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Briefs

Local author visits library tomorrow

The Northwood Public Library will welcome a local Northwood author tomorrow, February 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Brian K. Wright will be at the library discussing his success as an author, writing coach, radio show host and magazine publisher.

Wright will be at the library at 6:30 p.m. Wright's books are available to check out from the library.

Legislative forum set for Friday

Legislators representing Worth County will hold a forum to speak with and answer questions from the public this 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.

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

Fertile FD hosts soup supper Saturday

The Fertile Fire Department will host its annual soup supper this Saturday, February 11, from 4-7 p.m.

The supper will be held at the Fertile Community Center, 3494 Eagle Avenue.

The meal is available with a free will donation. Dine in and take out are available.

Friends to valentines, Stehns share lives of love, loss and laughter

With Valentine's Day on the way this Tuesday, following is the story of one of the community's special couples:



For Rod and Teresa Stehn, they started as friends and with a little nudge from another friend started their lives together. While they faced one of the most challenging times any couple can face, they found a way to share their love with friends and family and the surrogate children who have remained a part of their lives.

As residents of a close knit community, Rod and Teresa knew each other for years and were friends, spending time bowling and seeing each other at the races. As they grew closer, it took a suggestion from one of Teresa's friends before they decided to tie the knot.

"I blame it on my girlfriend," Teresa said. "She asked, 'Why don't you two just go to Vegas and get married?'"

So that's exactly what they did. They spent a few days finding a place to stay and a place to get married.

They left their parents with the news, and Teresa's daughters Danielle and Rachel for a few days with grandma and grandpa, as they traveled to the "marriage capital of the world."

"We had an interesting visit to the Clerk of Court in Las Vegas to get our marriage license," Teresa said.

"There were some unique people in line," Rod added.

Marriage license in hand they got in their limo to make their way to the chapel, with at least one interesting moment of site-seeing on the way.

"Our driver went by a Carl's Junior (the western U.S. version of Hardee's), where some crime had taken place," Teresa said. "You could still see the police tape."

"He told us not to eat there," Rod said. "We didn't argue."

Not fazed by the restaurant scenery, they arrived at the Chapel of the Flowers.

"It wasn't a very big ceremony, but it was exactly what we wanted it to be. We got married and then celebrated with supper and spent a few more days in Las Vegas."

Their trip ended with a red eye flight back home to Northwood just in time to celebrate Easter and share the news of their nuptials with the rest of their family.

At the time they were

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Chamber hosts Valentine's contest

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce is again holding 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

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NVFC announces plans to offer ambulance transport service

Last week the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company made the announcement that it would add ambulance transportation to the services it provides to Northwood and the surrounding area.

The discussion of ambulance coverage in Worth County began last fall, with a general election ballot question asking voters if they would approve new taxes to establish an ambulance in the county.

During the discussion in the weeks before the election, there was some discussion about the interest or capability of the Northwood fire department in transporting patients with its own ambulance service.

The department has been making steps towards the service for years, as it upgraded and added to its equipment and vehicles. That includes rescue vehicles that have been capable of transporting patients.

However, the steps needed to make the leap from rescue service to transport service have been prohibitive, at least until last week.

On Thursday, February 2, the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company officially announced that its mem-

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Jan. 31	5	-13	
Wed. Feb. 1	18	-4	
Thurs. Feb. 2	16	-10	
Fri. Feb. 3	4	-13	
Sat. Feb. 4	32	2	
Sun. Feb. 5	26	6	
Mon. Feb. 6	35	27	



100 days at N-K

January 31 was the 100th day of school at Northwood-Kensett. In kindergarten classrooms, students, and their teachers, dressed as though they were 100 years old, made necklaces with 100 pieces of cereal and brought in collections of 100 items. and invited the other grades to visit to take a look. The first grade students counted 100 pieces for a snack mix, 100 puzzle pieces for Valentine's art and counted spots in art and math projects. In the second grade, students made 100-themed glasses and conducted an experiment to see if they could get to the center of a Tootsie Pop within 100 licks.

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Supervisors discuss potential shifts in ambulance coverage, prior to NVFC vote

Before the announcement that the Northwood fire department was getting into the ambulance game, the Worth County supervisors shared updates on continued discussions with one of the neighboring providers that respond in the county.

Supervisor Enos Loberg, at the January 30 meeting, shared that he had been talking the Forest City Ambulance Service about what they might provide.

Loberg said that he had asked if the Forest City Ambulance Service might be willing to travel outside their current response area. They responded they would be open to that possibility.

However, supervisor AJ Stone noted that before that could happen, conversations would have to take place with current fire departments and the town-

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Grandpa Rod, Dutton Carter, Harper Davis, Clay Carter, Beau Davis and Grandma Teresa



Pictured above at Blank Park Zoo are (from left) Andy, Danielle and Clay Carter, Tim, Beau, Rachel and Harper Davis and Teresa and Rod Stehn.

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still living in separate homes, so the next step was for Rod to move in with Teresa in their home in Northwood.

"I packed up and got rid of everything I owned," Rod joked. Teresa laughed, but made it clear that he still has plenty of his belongings in their home today.

The next big change in their lives came on January 24, 2003, with the birth of their daughter, Cassidy.

They spent nine years loving their time with their youngest daughter, before a tragic vehicle accident claimed her life, along with one other child on their way to a youth activity.

"It was a terrible loss, a terrible accident," Teresa said. "But it drew us closer together. We don't place any blame. Living with that would just be too much. We decided we wanted to celebrate the time we had with her and the memories we made."

After Cassidy's death, Teresa and Rod made an effort to maintain their connection with the students in her class. "We kind of adopted all of her classmates as our own. We would go to all their events at school. Their parents have always included us and shared in what they were doing in their lives."

The Stehns were a part of all of the class' milestones, right up through their proms, powder puff and other homecoming activities and graduations. They were also there when trees were planted in Cassidy's memory at the Northwood-Kensett schools, and share in her memory with signs in the girls dugouts in Swensrud Park.

"We just remember her fondly and do things to honor her memory whenever we get the chance.

"We do something special every year on her birthday to remember her. One year we went to a rodeo," Teresa said. "We've set off fireworks that you could see from her spot in the cemetery. On her 16th birthday we held a pizza party and invited all her classmates. She would have been 20 this year. We went to the Pizza Ranch and played in the arcade with the grandkids and had some pizza."

Of course, family remains a big part of their lives, with the occasional vacation, get-togethers, holidays and every chance they can get to spend time with the grandkids. "We love them to death," Teresa said. "They keep us busy," Rod added.

They also enjoy antiquing, spending time outdoors, gardening for Rod and planting flowers for Teresa.

The family dog has also been a big part of their lives, starting with Toby, who they got for Cassidy. More recently, Ace joined the family, rescued from Oklahoma through the Patriots for Pets shelter. Ace joins them for walks around the fairgrounds, meeting new people and other dogs. He also loves the chance to sit in the middle of their seats as they take the scenic route driving through the countryside.

Asked for the secret to a happy marriage, illustrating that sharing a sense of humor likely plays a part, Rod couldn't resist two words, "Yes dear." For Teresa, "We started as friends and we've stayed friends. We're still here."

Fortunately for the couple, what happened in Vegas didn't stay in Vegas. At the end of March they will have been married for 21 years. They have enjoyed their lives together with their families and friends, holding special memories close, celebrating those they have lost, while smiling, laughing and living for those that are special to them.



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bers had voted to create a paid per call ambulance service, with a goal of transporting patients by July 1, 2023.

In the announcement, NVFC chief Blake Severson said, "The NVFC is excited for the new chapter and we are dedicated to working towards providing this service to Northwood and the surrounding area."

While many of the details remain in the works, the decision was not made without some plans and steps taken in advance.

The basics, staffing and equipment, are largely in place, with some additions in the works.

Severson said that a majority of the equipment is in place, but there will likely be some ambulance-specific needs in the future.

As far as staffing the ambulance, Severson said that the department will start with its current member volunteers that show interest. "We will also encourage other community members who may be interested in being part of the NVFC ambulance service to reach out for more information."

The ambulance service will not replace the rescue squad duties for the department. The rescue will respond when needed and assist the ambulance crew, depending on the type of medical situation involved.

The NVFC has prided itself on operating entirely based on community donations for 140 years. That will not change, according to Severson. He said that the department does not plan to ask for taxes, nor does it plan to ask Worth County for funding, as the ambulance services that currently respond in the county have recently.

"We will ask the community for donations to help support the start up costs of having an ambulance in the community," Severson said.

As far as their response area is concerned, that will involve discussions with other local governments and agencies. That involves the City of Northwood; the township trustees, who set the fire and medical response agencies for their areas; Worth County and its emergency response departments, which organize and dispatch medical services; any other communities where they may offer ambulance coverage; and any area agencies involved in emergency medical services.

What's next for the NVFC? "We're well trained on providing excellent patient care, we just need to take the next steps to work towards transporting patients to get them to a higher level of care in a more timely manner."

Before the NVFC ambulance can officially go into service, the department has to secure the required licensing and meet with the agencies and officials that they work with and will be involved in local ambulance response. The NVFC members that will be involved will also need to complete specific training requirements, organize and acquire the equipment involved and complete all the other administrative tasks and requirements.

As the department goes forward, they want to make sure that the community they serve keeps up to date on the progress.

"We will do our best to share information along the way as we work towards the end goal of transporting patients," Severson said. "Keep an eye on our Northwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company Facebook page and the Northwood Anchor for information as we release it. With a topic as important as this it is crucial to only be given true and factual information, which will come from myself or one of the Assistant Chiefs."

Putting for fight against cancer

On Saturday, March 4, area putters will have a chance to travel a course with "greens" located throughout North Iowa and southern Minnesota, all to benefit the Relay For Life of Worth County and the fight against cancer.

The second annual Putt Putt fundraiser invites teams of five, four putters and one caddy (designated driver) to travel to nine stops to test their putting skills, with a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

Stops included the Strike Zone and Worth Brewing in Northwood; Plymouth Lounge; American Legion in Manly; Tim's Corner in Lake Mills; Good Shot Golf and Sporting Clays and American Legion in Emmons, Minnesota; Pub 69 in Twin Lakes, Minnesota; and American Legion in Glenville, ending at the Timbers in Northwood.

Teams can pre-register before or on the day of the event at any of the nine stops or contact Teresa. If a team pre-registers at a stop, that is their starting point on March 4. Registration is $50 per team.

Teams take scorecards to each stop, putt and then the scorekeeper initials their score.

All teams are asked to be at the Timbers by 7:30 p.m. with their scorecards.

Doors will be open to the public at the Timbers at 5 p.m. A free-will donation meal will be served starting at 6 p.m.

The event will also include a silent auction, raffle and prizes for the winning teams.

Those interested may get more information and sign up by contacting Teresa at 641-390-1578.

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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 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 tomorrow, Thursday, February 9. Winners will be contacted after the drawing.

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ship trustees who set fire and medical response boundaries.

Stone noted that would likely be a future conversation, as the FCAS and Mason City Fire Departments await a decision on whether the County will provide a combined $332,000 in funding to maintain ambulance response from those agencies in the county.

The meeting took on place January 30. On February 2 the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company voted to form an ambulance service, to be operational by July 1.

While the NVFC have said that they don't plan to ask for county funding support, having an ambulance based in Northwood would limit the need for the Mason City Fire Department's services.

Continued EMS discussion remained on the supervisors agenda for their regular meeting this past Monday, February 6. See next week's Anchor and Signal for more on the continued discussion.



Giving the walls a lift

Renovations have been underway to turn the second story of the downtown Northwood building pictured above. The project is made possible with the assistance of Iowa's Downtown Housing Grant program, which will provide a grant of $300,000 for the project. The second story aspect of the renovations meant that bringing some of the materials to the project took some special equipment. Last week, a delivery of roughly 150 pieces of sheet rock were lifted and delivered through a second floor window. The sheet rock will be used for the walls for the apartments in the back half of the building.

Iowans being surveyed about wine quality

A wine specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is interested in knowing more about how Iowans handle red and white wines from purchase to consumption.

Aude Watrelot, assistant professor of enology in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State, is surveying Iowa consumers to learn more about their habits and preferences – from the time they purchase wines to the time of consumption.

The survey asks basic questions to determine on which occasions Iowans drink wine, where they purchase it, what they consider when making a purchase and how they store their bottles.

"I invite Iowa consumers of wine to take this survey, which should take less than 10 minutes to complete," said Watrelot. "All responses are kept anonymous and the information will help improve research and extension and outreach programs on Iowa wine quality. The goal is to learn more about the perception of consumers towards wine quality and improve the Iowa grape and wine industry."

In addition to her extension work, Watrelot operates a wine research laboratory in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Her research focuses on the chemical composition of wines produced in the Midwest, and the many factors that impact taste, mouthfeel and overall grape and wine quality.

The survey will be available through Feb. 13. To take the survey, visit https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJArChzeYKnSBzo.

