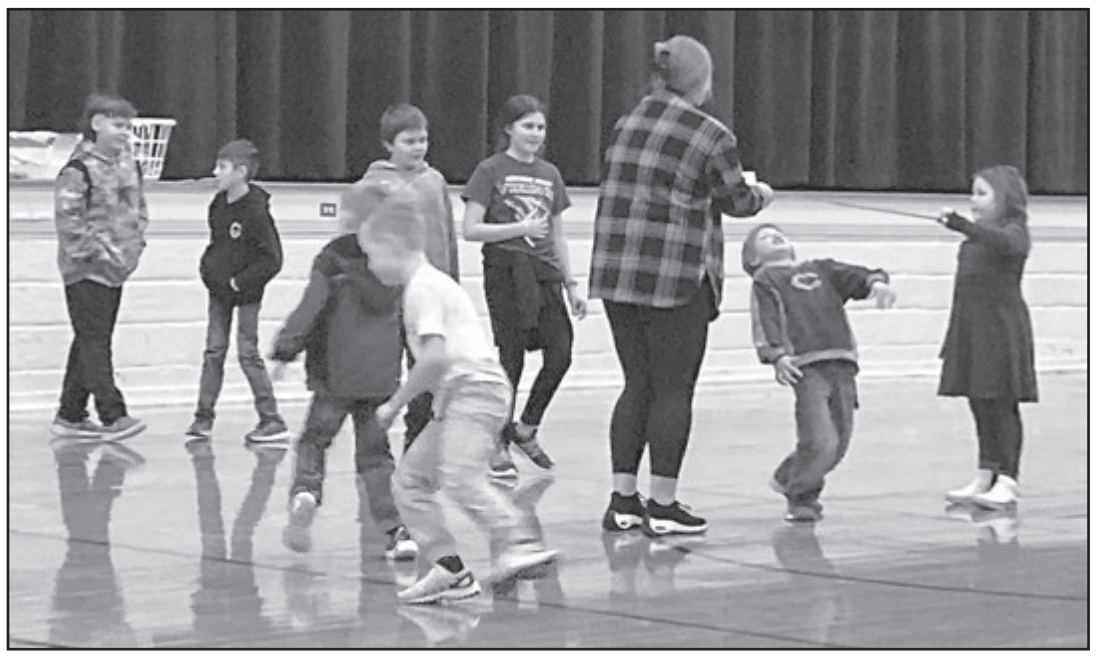
He was preceded in death by his daughter, April Kay Stayner; parents, Wilbur and Susie Stayner; brother, Edward Stayner; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald and Alliene Ibbotson; and brother-in-law, Roger Corell.

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Counting on good character

Each month, Northwood-Kensett Elementary focuses lessons and activities on different positive character traits. The Character Counts program includes a pep rally, with students recognized for demonstrating good character and taking part in fun games and activities. Pictured above are students that recently received awards for being good role models. They also received cards good for a free kids meal at Burger King.

Back to the Capitol with school choice a focus



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Week Two at the Capitol

Our first week back at the Capitol was busy. We were each sworn in early Monday and started work shortly after. Governor Reynolds gave the Condition of the State Tuesday evening laying out her priorities for 2023. Later in the week we heard the Condition of the National Guard from Adjunct General Cordell and the Condition of the State Judicial System from Chief Justice Christiansen. Consistent theme in each address – Iowa is strong and the best is yet to come.

I have been appointed the Chair of the State Government Committee, this committee is busier than Local Government and covers a wide variety of issues. As the prior chair told me, "it covers anything that involves anything in the state." That may be a slight exaggeration, but we have a range of bills already dealing with liquor and beer laws, election integrity, professional licensure, land use, and public fund investing (ESG scoring). We have met twice, assigned several bills, and I have several more bills to look through and decide whether to assign a subcommittee or hold for later. More on State Government next week.

Much of the discussion in week two was on HF 68 (formerly HSB 1), a bill that establishes Education Savings Accounts for students to use to attend an accredited nonpublic school. I have received many emails, for and against, and I will continue to study the bill and its impact on Iowa and my district. As we discuss this bill, it is not uncommon to amend and improve the bill now or address concerns in later legislation.

The bill as written gradually implements ESAs over 4 years. The state will contribute $7598 (current SSA amount) to an ESA account for a student attending a private school. In year one, the public school will also receive the $7598 when a student chooses to leave. One of the key differences from last year's bill is a change in the way we count students and allocate funds. Students leaving public school to attend or are attending a private school with an ESA will be counted in the district they reside also; that school will receive $1205 per student.

Also, in HF 68 is increased flexibility in how schools spend money budgeted for specific programs. Every school in my district uses part, but not all, of these categorical funds. With the increased flexibility, schools can use as much or as little as they feel necessary for these programs. Unspent money may be used for teacher raises or bonuses. Flexible spending is one of the first things my area superintendents ask for when I meet with them before session.

Another top request from my schools is the extension of the operational sharing program and an increase in positions eligible to be shared. This is a great program for our smaller rural schools allowing them to share positions and expenses with neighboring school districts. Most of my schools are close or at the maximum number of shared positions. Leadership is looking at a possible amendment to the bill for this extension.

I have always supported school choice in Iowa. Parents can choose public, private, charter, or home schooling for the children. We have had STO's which provide scholarships for private school students. We also have a Tuition and Textbook tax credit to help with the cost of schooling for all students. My concerns with this bill and concerns brought to me in emails include: 1)funding and how services will be provided for students with special needs and IEP, 2) transparency and reporting requirements similar to public schools, 3) the overall cost to the state when fully implemented, 4) money for a district when a student chooses private school, but no money when they open enroll (most of this money will go to urban schools where there are more private schools)

We have great schools in North Iowa and I do not expect to see an exodus of students to private schools.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any question, concerns, or suggestions. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov.

