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Briefs

VBS pancake fundraiser set for Sunday

A fundraiser will be held this Sunday, offering breakfast with support for the annual Vacation Bible School held in Bolan each June.

A number of local churches will once again invite families to get ready for "STELLAR, Shine Jesus' Light!" the annual Vacation Bible School with an out-of-this-world theme, which will be held in Bolan, June 19 - 23, the week after the Worth County Fair.

A fundraiser to help with the expense of materials will take place this Sunday, February 5, at Bethel United Methodist Church, Highway 9 in Manly.

An all-you-can-eat meal with pancakes, sausages, bananas, OJ, milk and coffee, with a free will offering, will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gifts await first baby of 2023

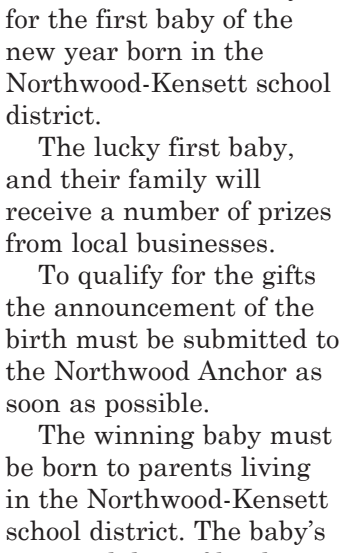
With the second month of the year arrived, the search is still underway for the first baby of the new year born in the Northwood-Kensett school district.

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.



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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Jan. 24	30	6	
Wed. Jan. 25	30	2	
Thurs. Jan. 26	17	0	
Fri. Jan. 27	34	10	
Sat. Jan. 28	11	4	0.01
Sun. Jan. 29	3	-5	0.05
Mon. Jan. 30	2	-7	



Pictured are (in front, from left) Northwood-Kensett senior Jadyn Beland, freshman Weston Willand, (in back) freshman Addyson Runde, senior Teagan Johnson, senior Pete Kelly and senior Grady Buenzow.

Northwood-Kensett speech succeeds at group contest

The Northwood-Kensett Speech Team traveled to Mason City High School on Saturday, January 21, for the Large Group District Speech Contest. Three groups from N-K performed.

The ninth grade improv duo of Addyson Runde and Weston Willand performed a skit with the situation "On a first date and your parents are driving" in the category of Group Improv and earned a Division II rating.

The senior improv quartet of Jadyn Beland, Teagan Johnson, Grady Buenzow and Pete Kelly performed a

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Coalition forms to fight substance misuse in Worth County

A coalition of community members and groups has formed to help address substance abuse issues and concerns.

The Worth County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition has formed to combine the efforts and experiences of community agencies and individuals.

The coalition efforts began as the Worth County Supervisors and County public health agencies, along with Prairie Ridge Integrated Behavioral Healthcare had community grants in place to be used to address substance misuse in local communities.

"As organizations, we feel it is important that

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N-K superintendent talks potential impact of Students First Act

Last week a program to provide savings accounts to Iowa students wanting to attend private schools was signed into law. For local education officials, the program raises concerns and frustrations for education funding and the State's support of public education.

The Students First Act gives the parents of Iowa students the option to use State of Iowa education dollars for "education savings account," which can be used to pay for private school costs. Based on current year figures, the accounts would be worth $7,598. If tuition is less than the amount in the savings accounts, families can use the remaining funds to cover fees, supplies, advanced testing and other costs.

Funds not used carry over until a student is no longer eligible, or until the funds are no longer provided by the state. Unused funds return to the State's general fund.

The accounts are phased into effect. In the first two years, the funds are available for all students already in private schools, kindergarten students and students at a set percentage of the poverty level. In the third year, all students K-12 in the state are eligible.

When students enroll into private schools, the public districts they live in will no longer receive the full state per pupil amount, but $1,205 instead.

The act also allows districts the flexibility in unused money from specific educational programs to be used for additional teacher salary funds.

According to the

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Chamber hosts Valentine's contest



The Northwood Chamber of Commerce will once again hold a contest to share a variety of prizes to make a special Valentine's Day for one local winner and their loved one or loved ones.

Prizes include a stay at the Holiday Inn, dinner for two at Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill, two movie tickets from the Northwood Theatre, two more tickets from T&W Towing, flowers from the Flower Forager, a bottle of champagne from Shade Tree Liquors, candy from Fallgatters, a cake from Fat Jill's, a $50 Target

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Supervisors look at compensation, EMS as budgeting continues

With budget discussions underway, the Worth County supervisors discussed two considerations that will impact the County in the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

At the January 23 meeting, Supervisor Enos Loberg raised the question of how the board would on act on the recommendations of the county compensation board.

Each year, the compensation board makes recommendations for salary increases of elected officials. The board is made up of appointees by those elected officials.

The Board of Supervisors can increase salaries up to, but no more than the recommendations. They can also approve salaries at any level below what is recommended.

The compensation board recommended salary increases of 8% for the attorney and supervisors; 12% for the auditor, recorder and treasurer; and 25% for the sheriff.

If fully approved, the increased salaries would add $56,456 to the county's budget. That is before the increases for the deputies of the elected officials, who can be paid up to 85% of the elected salaries.

As Loberg mentioned, other non-elected offices of the County often use the elected salaries as a basis for their own increases, and would include that as they prepare their department budgets.

Loberg asked his fellow supervisors if they should decide the level of elected salary increases to help as other departments prepare their budgets.

Auditor Jacki Backhaus, in charge of her own department's budget, also

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Northwood Volunteer Fire Company awarded Brett Backhaus as officer of the year, Jake Springer was chosen as firefighter of the year, Brandon Oldfather was named the EMS responder of the year and Brandon Severson was the rookie of the year.

NVFC recognizes volunteer service

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company recently held its annual meeting, enjoying a meal, recognizing the service of its members, electing officers and providing a look at what is new for the honorary members, former firefighters, who are invited to attend.

The department's officers for 2023 include chief Blake Severson, assistant chiefs Brett Backhaus and Justin Peterson, captain Jake Springer, lieutenant Kory Jaspers, secretary Brandon Oldfather and treasurer Cody Strand.

Several members were recognized with awards, chosen by their fellow

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NVFC officers for 2023 are (from left) treasurer Cody Strand, assistant chief Justin Peterson, assistant chief Brett Backhaus, chief Blake Severson, lieutenant Kory Jaspers, captain Jake Springer and secretary Brandon Oldfather.

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NVFC members. Brett Backhaus was named officer of the year. Jake Springer was chosen as firefighter of the year. Brandon Oldfather was named the EMS responder of the year. Brandon Severson was the rookie of the year.

NVFC volunteers were also recognized for responding to more than 100 calls in 2022.

Reaching that milestone were Justin Peterson, 102 calls; Brandon Severson, 106 calls; Sawyer Schulz, 106 calls; Brett Backhaus, 111 calls; Ryan Schoon, 112 calls; Brandon Kilbourn, 114 calls; Brandon Magritz, 115 calls; Kory Jaspers, 140 calls; Blake Severson, 194 calls; Jake Springer, 238 calls; and Brandon Oldfather, with 378 calls.

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Legislative Services Agency, the bipartisan service that provides projected impacts of legislative changes, the act is estimated to cost an additional $106.9 million in state funds in its first year, increasing to $344.9 million in its fourth year.

The act was voted on by the Iowa legislature last week and signed into law by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, who had been pushing similar programs for several years.

Worth County's legislative representatives were split on their support for the act. Republican Senator Waylon Brown, Osage, voted in favor. Republican Representative Jane Bloomingdale, Northwood, voted against.

In the past, Bloomingdale has repeatedly assured local school officials that she would not support public funding of private schools.

Both legislators discuss the Students First Act in their legislative updates on Page 6.

As he decried the local impact of the act, Northwood-Kensett superintendent Mike Crozier thanked Bloomingdale for her vote.

When asked how the Students First Act will impact people in northern Iowa, Crozier said, "This is another attack on public education. We have been given state requirements and obligations on how we educate our students and there's constantly talk about more being asked of our teachers and staff. We have struggled with less than adequate funding year after year. And now public funds are being given to private schools that don't face the same limits and requirements we do."

"While we do not have a private school within 30 miles, we could lose students to private schools. Even if we do not lose students, funding in the future will be affected as there will be less funds to go to education.

"Private school vouchers pull valuable resources from our rural community schools leading to increased consolidations and property tax hikes," Crozier added. "I do not understand where this money will come from considering more tax cuts have already been implemented for the future and the program is estimated to cost the state $350 million. We would expect this leading to less state aid in the future, regardless of whether or not we have students opt out for private education."

As for how the act will impact the N-K district, Crozier said it will likely have a negative impact. "The state's tax revenues will be shifted from public schools to private schools, reducing the amount of available funds to our public schools. This leaves rural schools with less funds and no private option in rural areas."

"Public schools do not benefit in any way," Crozier said of the savings accounts.

Some of the discussion of the act has referenced it allowing for school choice. Crozier said that school choice has ben in place for years. Students have been able to open enroll into neighboring districts. Crozier also said, "Private schools get to pick and choose the students they accept. If a student has behavioral problems or has an individual education plan, private schools do not have to accept them. That is not school choice. Public schools accept and educate all students, regardless of their needs."

While the act does not provide any additional funds, and results in less funding with departing students, it does provide some additional flexibility for funding for state mandated programs and additional support for sharing of staff between districts.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

There are many things happening in our community and in the general area but sometimes it's too cold, dark too early, the roads are slippery or snow is falling. These things keep seniors at home too much in the winter and being closed in doesn't help our health, mental or physical. The Northwood Senior Center is close by for those who live in town and not too far for those in the rural areas. It's warm and cozy, smells delicious when lunch is cooking and has fun activities that add to our quality of life. February's activity calendar is no exception to the commitment the Senior Center Board has made to provide a safe, welcoming and enjoyable alternative to staying home. Yes, reading and television fill up some hours but face-to-face activities with other people trump that hands down!

On Monday, February 6, the Bookworm Book Club will meet at the Public Library at 2 p.m. This club is sponsored by the Senior Center and is open to any man or woman over 60 who likes not only to read but to discuss what has been read.

On Thursday, February 9, and on Thursday, February 23, our favorite musical maven, Lois Meyer, will entertain during lunch. Lois totes her keyboard with her and starts playing at 11:45 a.m. Music always helps digestion according to those who know about those things. I just like the way it sounds!

Fun Bingo is not only fun, it's a chance to go home with a prize! There will be two opportunities to play in February, the 13th and the 27th. Both times the games will begin at 12:30 p.m. Put on your competitive hat and win some goodies.

Valentine's Day is set aside for those who love. Not only for people in relationships but for those who love the families, the pets, their neighbors and all the people and things that make life worthwhile. Marcia Price will surprise you with a Valentine's Day activity at 12:30 p.m. on February 14. Share the love with those you care about.

The next day on February 15, after eating Valentine's Day candy, Public Health Nurse Shana Butler will present her monthly health talk. It can't be said too often that maintaining good health is so important for Seniors. Come and hear what's important at 12:15 p.m.

Has anyone been able to beat Lorri at Trivia yet? You can give it another try on Monday, February 20, at 12:30 p.m. This month she will have prizes for the table that comes in at first place!

Speaking of senior health, food is one of the hottest topics these days. Amy from ISU Extension will present Fresh Conversations on Tuesday, February 21, at 12:15 p.m. She has such good recipes and the monthly newsletter.

Tuesdays remain card and game day for anyone who wants to use the space at the Center, free of charge, to host their friends. Just let the staff know you will be coming in, bring your own games and snacks/beverage and enjoy yourself without having to host at home.

Please don't forget the delicious lunches the Senior Center staff serves Monday – Friday each week (unless bad weather closes school, then the Center is also closed). The suggested cost is $5 per person and includes a complete meal with beverage. No tip or tax so it's a bargain! Just call the Center at 324-1244 either the morning before or by 8 a.m. on the day you want to eat.

A very special note: There will be a "Chick Party" at the Northwood Public Library on Wednesday, March 1, at 1 p.m. It will be hosted by Theresa Stehn from Farm Bureau. The kindergarten students at N-K have been incubating eggs and patiently waiting for the chicks to hatch. They will bring them to the library and have invited any seniors who would like to enjoy them too. Bus transportation from the Senior Center will be available for those who need it. Come and watch those little faces smile...both the children and the chicks!

Cancer-benefit bowling tournament this weekend

The Sixth Annual Dave Waters and Alex Ritzert Memorial 9-Pin Tournament will be held this weekend, Friday and Saturday, February 3-4, at the Strike Zone in Northwood.

There will be five shifts over the course of the weekend, with four person teams, with an entry fee of $100 per team.

The tournament is standard nine pin rules with prizes for the top five finishers.

On Saturday, February 4, there will also be a silent auction and bake sale.

All proceeds will be split between the Relay For Life of Worth County and Another HERO, to help offset medical and living expenses while undergoing treatment for cancer.

Those interested may contact Tracy McCoy at 507-319-8032.

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skit with the situation "Chaperoning a field trip to the museum" in the category of Group Improv and earned a Division I rating.

Beland and Johnson also performed as an acting duet in the category of Ensemble Acting as the two performed "The Best Escape" by Carolyn West and earned a Division I rating.

The groups earning Division I ratings will advance to the state competition this Saturday, February 4, in Waterloo. The team is coached by Beth Butler.