Northwood Chamber of Commerce

Valentine's Day Drawing

Sign Up for the Drawing at:

CarQuest Auto Parts, Northwood Anchor,
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Tequilas Mexican Bar & Grill, Knudtson Auto,
Strike Zone and Northwood Theatre

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- 2 Movie Tickets to the Northwood Theatre from T&W Towing
- Flowers from Flower Forager
- Bottle of Champagne from Shade Tree Liquors
- Candy from Fallgatters Market
- 6" Cake from Fat Jill's
- $50 Target Gift Card from Varangians, LLC
- Date Night Gift Certificate from Strike Zone







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Pederson named to Mercy College of Health Sciences Dean's List

Sarah Pederson of Northwood has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 term at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

To qualify for this academic recognition, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.749 for a minimum of six semester credit hours or four quarter credit hours in their most recent term.

Mercy College is the only Catholic college in Central Iowa and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Central College names Fall 2022 Dean's List

Central College recognized 432 students named to the Fall 2022 dean's list.

The honor is awarded to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

Local students named to the list included Lindsey Davidson, Northwood, Class of 2024; and Summer Sterrenberg, Joice, Class of 2024.

Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year liberal arts college.

Faber graduates from the College of St. Scholastica

Bethany Faber of Kensett graduated from The College of St. Scholastica with a CERT in Culturally Responsive Practice.

Riverland announces Dean's list

Riverland Community College has announced the students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2022 Fall president's and dean's lists. Riverland congratulates these individuals for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

To be eligible for the dean's list students must have completed 12 credits per semester with letter grades and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.99 on a 4.00 scale.

Local students included Isaac Renteria and Andrew Wilder, both of Northwood.



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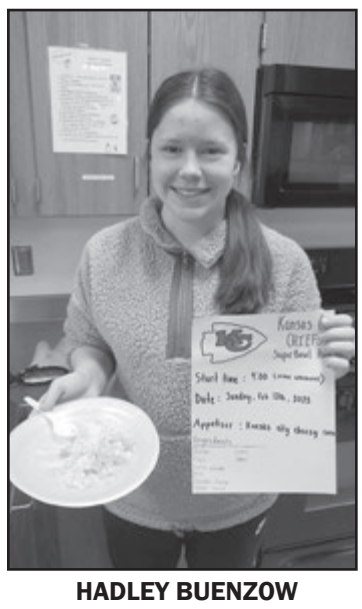
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GRACE BARENTHIN

Getting ready for the big game

This Sunday, many will spend time gathering together to watch Super Bowl LVII. Some will be there for the game, some for the commercials. Most will be there for the snacks, treats and other food options that come with a Super Bowl party. For the students in the FACS classroom, that meant a chance to practice their appetizing skills. The students picked a team and then cooked an appetizer to go with that team. It allowed them the chance to practice their cooking skills showing their fandom with the potential chance to impress at party time this Sunday.



HADLEY BUENZOW



MACY THORSON

Statewide traffic enforcement stepped up for Super Bowl weekend

From the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau:

To keep motorists safe during Super Bowl LVII, The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau is teaming up with Iowa law enforcement to remind football enthusiasts, Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. If you plan to drink alcohol, plan for a sober ride home. If you're hosting a party, take care of your guests.

In 2021 over 13,700 drivers were arrested for OWI in Iowa. The average cost of an OWI is $5000 (including fines, fees and insurance increase). The average cost of a Super Bowl Ticket is $5000. Pick the winning ticket!

GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes, "Our mission is to reduce deaths and serious injuries on Iowa's Roadways. We know risky behavior, like driving impaired, increases the chances of those outcomes. Our law enforcement partners across the state will be looking for impaired drivers and won't hesitate to get drunk drivers off the road. We all spend so much time planning what we're bringing to the party, plan for a sober ride home."

Before choosing to drink, choose your team's MVP – A sober designated driver. If you're hosting a party; serve food, non-alcoholic beverages, stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter and take keys from anyone who has too much to drink.

You can't be a Monday Morning Quarterback if you're behind bars... or worse. Make plans and enjoy the game!

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Vikings win two of three last week to improve to 7-13 overall

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Winners in two of three last week and three of their last five overall, the Vikings of Northwood-Kensett slipped past Saint Ansgar and slapped Belmond-Klemme with a 61-36 loss before falling to the Green Devils, who are 17-0 against the Vikings since the 2012 season.

Despite the fact that the Saints are 24-12 against N-K since the 2006 season, the Vikings have managed to turn things around the last few years and with last Tuesday's 58-55 win have now beaten the Saints in four of the last six games.

The Vikings weathered a 17-point first quarter from SA to trim the score to 29-27 at the halftime break.

One would think that a five-point quarter in the third would have doomed the Vikings, but they came out in the fourth, trailing by 10 points only to come all the way back to even the score after pouring in 16 fourth quarter points, their best offensive output of the game.

Outscoring the Saints by 10 in the fourth quarter pulled N-K even as time expired in regulation.

In the overtime, the Vikings secured the win with 10 points in the four-minute overtime and walked away with the narrow three-point win over the Saints, 58-55.

Colby Eskildsen led the Vikings with another one of his double-doubles, scoring 20 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Kooper Julseth and Lamonte Sims added 12 and nine points respectively in the Top of Iowa Conference East win.

After losing the first four games played to the Broncos in the series, N-K is now riding a two-game winning streak against last Thursday night's non-conference opponent, beating Belmond-Klemme by 25 points, 61-36.

The Viking offense was relentless and overpowering in this contest, leading 26-15 at the half and pushed the deficit even wider after scoring 35 second half points to secure the 61-36 non-conference win.

Mr. Double-Double, Eskildsen poured in 28 points on 11-17 shooting from the field and grabbed 11 rebounds, including eight on the defensive glass. Evan Lorenzen added 16 points, one block, two steals, one assist and six rebounds in the win.

The Vikings remained winless in their last 17 games against the Green Devils with last Friday's 66-55 TIC East loss in Osage. N-K beat the Green Devils in three of the game's four quarters but let the game slip away from them in the second quarter when they were outscored 19-8, equaling the game's 11-point deficit in the final score.

Eskildsen, who is making a habit of recording a double-double, made it three in a row last week with 19 points and 10 rebounds in the loss to the Green Devils.

The Vikings hosted Central Springs in their regular season finale on Monday and are now 7-13 overall and 5-10 in the TIC East.

TIC East Boys Basketball Standings

TIC East		Overall	
West Fork		14-1	15-3
Newman Catholic		13-2	16-2
Osage		13-2	16-4
Nashua-Plainfield		7-6	11-9
North Butler		6-9	9-11
Northwood-Kensett		5-10	7-13
Saint Ansgar		5-10	6-13
Central Springs		4-12	6-14
Rockford		0-14	0-19



NORTH CENTRAL TRAILBLAZERS

Trailblazers' Mariah Michels medals at inaugural girls state championships

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The first ever girls wrestling season just came to an end and it will forever be remembered at the five schools that made up the North Central Trailblazers, consisting of young ladies from Saint Ansgar, Northwood-Kensett, Central Springs, Lake Mills and Forest City. Those five schools came together to form the Trailblazers, giving the girls from the five schools a realistic chance at competing in the newly state-sanctioned sport.

Advancing out of last week's super regional in Decorah and earning a spot at the historic state tournament held in Coralville were the Trailblazers' Mariah Michels and Emma Hall.

Hall wrestled at 110 pounds and lost her first round match to Cierra Elderbaum of Lewis Central by fall at the 5:28 mark, coming so close to finishing the match on her feet.

In her consolation match Hall wasted little time in beating Johnelle Gliem of Baxter, winning by fall in just 52 seconds. Hall ended her state tournament in the second round consolation match with a loss by fall. Hall ended her season at 23-7.

The Anchor and the Signal spent the season covering the Trailblazers and never imagined we were watching the fourth best wrestler at 100 pounds in the state. It turns out we in fact were. Qualifying at 100 pounds was the Trailblazers' Mariah Michels, who took home the team's first ever state championship medal with her fourth place finish.

Michels started her tournament with a win by fall, then went to the championship round against Hailey Kemper of Fort Madison, winning it by fall as well. In the quarterfinals she beat Greta Goodman of Ames in a 9-2 decision, putting her in the semifinals against Katie Biscoglia of Raccoon River-Northwest, where she lost a 6-0 decision.

Michels then won her consolation semifinals match over Myah Rausch 2-0, advancing to the third place match versus Mia Kurth of Waukon, where she suffered a loss by fall, giving her a coveted medal for her fourth place finish in the first ever all girls state wrestling championships.

Trailblazers Season Records – Kesley Roedel 5-12, Mariah Michels 20-5, Abby Beaty 11-10, Emma Hall 23-7, Jasmine Schwartz 16-14, Laney Miles 2-6, Madison Edwards 2-19, Lillian Holtan 2-11, Merrin Hanson 0-7, Mya Howes 7-3, Isabella Hermanson 2-12, Claire Rye 10-8, Annaston Stene 20-12, Jessika Ausborn 16-10, Lanie Hanna 12-12, Abbi True 4-3, Autumn Sunkle 1-9, Chelsea Brumm 5-11, Sydnee Linderman 3-7, Lily Wilson 12-14, Katelyn Rogstad 0-0, Trinity Roush 4-7, Miley Gomez 0-3, Rylea Groves 2-7, Mya Peterson 25-10, Piper Kjeldahl 1-7, Marisa Halbach 8-13, Hadley Buenzow 0-0, Katrina Halonen 8-6, Charlene Prazak 12-12, Kylee Thompson 0-0, Kloey Dowse 4-10, Annalisa Coyle 0-0, bailey Albert 7-9, Avery Hoffmeyer 18-18, Alexis Wise 3-16, Olivia Walton 0-4, Ava Woltzen 7-10

Lady Vikings look to snap season's first three game losing streak

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

If the Lady Vikings of Northwood-Kensett hope to end the regular season on a positive note they'll have to snap the season's only three game losing streak after falling to Saint Ansgar, Belmond-Klemme and Osage last week.

Despite getting a win over the Saints last season, the Lady Vikings' Highway 105 rival has now won 11 of the last 12 games played in the series, including last Tuesday night's 59-40 Top of Iowa Conference East win.

At times this season the Lady Vikings have been known to get off to a slow start before hitting their stride as the game progresses. That was the scenario in last Tuesday's game, where N-K fell behind 37-18 at the halftime break after being outscored in the second quarter 22-12.

The Lady Vikings snapped out of it in the second half, both offensively and defensively, playing the Saints even over the final 16 minutes of play but they could not overcome the first half deficit and fell to the Saints by 19 points.

Chloe Costello and Ella Leonard led the team with 15 and 11 points respectively, but it was the total team effort on the boards that kept N-K close. Pulling down rebounds for the Lady Vikings were Emma Hengesteg (3), Madalynn Hanson (9), Costello (7), Leonard (6), Morgan Wallin (5), Peyton Shoger (1), Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy (1) and Damaris Peterson (4).

N-K alum Derek Varner, in his first season at Belmond-Klemme leading the girls basketball program, coached his Broncos to their fourth consecutive win over N-K last Thursday night in non-conference action, nipping the Lady Vikings 43-35.

Neither team seemed to want to win this game as both struggled offensively to put points on the board, ending the first half of play with the Broncos in front by just three points, 16-13.

Both teams opened up the scoring in the third quarter, combining for 31 points in eight minutes of play. The Broncos extended their slim lead to four at 32-28 to begin the final eight minutes, eventually coming out on top 43-35.

Costello led the team with 12 points while Wallin added eight points and a game high 10 rebounds, including five on the offensive glass.

Staring down the possibility of the season's first three game losing streak the last team class 1A's Lady Vikings wanted to see pop on the schedule was Osage, who is 19-1 and ranked No. 7 in class 3A.

Considering the task ahead of them, the Lady Vikings played about as well as you could expect despite trailing at the halftime break by 19 points, 33-14. Things only got worse for N-K in the third quarter when they managed just two points, eventually falling to the Green Devils, 57-24.

The Lady Vikings, 9-11 overall and 9-6 in the TIC East, played their regular season finale on Monday versus Central Springs in Northwood. N-K will begin region 1 regional play on Thursday night when they face Newman Catholic at home , game time is 7 p.m.

TIC East Girls Basketball Standings

TIC East		Overall	
West Fork		15-0	20-0
Osage		14-1	19-1
Saint Ansgar		10-5	13-6
Central Springs		10-6	12-8
Northwood-Kensett		9-6	9-11
Newman Catholic		6-10	7-12
North Butler		2-12	5-15
Nashua-Plainfield		2-13	4-16
Rockford		0-14	1-18



Vikings win two of six duals to close out the regular season

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys wrestling team won two of three duals at last Tuesday night's Central Springs quad, losing to the Panthers and beating Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock and Newman Catholic. The Vikings didn't fare as well last Thursday at West Bend-Mallard, where they fell in all three duals, losing to WB-M, North Union and Graettinger-Terril/Ruthven-Ayrshire.

The Vikings, who have battled low numbers, injuries and illness all season, have rarely been at full force but as the postseason nears, the wrestlers that are able to take the mat are healthy and ready to go.