Northwood Anchor Church

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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m., WAGS, Wednesday at Grace School, Meal 5:30 p.m., Lesson 6 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
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Pastor Cory Allard

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Thursday, Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Friday, Bible Study at Northwood, 10 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

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Don't Lord it Over Others



Do we enjoy being the boss, telling others what to do, or directing them as if we are a mighty king? Although this may be necessary in some occupations or in situations when someone has to take charge in order to get things done, it is generally a poor way in which to interact with others. Even children can be asked to do things in a nice way and taught to comply with requests rather than simply being ordered around. It is natural for humans to enjoy being "mighty kings." But, this is not the way it should be in the spiritual realm. Consider the lesson Jesus taught at the last supper by washing His disciples' feet. It was a Jewish custom for a host to wash his guests' feet if he was honored by their presence, presumably because the guests were considered socially superior to the host. In John's account of the washing of the feet, Jesus laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel, as a servant might do, and then proceeded to wash His disciples' feet and wipe them with the towel. (John 13:4-5) When Peter initially refuses, saying "You shall never wash my feet," he is suggesting that he will not let Jesus play the role of servant, but Jesus responds by saying, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." To which Peter responds, "then not just my feet, but my hands and head as well." We have all heard this story many times, and know what it means, i.e., that we should serve on another and not refrain from doing the lowliest of servile duties. If Jesus could get on His hands and knees and wash His disciples' feet, surely we can do likewise.

For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.
– New K.J.V. John 13:15

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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

Jeff Smith was known as the Frugal Gourmet. He was wildly popular on Public Television and wrote a series of cookbooks. Some of them were companions to his television programs and I have all of them. "The Frugal Gourmet Cooks With Wine" (1986, William Morrow and Company, Inc, NYC) has many pages of wine lore, history and even theology. There is a section on choosing wines by Father Corbet Clark. All this plus over 300 recipes! In Mr. Smith's world, the term "frugal" does not mean cheap. It means getting the most value from the money you spend, not wasting it on inferior ingredients and that also extends to wine. This book starts with the phrase, "wine is a food…" The following recipes a selected from various chapters of this quite unusual cookbook. Some have been adapted.

Chicken with Olives

1 whole chicken, about 3 1/2 pounds, cut into the usual pieces
3 tablespoons good olive oil
5 cloves fresh garlic, chopped
3 medium yellow onions, chopped
3 cups very ripe fresh tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1 jar (6 oz.) "salad" olives, the green ones with pimiento
1 tablespoon oregano
1 cup dry red wine
Freshly ground black pepper to taste.

SANDY'S NOTE: you can use skin-on, bone-in chicken breast halves and/or thighs rather than a whole chicken. Just don't get the skinless kind; they will dry out. If you can't find ripe tomatoes in the winter, use a large can (24 oz.) can of diced tomatoes, well drained. Canned cherry tomatoes will work too; save their juice for another use.

Heat the oil in a deep heavy skillet or Dutch oven and brown the chicken pieces. Don't crowd them; do in batches so they all have room to brown easily. Remove from the skillet and drain off most of the oil. In what remains, sauté the onion and garlic until limp, not browned. Add the tomatoes and olives and sauté until the tomatoes are soft (if using canned, just until the tomatoes are heated through as they will already be soft). Add the oregano, wine and pepper; stir them in. Place the chicken back into the pan, cover and simmer until the chicken is tender, about 30 minutes. Adjust the time if using large breast pieces or smaller thighs. Internal temperature should be 175 degrees F. Taste for seasonings and serve over cooked angel hair pasta.

Pork in Gorgonzola

3 tablespoons good olive oil
3 large garlic cloves, crushed
2 pounds boneless pork loin, cut into very thin slices, about 1/8th of an inch
1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed to release the oil
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola, bleu of Roquefort cheese
1/4 cup heavy cream
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat a large, heavy skillet and add the oil and garlic. Brown the meal slices quickly on both sides, probably about 2 minutes on each side. Do this in batches over medium-low heat so you don't overcook the pork. Place the cooked slices on a platter and tent with foil to keep warm. Add the rosemary to the pan and deglaze the pan with the wine, scraping up all the good brown bits (called the fond) from the pan. Add the cheese, cream and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a quick simmer and allow the cheese to melt into the wine. Serve this sauce over the pork slices with a side dish of mashed potatoes.