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gift card and a date night gift certificate from Strike Zone.

Those interested can sign up at several local chamber members. That includes CarQuest Auto Parts, Northwood Anchor, Kelly Hardware, Shade Tree Liquors, Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill, Knudtson Automotive, Strike Zone and the Northwood Theatre.

The drawing will be held on Thursday, February 9. Winners will be contacted after the drawing.

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helps combine and prepare the budgets of all county departments, said that the budget is a guess and not what any department is required to spend. She said that all the departments can budget for salary increases at any level, and then lower them when the time comes, if necessary.

In terms of decisions on the compensation board's recommendations, Backhaus said that when it comes time to adjust wages, the County will have to look at what money is available.

Supervisor AJ Stone agreed, saying that he would rather wait until after the budget figures are in place before making salaries official.

Stone did say that the supervisors could tell the other departments their thoughts on increases, saying that they are looking at increases below recommended amounts. Backhaus suggested said half would be a best case, and Stone said that's the direction the supervisors are going.

A bigger impact on the coming fiscal budget will likely be the funds needed to maintain ambulance coverage in the coming fiscal year.

Stone asked the other supervisors what they should do in regards to the request for a total $332,000 from the Mason City Fire Department and Forest City Ambulance Service to continue ambulance service in the county.

Loberg said that he had learned that American Rescue Plan pandemic relief funds could potentially be used to cover those costs in the first year, as a band-aid until ongoing funding options could be worked out.

With a year to look at options, one of those that may have bowed out, at least for now, is the Northwood fire department, according to Stone.

In terms of funding and coverage, supervisor Mark Smeby said that the cities need to be involved in the conversation, as the majority of calls are in the towns.

Stone also noted that the township trustees need to be involved, especially if any changes to EMS taxes or service boundaries need to be made.

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these funds be utilized in ways that have input from the residents," said Kelli Gerdes, population health division manager at Cerro Gordo Public Health, who serves as the chair of the coalition. "We also know that no one organization can solve or address these issues by itself, so a group effort is always best."

While the coalition doesn't necessarily pick up where previous substance abuse groups in the county have left off, the group includes several members that have been involved in those efforts.

"Many of our initial membership partners were a part of the WCAT initiatives from years past," Gerdes said. That includes representatives of Worth County Extension, Public Health, the Sheriff's Office and the county's schools. "However, we continue to try and bring new members to the group each month to expand our reach but also garner new insights and opportunities from those who join us."

Prairie Ridge and Cerro Gordo Public Health representatives began reaching out to Worth County community partners in the summer of 2022. As the school year began, there were 16 members and organizations that had shown an interest in taking part.

The first meeting was held in September 2022, when the group began the process of determining what the community needed and what steps to take to meet those needs with the resources available. Early efforts of the group have involved using data to see how substance misuse might be impacting Worth community, adding members to the coalition and planning for their efforts.

With the group in place, they are working to implement the resources available to substance misuse programs.

In the future the coalition plans to work to connect with youth to prevent substance misuse. Gerdes said, "We really want to connect with youth and their parents (families). We feel that prevention is our mission moreso than treatment so we really want kids to understand the dangers of substance abuse. Vaping in particular is something youth all across North Iowa are struggling with as these products came onto the market labeled 'safe' although we know that is not true. Most schools in our area report student vaping as their number one issue by a great margin. We want to inform and equip parents with the knowledge to have real and truthful conversations with their teens because the messages they get from media are some of these products are not harmful, which couldn't be further from the truth."

The coalition wants to connect with families to education them on substance misuse dangers. "We are planning a few community outreach events this year to equip families and parents with more knowledge around what substances are becoming problematic in our community and how we can talk with our kids about these issues."

The coalition is also making efforts to encourage in school programming with prevention education. "We continue to have conversations with both school districts (Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs) regarding available curriculum and programs offered by our community partners. We have started attending meetings and hope to continue and deepen our conversations with the schools. Unfortunately schools are pressured with a multitude of responsibilities and requests from community partners, state requirements, etc. and it can be hard to carve time into a student's full day to find time for one more program. That is why we also continue to explore community events that can reach families so we can hopefully connect with youth in many different settings."

One of those settings currently in the works is a presence at the Worth County Fair, including a meal with some guest speakers and joining other county agencies in their booths.

The group is also hoping to continue growing its membership.

Members of the coalition currently include Shana Butler, with Worth County Public Health. "Shana is a stalwart in the schools when it comes to public health and prevention. She has been educating students on ways to stay healthy for years in our community and continues to be a wealth of knowledge and a connection to others in our community."

Dennis Johnson, ISU Extension, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, brings his own experience to the group. "Everyone likely knows Dennis… He's a staple community volunteer and champion with a wealth of history and was a leader in the original WCAT activities."

Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank and Deputy Dennis Paulson share data and give a look at what issues they are finding in the community.

Michael VanEssen, Robert Walker and Laken Rodemaker bring the resources and experience from Prairie Ridge to the group.

Gerdes represents Cerro Gordo Public Health, which coordinates Worth County's Tobacco Prevention Grant as a regional effort involving Cerro Gordo, Worth, Mitchell and Floyd counties. That includes funding focused on vaping and tobacco prevention through policy changes.

Students from Northwood-Kensett and recently Central Springs have also been invited to take part. "They provide great insight into what our youth are experiencing and what activities they think would be most helpful to a teen."

Jesse Germundson, director of Northern Lights Alliance for Homeless Shelters, is a Manly native. "His work also sheds a great deal of information into what issues are happening in our communities and gaps in services our community might have."

Joe Pishkur with the Diamond Jo Casino is a marketing professional, lending his expertise and also offering a meeting space.

The most recent addition is Kris Kenison, with the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal newspapers, providing a way to connect with local readers and the community.

"We welcome anyone associated with the Worth County communities and has an interest in preventing substance misuse in our communities, to join our coalition meetings, even if it's just to learn more and not take an active role at first. We generally meet the third Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m. at Diamon Jo Casino, but it's best to connect with a member to make sure of the date/time."

Those with questions or that would like to get involved with the coalition may contact any member, or Gerdes at kgerdes@cghealth.com or 641-421-3912.



Annual Educational 4-H Leader update

Worth County 4-H Club Leaders met recently at the Worth County Extension Office for their annual educational leader update meeting. 4-H volunteers in the county represent more than 10 clubs with nearly 200 4-H Club members. Those 4-H leaders taking part included (seated in front, from let) Pat Rothove, Worth County Hoofprints 4-H Club, Theresa Butler, Green Shamrocks 4-H Club, Anneke Urbatsch and Gina Solberg, Deer Creek Wohelos 4-H, Mary Buren, Silver Lake Huskers 4-H; (standing) Lacey Waller, Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Leader/ Extension Office Manager, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Jean Schilling, Golden Banner 4-H, Janet Wallin, Hartland Achievers 4-H, Peter Julseth, Brookfield Boosters 4-H, Dean Mueller, Worth County Hot Shots 4-H, Kimberly Bode, Worth County 4-H Youth Leader, and Michelle Hill, Golden Banner 4-H Club.

Northwood Chamber of Commerce

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- Candy from Fallgatters Market
- 6" Cake from Fat Jill's
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From the classroom to the kitchen to the foodtruck







The students in the Viking Cafe classroom took a break last week from preparing meals for their community customers to visit two unique culinary destinations in Osage. That included a tour of the Cedar Valley Seminary, and their Ex-press Food Truck. They worked with Chef Bradley in the learning kitchen and the food truck to cut and prepare a variety of menu items, including chicken strips, fresh cut fries, hamburger patties and fresh squeezed lemonade. Next they visited the kitchen at Taste, which offers special meal events and prepared options as well. Chef Jessica Baldus gave a tour, and a cheesecake tasting.













From the page to the stage

Northwood-Kensett Elementary students started last week with a trip to the auditorium at NIACC, where they watched a show, "Pete the Cat," based on the favorite children's books of the same name. Kindergarten and first grade students have read the books with library associate Deanna Katcher in past school years. The Northwood-Kensett Education Foundation sponsored the trip for students from preschool to the third grade to take in the show.

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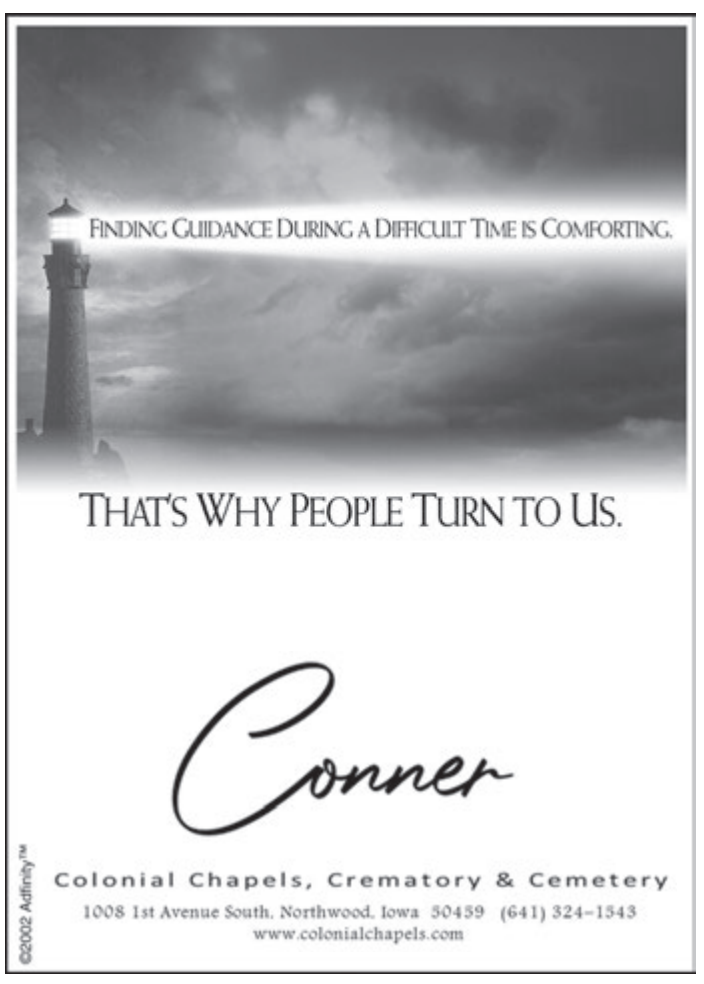
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Northwood-Kensett Junior-Senior High School

The students listed below have made the Honor Roll for the First Semester of the 2021-2022 school year. To be eligible, students must have Honors of 3.6 or better for their subjects.

High Honors

9 Willand, Weston
9 Hanson, Merrin
9 Peterson, Dagen
9 Rye, Sophie
10 Backhaus, Kamryn
10 Hoeppner, Breyden
10 Thorson, Macy
11 Conlin, Kenny
11 Costello, Chloe
11 Hanson, Madalynn
11 Moore, Lindsey
11 Peterson, Damaris
12 Beland, Jadyn
12 Johnson, Teagan
12 Shoger, Peyton

Honors

9 Ducommun, Alec
9 Heiken, Zachary
9 Bewley, Alex
10 Rollene, Ashlynn
10 Tiedemann, Trent
10 Bice, Aden
10 Orth, Austin
11 Hengesteg, Emma
11 Bremer, Luisa
11 Beel, Megan
11 Liddle, Kelsi
11 Reyerson, Damon
11 Wallin, Morgan
11 Sales, Mireia
11 Wilder, Peyton
11 Halbach, Marisa
11 Leonard, Ella
11 Hanson, Haddie
12 Christianson, Kennedy
12 Logeman, Dalton
12 Hackenmiller, Teagan
12 Ehrhardt, Ellie
12 Kelly, Pet

N-K Junior High

High Honors

7 Smith, Maci
8 Bode, Ariah
8 Bode, Kale
8 Skellenger, Ashlyn

Honors

7 Fierova, Mia
7 Davidson-Jacobs, Keenan
7 Thorson, Bailey
7 Hanson, Hallie
7 Toresdahl, Ivy
7 Hackenmiller, True
7 Pepper, Cayleigh
7 Faber, Brynlee
8 Willsher, Olivia
8 Heiken, Lauren

N-K Middle School

High Honors

6 Urbatsch, Ivy
6 Rye, Maggie
6 Skellenger, Avarie

Honors

6 Schoon, Rylee
6 Solberg, Kenly
6 Hanson, Henry
6 Franck, Kaylee
6 Rugland, Amaya
6 Binnebose, Owen
6 Krambeer, Hixton
6 Machin, Katie
6 Trenhaile, Tegan
6 Perry, Konlin
6 Gentz, Casey

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North Iowa natives at Iowa's State Capitol

North Iowa is well represented at Iowa's State Capitol. Besides local legislators, the three North Iowa natives are amongst those working at the Capitol this year. That includes Alex Byrnes (left), a 2016 Osage graduate, who works for Governor Kim Reynolds as a Public Relations Advisor. Kelsie Willert (middle), of Bolan, a 2016 graduate of St. Ansgar High School, is a State of Iowa Capitol tour guide. Morgan Fritz, a 2018 Lake Mills graduate, is Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg's Executive Assistant. This photo was taken in January, at the base of the State Capitol steps.

N-K wrestlers preparing for postseason with quad at Garner-Hayfield

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With the wrestling season slowly inching its way towards Wells Fargo Arena and the state wrestling tournament, the Northwood-Kensett boys wrestling team is busy mending injuries and overcoming illness.