N-K traveled to Manly last Tuesday and came away with two wins, beating RRMR 48-18 and narrowly slipping past Newman 36-30, losing its only dual of the night to host Central Springs, 66-12.

In the RRMR dual, with both teams having limited rosters the two squads could come up with just two matches, both N-K wins. Alex Tiedemann and Michael Janssen won their respective matches by fall to help secure the 48-18 win.

The Newman dual looked a lot like the one with RRMR, with the two teams only able to put together three actual matches, one an N-K win with Treycen Rollene winning his match by fall over Gabe Lewerke in the first period.

The Vikings' only blemish on the night came at the hands of host CS, who used its full roster to win convincingly without one forfeit, 66-12,

N-K's lone wins came when Alex Tiedemann and Rollene pinned their respective opponents.

Facing some tough competition last Thursday at WB-M the Vikings came away with three losses, including 51-21 to WB-M, 48-21 to NU and 51-22 to GTRA.

Wrapping up the regular season the Vikings will compete at the Lake Mills district tournament this Saturday. The top two finishers at the district tournament move on to the state championships in Des Moines.

N-K Season Records – Linca Scarlett 4-3, Aden Bice 6-20, Dagen Peterson 2-5, Weston Willand 4-9, Alex Tiedemann 11-16, Michael Janssen 4-7, Treycen Rollene 16-7, Dalton Logemann 4-3, Iver Gouriard 0-5, Trace Low 0-0, Trent Tiedemann 12-5, Christopher Madsen 1-3, Isaac Ludington 0-3, Noah Woltzen 0-0

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The pace this week at the Capitol seems to be a bit slower. It appears everyone is settling into their new roles and committee assignments, bills are starting to move through the committee process, and conversations on budgets are also starting to take place.

One of my new roles this session is a change in chairmanships. In the past, I chaired the Transportation Committee. This year I am still serving on the Transportation Committee, however I am no longer the chairman. I have been assigned as the chair of the Commerce Committee.

I am busy reading many pieces of legislation in the Commerce Committee, ranging from insurance issues and finance, to a broad range of energy policy in this committee. After reviewing each proposal, either a bill or Senate Study Bill, my job starts by assigning the bills to a subcommittee. This is the process of legislation.

This week the Senate unanimously passed SF 181 as it was amended which came through another committee on which I serve, Ways & Means. SF 181 provides a corrective fix to the calculation of the residential rollback. Back in November, the Department of Revenue determined the residential rollback for assessment year (AY) 2022 would equal 56.4919 percent. However, it was later determined that without the class combination the rollback formula would have generated a lower number of 54.6501 percent.

Across all residential properties, the annual property tax increase could total as much as $120 million, while for multi-residential properties, the annual increase could total as much as $6.4 million. In addition, since the first $150,000 in value of every commercial, industrial, and railroad property is taxed at the residential rollback percentage, the amount of property value that is subject to tax for those property classes also increases due to the residential/multi-residential combination calculation.



Waylon Brown: FFA took over the Capitol rotunda also last Tuesday morning. I took three separate trips to the top of the Capitol dome visiting with area FFA members along the way. I especially enjoy talking about the members' SAE projects, leadership events in which they participate and the importance of agriculture in their lives. I was especially excited to see the newly chartered chapter from Central Springs attending the FFA Day this year.

Local tourism leader attends showcase event

Iowa tourism supporters hosted their annual Tourism Showcase at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Tuesday, January 31. Iowa communities, attractions and organizations participated in the event, which highlights the importance of tourism to Iowa's economy and economic development efforts.

Norlyn and Jean Stowell were among other tourism leaders who visited with legislators to thank them for their past support of tourism development and promotion. In its 27th year, the showcase is hosted by the Travel Federation, a statewide, grassroots organization dedicated to growing Iowa's tourism industry.

"Tourism in Iowa is a major contributor to the state's economy," said Andy Milam, President of the Travel Federation of Iowa. "Visitor spending infuses new money into local economies, and tourism highlights the unique assets that make Iowa a great place to visit, work, or start a business."

Tourism is a revenue generating industry. In 2021 visitor spending totaled $6.1 billion in Iowa, and generated $1 billion in state and local taxes according to the Economic Impact of Visitors in Iowa 2021, Tourism Economics, Prepared by for the Iowa Department of Economic Development, November 2022.



Big birds

While not once the unusual sight they once were, it's still a special moment to see the occasional bald eagle in a tree or in an area field. So it's even more unique for a chance to see three of the majestic birds gatheric together, as seen in this picture submitted by Jordan Smalley.

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Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m., WAGS, Wednesday at Grace School, Meal 5:30 p.m., Lesson 6 p.m.
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Wonderful Wednesday, K-3rd Grade, 3 p.m., Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., 4th-8th, 5:30 p.m., Meal & Confirmation, 6:15 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship Service, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor at CC Services, 10 a.m., Ruby's Pantry, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Church Meeting at Northwood, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Friday, Bible Study at Northwood, 10 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House, 10 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

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

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Confirmation, 5:15 p.m., Choir, 5:30 p.m., Inspire, 7 p.m., SH Youth, 7:50 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m., Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Service with N.O., 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Church, Manly
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Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor
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Pastor Kent Otterman

Don't Lord it Over Others



I saw a bumper sticker recently which said "The school is life. The lesson is love." Life is indeed a school, and it doesn't have to be the "school of hard knocks," as some would have it. Far better that life be a school where loving kindness and compassion are the constant lesson. Again and again throughout the Bible the centrality of love is preached. Consider 1 John 4:8, where we are told that "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." The Bible is an epic saga of God's love for humanity (and the rest of creation) despite man's tendency to turn away from God and not appreciate the wondrous bounty of God's love. Perhaps we should consider how we might live a life devoted to love, and how our thoughts, words, and actions, might reflect that divine love always and unconditionally.

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."
–1 John 4: 11-12

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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

Valentine's Day is next week. Everyone knows that chocolate is required, in some form, to celebrate this holiday of love. Love of partner, love of family, love of friends…and love of delicious dark or milk chocolate. One of American's chocolate icons is the Nestle Company. Their original Toll House Chocolate Chip Cookie was created in 1939 by the owner of the Toll House Restaurant in Whitman, Massachusetts. Nestle made this their signature recipe using their Toll House Chocolate Morsels®. Nestle Classic Recipes (2003, Publications International, Ltd., Lincolnwood, Illinois) has full-color photos of the most wonderful-looking cakes, pies, cookies and even breads. The following recipes have been adapted for a 2022 sweet tooth. Please use real Toll House morsels in these recipes for the best results; they are the best chocolate chips and worth any extra costs for Valentine's Day!

Oatmeal Cookies with Milk Chocolate Chips

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoons real vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup uncooked rolled oats
1 package (11.5oz.) Toll House® milk chocolate morsels
3/4 cup real butter, softened
OPTIONAL: 1/2 cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Combine the dry ingredients (not the oats) in a small bowl. Beat the butter, both sugars and the vanilla in a large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in the egg. Gradually beat in the flour mixture and the milk. Combine well. Stir in the morsels, oats and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 10-14 minutes or until the edges are crisp but the centers still soft. Cool in the pans for 2 minutes then remove to wire cooling racks. Makes about 36 cookies.

Island Blondies

1 cup + 2 tablespoons flour
1/3 cup butter, softened
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon real vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup toasted coconut
6 oz. Premier White Morsels®
1/2 chopped macadamias

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-ince square baking pan. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Cream together the butter, sugar and vanilla in a large mixer bowl until smooth. Beat in the egg. Gradually beat in the flour mixture. Stir in the white chocolate morsels, the coconut and the nuts. Press this mixture into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. Cut into 16 bars.

Toasting Coconut: Before you begin making the bars and have preheated the oven, put 1/2 cup of flaked, sweetened coconut into a large pie pan. Place in the middle rack of the oven to toast but watch carefully and stir frequently so it doesn't burn.

Pancakes with Mini-Morsels

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 3/4 cups milk
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 cup Toll House semi-sweet Mini Morsels®
Powdered sugar, fresh sliced strawberries, Maple syrup, Butter

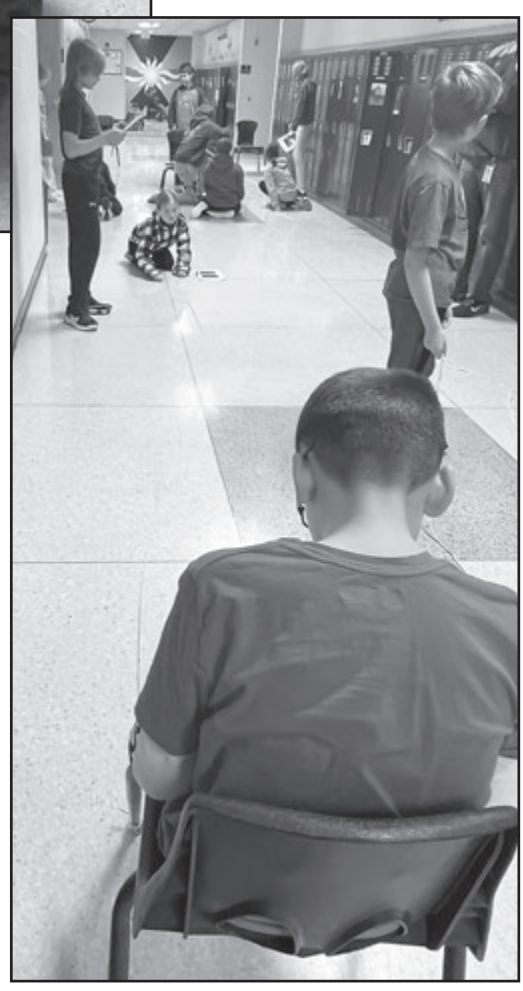
Combine flour, semi-sweet morsels, baking powder and salt in a large bowl, In a medium bowl, combine the milk, eggs, oil and brown sugar, mixing well. Add this to the flour mixture and stir just until moistened; batter may be lumpy. Heat a flat griddle or large skillet over medium heat; brush lightly with some vegetable oil. Pour 1/4 cup of batter onto the hot griddle. Cook the pancake until bubbles begin to burse, flip it to cook the other side, about 1 more minute or until golden brown. Repeat with the remaining batter or, if your griddle is large, you can cook more than one cake at a time. Place on serving plates and sprinkle with powdered sugar, top with strawberries. Serve with maple syrup if desired. Butter can be spread on each cake instead of the powdered sugar.

Valentine's Day is often celebrated with the gift of a heart-shaped box of commercially-made chocolates. They are wonderful…no argument there. But a homemade treat sends a message of personal love and the recipient knows it comes from the heart. And….that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society







Good vibrations

Students in Northwood-Kensett's fourth grade classes learned about how sounds can be visualized as waves using a device called a oscilloscope. The oscilloscope displays sounds as waves. The students tied one end of a string to a chair and then were challenged to move the other end back and forth to recreate the waves of different sounds. For high pitched sounds, that meant more sharper peaks. Low sounds were shown with smaller longer slopes.

Did you know?

By Ann Hendrickson



Happy New Year! The winter weather seems to bring sickness to the forefront. Each of us probably has his or her own way of healing ourselves. One writer relates his experience of being in first grade. Once a week the students had to take the dreaded trip to the nurse's office for a dose of the old cod-liver oil. Yuk! What a vile-tasting concoction! Guess it was supposed to keep them healthy. The writer says he would rather have been sick! Maybe you can relate.

The graham cracker isn't advertised as an item to "make you well," but as a special treat and used in many various ways. Once again, the writer remembers first grade and the mid-morning graham-cracker-and-milk break thought to give them extra nourishment. They sat on their little chairs and munched away on their crackers and would wash them down with milk.

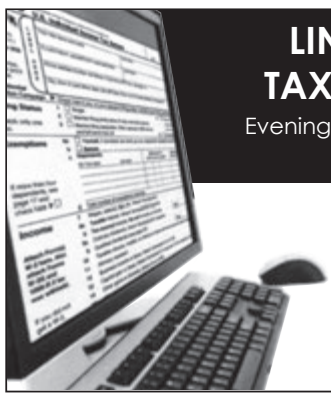
Almost 200 years ago the original graham cracker was developed by Sylvester Graham. They turned out to be more like hardtack than the sweet crackers we eat today. Graham was a food zealot convinced that a diet of nothing but water and graham crackers-originally a "health food" made from whole-wheat flour and honey-would turn you into a better person.

About 170 years ago, at Oberlin College in Ohio, the administration became interested in Graham's idea, and decided to feed the students as he encouraged. The students were given a suggestion of abstaining from consuming meat, tea and coffee. They were discouraged from eating butter and pastries and not to even season their food. The students complained so loudly the college was forced to abandon the dining room and Graham's crackers. Just wondering if Graham would be slightly horrified by what has become of his Graham cracker. Today the crackers are still made with whole-wheat and graham flour but white flour is now the main ingredient, sugar not far behind, oil, salt and leaveners.