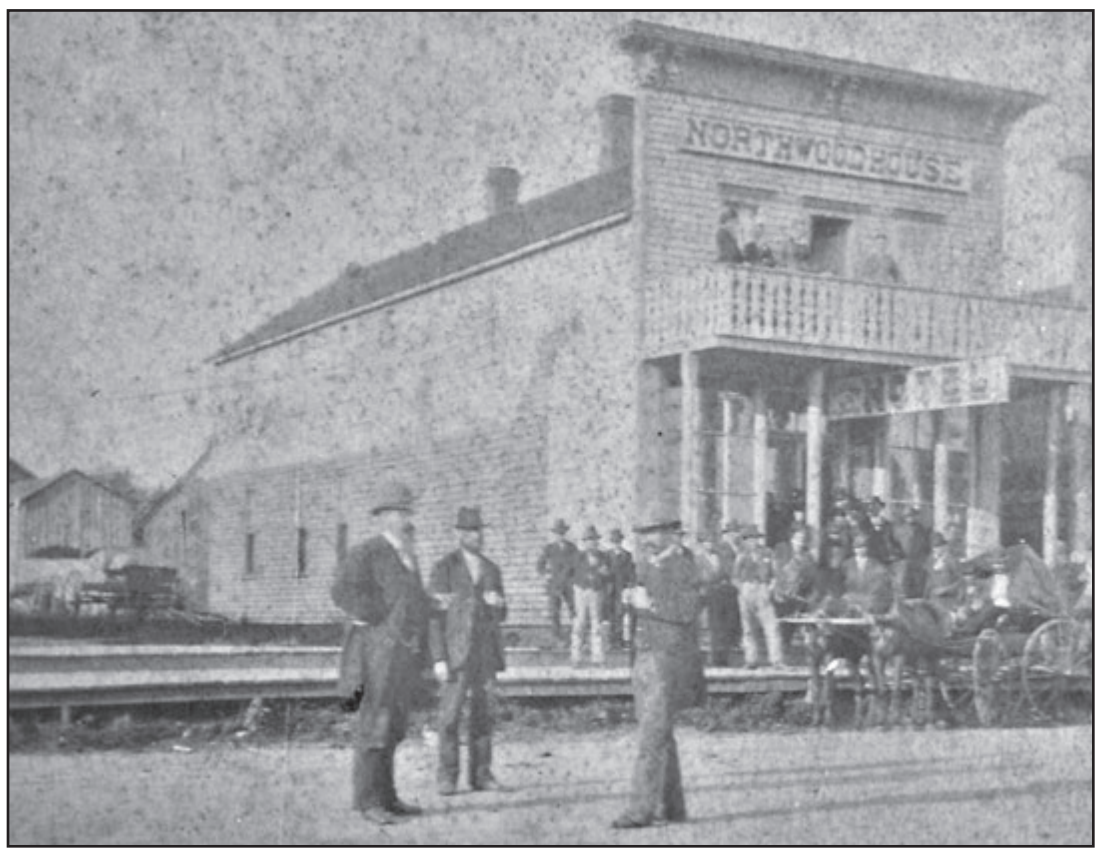
Simple Wine Vinaigrette

1 cup EACH finely minced celery and fresh parsley
1 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 cups red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon finely minced garlic
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place all the ingredients into a blender and blend until the celery disappears into the mixture. If you want to make this extraordinary, add 1 tablespoon chopped anchovies and/or 1 tablespoon minced capers that are packed in brine, not in salt. This will keep in the refrigerator up to 1 week and is best made a day or so before using. Shake it up before pouring on a salad of mixed greens, tomatoes etc. or as an addition to grilled meats at the table.

The book reminds us that the alcohol in wine cooks out of food and what is left is flavor, richness and a unique twist on even easy recipes. For those who like a glass of wine beside the dinner plate the flavor is doubled! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Another historic hotel

The scene above was recently shared on the "Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures, and Thoughts" Facebook page. According to the post, the image shows the Northwood House Hotel in 1878. It is believed that the hotel building may have been demolished in the 1950s to make way for the bowling alley, which later became Rhonda's Corner Post and is now Sue's Corner Post.

Free health careers training at NIACC

North Iowa Area Community College is offering free health care training opportunities. Choose from eight health care careers: Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) or CNA Refresher, Medication Aid or Manager, Phlebotomy, IV Therapy, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), or Advanced EMT.

These short-term certificates range in length from four weeks to a full semester, and are free for Iowa residents age 18 and older. NIACC has programs that can assist with tuition/books, uniforms, testing fees, and transportation costs. Navigators assist students by monitoring progress, problem solving, and finding employment after training.

Patti Hanson, Dean of Continuing Education at NIACC. "These classes provide excellent training with a focus on helping people get into the workforce more quickly and filling the demand for trained health care professionals."

Hanson continued, saying, "This also allows those unsure of returning to school a chance to slowly ease into a learning environment, and often times students will expand their original goals, transferring to a two-year degree program."

Space is limited! To learn more about this training option and the free supports, contact Pathway Navigators – Melanie 641-422-4078 or Angela 641-422-4312. Navigators will walk you through the application process. Applications will be taken until each class is full; deadlines apply.

More information about health care training options at NIACC is available by visiting www.niacc.edu/health/nurse-aide/. Interested in other short-term training options and supports/assistance available to help with goals, visit www.niacc.edu/continuing-education/tuition-assistance-programs/.

North Iowa Area Community College, founded in 1918, is a nationally-recognized, two-year college located in central North Iowa. With approximately 3,000 career and transfer students, the College has been recognized by the Aspen Institute as a leading community college in the nation. NIACC welcomes students from across Iowa, Minnesota, the nation, and the world. The College has served as a leader in student-centered learning, community engagement, and collaborative leadership for more than 100 years. Are you ready to become a Trojan? Apply Today at www.niacc.edu/apply-mkt/.

Suicide prevention program available to community members working with youth

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults between the ages of 10 and 34. In response, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is continuing to offer virtual and in-person "Question. Persuade. Refer." trainings, also known as QPR.

People trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help.

"Everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Many people think that our formal support networks such as physicians, pastors, police officers and therapists are those who will help us in a mental health crisis, and that's true. However, it's those in our most intimate inner circles who are going to be the first to recognize our distress," said Demi Johnson, behavioral health program specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "The more people who are trained in recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness and know what resources are available, the sooner we can get our friends and family the help that they need."

ISU Extension and Outreach is offering QPR on Jan. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County office, 2302 Madison Ave., Suite B, Clarion. Additional virtual programs will be offered throughout January and February as well. Preregistration is required for all programs. To register, go to https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/QPR. The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, award #2020-70028-32728, funds this program.

For more information, contact Demi Johnson at demij@iastate.edu .

Other resources

Iowa Concern, offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or visit the website, https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.

Project Recovery Iowa offers a variety of services to anyone affected by recent local disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual counselors and consultants provide counseling, family finance consultation, farm financial consultation, referral information and help finding resources for any Iowan seeking personal support. Iowans of all ages may join groups online for activities and learn creative strategies for coping with the effects of the pandemic. To request support, go to https://projectrecoveryiowa.org/

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

What happens if you work while receiving Social Security

Dear Savvy Senior,

I started drawing my Social Security retirement benefits back in 2021 when I was forced to retire early, but I'm now interested going back to work part-time. Will this affect my benefits, and if so, how much?

Back to Work

Dear Back,

You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld. Here's how it works.

SSA Earning Rules

Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age and are collecting benefits, then you can earn up to $21,240 in 2023 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security if you don't reach your full retirement age this year. But if you earn more than the $21,240 limit, you'll lose $1 in benefits for every $2 over that amount.

Full retirement age is 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but it rises in two-month increments every birth year to age 67 for those born in 1960 and later. You can find your full retirement age at SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/ageincrease.html.

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2023, you can earn up to $56,520 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty. But if you earn more than $56,520 during that time, you'll lose $1 in benefits for every $3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions, and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and government or military retirement benefits do not. To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html.

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

For more information on how working can affect your Social Security benefits see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/whileworking.html.

Be Mindful of Taxes Too

In addition to the Social Security rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between $25,000 and $34,000 for individuals ($32,000 and $44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. Above $34,000 ($44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.

In addition to the federal government, 12 states – Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia – tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, you'll need to check with your state tax agency for details.

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

Good morning.

It's a wretched morning and it will be a dreadful day.

What's the matter, did you lose your job creating motivational posters?

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I hadn't used the Pythagorean Theorem on a day cold enough to raise ice cream. Fern frost on the window one day, the rime of the Ancient Mariner on the trees the next. I was thankful for the weather. Where would we be without it? What would we talk about? Winter tosses us an occasional bone—a warm and sunny day. I walked a trail. I noticed that one of my shoelaces had come untied. My shoe-tying ability was limited due to the round shoestrings that frustrate me. I used to see how long I could go before stepping on one of the free-range shoestrings. Now I had to weigh the possibility of a trip and a fall against the long journey to bend down to tie that shoe. Some years back, I had a bout with plantar fasciitis. The doctor told me to put my foot down and start wearing Crocs when I'd normally go barefooted. I took her advice. It wasn't long after that when we received 18 inches of snow. It was a warm day, so I shoveled snow while wearing Crocs. They might have shed Croc tears.