The Vikings, whose roster had dwindled to as low as just two athletes at a recent weekend tournament, have finally had time to get back to some semblance of normalcy, competing last Tuesday at the Garner-Hayfield/Ventura quad in Garner.

Facing teams from G-H/V, North Union and Eagle Grove, the Vikings came up short in all three duals but was not embarrassed in any way. As a matter of fact, the complete opposite as the small team from N-K lost 48-27 to NU, 48-30 to EG and 57-18 to G-H/V.

These duals were meant to give the Vikings some mat time before last Saturday's Top of Iowa Conference tournament in Forest City, which ended up being postponed because of snow. No make-up date has been set yet.

N-K will have two more chances to heal and improve before the tournament starts. This Tuesday they'll compete at Central Springs and on Thursday the Vikings will be at West Bend-Mallard.

The Saturday after that, the Vikings will compete at the district tournament in Lake Mills. Other teams competing include Central Springs, Lake Mills, Nashua-Plainfield, Newman Catholic, North Union, Riceville, Rockford, Saint Ansgar and West Fork.

Viking season records (According to Trackwrestling) – Linca Scarlett 4-3, Aden Bice 6-20, Weston Willand 4-9, Dagen Peterson 2-5, Alex Tiedemann 11-16, Michael Jenssen 4-7, Treycen Rollene 16-7, Iver Gouriard 0-5, Dalton Logemann 4-3, Trace Low 0-0, Trent Tiedemann 12-5, Christopher Madsen 1-3, Noah Woltzen 0-0, Isaac Ludington 0-3

Lady Vikings just one game away from 10-win season, first since 2016-17

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Starting around 10 years ago the Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team went on what was at the time, a historic run considering the programs past struggles.

But in 2012, all that changed when N-K cracked the 10-win mark, going 17-8, starting a five-year period where the Lady Vikings twice won 19 games and even went all the way to the regional finals, just one win away from their first state tournament berth.

But as the losses piled up the past few years one had to wonder if the girls team had lost its touch, but those thoughts are no longer a consideration after the Lady Vikings pulled to within one game of a 10-win season after beating North Butler and Newman Catholic in Top of Iowa Conference East action last week, extending their conference win streak to three games, including three of their last five games.

The Lady Vikings traveled to Greene last Monday night to face the Bearcats of North Butler who are 24-11 all-time against N-K, including a 16-game winning streak that lasted from 2006 to 2014, marking the Lady Vikings first ever win in the series, a series where it's now N-K who is enjoying its own winning streak, this one at six games and counting after the 41-23 TIC East win.

With both teams struggling in the first half to put the ball in the basket, the game went to the halftime break with the Lady Vikings holding the slimmest of leads at 13-12.

But what followed in the second half was nothing short of an old-fashioned beat down with the Lady Vikings having one of their best halves of the season, pouring in 28 second half points to cruise to what became an easy victory, 41-23.

Junior Chloe Costello led the team with a game high 13 points on 5-17 shooting from the field while Madalynn Hanson added seven points, three steals and five rebounds.

Newman Catholic, who, before the TIC East, was a member of the NIC, racked up an impressive 14 game winning streak over N-K in the years before the two schools became partners in the new TIC.

But as with their other rivals, the Lady Vikings have turned the tables the last few seasons, extending their current win streak over the Knights to two games, including the 52-41-win last Friday night in Northwood.

The Lady Vikings, with the help of Costello's game high 22 points and Morgan Wallin's seven-point, 15 rebound night, outlasted Newman in a game that was controlled by the home team from beginning to end, culminating in the 11-point conference victory.

The Lady Vikings, now 9-8 overall and 9-4 in the conference, clinging to third place, had three games on the schedule this week, including Tuesday versus Saint Ansgar, Thursday versus a Belmond-Klemme team that features as its first year head coach N-K alum Derek Varner, and Friday at second place Osage, who is 16-1 overall and 12-1 in the TIC East, one game behind 13-0 West Fork in the conference standings.

TIC East Girls Basketball Standings

TIC East	Overall	
West Fork	13-0	18-0
Osage	12-1	16-1
Northwood-Kensett	9-4	9-8
Saint Ansgar	8-5	10-6
Central Springs	8-6	10-7
Newman Catholic	6-8	7-10
North Butler	2-11	4-14
Nashua-Plainfield	2-12	4-14
Rockford	0-12	1-14

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Week 3: Education Savings Accounts, emergency volunteer awards



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

Week 3 at the Capitol

Another very busy week at the Capitol, starting with late night debate on Monday and ending with debate and committee work on Thursday. Monday night the Iowa House passed the Governor's ESA proposal and on Tuesday, the Governor signed the bill into law. Under this proposal, the state will contribute $7,598 to an educational savings account for students attending private schools. $1,205 per student attending private school in the district would be allocated to the public school. This new law has some positive developments including increased flexible spending for our public schools and an extension of operational sharing for districts through 2034. Despite these two items, I voted against the bill. I listed several concerns in my prior newsletter, and ultimately, I remained a no as I had promised my constituents over the last several years. Thank you to the many people that reached out on this issue. With that said, I will work with other legislators to address the concerns we have with this legislation and as this is implemented, I hope this legislation works well for parents, students, and all the schools in Iowa.

Volunteer EMS and Firefighters

The Local Government Committee has reintroduced HSB 19, a bill allowing municipalities to create Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for their volunteer firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and reserve peace officers. A LOSAP is similar to an IRA, but for volunteers. A state matching grant would provide up to $1 for $1 match in funding for municipalities that establish the award. This is a great program for cities to not only thank our volunteers, but also helping to retain and recruit these much-needed volunteers. This bill is a priority of mine this session and I want to thank the new Local Government Chair, Representative Shannon Latham, for introducing this bill early in session.

State Government Moves Line of Succession Amendment

This week the State Government Committee passed several bills out of committee as the legislature moves forward with session. On Wednesday the committee passed HSB 37, a proposed Constitutional amendment to clarify and update the line of succession for the office of Governor. Article IV, Section 17 of the Iowa Constitution says that in the case there is a vacancy in the Office of Governor, that the powers and duties of the governor devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor. Following the appointment of Governor Branstad as the Ambassador to China there has been legal debate over the line of gubernatorial succession and what that means for filling vacancies and powers of the office.

Addressing this legal issue is important for Iowans to know that in the case of a vacancy that there is a clear line of succession. The proposed amendment would replace and update Section 17 to clarify that the Lieutenant Governor or Lieutenant Governor-elect assumes the office if a vacancy occurs. This then creates a vacancy for Lieutenant Governor, which can be filled by the new Governor.

Amendments to the Iowa Constitution are required to pass both legislative chambers in consecutive general assemblies. The 89th General Assembly passed the amendment and the language will need to again pass both chambers this year in order to appear on the ballot for the voters of Iowa to decide in November 2024.

I also met with several County Auditors this week to discuss their concerns and suggestions as we work on election bills. We have several bills drafted this year and an election bill from last year. We will work in our State Government Committee to consolidate these bills and the concerns from our county officials to draft a 2023 Election Bill.

I also serve on Commerce and Ways and Means committees and I will have more updates on those two committee as session progresses and bills move through committee.

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

Legislative forum set for February 10

Legislators representing Worth County will hold a forum to speak with and answer questions from the public on Friday, February 10.

Iowa Senator Waylon Brown and Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale will be at the Olson Community Room, 906 First Avenue South in Northwood, at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 10.

The forum is sponsored by Winn-Worth Betco and is open to the public.

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown
State Senator
District 26

Sometimes in life there are things we take for granted. Things we don't appreciate until they are gone or until our eyes have been opened to different situations or different areas.

Growing up I was very blessed. I didn't realize many of those blessings until recently. Some of these blessings are the obvious, two loving and caring parents, supportive family members, the necessities like food, clothing, and shelter never being absent. I've been blessed with mentors who were the rocks of my life. They were always there for a conversation or advice. Now, some of those important people are gone and very missed.

I am very fortunate I had the privilege to grow up in rural Iowa where my K-12 education was the best in my local public school. I had great teachers who knew "Me" personally and cared about me, my education, my life. I had coaches who taught me more than just sports and my FFA advisor who truly helped mold me and bring me out of my shell.

I have the utmost appreciation for the school districts in my legislative district, my home, and I believe they are some of the best in the state of Iowa.

With all this being said, not all areas of the state are as fortunate as North Iowa. Many urban areas of this state have issues within their schools of which parents have great concern. Some of the concerning issues range from unsafe surroundings, content of curriculum, sexual advances of faculty, bullying, gangs and lack of the number qualified teachers.

As a legislator I hear about these issues from across the state, not just from my district. We have been listening to these concerns over several years and the requests of parents for more control and choice in where their children can get the education they deserve. I am sympathetic to children and parents who experience unfortunate educational circumstances.

I want every child in Iowa to have the opportunity to excel in the environment best suited for them and the Educational Savings Account (ESA) legislation is a huge step in providing choice to parents and flexibility to schools all at the same time.

Education for our children has never been an US vs THEM issue to me, but rather about parents being able to decide what is best for their child's unique needs. I voted in favor of the Students First Act to make education better in Iowa across the board. I believe the legislation will benefit both students, teachers, public schools, private schools and the state. We have been studying this concept for a number of years, so in my humble opinion, we did not rush into this idea or plan haphazardly.

The Students First Act bill can and should increase money for public school teachers in two ways.

Every resident student who attends a private school with an ESA is still counted in their public school enrollment for the sake of several categorical supplements, including the Teacher Salary Supplement. This means the public school will get money to put toward teacher salaries for each student in their district who obtains an ESA.

Through this legislation, school districts were given increased flexibility to decide how to spend certain funding pools. Each district can now choose to use unspent dollars in the Professional Development supplement, Teacher Leadership supplement, or Gifted and Talented program on teacher salaries for bonuses, or if ongoing, for salary increases.

Education savings accounts (ESAs) improve education for the students and the state by creating healthy, free market competition. In rural Iowa where we have less private school options, the ESAs won't necessarily impact our public school funds with more students opting out to private schools, but the benefits for our rural public schools provides the flexibility to use unspent dollars in new ways. This flexibility will provide additional dollars aimed at our great teachers.

If a child has attended a private school before, the school wouldn't have counted that child in its enrollment. Now, the public school will be able to count ALL private school students in their district enrollment and receive approximately $1,200 per student, this is additional funding for districts that have private schools. The state will continue to fund public education just as we have in the past.

I keep hearing the statement, "Public money should fund public schools." Public money is taxpayer money. It belongs to each taxpayer and I have supported tax cuts in Iowa because I believe Iowans spend their money better than government does.

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A few other facts which need to be clarified:

ESAs are only good at accredited private schools

Accredited private schools are held to annual reporting requirements

ESAs are not valid for homeschoolers

Teachers at accredited private schools must have certified licenses (Administrative Rules 281-IAC12.4)

Private schools cannot discriminate based on race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religious, or disability in any program or activity. (Iowa Code 216.9)

Having served as the chair of Administrative Rules Review, I can assure you, private schools are held to standards just like public schools.

At the end of my day I supported the Students First Act and ESAs because it is the right thing to do for ALL Iowa students.

Sincerely,

Senator Waylon Brown
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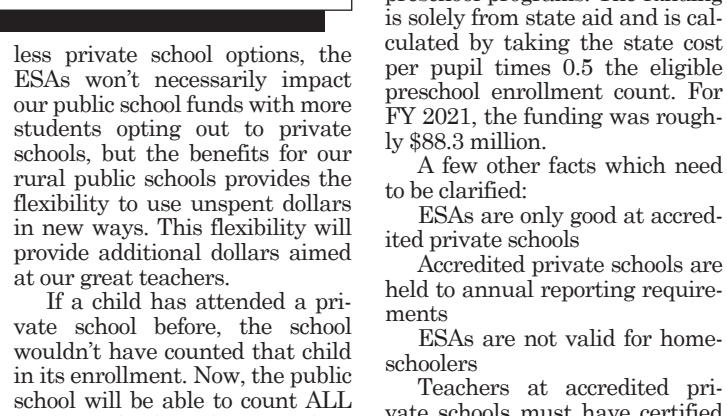
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Don't Lord it Over Others



We live in a world desperate for happiness. Some countries, such as Bhutan, now compute a "Gross National Happiness" index to keep track of how happy their nation is as a whole, as opposed to the Gross Domestic Product, which measures how productive a nation is. There is certainly something to be said for trying to increase our levels of happiness, and for recognizing that a country's true wealth may be in the contentment of its citizens rather than in the material wealth or productivity of its farms and factories. But ironically, one sure way to miss out on happiness is to have happiness as one's primary goal in life. Happiness is more often a byproduct of an active, virtuous life. Many of us are happiest when we are most productive, so there might even be a connection between happiness and productivity. And finally, we are probably most likely to increase our own levels of happiness by working to increase the happiness (or alleviate the suffering) of others. Recent experiments in social psychology have shown that people's moods are often elevated more by giving to others or buying something as a gift for someone else than by buying something for themselves. Perhaps the shortest route to happiness is in striving to make others happy.