Three popular brands nowadays are Keebler Grahams, Honey Maid, and Nabisco Grahams. They were tested and used in cake and piecrust. Each brand contained one good area and a failed area. Tasters commented one had a "fake" and "artificial" flavor. Another one was very pleasing, "butterscotch-y," soft, fine, and fresh textured. Another cracker eaten plain tastes "wheaty," "grainy," "nutty" and "earthy." No matter your favorite choice, a graham cracker is more appealing than cod-liver oil even though better for you.

The Worth County Historical Society, Northwood group meets every Tuesday AM in the museum. There are many items discussed regarding our goal of restoration. Our monthly meeting is held the third Tuesday 9:30 a.m. at various locations, (the majority being held at the Northwood Museum). Obituaries continue to be collected of anyone who was born in Worth County or lived here at one time. We would welcome any copy of any obituary fitting these categories and not printed in our local papers. Please send it to the WCHS, 917 Central Ave, Northwood, Iowa 50459. The Schoolhouse, log cabin, creamery, and machine shed are very often discussed regarding updates. The Jefferson Highway, museum signs, and repairs will be on our 2023 agenda. Come join us!

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These Businesses are Proud to Serve Northwood & Worth County Areas With Over A

CENTURY OF SERVICE

Area businesses celebrate 4,942 years of service to Northwood and Worth County

Each year the Northwood Anchor gives area businesses an opportunity to showcase their years serving Northwood and the surrounding area, with a section known as "Century of Service."

The six page section of the paper begins with, "These Businesses are Proud to Serve Northwood and the Area With Over a Century of Service." The pages are filled with 108 businesses in the Northwood area.

While the message at the start of the section says that the businesses have served over a century, the businesses have served a combined 4,942 years to area residents. The average time of service for businesses listed in the section is 46 years.

The business that has served the area the longest is the City of Northwood itself, since 1858, for a total of 165 years.

The oldest entries on the list are a community group and business that have each operated for 150 years. The Northern Light Masonic Lodge has been serving Worth County in various capacities since 1869. Also beginning service to the community in 1869 was Worth County Abstract.

Others providing more than a century of service include Albert Lea Monument, the Worth County Fair, Worth Mutual Insurance, the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, the Northwood Anchor, Viafield, Worth County Extension, Worth County Farm Bureau, the American Legion, Farmers State Bank and L.R. Falk Construction.



This photo shows Central Avenue to the west of the stoplights, 105 years ago in 1918.

A number of businesses will be celebrating special milestones of service to Northwood and the surrounding area this year, including:

Ten years- Knudtson Automotive, Fat Jill's, Northwood Chiropractic

Twenty years- WCDA

Twenty-five years- Hogen Lawn Care and Tree Service, Top of Iowa Welcome Center and Barn Boutique, Northwood Sanitation

Thirty years- Ken's Barber Shop

Fifty years- TUNE, Patterson Construction

Sixty years- Greve Law Office

Seventy years- Welsh Chiropractic

Ninety years- NSB Bank

One hundred ten years- Worth County Extension

One hundred forty years- Northwood Volunteer Fire Company

The Northwood Anchor thanks these businesses for their service to the community and they thank the community that has supported their local businesses for a combined 4,942 years.

City of Northwood
Established in 1858
Serving Worth County for 165 Years

Northern Light Masonic Lodge
Established in 1869
Northern Light Order Eastern Star Organized in 1899
Serving Worth County for 154 Years

Worth County Abstract
Established in 1869
Sarah Hendricks, 2011
Serving Worth County for 154 Years

Albert Lea Monument
Established in 1877
Serving Worth County for 146 Years

Worth County Fair
Established in 1878
Serving Worth County for 145 Years

Worth Mutual Insurance
Established in 1882
Kory Olson & Jayson Olson
GRINNELL MUTUAL
Serving Worth County for 141 Years

Northwood Fire Company
Established in 1883
Serving Worth County for 140 Years

The Northwood Anchor
Established in 1885
Kris Kenison, Publisher 2018
Serving Worth County for 138 Years

Viafield
Established in 1911
Viafield, 2010
Progressive Ag Cooperative, 2006
formerly Northwood Co-op Elevator
Serving Worth County for 112 Years

Worth County Extension
Established in 1913
Worth County 4-H
Serving Worth County for 110 Years

Worth County Farm Bureau
Established in 1918
Serving Worth County for 105 Years

American Legion
Established in 1920
Edward Tosel American Legion Post 110 - Manly
Serving Worth County for 103 Years

Farmers State Bank
Established in 1921
Northwood Branch Office, 1996
Serving Worth County for 102 Years

L.R. Falk Construction
Established in 1922
Falkstone, 2005
Serving Worth County for 101 Years

NSB Bank
Established in 1933
Kary Paulson, Chairman
Serving Worth County for 90 Years

Welsh Chiropractic continues 70 years serving Northwood area patients

By JoAnn Lower

Welsh Chiropractic has been improving the quality of our lives for the past 70 years. It all began in 1953 when Dr. Maurice Patrick ("M.P.") Welsh set up practice here in Northwood, his first office west on Ninth Street, across from where NSB is today.

M.P. grew up on a farm near Marshalltown, Iowa, and attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Marshalltown. After graduation, with WWII pending, he enlisted in the 8th Army Air Force serving in the European Theater as a tail gunner in a B-24.

With so many returning from the war, Palmer Chiropractic College invited the veterans to attend chiropractic school. That, together with the fact that his uncle was a chiropractor in Arizona, helped M.P. make the decision to become a chiropractor and attend Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa.

Later, a lovely young lady named Lois, an art/history major at Cedar Falls Teachers College, caught M.P.'s attention. The couple married and moved to Northwood, where Lois had been hired as an art teacher for grades 5-12.

In the years that followed, four children were born to the couple – two girls and two boys. Of the four, only the oldest daughter didn't go to chiropractic school; the other three became chiropractors.

M.P.'s son James graduated from Northwood High School. Growing up with his dad's practice, he went on to do his undergraduate work at NIACC and the University of Iowa, then enrolling at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minnesota. After graduation in 1984, Dr. James Welsh joined his dad's practice.

From the beginning of his chiropractic career in 1984, James knew he had big shoes to fill. "I remember that in his first 31 years, Dad never took a day off. After I joined the practice, he and Mom were able to take an occasional vacation."

Dr. M.P. Welsh passed away in October 1995, Lois in December 2014.

For the past 39 years people in this entire area have come to appreciate Dr. James Welsh as he carries on his father's legacy.

Chiropractic is based on philosophy, art and science. While its philosophy and art have remained the same over the years, the science has continued to advance, especially in imaging, including MRIs, Nuclear Medicine and PET scans, which are so beneficial in helping diagnose.

"I like improving lives and helping people," said Welsh. "With great appreciation to my staff."



THE LATE DR. MAURICE PATRICK WELSH AND DR. JAMES WELSH

Olson Insurance
Established in 1934
formerly Glenn O. Tenold Insurance, Inc.
Tenold Olson Hagen, Inc.
GRINNELL MUTUAL
Serving Worth County for 89 Years

Farm Bureau Financial Services
Established in 1938
Ryan Hulshizer, Agent
Serving Worth County for 85 Years

Conner Colonial Chapel
Established in 1939
Gary Nerlien, 1990
Megan Ott 2014
Serving Worth County for 84 Years

Bratrud's
Established in 1945
Allan Bratrud, 1961
Randy Bratrud, 1996
Serving Worth County for 78 Years

#6779 Northwood VFW
Established in 1946
Serving Worth County for 77 Years

Northwood Country Club
Established in 1948
Serving Worth County for 75 Years

Fallgatter's Market
Established in 1948
Doug & Gloria Fallgatter
Casey Connors - 2019
Serving Worth County for 75 Years

Kensett Volunteer Fire Department
Established in 1949
Serving Worth County for 74 Years

Welsh Chiropractic
Established in 1953
by Dr. M.P. Welsh
Dr. James Welsh, 1984 - 30 Years
Serving Worth County for 70 Years

Abrams Drainage
Established in 1954
Matt Abrams
Serving Worth County for 69 Years

Royal Motel
Established in 1955
Dan & Deb Luedtke, 2015
Serving Worth County for 68 Years

State Farm Insurance
Established in 1956
Dave Osborne, Jan. 2019
Serving Worth County for 67 Years

Izaak Walton League of America Inc.
Established in 1957
Worth County Chapter of the State of Iowa
(July 17, 1957)
Serving Worth County for 66 Years

Larsen Plumbing & Heating
Established in 1958
Fertile
Serving Worth County for 65 Years

Beauty Nook
Established in 1958
Cotter & Co., 1996
Jolene Cotter
Serving Worth County for 65 Years

Lutheran Retirement Home
Established in 1962
Serving Worth County for 61 Years

Greve Law Office
Established in 1963
John H. Greve & Jeffrey H. Greve, Law Practice
Serving Worth County for 60 Years

Peterson Excavating & Drainage Inc.
Established in 1968
Mike Peterson
Serving Worth County for 55 Years

From farm kid to farm construction, Patterson builds a life of bins, cars and family

By JoAnn Lower

Growing up a farm kid means you learn how to work. Harvey Patterson grew up on a farm near Carpenter. "My dad and my grandpa taught me how to work."

Along with farming, Harvey's dad, Robert Patterson ("Pat"), had a job in town with an implement dealer. He later took over the gas station in Northwood that he named "Pat's Super Service" on Highway 65 north, two blocks north of main street.

That was 50 years ago, and I've been building them ever since. I've built bins all over the state of Iowa and southern Minnesota.



THE LATE DR. MAURICE PATRICK WELSH AND DR. JAMES WELSH

"It was while working in Dad's gas station after school that I learned to be a mechanic," Harvey said. "I've been doing mechanic work since I was 16 years old. If Dad didn't need me to help at the station, I was expected to go home and weed the garden or mow the lawn." With a chuckle, he added, "Mom said my brothers and I were wonderful kids, but I don't think she was telling the truth."

Harvey had started construction work with DMC in Mason City putting in drying equipment for bins when one day the phone rang with someone asking if he could build grain bins. "That was 50 years ago, and I've been building them ever since. I've built bins all over the state of Iowa and southern Minnesota."

"You can have a lot of fun building grain bins with a bunch of guys. The biggest I've built are 90-foot, 200,000-bushel bins. Nowadays some people build bins that hold a million bushels."

Harvey celebrated his 83rd birthday on January 2. "I married Evy on my birthday. She's a wonderful woman."

"We've been together for 32 years," Evy smiled. "Harvey is a very giving, sentimental person. He works harder than anyone I've ever known and deserves everything."

This wonderful couple lives on the edge of town, where they love the wildlife, feeding the birds and the deer.

Harvey has five children, two girls and three boys. One boy and one girl have passed away. Danny and Todd work at Curries in Mason City, Debra lives in Florida working online designing kitchens for Wood Harbor.

Evy's son Rick is retired and lives at Arnolds Park by Okoboji. Her son Ronnie lives in Rochester and works for Channel 6. Ronnie's wife Jody works in the heart transplant unit at Mayo.

Pat Patterson passed away in 1962; lovely Geneva lived 40 years longer. Three of Harvey's brothers have passed; Richard the youngest is nearing 70.

Whenever Patterson can take time away from his day job of building grain bins for farmers and elevators, he restores cars. "After buying a 1957 Chevy convertible some years ago, I fell in love with Chevys – a good hobby but expensive."

Harvey may be 83, but he has no intentions of retiring. The Iowa work ethic that he learned as a child is still with him today.

Century 21 Preferred
Established in 1971
Northwood Office, 2003
Julie Hagen Robb
Serving Worth County for 52 Years

TUNE
Total United Northwood Effort
Established 1973-81
Re-established in 2003
Serving Worth County for 50 Years

Patterson Construction
Established in 1973
Harvey Patterson
Serving Worth County for 50 Years

Northwood Electric
Established in 1974
Todd Leonard, 2006
Serving Worth County for 49 Years

ADA Enterprise, Inc.
Established in 1974
Serving Worth County for 49 Years

Dick's Place Body & Towing
Established in 1974
Dick Beenken
Serving Worth County for 49 Years

Manly Specialty Care
Established in 1976
1994
Care Initiatives
Manly | Specialty Care
Serving Worth County for 47 Years

Thofson Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
Established in 1977
Tim Thofson 2007
Serving Worth County 46 years

InjecTech Diesel Service
Established in 1977
Injection Technology, 1988
Dennis Stoneking
Serving Worth County for 46 Years

D & L Equipment
Established in 1979
Dave & Lucy Heiken
Serving Worth County for 44 Years

Hovey's Lawn & Garden LLC
Established in 1980
Larry Hovey
Serving Worth County for 43 Years

Dewey Kruger Music, Ltd.
Established in 1981
Duane & Betty Kruger
Serving Worth County for 42 Years

Agri-Sales
Established in 1982
Serving Worth County for 41 Years

Worth County Veterinary Service
Established in 1984
Dr. Mike Dierenfeld
Serving Worth County for 39 Years

Kevin Springer Construction
Established in 1985
Serving Worth County for 38 Years

Top of Iowa Welcome Center – welcomes visitors to Iowa for 25 years

By JoAnn Lower

"It's all about relationships," says Jean Stowell, Director of the Top of Iowa Welcome Center.