I shuffled through a museum. It was hard to keep moving, as there were so many interesting things to look at. I perused a display of old medicine bottles. I drank a nasty cough syrup when I had a sore throat as a boy. It caused my body to shudder. I think it frightened the coughs away, but I reckon it worked. That's good. Ruth Hiland sent me a photo of a sign reading, "Lif is too short."

I've learned

It's OK to eat lunch meat for dinner.

To not be provoked by a bumper sticker. Bumpers don't know what they're saying.

No one is as confident as the uninformed.

Pickleball is a big dill.

Bad joke department

The man was walking to the horse racetrack when he found a nickel on the sidewalk. He bent down and picked up the coin. Thinking it might be a sign, he pulled a racing form from his pocket and quickly noticed that the fifth horse in the fifth race was named Nickel. That had to be a good omen. He placed a $555 bet on the fifth horse in the fifth race to win. The horse finished fifth.

What's green and smells like red paint? Green paint.

How do you round up 19 cats? Twenty.

Nature notes

I shouldn't have been surprised when a fox squirrel fell from the roof of the house onto a window feeder held in place by suction cups. The result was, as would be expected, the squirrel and the feeder both crashed to the ground, creating a blizzard of fleeing songbirds. Well played, squirrel. I anticipated the event, as the forecast had called for strong winds, rising temperatures and falling squirrels.

I floated on a jon boat in the Atchafalaya Basin, the nation's largest river swamp. The owner of the boat played his guitar and sang a song about a man playing a guitar and singing while floating in a jon boat. The serenity was interrupted by an airboat running at high decibels and the "blam, blam" sound of shotguns being fired. Nutria hunters. Louisiana pays $6 per tail to reduce nutria-induced marsh damage. Nutria use their buckteeth the color of Cheetos to eat plant roots and that causes erosion. Nutria, resembling muskrats on growth hormones, were introduced to the Pelican State as a potential source of fur. After the decline in that industry, the animals escaped or were released. Chefs are working on recipes for the 20-pound rodents, but don't look for a Nutria Nosh restaurant to open near you soon.

The blue jays weren't subtle in their comments about a great horned owl in the yard. When I looked in their direction, I saw the suggestion of a cat's ears in a tree. The jays saw more than that. A great horned owl is under a lot of pressure. It nests in the winter and its name begins with "great."

Meeting adjourned

The wonderful comic strip "Pickles," by Brian Crane presented this. Grandpa: "When I was your age all my heroes were cowboys. Hopalong Cassidy, Red Ryder, Roy Rogers, The Lone Ranger, Gene Autry…now they're all gone."

Boy: "Who are your heroes now?"

Grandpa: "Anyone who shows kindness and compassion."

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Fit to print...

School choice discussion

Below is a letter Governor Kim Reynolds recently wrote to Iowans about school choice, with legislation being discussed at the Iowa Capital.

Following the letter are points made about the potential school choice legislation, shared by the Iowa State Education Association, which advocates for and assists public school teachers and other staff.

In regards to local discussions, Worth County's school administrators and school board have consistently shared their opposition to past versions of the legislation during their discussions.

Local legislator Jane Bloomingdale also discusses the bill in her update earlier in this issue.

From Governor Kim Reynolds:

A strong education system is foundational to Iowa's future, which is why school choice continues to be a priority of mine and of families across our great state.

I believe in Iowa's public schools. Kevin and I are both products of public education. It's the choice we made for our daughters, and it's the same path they've now chosen for their own children. One of our daughters is even a public school teacher.

School choice is not an anti-public-school movement. It's pro-education, pro-student, and pro-family. And it has the potential to elevate education statewide for every student in Iowa.

As Governor, I've increased education funding year over year. In fact, under Republican leadership, it's grown by more than $1 billion since fiscal year 2012. And rightfully so.

Iowa's education system is a worthy investment. But the time has come to put those dollars to work differently and deliver a bigger return for Iowans. I believe we'll do exactly that by putting students first.

Opponents argue that public dollars belong to public schools. I see it differently. Every dollar in Iowa's general fund was earned by hard-working, tax-paying Iowans. It's their money and it should be used for the good of the people. In the case of education, for the good of all students.

The Students First Act proposes that "per pupil funds" — $7,598 per student next school year — which now cover a portion of the cost to educate public school students exclusively, would also be available for students who choose to attend accredited private schools. Today, that's about 34,000 students, just six percent of all K-12 students statewide.

The plan would be phased in for private school students, based on household income over the first two years, then available for all families in year three. All incoming kindergarteners and current public school students, regardless of household income, would be eligible starting next school year.

Iowa's public school districts will continue to receive state funding for the students they educate at the same level they do now. Together with other local, state and federal funds, public schools get more than $17,000 total per student. With the Students First Act, they'll also receive $1,205 in categorical funding for every student who lives in their school district but attends a private school instead. That's new money for students they won't ever teach.

It also allows public school districts the flexibility to use unspent and ongoing funds for teacher leadership and compensation, professional development, and talent and gifted programs to supplement teacher salaries. Today, there's nearly $100 million in these funds that remains unused, and nearly $250 million is allocated to them annually.

To be clear, the Students First Act will not cut public school funding as opponents of this bill claim. And it won't result in families fleeing public schools. For most Iowa families, a public education will continue to be their first choice. But for families who otherwise can't afford a private school that may be a better fit for their children, it makes new opportunities attainable.

We've already demonstrated that state-funded school choice works. Iowa's voluntary preschool program for 4-year-olds has been making a difference for Iowa families since 2007, and the Iowa Tuition Grant program makes our private colleges and universities more affordable for Iowa students.

But K-12 students have been left out. It's time to change that.

Putting students first will help young Iowans reach their potential. And that's a worthy investment in our future.

From the ISEA, with most comments echoed by the Iowa Association of School Boards:

Investing more resources in public schools can have a positive impact on student achievement and student success. We choose public schools that benefit all Iowans. Proposals to divert taxpayer dollars from public schools to non-public schools, also called vouchers, make bad public policy for Iowa and are an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

IMPORTANT FACTS ON VOUCHERS

* Vouchers don't offer parents a real choice.