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" – Acts 20: 35

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

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

I don't think I know anyone who hates sandwiches…or even dislikes the idea of delicious filling between two slices of bread, a bun, croissant or tea biscuit. Even those who are watching their carbs can find bread to suit their lifestyles… or even use two sturdy leaves of lettuce! "Best of Country Salads & Sandwiches" (2008, Reiman Media Group, Inc, Greendale, Wisconsin) is a large, full-color collection of recipes submitted by their readers. They also publish magazines with the same format. Since we're discussing sandwiches today, these recipes are adapted from the chapter titled "Wraps, Pitas & Specialty Sandwiches" No forks necessary…most of the time!

Chicken Cheddar Wraps
Ruth Anderson, Leavenworth, WA

1 cup regular sour cream
1 cup thinly sliced mushrooms
1 cup chunky salsa, hot or mild
2 cups shredded lettuce
2 tablespoons real mayonnaise
1 cup guacamole, optional
4 cups cubed cooked chicken
2 cups shredded Cheddar
12 6-inch flour tortillas
Tomato wedges, optional

In a large bowl, combine the sour cream, salsa and mayonnaise. Stir in the chicken, cheese and mushrooms. Place the tortillas on a cookie sheet and divide the lettuce and guacamole (if using it) onto each one. Place about 1/2 cup of the chicken mixture on top of each tortilla. Fold the sides over the filling, Garnish with a tomato wedge and a dab of additional guac, if desired.

Pork Picket Pasties
Dolores Haynie, Banning, CA

1 pound good quality pork sausage
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 cups frozen hash browns, thawed
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 large carrot, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack
4 6-inch pita bread
2 tablespoons real butter, softened

Crumble the sausage into a large skillet and cook over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Cut the pitas in half to form 8 pockets. Add the hash browns, carrot, onion, salt and pepper to the sausage. Cook until the veggies and potatoes are tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese. Spoon into the pita pockets. Place on an ungreased baking sheet and brush the top of each pocket with butter. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. and bake the pitas for 4-5 minutes or until heated through. Serve hot. You can have a sauce for dipping if desired such as ranch or honey-mustard salad dressing.

Broccoli Ham Turnovers
Lupie Molinar, Tucson, AZ

2 cups fresh broccoli florets
1 egg, beaten
6 oz. shredded sharp Cheddar
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup cooked ham
1 tablespoon heavy cream
1/2 cup sliced green onions
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
Pastry for a two-crust pie

Place the broccoli in a steamer basket over 1-inch of boiling water and steam for 5-8 minutes or until crisp-tender. Rinse in cold water and drain well. Chop up any large pieces. In a bowl, combine the broccoli, cheese, ham, onions, parsley, nutmeg, salt and pepper. On a floured surface, roll out the pastry dough into two large circles. If using refrigerated pre-made dough, just flatten them out a bit. Cut each circle in half. Place 1 1/2 cups of the filling on one side of each half; flatten the filling with a spoon. Combine the egg and cream. Brush some of this mixture on the inside bottom edges of each of the four half circles. Fold the pastry over the filling and seal the edges well. Prick the top with a fork. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Place the turnovers on a parchment-covered baking sheet and brush the tops with any remaining egg mixture. Bake for 18-22 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Sandwiches can be an interesting breakfast (think breakfast burrito), a light lunch or morph into a hearty supper dish such as a hot beef sandwich (one of my favorite diner meals). They can use up bits of leftover meat or chicken, finish up those last two tortillas left over from taco night or nestle into a crusty hard roll. Or…as mentioned earlier, they can even be enjoyed with the bread or bun being replaced with a flexible leaf of lettuce. It's all in what your taste buds ask for. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Capitani – Jacobsmeier wed Dec. 31, 2022, New Year's Eve



TAYLOR AND CHANDLER JACOBSMIEIER

Chandler Capitani and Taylor Jacobsmeier of Ankeny, Iowa, were married on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at Toast in Ankeny. The wedding was officiated by Denis Scott.

Chandler is the daughter of Dave and Trudy Capitani of Northwood; and granddaughter of the late Bill and Sharon Swanson of Northwood and the late Ralph and Marilyn Capitani of Knoxville, Iowa.

She is a 2014 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School. She attended the University of Iowa, graduating in 2018 with an Exercise Science major and graduated in 2022 from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Taylor is the son of Todd and Trish Parsons of Wapello, Iowa, and Steve and Sherri Huppenbauer of Galesburg, Illinois; and grandson of Martin and Donna Jacobsmeier of Burlington, Iowa, Bev and Gary Parsons of Wapello, Iowa, and the late Paul and Margaret Huppenbauer of a Galesburg, Illinois.

He is a 2010 graduate of Wapello High School. He attended Wartburg College. with a Business Administration major and graduated in 2014.

Matron of honor was Laura Ebert of Dubuque, Iowa, best friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Audrey Brown of Solon, Iowa, friend of the bride and groom; Brooke Cravillion of Luxemburg, Wisconson, college friend of the bride; Marisa Berutti of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, fiancé of the bride's brother; Kate Hauge from Cresco, Iowa, college friend of the bride; Anna Kress from Dubuque, Iowa, college friend of the bride; Tiffany Parsons from Wapello, Iowa, sister of the groom; and Hannah Huppenbauer from Galesburg, Illinois, sister of the groom.

Flower girl was Blakely Brown from Solon, Iowa, daughter of the bride and groom's best friends.

Personal attendant was Hannah Hengesteg from Northwood, Iowa, high school friend of bride.

Best Man was Bob Brown from Solon, Iowa, college friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Jared Wauters from Dysart, Iowa, college friend of the groom; Spencer Capitani from Northwood, Iowa, college friend of the groom and brother of the bride; Wil Janssen from Mediapolis, Iowa, college friend of the groom; Jacob Lafayette from Wapello, Iowa, high school friend of the groom; Brock Webb from Wapello, Iowa, high school friend of the groom; Tade Parsons from Wapello, Iowa, brother of the groom; and Mitch Huppenbauer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, brother of the groom.

Ring Bearer was Brendan Jacobsmeier of Chicago, Illinois, cousin of the groom.

Usher were Ryan Jacobsmeier of Chicago, Illinois, cousin of the groom; Luke Jacobsmeier of Omaha, Nebraska, cousin of the groom and Grant Parsons of Wapello, Iowa, cousin of the groom.

Photographer was Morgan Moon of Des Moines.

Chandler and Taylor took a trip to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

The couple will reside in Ankeny.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

Happy February! It's still cold outside but Spring is on the way and I can't wait! In the meantime, we have some great seating areas to come read a book, the newspaper or any one of our popular magazines!

Friday morning story times are still going on! Friday, February 3 and 17, are our next ones, starting at 10 a.m. These are geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! Please pay attention to the library's Facebook page for more information.

The library is hosting an author event with none other than local author Brian K. Wright! So please come to the library on Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. to listen to Brian tell us about being a successful author, writing coach, radio show host and magazine publisher. You can visit www.briankwright.com to learn more about him and the library does have his books available if you'd like to look at them ahead of time.

The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to reach out at the library!

The library will be closed on Monday, February 20, for President's Day.

New at the library this month:

Adult Non-fiction books: "Atlas of the Heart" by Brene Brown, "Walk the Blue Line" by James Patterson and "Love, Pamela" by Pamela Anderson.

Adult Fiction books: "The House of Wolves" by James Patterson, "How to Sell a Haunted House" by Grady Hendrix, "The Story of Love" (LP) by Beth Wiseman, "Code Name Sapphire" by Pam Jenoff, "Coming Home" (LP) by Shelley Shepard Gray, "The House at the End of the World" by Dean Koontz, "Preacher's Purge" by William J. Johnstone and more.

I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have via e-mail emily@northwood.lib.ia.us or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

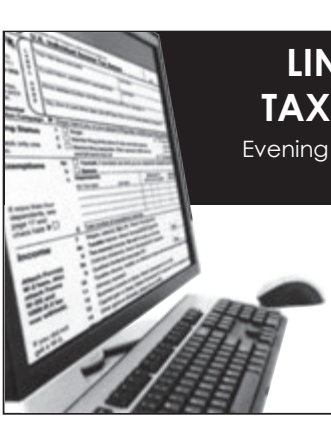
Worth County had $66,400 reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt in 2022

In celebration of National Unclaimed Property Day, held annually on February 1, State Treasurer Roby Smith is sharing the newest report of unclaimed funds in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for Worth County. "In 2022, more than $66,400 was reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for Worth County residents, meaning someone you know could have money waiting to be claimed," stated Smith.

For the celebration, Smith's Office will be announcing names of individuals, businesses and non-profits from around the state who had unclaimed property reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt in 2022. "Follow Iowa Treasurer on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join us on February 1 as we highlight names recently reported to the State," Smith continued. "Even if you've checked for your name in the past, I encourage you to check our website again. You never know what might be waiting for you or someone you know!" Past and present Iowans can search anytime for their unclaimed property by visiting GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.

Administered by the State Treasurer, the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt is the State's only legitimate unclaimed property source. Unclaimed property includes, but is not limited to, forgotten checking and savings accounts, uncashed checks, lost stocks, life insurance policies, utility security deposits and contents from abandoned safe deposit boxes. When businesses and entities are unable to locate the rightful owner of a property, it is reported to the State as unclaimed. The Great Iowa Treasure Hunt then works to locate the owner or heir of the assets so individuals can collect what is rightfully theirs.

Celebrate National Unclaimed Property Day by sharing information about the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt to friends and family. Be sure to follow the Treasurer on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the February 1 celebration.



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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to cover dental care in retirement

Dear Savvy Senior,

I had dental insurance through my work for many years but lost it when I retired and joined Medicare. Where can retirees find affordable dental care?

Uninsured Al

Dear Al,

Unfortunately, about two-thirds of U.S. retirees don't have dental insurance today. Without coverage from traditional Medicare, and with private dental insurance typically costing too much to be feasible, most seniors are stuck paying full out-of-pocket prices every time they visit a dentist. While there's no one simple solution to affordable dental care there are a variety of options that can help cut your costs. Here's where to look.

Medicare Advantage: While dental services are mostly excluded under original Medicare, many Medicare Advantage plans do provide coverage for dental care, but it's usually very limited. Medicare Advantage plans are government approved health plans (usually HMOs and PPOs) sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. To shop and research Advantage plans in your area visit Medicare.gov/plan-compare or call 800-633-4227.

Dental insurance: If you have gum problems and need extensive dental care, a dental insurance plan may be worth the costs versus paying for care yourself. Monthly premiums for individual plans range from about $20 to $80. A typical plan includes two or three cleanings and checkups per year, but these plans will likely have a waiting period – anywhere from a few months to a few years – before coverage for more expensive procedures kicks in. To find dental plans in your area, see eHealthInsurance.com.

Dental savings plans: While savings plans aren't as comprehensive as insurance, they are a good option for those who don't have dental insurance. How this works is you pay an annual membership fee – around $80 to $200 a year – in exchange for 10 to 60 percent discounts on service and treatments from participating dentists. To find a savings plan, go to DentalPlans.com (or 888-632-5353) where you can search for plans and participating dentists, as well as get a breakdown of the discounts offered.

Veterans' benefits: If you're a veteran enrolled in the VA health care program or are a beneficiary of the Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA), the VA offers a dental insurance program that gives you the option to buy dental insurance through Delta Dental and MetLife at a reduced cost. The VA also provides free dental care to vets who have dental problems resulting from service. To learn more about these options, visit VA.gov/dental or call 877-222-8387.

Cheaper dental care: Because prices can vary by dentist, one way to ensure you get a good deal on your dental care is to call multiple provides and compare prices. To get an idea of what different dental procedures cost in your area, see FairHealthConsumer.org. If you're paying cash, it's also perfectly reasonable to ask your dentist for a discount.

There are also a number health centers and clinics that provide low-cost dental care to those in need. And all university dental schools and college dental hygiene programs offer dental care and cleanings for less than half of what you would pay at a dentist's office. Students who are supervised by their professors provide the care. See TeethWisdom.org to search for a center, clinic or school near you.

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

All my teachers said I could go places.

What happened?

I liked it here.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I joined the day already in progress. I'd been living a windowless existence as I did tax work and needed a break. "Blinded by the Light" is a song by Bruce Springsteen. It's also what happened to me when I opened the blinds. I lived in a house of bachelors once where our window coverings were tattered blankets stapled in place. I needed something. It's difficult to do many things without needing something. I stepped into the room with my left foot because a fellow knucklehead told me that was good luck. My wife had cleaned and arranged the junk drawer. Now I don't know what to call it. I'm a man of mystery. That was evident when I forgot what I was looking for.

I've learned

Cat hair sticks to everything but the cat.

Parking between the lines is much more important than coloring between the lines.

I put on steps as the mall's sound system played a big-city woman singing about being country when country wasn't cool. I'm a country boy. Country was always cool.

I've decided to do less figure skating this year than I've done in the past. That'll be difficult as I've done no figure skating.

I like T-shirts with pockets so I'll know I'm not wearing them inside out.

Bad joke department

Man has his horses shooed and now he can't find them.

Lumbar support group meets in the back.

The game of Twister is removed from the Senior Center.

Police called to extricate a man from a beanbag chair.

Hammerhead sharks caused the extinction of nailfish.

Why was the owl in jail? It had gotten bad eagle advice.