Stowell came on as director prior to the Welcome Center's opening after she was interviewed in November 1997. "It was my first trip to Iowa, and the first people I met were Bud and Carol Kragenbrink. We met at Annie's Soda Fountain on main street (where Tequila's is now)."

The Red Barn:

Because Beverly Pangburn was able to convince the Department of Transportation to honor the agricultural heritage of the State of Iowa, her idea of the Red Barn was born – an idea that has become an iconic symbol visible for miles. Planted on the site in Beverly's honor is a Crimson King maple tree, referred to as the Crimson Queen.

This five-star rated rest stop located at 4705A Wheelerwood Rd, Northwood, features travel information and the Barn Boutique Gift Shop with its uniquely beautiful gifts. The Welcome Center no longer has the coffee shop but still provides self-serve coffee.

Also at the rest stop is a Patriotic Rock honoring women who served in the military. Painted on the rock are stories of women, along with the familiar faces of Frances Clayton and Rosie the Riveter.

"Friendships are made at the Welcome Center," said Jean. "We look forward to seeing families who came with their babies, now teenagers. Tyler, a young man in junior high school, comes up to give us a hug every time his family stops by. We attended one of his hockey games in Des Moines, and he even baked Christmas cookies for us one year."

"We had five different Christmas gatherings in 2020 and at the Iowa State Fair met a family who had celebrated Christmas at the Welcome Center during COVID."

Every traveler has a story to tell:

"A young woman from Africa was one day dropped off at the Welcome Center by the highway patrol. After visiting and getting to know her, we got her a bus ticket to New York where she was happily united with family."

Every traveler is unique:

"A computer repairman dropped off two dachshunds at the Welcome Center. The first day Jean kept them in her office. When she took them outside for a potty break, one ran to Burger King where he smelled the burgers. After rounding him up, a family from Boone, Iowa, offered to take the dogs and for six months lovingly cared for them. One day, as fate would have it, a neighbor recognized the dogs as belonging to friends in Minnesota. The kidnapped dogs were returned to their happy owners."

Traveler Comments:

"Never wrote a review of a rest stop before but couldn't resist with this one! Welcoming employees, green grounds to stretch your legs and walk your pets. Inside are TVs with the latest news reports, digital road condition reports, vending machines and very clean restrooms on the lower level."

"One of my favorite rest stops! In addition to the basics like bathrooms and snacks, there is a gift shop upstairs where I buy post cards on almost every trip and travel information available for all parts of Iowa. There is ample parking for cars, RVs, trailers and tractor-trailers."

"This rest area was a pleasant surprise on my journey from California to Michigan."

Says Stowell, "With thanks to all my staff. The Top of Iowa Welcome Center is a labor of love."











Krull Law Firm
Law Practice Established in 1985
Doug Krull
Serving Worth County for 38 Years

Northland Custom Interiors
Established in 1986
Sandy Madden
Serving Worth County for 37 Years

North Woods Cabinetry
Established in 1987
Tom Capranos & Tim Capranos
Serving Worth County for 36 Years

Sue's Corner Post
Established in 1988
formerly The Corner Post
Serving Worth County for 35 Years

Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home
Established in 1988
Mitch Schroeder
Serving Worth County for 35 Years

Northwood Insurance
Established in 1988
John Midtgaard
Serving Worth County for 35 Years

Berge Oil
Established in 1988
Larry Berge
Serving Worth County for 35 Years

CARQUEST Auto Parts
Established in 1988
Troy & Alissa Fleener & Mike Brunsvold
Serving Worth County for 35 Years

Signature's Supper Club
Established in 1992
Rhonda and Mark Taylor
Serving Worth County for 31 Years

Quality Composites
Established in 1992
Larry and Jody Porter
Serving Worth County for 31 Years

Bloomingdale Tax & Accounting
Established in 1992
Jane Bloomingdale
Serving Worth County for 31 Years

MASON CITY GLASS SERVICE
(641)423-3960
Established in 1992
Joe Fierova & Brian Akins
Serving Worth County for 31 Years

Ken's Barber Shop
Established in 1993
Kenny Stambaugh
Serving Worth County for 30 Years

Hogen enjoys 25 years of caring for Northwood lawns

By JoAnn Lower

Twenty-five years ago Paul Hogen offered a much-needed lawn-care service to the people of Northwood and the surrounding area.

"Good customers are what it takes to make a business grow, and I appreciate all the customers I've had these past years."

After farming for a few years near Kensett, followed by a move to Colorado, Paul moved back to Northwood in 1997 and worked for one season at a lawn care company in Clear Lake. After that he and his son started mowing and spraying, and his business grew from there.

"I had seven Walker mowers," said Hogen. "With four guys helping me we mowed about 175 yards a week. Because of weather there were four times we mowed 126 yards in one day and three other times mowed more than 100 lawns in one day. My son helped me for the first 15 years, as did other high school graduates."

After selling part of his mowing and snow removal business, Paul still has 250 accounts treating lawns and about 50 snow removal accounts (previously 160 accounts at the peak time of snow removal).

Asked whether he likes working on cold winter days Hogen says, "I like doing snow removal. When you're downtown at 1:30 a.m., you can get a lot down in a short time."

Hogen also offers tree service. "We trim, or cut down, and grind up the stump. My son usually does the cutting down; I do the clean-up. One day we took down 13 trees on one place. Probably in five years, because of the ash borer, there won't be many ash trees left."

Paul and Connie were married on August 10, 2001, with Pastor Stoa officiating. When Stoa asked if anyone in the audience would care to say something to the special couple, someone stood and asked if Paul would come mow his lawn. Paul just smiled, "Another day."

Paul's two daughters live in Texas, his son north of Mason City.

Connie's two sons live in Kentucky.

Reflecting back on Paul's high school years, football, basketball and baseball were a big part of his life, as well as the two years he played softball at NIACC. These days he enjoys watching his favorite football teams – Iowa, Iowa State, the Vikings and the University of Kentucky.

"Whether it's caring for lawns or removing snow, I'm having fun," he smiles. "I want to thank all the employees I've had over the years, with special thanks to my very patient wife."



PAUL HOGEN - HOGEN LAWN CARE AND TREE SERVICE

North Iowa Advisory
Established in 1995
Financial Services
Shannon Kropp
Serving Worth County for 28 Years

Kenison Construction
Established in 1997
Brian & Connie Kenison
Serving Worth County for 26 Years

Hogen Lawn Care and Tree Service
Established in 1998
Paul Hogen
Serving Worth County for 25 Years

Top of Iowa Welcome Center, Barn Boutique
Established in 1998
Jean Stowell
Serving Worth County for 25 Years

Northwood Sanitation
Established in 1998
Mike Brunsvold
Serving Worth County for 25 Years

Shade Tree, Inc.
Established in 1999
Shade Tree Liquors, 2000
Serving Worth County for 24 Years

Worth County Development Authority
Established in 2003
Serving Worth County for 20 Years

Fox Auction Service
Established in 2004
Serving Worth County for 19 Years

Brian Kvam Construction, LLC
Established in 2005
Serving Worth County for 18 Years

Falkstone
Established in 2005
Serving Worth County for 18 Years

AJB Enterprises
Established in 2005
Al & Jerry Brunsvold
Serving Worth County for 18 Years

Kalvig Boarding Kennel
Established in 2006
Tina Becker
Serving Worth County for 17 Years

Studio 3/Johnson Vinyl Johnson Dirtworks LLC
Established in 2006
Tim & Alisha Johnson
Serving Worth County for 17 Years

Country Inn & Suites
Established in 2006
COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON
Serving Worth County for 17 Years

Gasteiger Electric
Established in 2006
Jarod Gasteiger & Jessie Gasteiger
Serving Worth County for 17 Years

Linda Anderson Tax and Accounting
Established in 2007
Serving Worth County for 16 Years

MCT Construction LLC
Established in 2007
Matt Thompson
Serving Worth County for 16 Years

Worth Brewing Company
Established in 2007
Peter Ausenhus & Margaret Bishop
Serving Worth County for 16 Years

Northwood Pines
Established in 2008
A division of LRH
Serving Worth County for 15 Years

Eilertson Repair
Established in 2008
Gene Eilertson
Serving Worth County for 15 Years

Carpenter Bar & Grill
Established in 2009
Ty
Serving Worth County for 14 Years

Northwood Theatre
Established in 2009
Serving Worth County for 14 Years

Worth Solutions
Established in 2009
Nathaniel Julseth
Serving Worth County for 14 Years

MJ's Cheesecakes
Established in 2010
Mary Jo Senne
Serving Worth County for 13 Years

Tequila's Bar & Grill
Established in 2011
Manuel & Shawna Ramirez
Serving Worth County for 12 Years

TruStile Doors
Established in 2011
Serving Worth County for 12 Years

Interiors by Gretchen
Established in 2012
Gretchen Hengesteg
390-1003
Serving Worth County for 11 years

WCTA
Established in 2012
Serving generations since 1950
www.wctatel.net
641-592-6105
Serving Worth County for 11 years

Loberg Construction
Established in 2012
Eric Loberg
Serving Worth County for 11 Years

Fat Jill's
Established in 2013
Jill Ehrhardt
Serving Worth County for 10 Years

Knudtson Automotive
Established in 2013
Kirby Knudtson
Serving Worth County for 10 Years

Northwood Chiropractic
Established in 2013
Sawyer Schulz
Serving Worth County for 10 Years

R80
Established in 2014
Angela Heiken, Manager
Kensett and Northwood
Serving Worth County for 9 Years

Strike Zone
Established in 2014
Nordic Lanes 1984
Serving Worth County for 9 years

Law Offices of James W. Hackbart
Established in 2014
Serving Worth County for 9 Years

Signature's Hot Beef Sundae Trailer
Established in 2015
Serving Worth County for 8 years

Federal Foam Technologies, Inc.
Established in 2015
Serving Worth County for 8 Years

Bice Electric
Established in 2015
Brenton Bice
Serving Worth County for 8 Years

Worth Lumber Co.
Established in 2016
Serving Worth County for 7 Years

Fringe and Lace By Brittany
Established in 2017
Brittany Low
Serving Worth County for 6 Year

T&W Towing, LLC
Established in 2018
Serving Worth County for 5 Years

Ehrhardt Express
Established in 2018
David Ehrhardt
Serving Worth County for 5 Years

Logeman Construction
Established in 2019
Brad Logeman
Serving Worth County for 4 Years

ONE REALTYONEGROUP BLACK DIAMOND
Established in 2019
Kris Gordon
Serving Worth County for 4 Years

J & L Auto Body & Custom, LLC
Established in 2019
Serving Worth County for 4 Years

The Rustic Thread
Established in 2021
Melissa Thofson
Serving Worth County for 2 Years

The Timbers
Established in 2021
Northwoods Event Center
Serving Worth County for 2 Years

Child Time Daycare Center
Established in 2022
Ashley Thompson
Serving Worth County for 1 Years

Northwood Anchor

Opinion

Savvy Senior

How much do you have to make to file taxes?

Dear Savvy Senior,

What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired in 2022, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year.

Recently Retired

Dear Recently,

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on how much you earned last year, as well as the source of the income, your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirement thresholds.

For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2022 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you may not have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- Single: $12,950 ($14,700 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2022).
- Married filing jointly: $25,900 ($27,300 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or $28,700 if you're both over 65).
- Married filing separately: $5 at any age.
- Head of household: $19,400 ($21,150 if 65 or older).
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: $25,900 ($27,300 if 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "1040 and 1040-SR Instructions for Tax Year 2022," or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf.

Check Here Too

Be aware that there are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than $400 from self-employment in 2022, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest exceeds $25,000, or $32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an online tax tool that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/Help/ITA – click on "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" Or you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

Tax Preparation Help

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can free file through the IRS at IRS.gov/FreeFile if your 2022 adjusted gross income was below $73,000.

Or, if you need some help, contact the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TCE provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate services near you.

You can also get tax preparation assistance through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide service. Call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp for more information. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

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 Loafer's Club Meeting

I put the wrong year on every check I wrote in January.

Writing 2022 instead of 2023 is easy to do.

I wrote 1979.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. My wife had given me a list. Light bulbs were on that list. I went to a store. There were many kinds of light bulbs. I wasn't sure which one to get. I could have called her, but that would have made things too easy. How did I decide which bulbs to get? I used the process of illumination.

While bulb shopping, it happened. I can't keep up with the checkout lane magazines. I don't recognize most of the names. That's OK. It's not my job. My job is to know the names of the people I know. It's official, I know more people than I can remember. A former neighbor had 22 children. I found comfort by telling myself there might have been days when the parents blanked on a child's name. The mother and father might even have forgotten their own names occasionally.

Have you ever gotten off the elevator on the wrong floor and been too embarrassed to admit it and get back on the elevator? I'm sure I've done that, but I don't do it anymore. I make a U-turn and get right back on the elevator as I say, "That was close!" If winter is my floor, I think I'm ready to get off on the wrong floor.