Private schools pick and choose who they accept. Public schools accept ALL students. Students in Iowa public schools are achieving more than ever with diverse course offerings, earning college credits, and gaining valuable work experience and technical training. Iowa is home to some of the best public schools in the country.

* Vouchers divert taxpayer dollars from public schools.

* Vouchers pull critical resources from public schools, which educate over 90% of students and put money into private schools . At a time when our public schools are facing unprecedented challenges, available resources should go to support the more than 484,000 public school students in all 99 counties.

* Vouchers harm rural Iowa.

Almost 75% of Iowa public schools are in rural areas with little to no access to private schools. Most families will be excluded from participating in a voucher program. Rural Iowans without a private school option will pay for urban students to go to private school.

* Private schools have no oversight.

Locally elected citizen volunteers oversee our public schools and represent the community's voice. Private schools are governed by self-appointed boards of trustees with no public oversight over how public money would be spent. Public schools are accountable and transparent to the parents and community they serve. Private schools do not have the same state mandated requirements for accountability and transparency.

Poultry expert discusses Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

An ongoing outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which was first detected in Indiana on Feb. 8, 2022, has continued to impact poultry producers across the country, driving up turkey prices for the 2022 holiday season. In an article for The Conversation, a nonprofit, independent news organization that primarily publishes articles written by academic experts, an avian influenza expert with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach provides some analysis.

Yuko Sato, associate professor in veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine and extension poultry veterinarian at Iowa State University, explained what HPAI is, how the virus can be transmitted and preventative measures that can help limit the spread in poultry.

According to the CDC, the risk to human health from this outbreak is low, and no human illnesses were associated with a similar outbreak between 2014 and 2015. However, HPAI can be deadly for domestic poultry. Avian influenza, also known as bird flu, is a highly contagious virus that impacts both wild and domestic birds. Two groups of avian influenza viruses are known to impact chickens, according to Sato – highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI). LPAI can cause mild to moderate symptoms in domestic birds, while HPAI can be deadly, resulting in symptoms such as lethargy, coughing, sneezing and sudden death.

A major factor in the spread of avian influenza viruses is the migratory patterns of wild birds, which may act as a reservoir for the virus. Because wild waterfowl are the natural hosts of avian influenza, they are well adapted to it and typically do not get sick when they are infected with the virus. However, infected wild birds can spread the disease to domestic poultry through direct or indirect contact. Domestic poultry, such as chickens and turkeys, are not adapted to the virus, and often die acutely after infection.

Because HPAI is so infectious and deadly in domestic poultry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture conducts routine testing and carries out federal inspection programs to ensure that eggs and birds are safe and healthy. If the virus is detected on a farm or in a backyard flock, the site is quarantined and the birds are culled and disposed of, and the site is decontaminated. "We call this process the four D's of outbreak control: diagnosis, depopulation, disposal and decontamination," added Sato.

While the federal government provides some assistance for farmers impacted by the virus, the financial and emotional toll of having to cull large flocks of birds can be devastating for poultry farmers, which is part of why prevention is so important.

One way for poultry producers of all sizes to protect their flocks from HPAI is to practice good biosecurity, according to Sato. In a separate article published by ISU Extension and Outreach earlier this year, Sato highlights some good biosecurity practices to prevent the spread of HPAI, such as sanitizing borrowed equipment and being mindful of potentially contaminated clothing. Sato also spoke with hosts of the Small Farm Sustainability Podcast regarding the issue.

Another point of precaution is to avoid handling or eating wild birds that appear sick. Because wild birds can carry the virus without showing symptoms of illness, hunters should be careful to clean their clothing and equipment, and to ensure that birds are cooked to an internal temperature of 165 Fahrenheit before consuming them.





WCCF Awards

The Worth County Community Foundation recently awarded $42,559 to nine projects of organizations serving Worth County through its 2022 grant cycle. Pictured above are two local groups that received funds at the January 12 ceremony. At top, Lucy Heiken, chair of the WCCF, is pictured with Angela and Brad Wright with Worth County Community of Promise, which received $3,690 for its community food programs. Pictured below, Heiken awards Norland Stowell and Ryan Welch with Northwood Lions Club $3,000 for the club's community Christmas lighting project.

Order cancelling bird exhibitions lifted

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recently announced that the November 10 order cancelling all live bird exhibitions at fairs and other gatherings of birds due to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been lifted. The order also prohibited live birds from being sold or transferred at livestock auction markets, swap meets, and exotic sales.

It had been 30 days since the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has confirmed a new infection of HPAI in domestic poultry in Iowa. The last confirmed case of HPAI in Iowa was announced on December 12.

"Commercial poultry producers and those with backyard birds should continue to be vigilant with their biosecurity because this destructive disease still poses a serious ongoing risk," said Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. "We are continually monitoring highly pathogenic avian influenza case counts worldwide and we remain ready to quickly respond should spring migration bring us another enhanced level of threat."

Commercial and backyard flock owners should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds. Sick birds or unusual deaths among birds should be immediately reported to state or federal officials. Biosecurity resources and best practices are available on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship website. If producers suspect signs of HPAI in their flocks, they should contact their veterinarian immediately. Possible cases must also be reported to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at (515) 281-5305.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections in birds do not present a public health concern. It remains safe to eat poultry products. As a reminder, consumers should always utilize the proper handling and cooking of eggs and poultry products. An internal temperature of 165□F kills bacteria and viruses.

About HPAI

HPAI is highly contagious viral disease affecting bird populations. HPAI can travel in wild birds without those birds appearing sick, but is often fatal to domestic bird populations, including chickens and turkeys. The virus can spread through droppings or the nasal discharge of an infected bird, which can contaminate dust and soil.

Trailblazers earn third place finish at Decorah Tournament

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

As their inaugural season nears its end the North Central Trailblazers, the all-girls wrestling team consisting of athletes from Northwood-Kensett, Saint Ansgar, Central Springs, Lake Mills and Forest City, wrapped up their regular season schedule with two meets last week in Emmetsburg and Decorah.

The Trailblazers traveled to Emmetsburg last Monday and crowned three champions, including Annaston Stene, Mya Peterson and Mariah Michels, while Chelsea Brumm, Emma Hall, Lily Wilson and Claire Rye took home second place medals.