Nature notes

Growing up on a farm, my father taught me that alfalfa loves snow. A thick blanket of snow increases the chances of alfalfa surviving winter. The alfalfa was smiling. On my way to church, I saw the white flashes of large flocks of snow buntings, a flock of Lapland longspurs and small groups of horned larks. These birds feed in the fields until deep or ice-encrusted snow covers their food and chases them to the roadsides where weed seeds and spilled grain are caught by the gravel. They show up when the snowmobiles do. I saw a couple of rough-legged hawks later in my drive. I called them Christmas hawks when I was a precocious or a pestiferous child. The roughies nest in the Arctic and have feathered pants with feathering to the base of their toes and small bills. Their feet are smaller than those of red-tailed hawks, which allow roughies to perch at the tip-top of small branches.

I watched a red fox tiptoe through the yard at daybreak. They typically weigh 8 to 15 pounds. Squirrels used the cheerful sounds of birds to infer the absence of predators. Gray and fox squirrels are scatter hoarders, which means they hoard food in scattered locations to access later.

Crows in the distance looked like apostrophes perched in a gray tree. We're getting winter in winter. No surprise. Some consider winter a bully, but I find the world big enough for both winter and me. I saw an opossum in the yard. Pink ears and tip of tail indicated frostbite. Pogo (and creator Walt Kelly) said, "We have met the enemy and he is us." The local opossum might consider winter an antagonist.

On one of my first jobs in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, I flew into Harlingen, picked up a rental car and motored to the Valley Nature Center in Weslaco. It was small enough for me to roam about in the time allotted. The place was lousy with birds. I was greeted by green jays, great kiskadees, clay-colored robins (now clay-colored thrushes), golden-fronted woodpeckers, buff-bellied hummingbirds and plain chachalacas. They're common birds at this small oasis, but they were a red carpet rolled out to me.

I found a pair of American white pelicans on the water on a Christmas Bird Count on December 30. My instinct was that one was injured (no visible injuries) and its mate refused to leave it, but they are serially monogamous and form pairs for one breeding season through courtship rituals at the breeding colony. So why are the two still here? I don't know. They have to be somewhere.

Meeting adjourned

I tried to thank everyone I encountered this day. I think I missed you. So, thank you.

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Fit to print...

Iowa's latest test for democracy: Fighting for the low caucuses

By David Nagle and David Oman
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The greatest moments in our nation's history do not happen on a schedule or timeline. They often arise in obscure places utterly unaware of the true consequences of the event. Take, for example, an unknown hill outside of Boston called Bunker. That almost unintended battle was the first step to the United States becoming a free nation.

Consider the fates dictated to the residents of Adam County in Pennsylvania when Generals Meade and Lee found each other at a town known as Gettysburg. When three bloody days of battle were over, we pretty much knew a restored United States would not exist "half slave and half free."

Pivotal events kept reoccurring — at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, the calling out of Joe McCarthy at a Senate hearing, JFK's surprise pledge the U.S. would be first to place a man on the Moon, and at a lunch counter and on a bus in the deep South.

Now Iowa and New Hampshire, not without anticipation and certainly not with life and death consequences, face a serious moment — and an opportunity. We can preserve, protect, and defend a crucial linchpin of American democracy — the future of our presidential nominating process. This is not about two states individually. It is about the joint service we provide our country.

The Democratic National Committee's recent plan to oust Iowa and New Hampshire from their traditional place as leadoff states will greatly and irrevocably harm the openness of choosing America's presidents.

The single largest threat to Republicans maintaining first-in-the-nation standing going forward is the Democrats losing it this cycle.

Few applauded the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision Citizens United vs FEC. The ruling held that it was a violation of the free speech rights of corporations and unions to limit the buckets of money they spend calling for the election or defeat of a political candidate.

Therein lies the reason Iowa and New Hampshire are important. These two small, independent states represent the only presidential election process in this U.S. where open spigots of millions and billions of dollars in political money do not work.

For the cost of a couple of plane tickets, a candidate can arrive in Des Moines or Manchester, be taken seriously, talk with and listen to real voters. If this individual has a compelling presence, a thoughtful message, and the character to persevere, he or she can earn a strong showing and the famous "one of three tickets" to New Hampshire. That possible future president can then attract funding resources and compete in subsequent, more expensive primaries in larger states.

If Iowa and New Hampshire are shunted to mid-calendar, we are left with the stacked deck nominating method given us by President Joe Biden. "Citizens United" big money, special interests, and single-issue voters will dominate primaries and caucuses, as happens in general elections.

There is another important element Iowans need to appreciate. Ours has been the only mostly rural state with a significant role picking Democrat and GOP nominees. Thus, this issue is not just about Iowa, but also 20 states with fewer people, many of them rural.

Because of our current spot, Iowa has a seat at the table. One-on-one access to candidates allows us to ask hard questions and not settle for simple answers, spin, and slick ads.

Iowans in both parties — and independents who can caucus in either party if they register for one of them — speak for farmers, ranchers, small businessmen and women, and seniors in other states who share concerns about health care availability, broadband access, schools and safety, among others.

The proposed Democratic National Committee change shuns America's Heartland. Michigan is not a farm state and not in the Heartland.

Iowa's Democratic Party response to the DNC plan is unclear now. Fortunately, Republicans are working hard to hold their caucuses as scheduled, thanks to Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, Gov. Kim Reynolds, Republican Party of Iowa chair Jeff Kaufmann, and others. The Republican National Committee has listened to them, respects precedent, understands Iowa's level playing field value, and is keeping Iowa first, at least for the 2023-24 cycle.

The single largest threat to Republicans maintaining "first-in-the-nation" standing going forward is the Democrats losing it this cycle. National Democrats can destroy Iowa's role today and it's a short hop to some national big state Republicans going after Iowa in 2027-28.

As the Iowa Democratic Party decides whether to stand up to the DNC, it should first determine repercussions of a decision to surrender. People who are parts of our culture and fabric who would be impacted should be consulted and allowed to express their concerns.

Commercial interests such as agriculture that feed people and our future prosperity should not be overlooked. Leaders and advocates for causes like the rural elderly, conservation, and other heartland conditions should be consulted.

Again, Iowa as "first in the nation" represents tens and tens of millions of people and America's core values.

This is a heavy responsibility. If Democrats and Republicans together stand up for Iowa, we stand up for rural America. In a modest way and with New Hampshire, we can follow and honor the decidedly more courageous citizens of colonial Massachusetts 250 years ago.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

January 31, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Stephens had been married 50 years and at their home in northwest Northwood the event was pleasantly celebrated by the aged couple and their children from various far and near points.

On January 24 at two p.m. in the Lutheran parsonage, occurred the wedding of Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Peterson of Deer Creek, and Miss Rose Margaret, youngest daughter of the late John Follmuth of Barton, the Rev. Carl B. Ylvisaker tying the nuptial knot.

The Boy Scouts took a hike to the country through the snow and cooked and ate their breakfast in the woods near the C.G. Kittleson farm, west of town. Nineteen boys left the schoolhouse at seven o'clock and were back in town by 10. Rev. Henry Rust, scoutmaster, was in charge.

The bar docket for the February 1923 term of the district court of Worth County is the largest ever printed in this county, so far as is known. It consists of 90 pages of new and old cases, which will presumably come before the attention of the court at the session which begins next Monday.

A happy and enthusiastic company, numbering about 65, gathered in the parlors of M.E. Church to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of the beloved Scotch bard, Robert Burns.

The executive committee of St. Luke's hospital at Mason City met with the North Iowa Clinic recently to outline the policies of the new hospital, for which campaign is to begin. The North Iowa clinic will form the original clinic of the institution and will give its attention to the hospital free clinic, the education of nurses, free beds and free dispensary. The hospital will open to the the practice of all regular physicians. It is planned to maintain an associate staff for the institution.

75 years ago

January 29, 1948

Death by strangulation, the verdict given by the coroner's jury in the death of Dr. Leo A. Kirchgatter, Grafton veterinarian, was confirmed by an autopsy report made by Dr. Julius Weingart, Des Moines toxicologist, as received by Worth County peace officers.

Mrs. George Erickson, 43, a native of Gordonsville and a former Northwood resident, died at Albuquerque, New Mexico, following an illness of two years. Word of her death was received by her sister, Mrs. Melvin Horen, of Northwood. Her body is being shipped to Glenville, where it is expected today (Thursday), but funeral plans had not been arranged before The Anchor went to press.

Nearly all items on the personal property tax schedule issued by the state tax commission have been given a substantial boost. These schedules were given to all Worth County assessors so that there will be more uniformity in determining the assessed valuation of personal property, County Assessor Clarence S. Huus said this week.

Rodney Q. Selby of Des Moines was appointed state fuel coordinator by Gov. Robert D. Blue. This action by Blue came as a result of the shortage of fuel oil in all parts of the state. Boone was the most critically hit. The mayor there, F.W. Ganoe, said that 100 oil-heated homes were completely out and that not more than a handful of the remaining 1,000 oil burning homes had more than a 36 hour supply.

Carl Jaspers, who farms just north of Kensett, purchased the Clifford A. Lundberg estate farm at the public sale held on the place six miles northeast from Northwood. The price was $78 per acre. Possession will be given March 1 if approval of the sale is given by the heirs.

Continued cold weather has prevailed during the past week, with the average temperature readings 30 degrees lower than for the corresponding week of 1947, according to U.S. Weather Bureau records of the local station.

50 years ago

February 1, 1973

Members of the Northwood Jaycees almost killed their president with kindness at a party held at the VFW club in Northwood. The president lost a wager on visitations to other clubs, and was the recipient of seven pies right in the face. In case of the presidents winning, Roger Gentz, chairman of the visitation committee would have been under the gun for the same treatment. Oh yes, for those who do not recognize the Jaycee president, William Draheim, an employee of Interstate Power Company is on the receiving end of the pies. His only comment following the incident was glup, glup, glup.

The Viking girls, playing their third game in five days, were defeated by the Britt Eagles by a score of 56-37. In the first quarter the Vikings kept up with Britt, but in the second quarter Britt out scored the Vikings 19-11 to come up with a half score of Britt, 33; N-K 22.

The Northwood High School graduating class of 1906 apparently loved having its picture taken. A few weeks ago, we pictured the class in 1894, with Bell Sherman teacher. Now this photo was taken in 1899 has been brought in, along with the 1906 graduation program. Linnie Eveleth Pickell was class president in 1906, and Grace Hall secretary. First honors went to Hannah Louise Tosdal and second honors to Lawrence Melvin Henderson. The picture belonged to Arthur Hanson.

Pvt. Randy L. Buehrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Buehrer, Northwood, completed Army basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, on October 26, 1972. Buehrer graduated from AIT military police training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia, on January 26 and will leave this month for his new duties as military policeman in Germany. He is a 1970 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School.

25 years ago

February 3, 1998

The last week of January was set aside for the study of bears- teddy and otherwise - in the kindergarten classrooms of Julia Reese and Sharon Schaub at Northwood-Kensett Elementary School. Brock Mathahs shared a teddy bear tale with his classmates last Friday afternoon. Pictured were Kristen Bendickson, Nick Smith, Asriele Lande, Jason Holstad, Katie Hansen, Joey Mikkelson, Lindsay VanDenBosch, Josh Reyerson, Amanda Zipse, Jessica Steele and Jackie Schmidt.

Brian Gravdal gave it an old junior high try last Thursday during a spelling bee at N-K Middle School as Jim Simmelink and Sue Neuwohner check to see if he's right. Jessica Rugland won the competition, Gravdal was second, Corey Olson, third and Jacob Chodur, fourth. Rugland will represent N-K in the Area II spelling bee to be held on Saturday, February 27, at NIACC's Beem Center.

Joel Ihnen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ihnen, Northwood, has been named to the dean's honor scholastic list for the fall term at Wartburg College, Waverly.

Preston Ross Davidson, son of Mark and Stacy Davidson of rural Northwood, was born on January 27, at Mercy Hospital in Mason City. He weighed nine pounds, 13 ounces at birth and is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper of Kensett and Mr. and Mrs. Marvid Davidson of rural Northwood. His great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turvold of Lake Mills and Mrs. Doris Cooper of Kensett.

Directors of the Northwood Day Care Center gathered last week to accept a check from Lutheran Brotherhood, which will go toward the project. They are Fran Lawhorn, Thelma Krull, Doug Krull, Craig Hanson and Leila Gangstad, representing Lutheran Brotherhood; Cheryl Anderson, accepting the check for the director of the day care program, Stan Carlson and Diane Hanson.

10 years ago

January 30, 2013

The year 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of the Worth County Extension service. Established in 1913, the following is a small portion of its history. In the following months, you will read of people who, over the past 30 plus years, have played pivotal roles in making Worth County Extension the indispensable service it is today. Dixie Scherff, chairperson for the 100th anniversary, has been with Worth County Extension for 23 years. She has served as president, vice president and secretary for the organization and has even been inducted into Iowa's 4-H Hall of Fame.

Northwood-Kensett junior high students took part in the annual Geography Bee earlier this month. The event involves Mr. Capitani, junior high social studies teacher, reading general geography questions, with students eliminated as they answer incorrectly. The top three finishers in the 2013 Geography Bee were Mary Irons, Matthew Parcher and Zach Hengesteg.

N-K's Shelby Low has been one of those that added scores coming off the bench this season for the Lady Vikings. Low poured in 15 points, grabbed three rebounds and collected two steals in N-K's two games last week. She is third on the team with a 6.8 scoring average and also has 17 assists, 17 steals, three blocks and 28 boards on the year.