It was good news. The blizzard had been downgraded to a tropical storm, but when the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen. The weather could have been worse and that was a distinct statistical possibility. I walked in -14° weather carrying a bar of soap in case I became bathed in sunlight. It had been -16° but I'd waited until it warmed up. The weather and I barely exchanged a word. The woodpeckers were drumming optimistically and male white-breasted nuthatches sang a rapid, nasal, low-pitched huh-huh-huh? Winter is nothing new. A friend, Carolyn Goolsby, lives in Bethel, Alaska, and says that Bethel is 400 miles from tomorrow. Spring is farther away than that, but it will be here too soon.

I purchased new tires. The old ones had served me well with 70,000 miles on them. I wondered if I needed new ones as that's only 17,500 per tire, but was assured each tire had 70,000 miles on it. That means my tires had 280,000 miles on them. I need to call the Guinness World Records people.

I visited England and found the people to be nice and driving on the wrong side of the road. The wrong side of the road thing didn't bother me. Drivers in my hometown do that regularly.

Bad joke department

Can a kangaroo jump higher than a house? Yes, a house can't jump.

What do you call a magician who has lost the magic? Ian.

Do storm clouds wear thunderpants?

Nature notes

Jerry Viktora of Ellendale mentioned the winter survival capability of wild turkeys. Turkeys can remain in roosting areas for one or two weeks during severe weather and lose up to 40% of their body weight before dying of starvation. Young birds have less body fat than adults, which results in a higher winter mortality. Deep, powdery snow is more of a problem than cold weather as it limits the ability of turkeys to forage on the ground. They can scratch through a maximum of six inches of fluffy snow and a foot of packed snow. When the ground gets covered with a powdery snowfall, flocks congregate in stands of trees that hold snow in the canopy, and there will be less on the ground for the turkeys to combat. South-facing slopes or wind-swept fields lose snow quickly, allowing turkeys to forage. Turkeys are opportunists that eat vegetation, weed seeds (I've watched them eating burdock seeds), acorns, waste grain (especially corn left on the ground in fields after harvest), mosses, buds, fern spores, manure piles and seeds beneath birdfeeders.

Jim Lageson of Ellendale is checking goldfinches, looking for any hint of more yellow. Goldfinches begin a gradual molt in February, with their drab sweatpants replaced with new head and body feathers. The goldfinches keep their wing and tail feathers. The yellowing of goldfinches is a welcome sign of spring that is most noticeable around the head. Their bills begin to turn a pale orange. Long underwear covers the American goldfinches in my yard.

Meeting adjourned

Kind people are my kind of people.

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Fit to print...

Beware a 'Frozen Conflict' in Ukraine

By Ron McMullen

While traveling along a major highway in the Caucasus country of Georgia with my family two years ago, I could see Joseph Stalin's hometown of Gori on the right, while South Ossetia, a Russian-backed secessionist state, was on the left. Russia invaded Georgia in 2008 when it thought the world would be distracted by the Beijing Olympics. South Ossetia and nearby Abkhazia, comprising some 20% of Georgia's territory, are recognized as "independent" by Russia, Syria, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Russian troops guard the borders of these statelets. Georgia's pro-Western aspirations have been stymied by these two "frozen conflicts," much like the situation in Moldova where Russian troops prop up the pro-Moscow self-proclaimed statelet of Transnistria. While frozen conflicts don't involve active combat, they undermine the economic and political development of the truncated mother country.

If Russia's attempt to conquer Ukraine becomes a frozen conflict (i.e., militarily dormant but politically unresolved), Russia will have the opportunity to rebuild its bloodied army, reorganize its political and economic forces, and attempt to take Ukraine at a time of its choosing. After Russia's 2014 seizure of Crimea and two statelets in eastern Ukraine, the fighting settled into a low-level stalemate until Putin invaded again last February, seizing 20% of Ukraine's territory.

Courageous and surprisingly successful Ukrainian resistance pushed the Russian army back from Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Kherson. The fighting has reached a stalemate, at least temporarily, but with Russia still occupying 17% of Ukraine. Western officials recently announced Russia has suffered between 180,000 and 200,000 killed, wounded, or missing. Unofficial Russian sources claim 50,000 convicts have been released from Russian prisons to join the Wagner mercenary group; Wagner mercenaries have reportedly suffered an 80% casualty rate as cannon fodder in the battle of Bakhmut.

In September Putin ordered the mobilization of 300,000 troops; the raw recruits have died in large numbers but have stabilized the front lines. Russia is thought to be preparing a massive Spring offensive and another huge mobilization. Its armament factories are working three shifts. With a population of 142 million, Russia outnumbers Ukraine by more than three to one and its economy is eleven times larger. Ukraine's small economy shrank by 30% in 2022, while Russia's contracted only 2.5%. Putin's war coffers remain full despite partial Western sanctions, thanks in part to petroleum exports to China and India.

Ukrainian officials hope Western tanks and other advanced weapons now flowing to Ukraine will enable it to throw a decisive punch by late spring or summer. If Russia's horrific casualty rates continue in the face of ongoing Ukrainian and Western resolve, we may see Putin or his minions elsewhere call for a "humanitarian" cease-fire in place. If Ukraine is pressured by its partners into accepting a cessation of hostilities prior to Russia's withdraw to its internationally recognized borders, the war would become a frozen conflict. This would give Russia time to regroup, rearm, and reinforce – it would only be a matter of time until the attempt at conquest, begun in 2014, is resumed by Moscow.

As a former career diplomat who values negotiation as a way to resolve conflict, it pains me somewhat to oppose efforts by outside parties to lever Ukraine into negotiations. We can't forget that Russia occupies a sixth of Ukraine and fires missiles at civilians far from the front lines. A cease-fire in place and a frozen conflict work in Russia's favor, to the detriment of Ukraine and its Western partners. If Putin really wants the war to end, all he has to do is order a withdrawal.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

February 7, 1923

The community gathering in Meltonville at the Thomas Hall was well attended, about 200 being served for supper. The M.E. Ladies Aid decided to furnish the oysters and the people to furnish the balance of the supper. Everybody was in the right mood to have a social time and they had it.

Articles of incorporation of the Northwood Municipal Band were filed with County Recorder S.O. Vold and hereafter the organization will be a definite legal existence. The incorporators were all old members of the band and within a few days it is expected that other members will have signed the articles of incorporation.

The annual meeting of Northwood Butter and Cheese Assn., the local creamery organization, was held at Dwelle Hall. T.O. Groe, cashier of the Northwood Savings Bank, was elected treasurer to succeed Ever Iverson, who is now postmaster, and Gay Hart Gabriel was elected director.

Not only Northwood residents but many other citizens of northern Iowa and the 12th District want Attorney M.H. Kepler, of this city, for the fourth judge in case the recent bill becomes law. Mr. Kepler has the experience and the mental attainment for the position and is located as favorably as any other man in the district.

The County Auditor in this issue of The Northwood Anchor advertises for bids for certain culverts and bridge work and for graveling the newly graded Jefferson Highway from the Cerro Gordo line to the north limit of the town of Kensett. Bids are to be in the auditor's office by 2 p.m. on February 20. For 10 years or thereabouts for the highway from Northwood to Mason City has been treacherous part of the year. From Kensett to Northwood the road has been in good shape for several years.

75 years ago

February 5, 1948

Kensett won the Worth County basketball tournament, which was held at Fertile. Kensett defeated Joice 24 to 21 to win the title.

The lifeless body of Miss Garda Wikre, telephone operator at the Hanlontown exchange for over a year, was found on the floor of the bedroom at the office. A heart attack was given as the cause of her death.

The burglars who tried to crack the safe in the Huso & Anonson Ford garage were fortunate that they were not successful. If they had succeeded in opening the safe, a tear-gas bomb would have exploded in their faces. Braking an east window in the back end of the garage to fain admittance the would-be burglars used a sledge hammer and valves to knock the dial off the from the safe. When they found it impossible to knock the bolt through the safe, they left.

The Skjeveland Hardware of Northwood now includes Richard Skjeveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.O. Skjeveland, who has joined his father in a business partnership. "Dick," as he is best known, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 while he was in high school, and served four years.

A permit was granted Arthur E. Bruesewitz of near Grafton to erect a residence and a garage on lots 9 and 10 of block 2, Woodworth's addition to Northwood, by the town council at the regular meeting.

Musicians chosen to represent the Northwood High School at the band clinic to be held at Forest City on February 11 are Gloria Falk, flute; Marilyn Anderson, cornet; Avis Nelson, bass clarinet; Delrose Hermanson, baritone saxophone; Jackie Plowman, French horn; and Lois Haugebak, B-flat clarinet.

Hans. F. Quisley, 81, a resident of Worth County for more than 40 years, died on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at his farm home in Hartland Township. He had been in poor health for some time but his last illness was of six weeks duration. A heart ailment caused his death.

50 years ago

February 8, 1973

The Northwood-Kensett boys downed Osage 70-59 in a basketball game at Osage. The Vikings led throughout the game with the score at the half, 41-35. Jim Hanson was high scorer for the Vikings with 30 points, Frank Orth had 15 and Dan Robb, 14. The Vikings shot 52 percent from the field and made nine of 21 free throws.

A second day of snowmobile races will be sponsored by the Northwood Jaycees. The event will be held at the Worth County Fairgrounds.

Thirty membership workers met at the Viking Restaurant in Northwood to plan the Farm Bureau membership drive of 1973. Jim Trainer is chairman, and Fred Davidson, Harold Hanson, Warren Cooper, Marle Haugebak and Charles Lehman are committee members.

The Viking girls came back from a loss to Lake Mills to down Buffalo Center 56-39. The Vikings led throughout the game with a score of 26-16 at the half. Terry Arendts was high scorer with 30 points. Jane Johnson had 21, Nancy Bloomingdale and Julie Berge two each, and LuAnne Knudtson one.

Travis Pollock tips one for the Vikings when they met Lake Mills. The Vikings led most of the game, but lost 49-46 in the final quarter.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Third Class Knute D. Hagen, son of Mr. Orville L. Hagen, Manly, is in the Antarctic aboard the Coast Guard polar icebreaker Burton Island. His ship is doing seal survey in the Ross Seas and escorting the drilling vessel Glomar Challenger in its search for oil.

The Lake Mills boys defeated the Vikings in a close game, 49-46. The Bulldogs had previously downed the Vikings 52-41 in a game at Lake Mills on December 19. The Vikings led until the last minute of the third quarter with the exception of the first two minutes. The score at the end of the first quarter was Vikings, 12, Lake Mills, 6.

25 years ago

February 10, 1988

Four-year-old Mary Elizabeth Bloomingdale assures her five-month-old brother, Michael, that he is a special Valentine as she entices him with a box of chocolates. Of course Michael can't eat them, so much the better of Mary. The two are children of Jane and Jim Bloomingdale of Northwood.

N-K speech students who participated in the state group speech contest in West Union are Eileen Amundson, Susan Helgeson, Mike Wright, Chris Peterson, Kris Coonrod, Heather Overgaard and Amy Montogomery. Rita Vondracek is speech coach.

Sarah Meyer, daughter of Tom Meyer of Northwood, received a one rating at the Iowa Music Teachers Association auditions on February 6 at NIACC. Students of Mrs. Marie Fallgatter participating in the auditions besides Sarah were Chad Thofson, Dana Hickman and Angie Fallgatter. Sara and Chad also received an honor roll theory test grade of 92.

Northwood-Kensett post player Russ Hagen looked over his shoulder to check out his landing site after clamping onto this rebound during first half action in the Vikings' 67-54 win over Belmond. Watching are Steve Tenold of the Broncos and Scott Timmerman of N-K.

Eight-year-old Kim Gaskill, daughter of Ray and Annette Gaskill, won top honors at the 1988 Minnesota State Spring Barrow Show. A third grader at Northwood-Kensett schools, she also won the top award as the Junior Premier Exhibitor. With her is the Minnesota Pork Industry Queen, Kim Kaiser of Blue Earth.

The Northwood-Kensett wrestling team rallied from a 27-6 deficit to get a 29-29 tie with North Central. The Falcons jumped out to an 18-0 lead on pins by John Smith, Matt Otten and Chad Kamish, but N-K's Ross Gaetzke collected six team points for the Vikings at 126 pounds on a forfeit. Forfeits played a big part in the meet's eventual outcome as North Central surrendered match points at 185 and heavyweight.

10 years ago

February 6, 2013

The recent 57th Presidential Inauguration drew crowds numbering in the hundred of thousands, who were there to observe history. Two brothers, natives of Northwood, played a part in supporting the day's events as they represented the state of Iowa. Cadet Nathan Loberg and Private First Class Eric Loberg joined approximately 100 other National Guard soldiers from Iowa's 1133red Transportation Company in traveling to Washington, D.C., to provide support at the inauguration. Iowa's contingent of National Guard personnel joined roughly 6,000 others from across the nation assisting at the inauguration.

During the basketball games held on January 31, a number of extra events were held. That included a silent auction for cake contributed by the members of the Northwood-Kensett basketball and wrestling teams. The auction was held as a fundraiser for the 2013 Post Prom, with a total of $1,479 bid on the desserts.