Alexis Wise placed third while the Trailblazers had numerous girls earn fourth place finishes, including Jasmine Schwartz, Lillian Holtan, Isabella Hermanson, Lanie Hanna, Madison Edwards and Avery Hoffmeyer.

The Trailblazers ended the regular season last Saturday in Decorah, where the talented group of young ladies finished the day in third place. Top finishers at Decorah were Mariah Michels, who beat 28-4 Mia Kurth for the title at 100 pounds, and Emma Hall, who placed second with a 3-1 record.

The Trailblazers will travel to Decorah again this Friday when they compete in the state's regional tournament.

Team Scores at Decorah – Waverly-Shell Rock 241, Decorah 236, Trailblazers 128, Sumner-Fredericksburg 128, Mason City 122, Crestwood 102, South Winneshiek 84, North Fayette Valley 82, Waukon 76, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 70, MFL-MarMac60, AGWSR 52, Nashua-Plainfield 51, Postville 33, Oelwein 25, Lewiston-Altura 0

Bolan

On Friday morning, January 20, the Bolan Trinity UM Women met at a restaurant in Northwood for coffee and to plan 2023 for their Booklet for the year. Afterwards they enjoyed lunch at the same establishment.

Legal

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in special session at City Hall on January 16, 2023 at 4:30 pm with Mayor Doug Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

The purpose of the work session was to work on the FY24 Budget.

No action taken.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

NK School
Notice of Public Hearing

Northwood-Kensett Community School - 2023-2024 School Calendar

The Board of the Northwood-Kensett Community School District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar at the Administration Office, Northwood-Kensett CSD, 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA on Thursday, February 9, 2023 beginning at 7:00pm local time. We are inviting public input on the 2023-24 school calendar.

Please go to the school website to view the proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Kim Hengesteg
Secretary, Board of Education

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A petition for a variance and/or special exception to the zoning regulations as applied to the property described as 298 4th St. S. Northwood, IA.

The petition asks property listed above for approval of a variance to the LD-1 Limited Development District of the zoning ordinance 165.13 (2) F & E.

The Administrative Officer was required, under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, to deny a Zoning Compliance Certificate because an accessory building/single family dwelling is a conditional use not a principal permitted use.

However, the Board of Adjustment under certain conditions and safeguards may have the authority to grant the request.

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustment on Friday February 3, 2023 at 12 pm, at City Hall, Northwood, at which time you may appear, if you so desire, either in person or by agent or attorney in opposition to or support of the proposed variance from/or special exception to the zoning regulations. The hearing of this appeal is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who, for any reason, has not received a copy, please inform him/her of this public hearing.

Respectfully,
/s/Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk
Secretary, Board
of Adjustment

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Supervisors

January 16, 2023
Third 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 Loberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $22,154.38 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

B & W Control Specialists, DD 1, Spraying $2,925.75
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 2 Main, Prof Services $472.50
B & W Control Specialists, DD 2 Main, Spraying..... $2,715.00
B & W Control Specialists, DD 2 Main, Spraying..... $343.50
B & W Control Specialists, DD 2 Main, Spraying..... $2761.88
B & W Control Specialists, DD 4 Main, Spraying..... $3,855.50
B & W Control Specialists, DD 6 Main, Spraying..... $1,545.75
B & W Control Specialists, DD 6/Lat 9, Spraying..... $3,045.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 48, Prof Services..... $4,489.50
..... $22,154.38

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to set public hearing dates for the following drainage districts. Motion carried.

February 27 – 9:30 AM Annexation: DD 32 and DD 72

February 27 – 9:45 AM Reclassification: DD 32 and DD 72

March 7 – 8:00 AM Annexation: DD 11, DD 24, DD 34, DD 37, DD 49 and DD 52

March 7 – 9:00 AM Reclassification: DD 11, DD 24, DD 34, DD 37, DD 49 and DD 52

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $69,581.53 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Eng 14,950.26
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 10,705.37
Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr 302.50
Aramark, Service-Eng 99.83
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf..... 634.97
Bob Barker Company Inc
Supplies-Shf 1,224.00
Brian M Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd 3,080.91
C J Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng 90.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng 2,493.11
Central Square Technologies, Llc
Service-911 ..... 6,586.26
Centurylink, Service-Eng .. 193.03
Cintas Corporation
Supplies-Eng 505.84
City Of Fertile, Service-Eng 74.29
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 469.52
Cnh Industrial Capital
Service-Con..... 237.25
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 131.30
Dave Syverson Truck Center
Parts-Eng..... 101.71
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Aud 33.00
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf 32.43
Federal Licensing Inc
Service-Shf..... 175.00
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng 59.27
Grafton Welding
Service-Eng 615.00
Grp & Associates Inc
Service-Phd..... 36.00
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng 619.65
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt 3,801.06
Ia Dept Of Natural Resources
Service-San..... 125.00
Ia Weed Commissioner's Assoc
Edu-Eng..... 200.00
Isac, Edu-Aud..... 410.00
Jade Equipment Co. Ltd.
Parts-Eng..... 234.87
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Eng 24.94
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Con 464.22
Lair's 66, Supplies-Eng..... 55.00
Manly Fire Dept
Reimb-911..... 2,000.00
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup..... 276.35
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr..... 504.15
Menards Inc, Supplies-Eng . 74.97
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health, Service-Eng..... 123.00
Napa Auto Parts
Parts-Eng..... 39.98
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup..... 332.56
Nsb Bank, Service-Dap..... 212.55
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng..... 431.06
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd..... 174.50
Pitney Bowes Global
Service-Dap 402.99
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Ema 33.38
Printing Services Inc
Supplies-Sdp..... 124.77
Ram Systems, Service-Phd 720.00
River City Fence
Service-Sdp..... 50.00
Sanofi Pasteur Inc
Supplies-Phd 172.38
Tim Tuttle, Safety-Eng..... 150.00
Trading Post, Parts-Eng.... 244.48
Wex Bank, Service-Tra... 2,017.16
Whks & Co, Service-Eng. 4,100.00
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Eng 267.79
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Phd 432.90
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Con 439.88
Ziegler Inc, Service-Eng.. 7,091.09
Grand Total 69,581.53

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, to approve the monthly clerk of court report and quarterly auditor report. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, to approve salary changes for John Coyle at $24.98/hour and Zachary Hayden at $24.98/hour as submitted by the engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the Worth County Employee Benefit Program for Plan Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 through the ISAC Group Benefits Program. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to rescind the motion on January 2, 2023 to change the hourly rate paid by the courthouse for 2023. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the FY24 Health Insurance Premium Employer at $1,020.00/month/employee. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:05 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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Vikings roll over RRMR in 80-59 TIC East victory

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Hoping to pick up a few more wins before the post-season rolls around the Vikings of Northwood-Kensett had a busy schedule last week despite losing a game to the weather.