Senior Cameron Batton capped off his final year of wrestling for N-K by earning a third place finished at the CBC Tournament held last Saturday at NIACC. Batton has a season record of 27-13 heading into this weekend's section tournament in Lake Mills.

Senior guard Brady Cotter scores two of his team high 12 points in last Tuesday night's 48-39 loss to North Butler. Cotter also grabbed six rebounds and had an assist and a steal.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Carol Schaub

Carol I. Schaub, 79 of Northwood passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, in Mason City.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Hope Church.

Carol was born on June 10, 1943, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the daughter of Carl and Inez (Cornelius) Mellang. She grew up in Albert Lea, attending Albert Lea High School.

In 1960 she married Charles Guckenburg. The couple had three sons, Michael, who passed away in infancy, Troy and Danny. For many years Carol utilized her outgoing personality in local restaurants and diners as a waitress, including Donut Hut and more recently DanJo's.

On May 18, 1991, she married James "Jim" Schaub in Las Vegas. The



CAROL SCHAUB

couple lived in Phoenix, Arizona, for a while, returning home to Northwood, where they have made their home since 2001. Much of Carol's time was spent raising Shih Tzus.

Carol's purple highlights were always a conversation starter, but even without them she could light up a room. She never let her small stature limit her, Carol always seemed larger than life. Most of all, she loved her family with all her heart. Her spitfire nature and can-do attitude will be carried by all who loved her.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Schaub of Northwood; sons, Troy A. (Anna) Guckenburg of Laveen, Ariz., and Danny R. (Janice) Guckenburg of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Jim's children, Matthew J. Schaub and Heather (Jerred) Brown; granddaughter, Erin Guckenburg; grandson, Joshua Guckenburg; step-grandchildren, Kimberly Brown, Katherine "Katie" Brown, Samantha "Sami" Brown and Jessy Matney; and two great-grandchildren; as well as cousins, nephews and many extended family members.

Preceding her in death are her parents; son, Michael; granddaughter, Jamie; ex-husband, Charles Guckenburg; and many extended family members.

Margaret Krumm

The fullness of life has passed for our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, teacher and friend to so many, Margaret Krumm. She was 97.

Margaret Elaine Seuser was born on July 31, 1925, to Charles Wendell "Pat" and Evelyn Matilda Seuser in Freeborn County, Minnesota, the second of five sisters. The first years of her life were spent in and around Gordonsville, Minnesota, where she spent many happy days.

Margaret went to rural school near Gordonsville then to the high school in Northwood, Iowa, where she graduated at age 16. Too young to be issued a teaching certificate, she enrolled in the Teacher Training school in Austin, Minnesota, and by the spring of the following year she had her certificate and her first job at a rural one-room schoolhouse in southern Minnesota. This was the auspicious beginning to a life committed to teaching in and out of the classroom. By the time she retired from her career in 1990 she had touched the lives of countless people. Her family is used to hearing, "Your mom was my favorite teacher!"

On September 30, 1944, Margaret married Delbert Hanson at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She stepped out of teaching in 1952 to prepare for motherhood and in May of 1953 their son, Doyle, was born. In 1955 their daughter, Eloise, was born and another girl, Wendy, came along in 1959. In motherhood, Margaret found a new calling, which supplemented and fulfilled her life in new and wonderful ways.

No life is without challenges and one of the greatest for Margaret was losing Delbert in May of 1968. She had just returned to teaching third graders in Northwood but Iowa was requiring a four year teaching degree. Newly widowed with three kids, she had to return to college. In 1970 she graduated from Mankato State with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

During that trying time Lyle Krumm, a friend of Delbert's, reached out to offer assistance as Margaret may need. Something happened between them no one could have predicted and on June 19, 1971, Margaret and Lyle were married at Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter, Iowa. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June of 2021, delighting in many happy memories of their years together.



MARGARET KRUMM

If family was the heart of Margaret's life, music was the life blood that sustained her through all of her years. She started early and with no formal lessons. Her parents nudged their little girls along in piano, accordion, ukulele and guitar and they became known as the Seuser sisters, wearing outfits their mom made by hand and performing regularly at community events and programs. In high school, Margaret was a marimba soloist and competed in a Regional Band Contest. After marriage, Margaret became active in church music and for most of the rest of her life she was never without a role in music either as organist, accompanist, teacher or director. When asked how many students she instructed or accompanied for their solos, how many weddings and funerals, how many community performances she could only laugh. "Hundreds and hundreds!" One of her most cherished experiences was accompanist to the Elk Creek Boys, a men's quartet based out of Elk Creek Lutheran Church.

Margaret was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church first at Deer Creek in rural Carpenter, Iowa, then Bethany in Kensett, First Lutheran in Northwood, and Elk Creek in rural Kensett. In addition to her role in music, she served as Sunday School Superintendent, secretary of Higher Education and was a member of the Radio Committee for the circuit. She also took her turn as a member of the church council, representative to Annual Conference and librarian/historian.

Margaret loved sports and was active with softball in the summer and bowling in the winter. In later years, golf became her sport. She was an avid Minnesota Twins and college basketball fan. The World Series and March Madness were highlights of the year for her.

Margaret was known to have the gift of gab and her wit and spunk will long be remembered. She sent humorous letters to her grandchildren filled with silliness and the family called her funny little sayings, "Margaretisms." "If I wore that I'd look like a sack of potatoes." "You'll never be Miss America if you don't brush your hair." She would never swear. The closest would be, "well, sugar in the gourd" or "fiddlesticks."

Margaret also had a special gift for correspondence with her impeccable hand writing. Every morning she would read the daily devotion then sit and write out cards and letters to recognize births, weddings, anniversaries, confirmations, graduations, funerals and special occasions.

We know Mom entered the gates of heaven with joy in her heart excited to see her first husband, Delbert Hanson, her son, Doyle Hanson, her parents, sisters Irma, Lilly and Karen and the many others who passed before her. She is survived by her second husband, Lyle Krumm; two daughters, Eloise Shipman of Corwith, Iowa, and Wendy Hanson of Salt Lake City, Utah; her grandchildren, Michael Shipman (Brooke) of Greensboro, North Carolina, Kelly Berte (Calvin) of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Alexa Hanson Wagner of Salt Lake City, Utah, and David Martin (Jacque) of Everett, Washington; her great-grandchildren, Victoria Shipman and Cole and Jack Berte; her sister, Ardis Hanson; her sister-in-law, Lois Krumm; and many adored nieces and nephews.

Margaret touched countless lives and modeled a life of devotion, humility, tolerance and service. "Some things are taught and some things are caught," she would say. We say our farewells knowing she is where she wants to be. Her final words of comfort to us would have been, "Everything will be all right." Our lives are forever enriched for the joy of having known and loved her.

There was an informal open house visitation at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, rural Kensett, on Saturday, January 28, 2023, Save the date for the Celebration of Life in July 2023. A fuller version of Margaret's life can be found on the Schroeder and Sites website.

In lieu of flowers, please direct your memorials to the family so they may be given to the organizations that will best reflect their mom's wishes. %Eloise Shipman, 113 St. Louis Boulevard, Corwith, IA 50430.

Notice

NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 32 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

To: SARA LOU INNES TRUST, JOHN C INNES TRUST, RANDALL J OSWALD, DAVID R & MARILYN K HAUGEN, JASEN L JOHNSON, WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS, including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 32 Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 32 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 32 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 9:45 A.M. in the Magistrate room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. This meeting will follow the annexation meeting scheduled for 9:30 A.M.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Worth County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Worth County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the District, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 32.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 option 2.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 32 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

TO: SARA LOU INNES TRUST, JOHN C INNES TRUST, RANDALL J OSWALD, owners owning lands described below which are the subject matter of this annexation procedure, lien holders of record, and actual occupants of said lands and to all other persons whom it may concern.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa, acting in behalf of Drainage District No. 32 Worth County, Iowa, have adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the annexation of additional lands to Drainage District No. 32 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Bolton & Menk a qualified engineer, to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No. 32 and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits received. Said report provides as follows:

PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR ANNEXATION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 32
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
2022

DEEDHOLDER	SEC.	TWP.	RNG.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PARCEL NUMBER	ACRES TO BE ANNEXED
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES, JOHN C TRUST	27	98	22	SE NE EX PAR	927200004	4.9
OSWALD,RANDALL J	22	98	22	SW SE	922400003	3.8
					TOTAL RECOMMENDED ANNEXATION ACRES	8.7

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that said report has been filed with the County Auditor of Worth County, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 9:30 AM in the Magistrate room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No. 32 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the proposed annexation of said lands and any claim for damages must be in writing and filed with the County Auditor of Worth County at or before the time set for hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements of DD 32, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 32. At the time fixed for hearing, the Board shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Annexation which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 option 2.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Supervisors

January 23, 2023
Fourth Day

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

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

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible action on compensation board recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda as amended and minutes from the January 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $9,230.26 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A1 Excavating & DrainageDD, #21 West, Repairs $6,923.06
A1 Excavating & Drainage, DD #8, Beaver Dam Removal $750.00
A1 Excavating & Drainage, DD #7, Beaver Dam Removal $500.00
A1 Excavating & Drainage, DD #10, Beaver Dam Removal$500.00
Hudson Law Firm, DD #2 Main, Prof Services $557.20
Grand Total..... $9,230.26

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to accept Amendment 1 to Engineer's Report for DD #2. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $117,364.39 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf.....502.53
All States Ag Parts
Parts-Eng.....169.99
Alliant Energy
Service-Sdp.....799.50
Andrea Myli, Reimb-Asr.....113.45
Aramark, Service-Gsr.....312.02
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng.....57,833.42
Centurylink, Service-911.....33.95
Cindy Thompson
Reimb-Asr.....292.42
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Trs.....39.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Trs 33.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Parts-Eng.....2.30
Ia Dept Of Public Safety
Service-Shf.....1,737.00
Ia State Assn Of Assessors
Dues-Asr.....650.00
Isac, Edu-Asr.....840.00
Jade Equipment Co. Ltd.
Parts-Eng.....2,456.24
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd.....50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf.....139.56
John Deere Financial
Supplies 427.29
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Shf.....203.00
Lawson Products Inc
Parts-Eng.....3,946.52
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 191.06
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr 1,915.95
Nsb Bank, Service-Trs 30.15
Peopleservice Inc
Servie-Wat & Wwt 19,689.00
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Con.....40.51
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 456.84
Safety Solutions
Service-Eng 500.00
Sanofi Pasteur Inc
Supplies-Phd 172.38
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San.....144.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Supplies-Shf 10.58
Visa, Service-Phd 1,498.61
Wahltek Inc
Service-Cap.....17,985.00
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp.....2,900.00
Worth County Sheriff
Service-Aty 32.00
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng.....1,217.12
Grand Total 117,364.39

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the Class C Retail Alcohol License for Thirsty Dog Lounge. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the Addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement for Fertile, Kensett and Grafton for the FY24 Budget year. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, carried to acknowledge the July 1, 2023 change in Worth County's maximum annual maintenance/repair expenditure amount, monthly compensation and "base amount" for chemicals pursuant to the Operations and Maintenance Agreement dated July 27, 2022 between Worth County and PeopleService, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9: 02 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Bolan

The Vacation Bible School Pancake Brunch Fundraiser will be held at the Bethel UM Church in Manly on Sunday, February 5, starting at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For a free will offering you can enjoy pancakes, sausages, bananas, orange juice and coffee.

These funds will be used to help pay for the expense of VBS materials. The theme this year is "STELLAR, Shine Jesus' Light!" The dates are June 19-23, 2023, from 9 a.m. until noon in Bolan, Iowa.

If you would like more information, call Lori Willert at 641-903-9472.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009338
ORDER GRANTING ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTING ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CODY ALLEN KEENEY, Deceased.

Upon consideration of the Petition for Administration and for Appointment of an Administrator for the estate of the above named decedent, the Court FINDS:

The Petitioner is a proper person to make such application and good cause has been shown for the administration of said decedent=s estate and for appointment of a personal representative of said estate; and the person hereinafter appointed is suitable and qualified to act as said administrator.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the administration upon the estate of the said decedent is hereby granted and that Curtis Keeney be hereby appointed administrator of the said estate, and that he be allowed to serve without bond. The Clerk of Court is to issue letters of appointment.

So ordered
DeDra Schroeder,
District Court Judge
Second Judicial
District of Iowa
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009349
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE E. COLBY, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marie E. Colby, Deceased, who died on or about December 31, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on January 25, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Crystal R. Pope
1818 Cerro Gordo Way
Mason City, IA 50401
Co-Administrator
of the Estate

Claretta F. Riha
1818 Cerro Gordo Way
Mason City, IA 50401
Co-Administrator
of the Estate

John P. Lander
ICIS#: AT0004583
Brown, Kinsey, Funkhouser & Lander, P.L.C.
214 North Adams
P.O. 679
Mason City, IA 50402-0679
Attorney for the
Administrator

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ASSESSMENT NOTICES TO BE MAILED

The Worth County Assessor's office plans to mail the 2023 property assessment notices to property owners on February 10, 2023.

The notices are intended to inform the property owners of the estimated market value of their property. The values should not be confused with taxable value or the tax bill.

Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. of Cedar Rapids was awarded the contract to reappraise all Residential, Commercial and Industrial classes of property in the county in February of 2017. Company representatives have measured and attempted to inspect all property over the last two years. A sales analysis and a review of the information collected were conducted before the values were finalized.