Nick Watney, great-nephew of Bill and Lucille Watney, Northwood, placed third and earned $268,4000 on January 27 at the Farmers Insurance Open Golf Tournament at Torrey Pines course in San Diego, California. The winner was Tiger Woods, who won $1.098 million with a score of 274. Watney's score was 279.

Freshman heavyweight Hunter Julson was a force to be reckoned with on the mat this season. Julson was one of just three wrestlers for the Vikings to finish the season with a winning record (19-14) and was just a few seconds away from advancing in the sectional tournament. Julson held a 16-3 advantage over his first round opponent before being pinned with just over a minute remaining in the match.

The Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team came to within one win of the .500 mark after wins over Rudd-Rockford-Mable Rock and CAL-Latimer.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Linda Lindsay



LINDA LINDSAY

Linda Lindsay passed away on January 29, 2023, in Newport Beach, California. Her Christmas visit there turned into a month-long battle with gall bladder cancer.

Linda was born on June 2, 1949, to Keith and Leona (Severson) Kenison of rural Northwood, Iowa. Her girlhood on the farm and growing up in a small town gave her a strong work ethic and an appreciation of a simple life. She fondly remembered mornings and evenings in the barn, book in hand and kittens in her lap, giving hay to each cow in turn as her father Keith milked. After Keith's crippling polio attack, the family moved into Northwood, where she kindled her love of music. She took years of piano lessons the family somehow found the money to fund. Later, she played alto sax in the bands at Northwood-Kensett High and North Iowa Area Community College. It was in the NIACC band room that she dropped her music folder at the feet of a socially awkward tuba player, Gary Lindsay. They became friends, worked together in the physics department and began dating. Linda and Gary went on to UNI where they married after their junior year. Both graduated with teaching degrees in 1971.

A source of pride for Linda was her Kenison family, descendants of her great-grandfather Byron. Although scattered widely now, the family meets every September in Bolan, Iowa, and at the century farm.

Linda and Gary came to Cedar Rapids for Gary's job at Kennedy High. After working as a teacher associate for several years, Linda began working in program administration for Rockwell Collins in 1979, retiring in 2014. Her elementary teaching skills and sunny personality were a perfect fit, especially in organizing and guiding young engineers through the complexities of a large company. The bond with the special friends she made there became even stronger in her retirement.

The family joined St. Paul's United Methodist Church when their daughter, Julie, and son, Nathan were children. St. Paul's has been a foundational rock in their lives. Linda sang alto in the Sanctuary Choir where her chatty, sunny personality and affirming ways helped make the choir the tight-knit group it is. Linda also served several ministry areas. The family is especially thankful for St. Paul's church and pastors for surrounding them with love, prayers, and support during her month-long illness, despite being so far from home.

Two life-long passions for Linda were exercising at the Rockwell Rec Center, where she was a charter member, and riding her bike on area trails. In favorable (and marginal) weather, Linda and her bike buddy Dale Wulf would log at least 25 miles several times a week. In addition to the Iowa trails and surrounding states, their group traveled to the Florida Keys, Puget Sound, Las Vegas, Mesa and Myrtle Beach. Linda was so grateful for the friendship of these biking friends who generously helped her maintain her healthy lifestyle.

Surviving Linda are Gary, her husband of 53 years; his mother, Kathryn; their daughter, Julie Lindsay and her husband Kevin Drisko; their son, Nathan and wife, Alishia; and grandchildren, Zaida and Liam. Their other grandchildren are Cody (Francesca), Courtney and Kendall Drisko. Also left to mourn her passing are brother-in-law, Ed Smith and his sons, Todd (Shannon) and Darin (Rachel); brothers, Larry (Liz) Kenison and Brian (Connie) Kenison and their children, Lindsey (Mike) Severson, Kris Kenison and Jordan (Curt) Smalley. Also left to share her stories are long term friends so close they are considered family. These include Bruce and Diane Rich, Dale Wulf and many others. Linda showered so much love to great-nieces, nephews, and friends' children that they considered her another grandma.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Aljean.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Friday, February 17. A celebration of life service will be on Saturday, February 18, at 10 a.m. with a light luncheon following. Both will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1340 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids.

Linda requested that memorials be made to support the music ministry at St. Paul's or SAINT Cat Rescue & Adoption Center in Cedar Rapids.

Internment of ashes will occur in September in northern Iowa.

Craig Ensign



CRAIG ENSIGN

Craig Gordon Ensign, 80, of Clear Lake, Iowa, died on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake.

There will be a private family service on Friday, February 10, 2023, at HOPE Lutheran Church where Craig was a member.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in honor of his son and grandson.

Craig was born on September 15, 1942, to Floyd and Catherine (Curtiss) Ensign. He lived most of his life in Northwood, Iowa. Craig earned his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1967. After earning his degree, he joined his father in his law practice in Northwood. Craig was also the Worth County attorney and the first magistrate judge of Worth County. He retired from practice in 2008.

Craig met his wife, Margaret (Hillyard) Ensign on a blind date in Brainerd, Minnesota. They were married in 1967 and recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. To this union, they were blessed with two children, Robb (Amy) Ensign of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Lisa (Craig) Backhaus of Clear Lake; five grandchildren, Garrett Ensign, Luke Ensign, Paige (Luke) Wolf, McKenna Backhaus and Carter Backhaus; and one great-grandson, Brooks Wolf. His family meant the world to him and he loved them dearly.

Craig was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. He had many fun-loving rivalries with his Iowa State friends. You would see him every now and then wearing ISU clothing after he lost a bet. Two of his favorite hobbies were raising horses and playing golf. He loved to share his passion for golf with his grandkids.

Craig is also survived by his sister, Cathe Patterson; niece, Nicci Patterson; great-nephew, Levi Patterson; and beloved dog, Izzy.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Catherine; and nephew, Cody Patterson.

OBITUARIES

To place an obituary in the Northwood Anchor Call 641-324-1051

Email full obituary and photo to anchor1@nwdanchor.com

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Made to melt

The recent warm ups that have alternated with snowstorms and sub-zero temperatures meant that the Shell Rock River has not remained completely coated in ice for long.

Bolan

The Vacation Bible School Pancake Brunch Fundraiser that was held on Sunday at the Bethel UM Church was a great success. The free will offering will be used to help pay for the expenses of the VBS materials. The dates for VBS are June 19-23 from 9 a.m. until noon and will be held in Bolan, Iowa. The theme this year is "STELLER Shine Jesus' Light!"

Supervisors

January 30, 2023
Fifth 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 Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda and minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $65,034.62 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf.....16.75
Agvantage Fs Inc
Supplies-Con 114.14
Alliant Energy
Service-Eng 15,741.51
Aramark, Service-Eng 207.48
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 75.41
Bauer Built Tire Inc
Service-Eng 295.00
C J Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng 255.00
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf.....3,150.00
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng.....10,827.64
Eliot Inc., Service-Eng 8,800.00
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng 2,266.82
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc.
Service-Aud 801.41
Isacs, Edu-Sup.....160.00
Jacob Hanson, Reimb-Trs..266.01
Jade Equipment Co. Ltd.
Parts-Eng.....2,300.00
Kevin Springer Construction
Service-Gsr 960.00
Law Offices Of Hopkins & Huebner, P.C., Service-Eng.....112.50
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,769.08
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 154.29
Mediacom, Service-Gsr 274.90
Miller Ranch And Mobile Repair
Service-Eng 633.47
Niacog, Service-Tra.....7,140.84
Northwood Anchor Inc
Renewal-Trs 72.00
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Eng 170.68
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Service-Eng 2,857.20
R80 Llc, Fuel-Eng 277.15
Schneider Geospatial, Llc
Service-Asr 1,080.00
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies 740.82
Teresa Olson, Reimb-Rec...471.27
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng 165.97
Verizon Wireless
Service-Eng 186.15
Visa, Service-Shf.....302.74
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng.....2,388.39
Grand Total 65,034.62

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for Dan Clark #66329. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the NASPO ValuePoint FMV Lease Agreement between Pitney Bowes and Worth County. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 8: 49 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 01/09/2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Heiken, Bratrud & Woltzen.

Absent: Parker & Douglas

Visitors: L. McNally & R. Bauer

Mayor called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by Woltzen, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

R. Bauer- Water meter update: will meet with Brush of VanWert company on 1/10/23 to discuss installation of water meters, the process and what to send out to the community. Expected to start the end of February and should only take 2 weeks to complete.

Also need to take the Zero Turn to D&L for maintenance.

Clerk collected council members email addresses and phone numbers to start send meeting packets out through email instead of paper.

Will meet with Ryan from Gworks Thursday, January 12th to go over the new programming.

Old Business: Send out letters to community about junk vehicles on properties and new clerk hours were suggested.

New Business: Resolution #653-transfer of fund, motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

Committees/appointments were discussed.

Treasurer's Report: December 2022 Revenues by Fund: General 13,739.91, Utilities 6,496.74, Special 8,421.93. Total Revenues: $28,658.58. Stands approved as read.

Motion to approve bills by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 2421.56, WCTA 275.44, B. Luckason 690.83 (net), R. Bauer 1052.73 (net), L. McNally 742.28 (net), K. Thompson 696.83 (net), Federal & SS 1084.34 (payroll), IPERS 640.99 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #47/60 321.98 (casino $-general), K. Woltzen 554.10 (council pay), R. Parker 480.22 (council pay), L Douglas 406.34 (council pay), Pioneer Critical 419.02 (generator), Toboa Energy 3103.00 (transfer switch), Kensett Water Works 104.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1593.65 (garbage & recycling-general), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), AgSource 13.75 (service-sewer-testing), Iowa One Call 1.80 (service- sewer), Menards 118.82 (supplies- general), Wo.Co. Sheriff 6746.25, RVS Software 441.00, Arlys Bergdale 105.00 (cleaning), Baker & Taylor 259.43 (books), Herb Thompson 126.25 (maintenance), Culligan 32.10 (supplies), Lucy Heiken 161.07 (food for meeting), D & C Window Cleaning 30.00 (service), Midwest Tape 23.24 (supplies).

Disbursements by Fund: General 16,753.54, Special 1450.91, Utilities 516.12, Payroll 6579.53 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $24,300.10

Motion to adjourn by Bratrud, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

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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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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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 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
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Co-Administrator
of the Estate

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Attorney for the
Administrator

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2/2/23, 12:37 PM — Local Government Property Valuation System

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Assessing Jurisdiction: WORTH COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/24/2023 Meeting Time: 08:30 AM Meeting Location: Court House 1000 Central Avenue

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Cindy Thompson Contact Telephone Number: (641) 324-1198

	FYE June 30, 2022 Actual	FYE June 30, 2023 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2024 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2024	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2024	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	631,073	609,234	352,082		289,482	289,482	10,950	0	341,132
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
7. TOTAL	631,073	609,234	352,082	0	289,482	289,482	10,950	0	341,132

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.49286
Virtual Meeting Information:



Iowa County Treasurer's Semiannual Reconciliation

WORTH COUNTY — For 07/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

	Beginning Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Beginning Balance Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance	Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance	Difference	Outstanding Bank Items
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	1194747.67	3305442.08	4500189.75	2789499.15	**7527.07**	1718217.67	1718308	-90.33	136765.95
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	661840.69	846783.61	1508624.3	911075.25	**7901.99**	605451.04	605451.04	0	9208.76
0003 - GENERAL BASIC TRUST	14973.16	0	14973.16	0	**0**	14973.16	14973.16	0	0
0004 - ARP FUND	700887.89	766836.5	1467724.39	338973.83	**1630**	1130380.56	1130380.56	0	1630
0010 - MH-DD SERVICES FUND	18230.88	1921.84	20152.72	0	**-18230.88**	1921.84	1921.84	0	0
0011 - RURAL SERVICE BASIC	496864.8	1267482.38	1764347.18	1003142.88	**7450.89**	768655.19	768685.19	-30	16832.26
0014 - RURAL SERVICES TRUST	239907.61	55680.61	295588.22	0	**0**	295588.22	295588.22	0	0
0020 - SECONDARY ROADS	3371052.66	2477407.68	5848460.34	2330823.71	**78777.63**	3596414.26	3596414.26	0	114579.38
0021 - HWY 105 TRUST FUND	451381.9	2333.52	453715.42	0	**0**	453715.42	453715.42	0	0
0023 - ENHANCEMENT/PROTECTION	31183.75	8824	40007.75	0	**0**	40007.75	40007.75	0	0
0024 - RECORDER'S RECORDS MGT	14604.55	664	15268.55	0	**0**	15268.55	15268.55	0	0
0026 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	1234.86	2605	3839.86	1305	**200**	2734.86	2734.86	0	315.74
0027 - CNTY CONSERVATION RES FUND	39647.68	0	39647.68	0	**0**	39647.68	39647.68	0	0
0029 - CNTY DISPOSAL CLOSURE FUND	6611	0	6611	0	**0**	6611	6611	0	0
0030 - BOARD/ROOM	84523.65	7357.2	91880.85	3787.5	**2568**	90661.35	90661.35	0	2568
0031 - PROBATION FEES	33802.49	0	33802.49	13047	**0**	20755.49	20755.49	0	0
0036 - COMMISSARY FUND	15050.8	0	15050.8	770.77	**0**	14280.03	14280.03	0	0
0037 - DARE	3940.08	0	3940.08	0	**0**	3940.08	3940.08	0	0
0038 - WINDFARM TIF	1832718.11	1308522.01	3141240.12	36790.25	**0**	3104449.87	3104449.87	0	0
0039 - FORFEITURE FUND	5846.68	0	5846.68	0	**0**	5846.68	5846.68	0	0
0040 - CANINE FUND	6286.07	0	6286.07	31.25	**-119.94**	6134.88	6134.88	0	0
0042 - NEW HEAVEN GRANT TIF	23248.72	18148.11	41396.83	0	**0**	41396.83	41396.83	0	0
0043 - RESERVE DEPUTY FUND	6414.34	0	6414.34	250	**0**	6164.34	6164.34	0	0
0044 - LOCAL GOV'T OPIOID ABATEMENT	0	38148.56	38148.56	0	**0**	38148.56	38148.56	0	0
0100 - DRAINAGE	487930.29	430437.32	918367.61	141033.04	**-249943.22**	527391.35	527391.35	0	1117.25
4000 - EMERGENCY MGMNT AGENCY	142864.07	66665.13	209529.2	59553.95	**197.81**	150173.06	150173.06	0	1620.81
4010 - 911	904749.45	81800.76	986550.21	18544.01	**2418.79**	970424.99	970424.99	0	2489.6
4060 - FLEX BENEFITS	7096.8	4320.12	11416.92	2514.14	**0**	8902.78	8902.78	0	0
4100 - COUNTY ASSESSOR AGENCY FUND	516530.41	218609.53	735139.94	380904.22	**-14.07**	354221.65	354221.65	0	4567.33
4140 - AG EXTENSION EDUCATION	2058.17	131562.93	133621.1	131588.27	**0**	2032.83	2032.83	0	0
4160 - PROPERTY TAX AGENCY FUND	16.98	1002.19	1019.17	1003.53	**0**	15.64	15.64	0	0
4200 - SCHOOL DISTRICTS	76675.78	4923238.25	4999914.03	4928830.28	**0**	71083.75	71083.75	0	0
4300 - NIACC	6958.82	467830.24	474789.06	467707.88	**0**	7081.18	7081.18	0	0
4400 - CORPORATIONS	23614.32	1261818.77	1285433.09	1270120.09	**0**	15313	15313	0	0
4450 - CITY SPECIALS	5303.28	13303.58	18606.86	17165.48	**0**	1441.38	1441.38	0	0
4500 - PRIVATE OWNED TAX SALE CERTS	94860.08	35466.2	130326.28	96767.56	**-23260.68**	10298.04	10298.04	0	0
4700 - TOWNSHIPS	1441.05	96498.08	97939.13	95934.91	**0**	2004.22	2004.22	0	0
5010 - MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	145508.8	930532.5	1076041.3	918415	**-258.12**	157368.18	157368.18	0	206.18
5020 - USE TAX	116478.55	628435.82	744914.37	653569.64	**0**	91344.73	91344.73	0	0
5040 - AGPAT FUND	21.85	120.65	142.5	117.8	**0**	24.7	24.7	0	0
5090 - TAX IN ADVANCE	20709.21	-13866.08	6843.13	0	**0**	6843.13	6843.13	0	0
5100 - UNAPPORTIONED TAX FUND	24	0	24	0	**-24**	0	0	0	0
5300 - RECORDER'S ELEC FEE FUND	137	664	801	679	**0**	122	122	0	0
7000 - SHORT & OVER	0	24.1	24.1	0	**0**	24.1	24.1	0	0
8000 - WASTE WATER	352264.62	79560.51	431825.13	126372.96	**9619**	315071.17	315071.17	0	10269
8001 - WATER	229736.44	65478.86	295215.3	70287.26	**6460**	231388.04	231388.04	0	6846
8500 - HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	224720.37	483050.98	707771.35	418993.16	**0**	288778.19	288778.19	0	0
9999 - TREASURERS FUND	30602.18	0	30602.18	0	**-30602.18**	0	0	0	0
Report Totals:	**12645302.56**	**20014711.54**	**32660014.1**	**17229598.77**	**-197701.91**	15232713.42	**15232833.75**	-120.33	**309016.26**

I hereby certify the above report to be a true and accurate account of transactions during period(s) specified. Jake Hanson-Worth Co Treasurer

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USDA announces additional assistance for dairy farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the details of additional assistance for dairy producers, including a second round of payments through the Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program (PMVAP) and a new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP). The update to PMVAP and the new ODMAP will enable USDA to better support small- and medium-sized dairy operations who weathered the pandemic and now face other challenges.

"The Biden-Harris administration continues to fulfill its commitments to fill gaps in pandemic assistance for producers. USDA is announcing a second set of payments of nearly $100 million to close-out the $350 million commitment under PMVAP through partnerships with dairy handlers and cooperatives to deliver the payments.," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "USDA is also announcing new assistance targeted to small to medium size organic dairy farmers to help with anticipated marketing costs as they face a variety of challenges from weather to supply-chain challenges."

Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program

PMVAP assists producers who received a lower value due to market abnormalities caused by the pandemic and ensuing Federal policies. As a result of the production cap increase, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will make PMVAP payments to eligible dairy farmers for fluid milk sales between 5 million and 9 million pounds from July through December 2020. This level of production was not eligible for payment under the first round of the PMVAP. Payment rates will be identical to the first round of payments, 80 percent of the revenue different per month, on fluid milk sales from 5 million to 9 million pounds from July through December 2020. USDA will again distribute monies through agreements with independent handlers and cooperatives, with reimbursement to handlers for allowed administrative costs. USDA will contact handlers with eligible producers to notify them of the opportunity to participate.

As part of the first round, PMVAP paid eligible dairy farmers on up to 5 million pounds of fluid milk sales from July through December 2020. The first round of payments distributed over $250 million in payments to over 25,000 eligible dairy farmers. These dairy farmers received the full allowable reimbursement on fluid milk sales up to 5 million pounds.

More information about the PMVAP production cap increase is available at www.ams.usda.gov/pmvap.

Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program

The new ODMAP, to be administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is intended to help smaller organic dairy farms that have faced a unique set of challenges and higher costs over the past several years that have been compounded by the ongoing pandemic and drought conditions across the country. Many small organic dairy operations are now struggling to stay in business and FSA plans to provide payments to cover a portion of their estimated marketing costs for 2023. Final spending will depend on enrollment and each producers projected production, but ODMAP has been allocated up to $100 million.

The assistance provided by ODMAP will be provided through unused Commodity Credit Corporation funds remaining from earlier pandemic assistance programs. The assistance will help eligible organic dairy producers with up to 75 percent of their future projected marketing costs in 2023, based on national estimates of marketing costs. This assistance will be provided through a streamlined application process based on a national per hundredweight payment. The payments will be capped at the first five million pounds of anticipated production, in alignment with preexisting dairy programs that target assistance to those smaller dairies that are most vulnerable to marketing challenges. This program is still in development.

Details about the Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program will be available and updated at www.farmers.gov as more details are released in a Notice of Funds Availability later this year.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

The role of a paraeducator

By Kay Schmalen
Central Rivers AEA



KAY SCHMALEN

Paraeducator, educational assistant, teacher associate, teacher aide, media associate, lunchroom aide, etc., are often used to describe those who support students in ways different from the teacher and play an important role in the success of all students. Under the supervision and management of teachers, paraeducators do more than check papers or make bulletin boards, they assist a variety of students, including those with and without disabilities, those that might have unique health needs, limited English proficiency and others. Paraeducators work in a wide range of educational settings including classrooms, lunchrooms, playgrounds, school buses, computer labs and media centers. They provide support in early childhood, elementary, middle and secondary school programs.

Major responsibilities of a paraeducator

The prefix "para" means "alongside" as in working alongside an educator. The responsibilities vary depending on the expectations of the teachers, the paraeducator's skills, experience and job assignment. Responsibilities Include:

Working collaboratively

Building and maintaining effective communication

Maintaining student-centered environments

Organizing student learning experiences

Implementing lessons planned by the teacher or other school personnel

Assessing student needs and progress under the direction of the teacher

Becoming a Paraeducator

Other than a paraeducator serving in a preschool setting, a paraeducator doesn't need formal training. Anyone who believes all children can learn, has a passion for students and has the willingness to learn and grow can be a paraeducator. Also, everyone (not just paraeducators) must practice ethical behavior and maintain the confidentiality of all information regarding students. Those serving in a preschool setting are required to have a paraeducator certification and an early childhood area of concentration.

Though there isn't a formal requirement, some districts pay more for those who earn a paraeducator certificate so they can grow in their skills and ability to meet the needs of students. For example, if a paraeducator is working with a student with autism, it would be advantageous to have some formal training in working with students with those unique challenges.

Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA) offers training for those wanting to earn their certification through a paraeducator certification program. Each course is taught by experts who are passionate about supporting paraeducators, is approximately 30 hours long and meets at least once virtually with the rest done online. The cost for each course is $120. To register for the course, go to Central Rivers AEA website at www.centralriversaea.org and click on 'Educators' and then 'Classes and Workshops' and log in or create an account.

Kay Schmalen is the Director of Professional Learning for Central Rivers AEA. She can be reached at kschmalen@centralriversaea.org. Central Rivers Area Education Agency provides leadership and service to 53 public and 18 non-public schools in an 18-county area of north central Iowa. Learn more at www.centralriversaea.org.

Long Term Disaster Recovery Committee aims to spread word of its services

The North Iowa Long Term Disaster Recovery Committee will be hosting a series of open houses for the public to learn about the committee and how they can get involved Feb. 16 at Worth County Emergency Management.

The coalition activates when necessary after a disaster to assist the four county region with unmet needs. Dollars obtained through donations and from requests through oganizations such as churches affiliates are utlized to purchase requested items for individuals who could not otherwise afford them.

"I think it's a great cause, especially for those folks that are in direct need of assistance," said Kris Olson, Mitchell County Emergency Management Coordinator. "It's a way for them to turn to us and find out if they can meet the requirements and get them back on their feet again."

The open house will be from 3:30-5 p.m. The organization's next meeting will be held March 22, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. at the Mitchell County Courthouse Boardroom (basement).

The North Iowa Long Term Disaster Recovery Committee aims to assist the unmet needs of disaster in Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Mitchell and Worth Counties.

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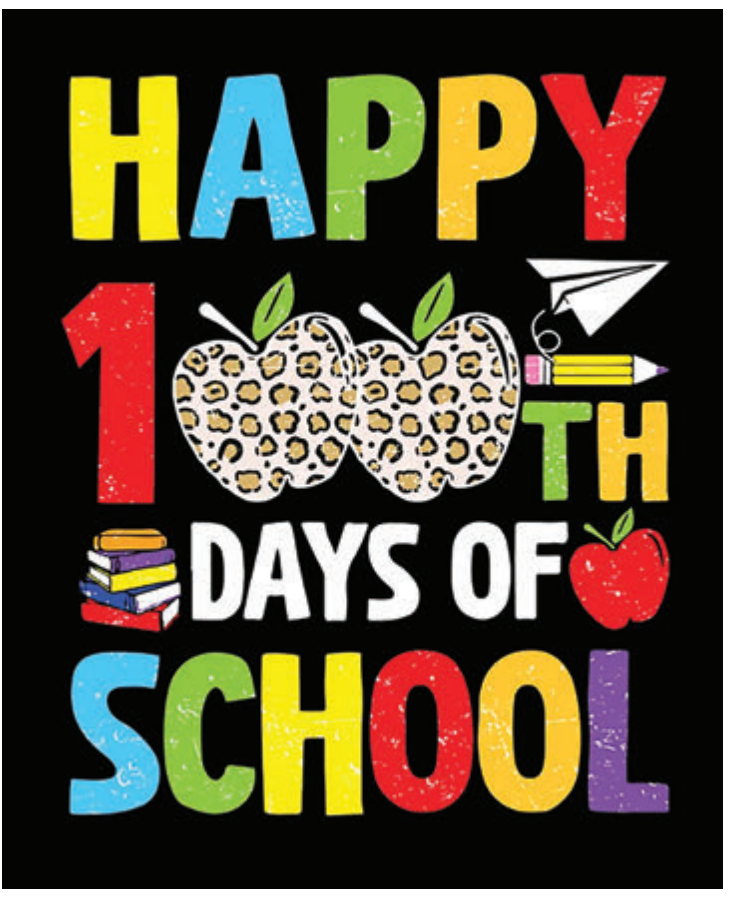
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A cubical Valentine sentiment

The latest creation of puzzling cubes has shared a special message for those passing through the front hallway of the Northwood-Kensett secondary building. Pictured above are (from left) Ivy Toresdahl, Lindsey Moore and Mia Fierova, who assembled the message using a little over 350 cubes, twisted to bring forth the shapes and patterns of their lovely message.

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