The Vikings played four games last week and came away with one win, an 80-59 Top of Iowa Conference East win over Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock while suffering losses to Saint Ansgar, West Fork and Lake Mills.

N-K has won three of the last five against the Saints, but the Vikings' Highway 105 rival has gotten the best of the series the last two games, winning both contests played this season.

The Vikings put on their scoring shoes to start the game and poured in 22 first quarter points and held a slim 34-31 advantage to start the third quarter of play. Still clinging to a one point lead, 48-47 heading into the final eight minutes of play, N-K had another great quarter in the fourth, but gave up just one basket too many as the Saints overcame trailing for most of the contest for the come from behind victory over the Vikings, 71-70.

The Vikings had four players score in double figures against SA. They were Lamonte Sims (18 pts.), Colby Eskildsen (18 pts.), Carter Anderson (15 pts.) and Kooper Julseth (11 pts.).

The Warhawks of West Fork are now 29-0 against N-K, but since taking a beating in the 90-16 loss in 2020, the Vikings seem to have finally had enough and are increasingly coming close to pulling off the upset, including both games played this season, 73-66 and last Tuesday's 61-55 loss.

And while the Vikings don't seem to be intimidated by WF any longer, against a team like the Warhawks it takes just one bad eight minute quarter to turn the game against you, and that happened in last Tuesday's six point loss. N-K scored just six points in the third quarter and entered the final eight minutes of play trailing by two, 37-35, never recovering in the 61-55 TIC East loss.

Eskildsen led the team with 16 points and nine boards while Sims and Evan Lorenzen added 12 and 10 points respectively.

The offense was once again on full display in last Friday's 80-59 win in Rockford, where the Vikings shot 51.6% from the field (32-62) to hold off the Warriors in the 80-59 conference win, the fourth of the year for N-K.

Leading by 12 at the halftime break, 36-24, the Vikings put the game away in the second half, scoring 44 points in the final 16 minutes of play to secure the 21-point TIC East win over RRMR.

Eskildsen led the Vikings with 25 points and eight assists while Julseth added one of his many double-doubles on the year, collecting 12 points and 10 rebounds in the conference win.



N-K big man Colby Eskildsen puts up a short jumper in last Saturday afternoon's 72-43 loss to Lake Mills. Eskildsen leads the team in three offensive categories, including points per game (14.4), assists per game (3.6) and rebounds per game (8.9).

Lake Mills, who just won its 14th game in a row over N-K has been a dominant force in northern Iowa basketball the last few years, possessing the rare ability to make an opposing team's good game actually look bad.

That's what happened to N-K in last Saturday's 72-43 non-conference loss to the Bulldogs. Scoring in double figures in every quarter, a feat they more often than not aren't able to accomplish, the Vikings played a pretty good game, but against LM, pretty good just isn't good enough as N-K fell to the high scoring Bulldogs, 72-43.

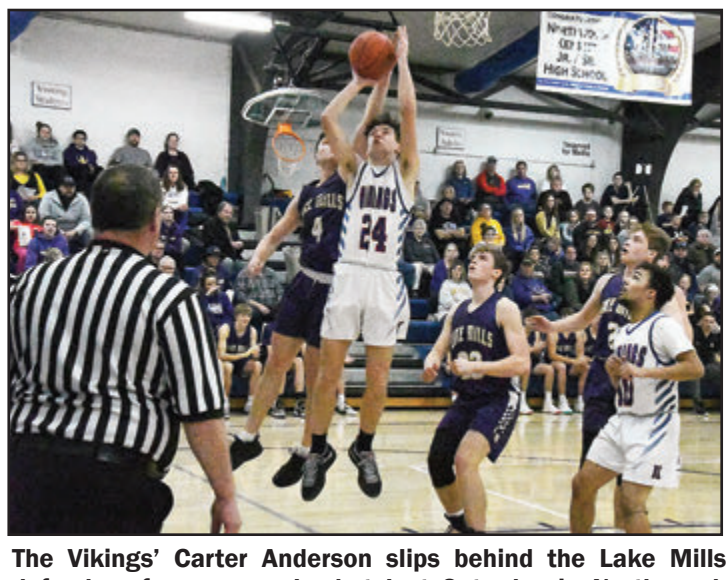
Anderson led the Vikings with 12 points while Sims and Eskildsen scored eight and seven points respectively in the non-conference loss.

With the three losses last week the Vikings are now 4-10 overall and 4-7 in the TIC East.

They had games this week on Monday at North Butler and Tuesday versus North Iowa. On Friday they take on Newman Catholic.



N-K point guard Lamonte Sims gets his shot off just in time last Saturday in Northwood. Sims scored eight points on 4-10 shooting from the field in the Vikings' 72-43 non-conference loss to Lake Mills.



The Vikings' Carter Anderson slips behind the Lake Mills defenders for an easy basket last Saturday in Northwood. Anderson led the team with 12 points and is now averaging 7.6 points per game.

TIC East Boys Basketball Standings

TIC East	Overall
West Fork	10-1 11-3
Osage	9-2 12-3
Newman Catholic	8-2 11-2
Nashua-Plainfield	7-3 11-5
North Butler	4-7 7-9
Northwood-Kensett	4-7 4-10
Saint Ansgar	4-7 5-9
Central Springs	2-9 4-10
Rockford	0-10 0-13

Lady Vikings cling to third place in TIC East with 55-20 win over RRMR

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team continued to hold onto third place in the Top of Iowa Conference East standings after winning one of four games last week, a 55-20 blowout in Rockford that lifted the Lady Vikings to 7-4 in the conference.

N-K's week got started last Monday when it traveled to Saint Ansgar to try to make it two in a row over the Saints after a 47-44 victory back in February. But instead it was the Saints who took revenge for the earlier loss as they overwhelmed the Lady Vikings in the 61-39 TIC East win, the Saints' 10th in the last 11 games played between the two rivals.