Property owners will have an opportunity to meet with a representative of Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. beginning February 27 - March 2, 2023. These meetings are an opportunity for the property owner to submit any information which may affect the estimate of market value of their property. Property owners who wish to meet with a representative of Vanguard must request an appointment prior to February 20, 2023 by calling the county assessor's office at (641) 324-1198.

The last complete reappraisal of these properties was completed for the January 1, 2009 assessment date. The current reappraisal was conducted to equalize assessed values since not all properties have decreased or increased at the same rate since 2009. Company representative will not adjust the assessed values if the property owner objects to the new values based solely on the fact that there was an increase in assessed value. Property owners who disagree with the new values should be prepared to state their estimate of market value and present evidence to support that estimate.

Property owners will also have an opportunity to protest the new assessed values to the Board of Review. A written protest must be submitted between April 2nd and April 30th for the Board of Review to consider any adjustment.

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in special session at City Hall on January 23, 2023 at 5:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

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

No action taken.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Work Session & Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023; Work Session Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2023; Mayor Appointments: Board of Adjustment-Sue Grundel; Cemetery Board-Randy Buehrer, Joe Kuehnen; Park Board-Shana Brunsvold; Zoning Commission-Teresa Stehn.; Liquor License Renewal – Signatures Supper Club. Unam.

Motion to approve Res. 2301-01 Set Max Levy Public Hearing for Monday February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF NORTHWOOD - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/13/2023 **Meeting Time:** 06:00 PM **Meeting Location:** City Hall 627 Central Ave Northwood, IA 50459

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) www.northwoodia.org
City Telephone Number (641) 324-1075

	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2022 - 2023	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	62,780,179	62,931,803	62,931,803	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	508,520	508,520	509,748	
Contract for Use of Bridge			0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit			0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.			0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center			0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project			0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	52,000	52,000	101,823	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission			0	
Emergency			0	
Police & Fire Retirement			0	
FICA & IPERS	128,463	128,463	130,000	
Other Employee Benefits			0	
Total Tax Levy	688,983	688,983	741,571	7.63
Tax Rate	10.97453	10.94809	11.78372	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:
Increase in general fund needed because of higher expenses due to inflation.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:
www.northwoodia.org

*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.
**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

VETERINARIAN
WORTH COUNTY
VETERINARY SERVICE
Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.
Clinic: 324-1084
Home: 324-1147

PHYSICIANS
MERCYONE
803 9th Avenue North
Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

NORTHWOOD INSURANCE AGENCY
John Midtgaard, Agent
91 9th St. S., Northwood, IA
Office 641-324-9844 Fax 641-324-9844

Alcoholics Anonymous Alanon
Regular meeting each Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday
First Lutheran Church
For more information call 324-3070

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

NORTHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Monday & Friday 1-5 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Open Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
641-324-1340

Northwood Dental
DAVID PENFOLD, DDS
Mon. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tues. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.,Thurs. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - Noon
641-324-1364
www.northwooddentistry.com
802 9th Ave. North
Northwood, Iowa 50459

Notice

NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 72 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

To: MARY & CRAIG ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M ANDERSON, BANG FANILY TRUST, DAVID BANG, PAUL M & LAURA M BEATTY, ROBERT RICHARD JR & JEANNE BEERY REVOCABLE LIGING TRUST, ROBERT BEERY JR, BILLIE J BEERY, JEFFREY E & DEBRA K BERG, FRANK HADDY, JEFFREY A BRAKKE, BRADLEY E CHURCH, ELIOT EVANS, MARK W & JACALYN FISHER, DANIEL L & AMANDA D FJELD, GLENN M & MARILYN L FJELD, JERRY L & REBECCCA A FJELD, RODNEY D & TAMMY GRAFF, CHRISTOPHER L & BETH M HAGEN, LEON & JOYCE HAGEN, DAVID R & MARILYN K HAUGEN, CODI JO & CLINT HEESCH, MARYON E HOLTON, BRUCE HOLTAN, SARA LOU INNES TRUST, JOHN C INNES TRUST, MATTHEW JENNINGS, JASEN L JOHNSON, ROBERT A & BRENDA S JONES, JEFF L & TARA R KINGLAND, MARVIN KINGLAND, DANIEL L KINGSTON, KITTLESON BROS INC, ISAAX J & LINDSEY A LANGERUD, MARK & VIRGINIA LOVIK, DAVID S & KIMBERLY S MERCER, LEAH R NELSON REVOCABLE TRUST, THE NETTLETON LIVING TRUST, BRIAN E & THERESA M NETLETON, RICKY H NIEHAUS, ANNETTE ODONNELL, MARIE & MICHAEL OLESON, DENNIS & DONNA OLSON, JESSE T & MELANIE OLSON, RANDALL & PATRICIA OSWALD, PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC, PAUL LEVANG, BARAK BRAKKE, DENNIS D & JOYCE M RACHUT, RUTH F ROVANG REVOCABLE TRUST, DOUGLAS ROVANG, FREDERICK L SCHUSTER REVOCABLE TRUST, HOGTY MANAGEMENT CORP, MARILYN L SEVERSON, SPENCER C & SHERRI L STENSRUD, BRADLEY & NANCY SUBY, THE FERTILE CONGREGATION OF THE NORWEGIAN DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE, WORTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BETTY MAE WADDINGTON, WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS, MARK LEE KEOUGH, PETERSBURG FAMILY FARM LLC, RONALD W RACHUT, including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 72 Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 72 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 72 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 9:45 A.M. in the Magistrate room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. This meeting will follow the Annexation meeting scheduled for 9:30 A.M..

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Worth County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Worth County Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the District, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 72.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 option 2.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 72 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

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YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa, acting in behalf of Drainage District No. 72 Worth County, Iowa, have adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the annexation of additional lands to Drainage District No. 72 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Bolton & Menk a qualified engineer, to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No. 72 and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits received. Said report provides as follows:

PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR ANNEXATION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 72
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
2022

DEEDHOLDER	SEC.	TWP.	RNG.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PARCEL NUMBER	ACRES TO BE ANNEXED
ANDERSON, MARY & CRAIG	19	98	22	SE SW FERTILE	0917300004	11.4
ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M	20	98	22	SW SE EX PAR	0920400002	32.2
ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M	20	98	22	NW SE	0920400001	38.8
ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M	20	98	22	10 A IN SW NE & PAR 50X5 RDS IN SW NE	0920200013	11.7
ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M	20	98	22	SE NE	0920200011	39.9
ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M	20	98	22	E 31 A W ½ NEEX PAR	0920200010	26.6
ANDERSON, MERVIN C & MARY M	20	98	22	NE NE	0920200006	39
BANG FAMILY TRUST BANG, DAVID	20	98	22	SW SW FERTILE	0920300003	15.7
BANG FAMILY TRUST BANG,DAVID	20	98	22	SE SW FERTILE	0920300004	36.6
BANG FAMILY TRUST BANG,DAVID	20	98	22	NW SW FERTILE	0920300001	7.6
BANG FAMILY TRUST BANG,DAVID	20	98	22	NE SW FERTILE	0920300002	39.3
BEATTY, PAUL M & MAURA M	17	98	22	PAR "C" IN NW SE FERTILE	097400008	3.3
BEERY, ROBERT TICHARD JR & JEANNE REV LVG TRUST BEERY,ROBERT JR & BILLIE J	19	98	28	PAR SW SE (7.95-.02RD=7.91) PAR SE SE (2.27)	0917400006	3.3
BERG,JEFFREY E & DEBRA K HADDY,FRANK	20	98	22	PAR IN SE SE FERTILE	0920400007	3.9
BRAKKE, JEFFREY A	17	98	22	SW SE EXC PARCEL	0917400005	29.7
BRAKKE, JEFFREY A	17	98	22	SE SE EXC PARCEL	0917400007	36
BRAKKE, JEFFREY A	16	98	22	W ½ SW SW	0916300005	2.9
CHURCH, BRADLEY E	20	98	22	PAR IN SW SE FERTILE	0920400003	5.9
EVANS,ELIOT	17	98	22	SE SW	0917300005	2.5
FISHER,MARK W & JACALYN L	21	98	22	NW SE FERTILE	0921400001	40.3
FJELD,DANIEL L & AMANDA D FJELD, GLENN M & MARILYN L	16	98	22	PAR IN SW SE FERTILE	0916400008	3.43
FJELD, JERRY L & REBECCA A	16	98	22	SW SE EX PAR	0916400007	30.3
FJELD, JERRY L & REBECCA A	16	98	22	NW SE	0916400001	10.5
GRAFF, RODNEY D & TAMMY	20	98	22	N 1440' OF W 11 RODS OF NE	0920200001	4.8
HAGEN, CHRISTOPHER L & BETH M	26	98	22	PART OF PAR "A" IN NE SW	0926100011	.9
HAGEN, CHRISTOPHER L & BETH M	26	98	22	N 6 AC IN SE NW & NE NW EXC PART PAR "A"	0926100010	14.6
HAGEN, LEON A & JOYCE	26	98	22	SE SW	092300007	7.7
HAUGEN, DAVID R & MARILYN K	23	98	22	SW SW	0923300003	6.2
HEESCH,CODI JO & CLINT	21	98	22	SW NE	0921200004	40.1
HEESCH,CODI JO & CLINT	21	98	22	NW NE	0921200001	38.3
HOLTAN,MARYON E HOLTAN,BRUCE	21	98	22	NW SW FERTILE	0921300001	39.8
HOLTAN,MARYON E HOLTAN,BRUCE	21	98	22	NE SW FERTILE	9821300002	39.8
HOLTAN,MARYON E HOLTAN,BRUCE	21	98	22	SW NW FERTILE	9821100003	39.8
HOLTAN,MARYON E HOLTAN,BRUCE	21	98	22	SE NW FERTILE	9821100004	40
HOLTAN,MARYON E HOLTAN,BRUCE	21	98	22	NW NW FERTILE	9821100001	28.7
HOLTAN,MARYON E HOLTAN,BRUCE	21	98	22	NE NW FERTILE	9821100002	13.4
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES,JOHN C TRUST	27	98	22	SW SE	092740003	7.6
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES,JOHN C TRUST	27	98	22	SE SE	0927400004	2.2
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES,JOHN C TRUST	27	98	22	NW SE	0927400001	40
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES,JOHN C TRUST	27	98	22	NE SE	0927400002	34.1
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES,JOHN C TRUST	27	98	22	SE NE EX PAR	0927200004	34.7
INNES,SARA LOU TRUST INNES,JOHN C TRUST	26	98	22	SW SW EX PAR	0926300009	9.2
JENNINGS,MATTHEW	28	98	22	NE SW	0928300005	1.3
JENNINGS,MATTHEW	28	98	22	NW SE	0928400001	31.5
JENNINGS,MATTHEW K	29	98	22	SE NW	0929100004	10.5
JENNINGS,MATTHEW K	29	98	22	SW NE	0929200004	.5
JOHNSON,JASEN L	26	98	22	SW NW FERTILE	0926100012	38.8
JONES,ROBERT A & BRENDA S	27	98	22	PAR IN SE NE	0927200005	4.7
KINGLAND,JEFF L & TARA R	17	98	22	PAR "B" IN SW NE & SE NE	0917200011	.8
KINGLAND,MARVIN	27	98	22	SW SW	0927300004	.7
KINGLAND,MARVIN	27	98	22	SE SW	0927300007	5.4
KINGLAND,MARVIN	27	98	22	S 6 A NE SW	0927300006	24.5
KINGSTON,DANIEL L	16	98	22	W 25 RDSOF S 47 RDS OF E ½ SE EX 1 RD	0916400005	7
KITTLESON BROS INC	28	98	22	N 384' OF S ½ NE	0928200004	23.3
KITTLESON BROS INC	28	98	22	S ½ N ½ SE ¼	0928200003	39.6
LANGERUD,ISSAC J & LINDSEY A	33	98	22	PAR IN N ½ NE (6.94 A IN NW NE & 2.23 A IN NE NE)	0933200007	4.8
LANGERUD,ISSAC J & LINDSEY A	33	98	22	NE NE EX PARS	0933200008	5.4
LOVIK,MARK & VIRGINIA	17	98	22	SNE SE FERTILE	0917400002	5.9
LOVIK,MARK & VIRGINIA	17	98	22	NW SE EX PAR "C" FERTILE	0917400009	25.5
LOVIK,MARK A & VIRGINIA L	20	98	22	SW NW	0920100003	2.1
LOVIK,MARK A & VIRGINIA L	20	98	22	SE NW	0920100004	23.6
MERCER, DAVID S & KIMBERLY S	28	98	22	N 14 A NW NW FERTILE	0928100001	11.7
MERCER, DAVID S & KIMBERLY S	28	98	22	NE NW FERTILE	0928100005	38.5
MERCER, DAVID S & KIMBERLY S	27	98	22	SW SW FERTILE	0921300003	37.7
MERCER, DAVID S & KIMBERLY S	21	98	22	SE SW FERTILE	0921300004	38.9
NELSON,LEAH R REVOCABLE TRUST	20	98	22	SE SE EX PARS	0920400005	34.1
NELSON,LEAH REVOCABLE TRUST	20	98	22	NE SE	0920400004	39.9
THE NETTLETON LIVING TRUST	20	98	22	PAR IN E 32 A W ½ NE (442X498) FERTILE	0920200005	4.8
NETTLETON, BRIAN E & THERESA M	20	98	22	PARCEL IN W ½ NE (610.5X1815)	0920200012	24.9
NIEHAUS,RICKY H	26	98	22	N 8 A OF S 28 A OF NE SW FERTILE	0926300005	7.6
ODONNELL, ANNETTE	26	98	22	NW SW FERTILE	0926300001	39.5
OLESON,MARIE & MICHAEL	20	98	22	NE NW FERTILE	0920100002	5.2
OLSON,DENNIS & DONNA	20	98	22	PAR 22' X 198' IN SE SE	0920400006	.8
OLSON,JESSE T & MELANIE	20	98	22	S 1200' OF W.11 RODS OF NE	0920200007	4.1
OSWALD, RANDALL & PATRICIA	16	98	22	SE SW EX PARS	0916300011	2.5
OSWALD,RANDALL J	26	98	22	S 20 A NE SW FERTILE	0926300006+	17.2
OSWALD,RANDALL J	26	98	22	NW NW FERTILE	0926100001	32.7
OSWALD,RANDALL J	27	98	22	NE NE FERTILE	0927200002	39.3
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	28	98	22	SW SE FERTILE	0928400005	14.8
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	28	98	22	SE SE FERTILE	0928400006	33.9
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	29	98	22	SE NE FERTILE	0929200006	.9
BRAKKE,BARAK	28	98	22	SW NW FERTILE	0928100004	3.2
BRAKKE,BARAK	28	98	22	SE NW FERTILE	0928100006	27.5
BRAKKE,BARAK	28	98	22	S 7 A NW NW FERTILE	0928100003	1.1
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	29	98	22	S 14 A NW NE FERTILE	0929200003	8.4
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	29	98	22	NE NW FERTILE	0929100002	34
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	29	98	22	N 6 A NW NE FERTILE	0929200001	3.9
PDJJ LEVANG FARMS LLC LEVANG,PAUL	29	98	22	NE NE FERTILE	0929200005	36.5
RACHUR,DENNIS D & JOYCE M	28	98	22	22 S ½ N ½ N ½ NE ¼ FERTILE	0928200002	20
ROVANG,RUTH F REVOCABLE TRUST ROVANG,DOUGLAS	15	98	22	SW SW FERTILE	0915300003	.8
SCHUSTER,FREDERICKL REVOCABLE TRUST HOGTY MANAGEMENT CORP	29	98	22	SW NW FERTILE	0929100003	1.4
SCHUSTER,FREDERICKL REVOCABLE TRUST HOGTY MANAGEMENT CORP	29	98	22	NW NW FERTILE	0929100001	6.8
SEVERSON,MARILYN L	98	98	22	S 20A OF N 26A NW NE FERTILE	0929200002	21.3
STENSRUDE,SPENCER C & SHERRI L	17	98	22	22 PART OF PAR "A" SW NE PAR "B" FERTILE	0917200012	5.6
SUBY,BRADLEY & NANCY	26	98	22	PAR IN SW SW	0926300008	.5
THE FERTILE CONGREGATION OF THE NORWEGIAN DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE WORTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIATY	16	98	22	PAR IN SE SE FERTILE	0916400004	1.1
WADDINGTON,BETTY MAE	26	98	22	N 12 A NE SW	0926300004	12.2
WADDINGTON,BETTY MAE	26	98	22	S 34 A SE NW EXC CEMETARY	0926100007	14.3
WORTH COUNTY,IOWA	28	99	22	PAR IN NW NW	0928100002	14
					TOTAL RECOMMENDED ANNEXATION ACRES	1805.7

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that said report has been filed with the County Auditor of Worth County, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 9:30 AM in the Magistrate room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No. 72 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the proposed annexation of said lands and any claim for damages must be in writing and filed with the County Auditor of Worth County at or before the time set for hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements of DD 72, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 72. At the time fixed for hearing, the Board shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Annexation which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316 option 2.

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Trailblazers Michels and Hall punch ticket to inaugural tournament

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

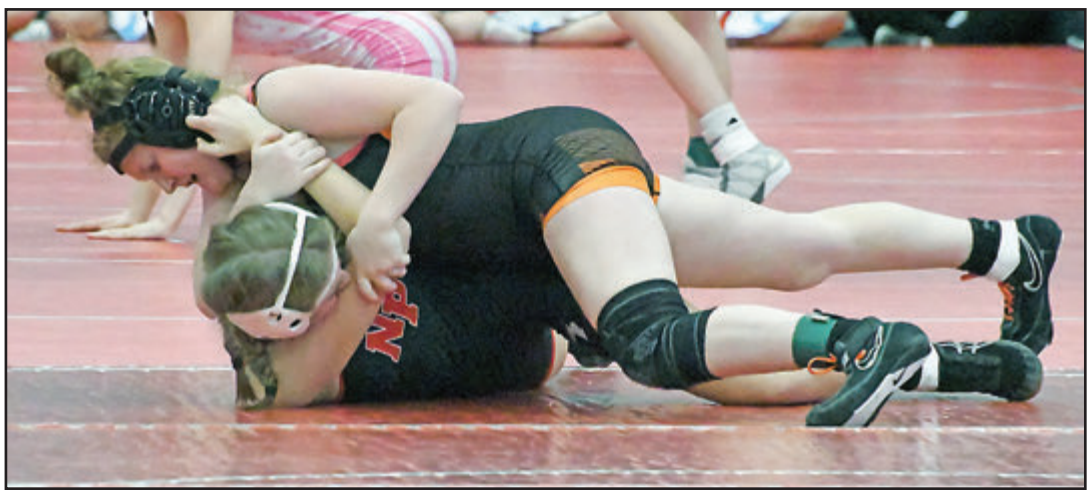
It has been a season that has been filled with firsts for Iowa High School girls wrestling: the first sanctioned season, the first super regionals and of course the inaugural all girls state tournament, and the first ever North Central Trailblazers.

This team, made up of young ladies from Saint Ansgar, Central Springs, Northwood-Kensett, Lake Mills and Forest City just completed their first season together and oh boy was it a success, ending with two of its athletes qualifying to compete this Thursday and Friday in Coralville.

At 100 pounds the Trailblazers' Mariah Michels will forever go down in history as the team's first ever super regionals champion after going 2-0 in Decorah last Friday.

Michels' day started easy enough when she drew two byes that put her in the semifinals facing Macy Rose of North Fayette Valley. Having sat through most of the competition up to this point a determined Michels took just 27 seconds to dispose of her quarterfinal opponent by fall, setting up a championship match against Emily Fritz from Anamosa.

In a tournament where the top four place winners advance to the state tournament, Michels, who at this point had already fulfilled her dream of a state tournament berth, defeated Fritz by fall with just eight seconds remaining in the first of three two minute periods.



Jessika Ausborn dominated her round two opponent, Makinzey Brannon, in the first period of their super regional match, only to lose by fall just 13 seconds into the second period. Ausborn went 1-2 on the day and finished her inaugural season with the Trailblazers with a 15-8 record. Ausborn is also N-K's all-time wins leader for a girl wrestling on a boys team.

At 110 pounds Emma Hall will be accompanying her Trailblazers teammate to Coralville after going 2-1 in Decorah, heading home with a second place medal. Hall received a bye in the first round and then faced Riley Bremmer of Tripoli in the quarterfinals.

If you took a bathroom break you totally missed this one, as matter of fact, if you sneezed you missed the 15 second win by fall that advanced Hall to the finals of the Decorah Super Regionals.

In the finals, Hall lost to regional champion Riley Hartman of Oelwein by fall but her second place finish was more than enough to punch her ticket to the first ever all girls state wrestling tournament.

The girls, unlike the boys tournament, will not be broken up into classes as in 1A, 2A or 3A, it will be a free for all of 400 girls to take home the championship in their respective weight classes.

The state tournament starts this Thursday at 9 a.m. and runs through Friday night with championship matches and awards ceremonies concluding around 9 p.m.

Trailblazers Season Records – Kelsey Roedel 5-12, Mariah Michels 18-5, Abby Beaty 11-10, Emma Hall 21-6, Jasmine Schwartz 14-12, Laney Miles 2-6, Madison Edwards 2-17, Lillian Holton 2-11, Merrin Hanson 0-7, Mya Howes 7-3, Isabella Hermanson 2-12, Claire Rye 10-8, Annaston Stene 18-10, Jessika Ausborn 15-8, Lanie Hannah 12-12, Abbi True 4-3, Autumn Sunkle 1-9, Chelsea Brumm 5-11, Sydnee Lindeman 3-7, Lily Wilson 12-12, Katelyn Rogstad 0-0, Trinity Roush 4-5, Miley Gomez 0-3, Rylea Groves 2-7, Mya Peterson 23-8, Piper Kjeldahl 1-7, Marisa Halbach 8-11, Hadley Buenzow 0-0, Katrina Halonen 8-6, Charlene Prazak 10-10, Kylee Thompson 0-0, Annalise Coyle 0-0, Bailey Albert 7-9, Avert Hoffmeyer 17-16, Alexis Wise 3-14, Olivia Walton 0-4, Ava Woltzen 7-10



Trailblazer 155 pounder Marisa Halbach battles Farah Labbe of Waterloo East in last Friday's super regionals championship round. Halbach went 0-2 on the day but had a successful inaugural season on the mat with an 8-11 record.



Annaston Stene faces off against Nashua-Plainfield's Amberly Gerholdt in the championship round of last Friday's super regional in Decorah. Stene beat Gerholdt by fall but finished the day at 2-2 after losing her fifth round consolation match.

Vikings win one of three last week, survive 61-60 win over North Iowa

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team won one of three games on the schedule last week, losing to North Butler and Newman Catholic in Top of Iowa Conference East action while registering the team's fifth win of the year in the 61-60 non-conference victory over the Bison of North Iowa.

With the Bearcats boasting a 24-8 series record over N-K this might not seem like much of a rivalry, but these teams really do seem to dislike each other with things heating up the last few years with the Vikings winning three of the last seven games played in the series that dates back to 2006 and the old Corn Bowl Conference days.

The Vikings, who at times have struggled to get going in the first eight minutes of play, on this night against the Bearcats, had no problem putting the ball in the hoop, running out to an early 15-13 advantage heading into the second quarter.

But then the unimaginable happened, the Vikings, who poured in 15 first quarter points, could manage just eight points over the next 16 minutes of play and trailed 38-23 to start the final eight minutes of play.

Facing an almost insurmountable 15-point lead with only eight minutes to overcome it, the Vikings did their best nonetheless, scoring 12 fourth quarter points to end the game with a 21-point deficit, 56-35.

Sophomore Kooper Julseth went 5-18 from the field, leading the team with 12 points and seven rebounds while Colby Eskildsen and Lamonte Sims combined for 12 points, six steals, four assists and nine boards.

The Vikings snapped a five-game losing streak to the Bison of North Iowa last Thursday at home in Northwood, putting a dent in the Bison's 11-5 overall record in this non-conference series that dates back to NI days in the NIC.

The Vikings, led by the hot shooting Sims, who hit 9-14 from the field for the night, looked to blow this game wide open in the first quarter when they ran out to a convincing 21-4 lead.

And while the Vikings continued to play lights out, following up with 12-, 11- and 17-point quarters, it was the Bison who were slowly chipping away at the first quarter's advantage, eventually ending the third trailing by just three points at 44-41, nearly erasing the 17-point first quarter deficit completely.

That three-point advantage to start the final eight minutes of play is what saved the Vikings on this night as they scored 17 points to NI's 19, just enough to claim the very slim 61-60 non-conference victory.

All five starters contributed to the win, including Sims (19 pts.), Julseth (16 pts.), Eskildsen (12 pts.), Evan Lorenzen (10 pts.) and Carter Anderson (4 pts.).

Trailing 20-8 after the first quarter in last Friday night's TIC East matchup in Northwood against Newman Catholic, a team that has a 19-1 record against the Vikings, who won the lone game in this series back in 2016, N-K bounced back to have a solid three quarters, pouring in 21, 12 and 14 points.

But making up the first quarter deficit of 12 points was to0 much to overcome as the Vikings ended up falling to the Knights by 20 points, 75-55 in TIC East action.



Sophomore guard Evan Lorenzen splashes a 3-pointer in last Thursday night's 61-60 non-conference win over North Iowa. Lorenzen scored 10 points on 4-6 shooting from the field in the one-point victory.

Julseth led the team with a double-double, scoring 15 points with 10 rebounds. Lorenzen and Eskildsen combined for 25 points and 14 boards, including six on the offensive glass.

With their 1–3-mark last week the Vikings are now 5-12 overall and 4-9 in the TIC East. They had games this week on Tuesday versus Saint Ansgar, Thursday versus Belmond-Klemme and Friday at Osage.

TIC East Boys Basketball Standings

TIC East	Overall
West Fork	12-1 13-3
Newman Catholic	11-2 14-2
Osage	11-2 14-3
Nashua-Plainfield	7-5 11-7
North Butler	5-8 8-10
Saint Ansgar	5-8 6-10
Northwood-Kensett	4-9 5-12
Central Springs	3-11 5-12
Rockford	0-12 0-15



N-K sophomore Colby Eskildsen glides to the basket with an easy layup last Thursday night in Northwood. Eskildsen scored 12 points, dished out seven dimes and grabbed five offensive rebounds in the Vikings 61-60 non-conference win over North Iowa.

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