The Lady Vikings ended the first eight minutes of play down 16-6 and fell into a deeper hole in the second quarter after they were outscored 21-7, now trailing 37-13 at the halftime break.

N-K did get its mojo back in the second half, scoring 26 second half points but it was not enough as the Lady Vikings fell to the Saints 61-39.

Chloe Costello and Ella Leonard scored 13 points each while Morgan Wallin added nine points, five assists and seven rebounds.

The Warhawks of West Fork made it 12 wins in a row over N-K last Tuesday night in Northwood, where they used a steady and unrelenting offensive attack to earn the 61-26 TIC East win.

As the game got underway the Lady Vikings could manage only three first quarter points and fell behind 28-10 heading into the locker rooms at the intermission, only to be outscored 33-16 in the third and fourth quarters before falling to their TIC East rival, 61-26.

The bulk of N-K's scoring came from just three individuals. Costello (9 pts.), Wallin (8 pts.) and Leonard (6 pts.) combined for 23 of the team's 26 points in the 35-point loss.

Last Friday night the Lady Vikings got back in the winning ways with their sixth win in a row over Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock, outscoring the Lady Warriors 105-40 in the two wins this season.

N-K showed no mercy as it ran out to an easy 16-2 advantage after the first eight minutes of play and took a convincing 32-12 lead into the halftime break. After another 16-2 quarter in the third, the Lady Vikings cruised to the 55-20 TIC East, their seventh of the season.

While the Lady Vikings starters all got in on the scoring action, with Costello leading the way with 23 points and 10 steals, it was perhaps N-K's bench that made the difference in the game after pouring in 12 points compared to RRMR's bench, who scored just four points in 32 minutes of play.

The Lady Vikings got some non-conference action in last Saturday when they hosted Lake Mills in Northwood. In a game that was close throughout the first quarter, ending with a Bulldogs lead of 14-10, things quickly turned on N-K when it was outscored 22-4 in the second quarter, leading to a 36-14 halftime deficit and an eventual 59-37 loss.

Costello (7 pts.) and Leonard (6 pts.) combined for 13 points while Wallin (5 pts, 5 reb.) and Madalynn Hanson (5pts, 5 reb.) combined for 10 points and 10 boards in the 22-point loss, N-K's sixth in the last seven games played against the Bulldogs.

With the 1-3 record last week the Lady Vikings are now 7-8 overall and 7-4 in the TIC East.

N-K had games this week on Monday at North Butler and on Friday versus Newman Catholic.



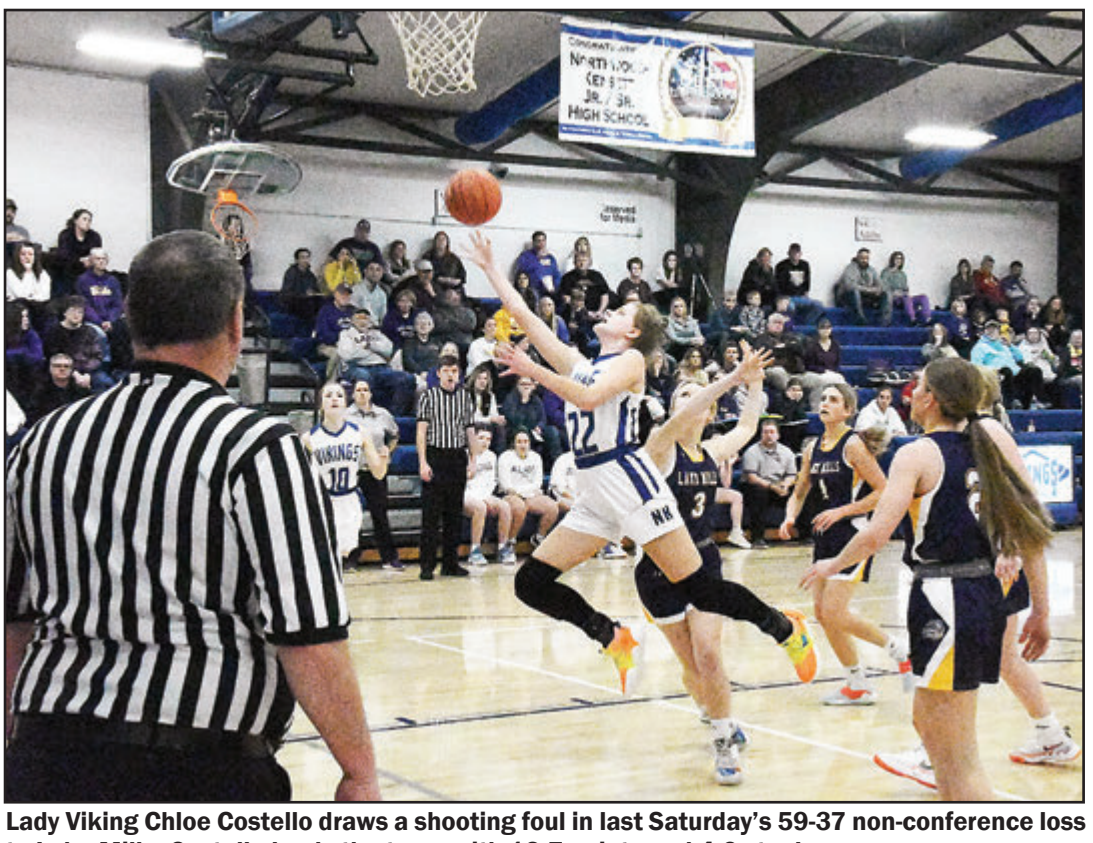
N-K senior Peyton Shoger boxes out for one of her three rebounds in last Saturday's loss to the Bulldogs. Shoger came off the bench in the non-conference loss to score seven points, tied for the team high on the day.

TIC East Girls Basketball Standings

TIC East	Overall
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Saint Ansgar	7-4 9-5
Central Springs	5-5 7-6
Newman Catholic	5-6 6-8
Nashua-Plainfield	2-9 4-10
North Butler	2-9 4-11
Rockford	0-10 1-12



N-K point guard Madalynn Hanson splashes a 3-pointer last Saturday in Northwood. Hanson scored five points and grabbed five rebounds in the 59-37 non-conference loss to Lake Mills.



Lady Viking Chloe Costello draws a shooting foul in last Saturday's 59-37 non-conference loss to Lake Mills. Costello leads the team with 13.7 points and 4.6 steals per game.

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