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Briefs

Spring clean up set for next week

The annual fall clean up in Northwood is set for next Thursday, April 27, continuing through Saturday, April 29.

The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some spring cleaning.

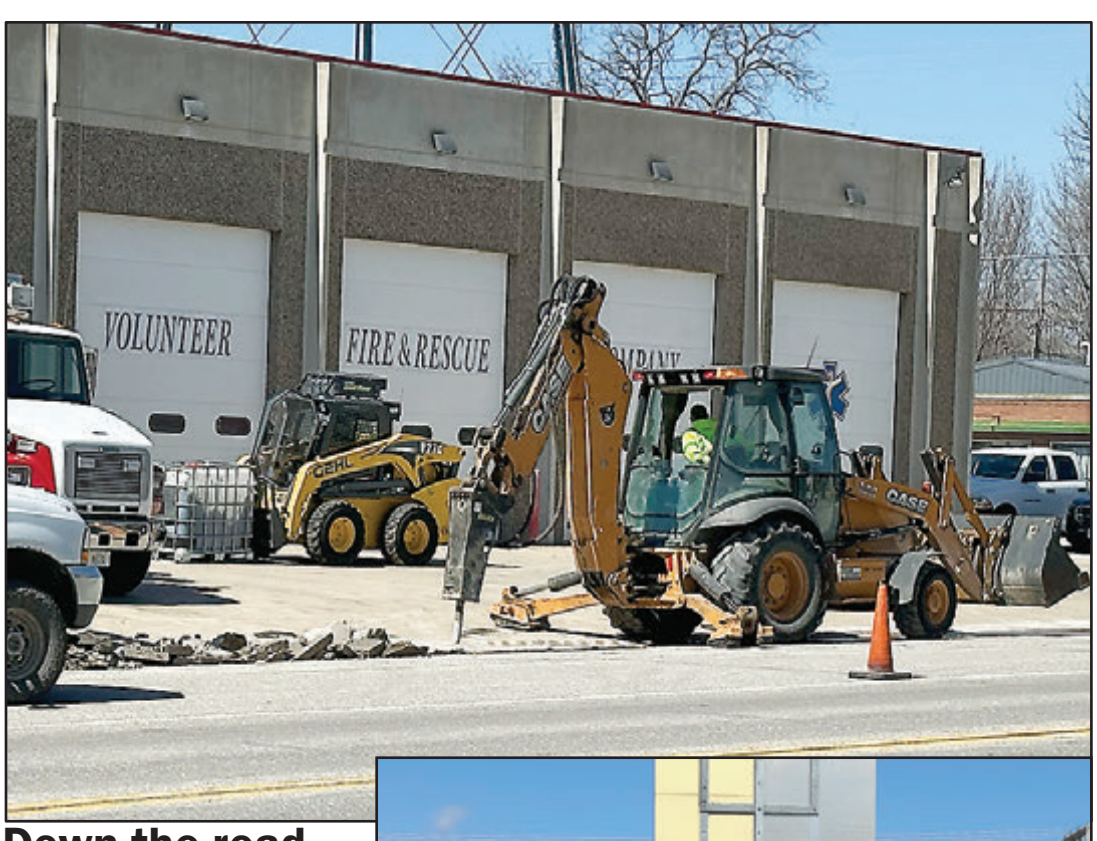
Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

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

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

The City is asking that the public not remove any

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Down the road

Road construction has been underway in and around Northwood in recent weeks. The Iowa DOT has commissioned a resurfacing of Highway 65, north of Central Avenue, as well as a replacement of portions of the sidewalks along the highway throughout the city. Pictured above is some of the early work to remove the edges of the highway. Since then the areas have been replaced and the top surface of the road has been removed. The project is expected to largely be completed by the end of May, according to City officials.

Council discusses budgets, making street safer

At last week's Northwood city council meeting, an extended discussion of the City's proposed budget occurred, along with ways to make a city street safer.

The April 10 meeting of the Northwood city council included a public hearing and vote on the city's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

As the public hearing opened, council member Gary Nerlien shared his dissatisfaction with the proposed budget.

Nerlien said that he would have liked more time to look at the property tax levy and rest of the budget. He said that both are up too much and he wanted to scale back.

Nerlien said he didn't want to see the City drive people away because they can't afford their taxes.

Nerlien made it clear that he had no issues with the amount that was budgeted for the City's staff and salaries.

Nerlien also said he didn't have any issues with the projects in the budget, but suggested the City should push them back.

For her part, city administrator Amber Julseth said she had her own concerns with a budget that spent more than the City will take in. However, she said that the City has reserves.

Julseth also said she was concerned with Northwood's tax levy, at roughly $11.89 per $1,000 of taxable valuation. However, when compared to other area cities, Northwood's levy was lower.

Council member Dave Tenold noted that all expenses have been going up tremendously and that he didn't think there was any way to get away from that showing up in the budget.

A member of the public at the hearing shared concerns about the impact of higher taxes on struggling families.

Mayor Doug Moehle said that he, Julseth and all the council feel responsible and tried to set a responsible budget.

Nerlien asked to revisit the figures in the budget during another workshop meeting.

However, the deadline for cities to publish and certify their budgets is April 30. In order to meet public notice timeframes, the City would not be able to revise the budget after that

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Supervisors, mayors discuss county ambulances' future

Last week, the Worth County supervisors invited the county's mayors to discuss ambulance service in their communities.

Attending the meeting were county auditor Jacki Backhaus and supervisors AJ Stone and Enos Loberg, along with Manly mayor Tim O'Keefe, Hanlontown mayor Rick Scholbrock, Fertile mayor Nick Bailey and Northwood councilman and mayor pro tem Dan Reeder.

The mayors were asked where the cities stood on ambulance service, how they thought it should be paid for and where they thought the funds should come from.

Scholbrock said that his community is happy with the Forest City Ambulance Service. However, he said that a Worth County-based service in Kensett would be a better option.

Scholbrock also said that he knew that either the County or the City would be looking at footing the bill for any service.

Bailey echoed Scholbrock's sentiment, saying the city of Fertile favored Forest City for its ambulance.

O'Keefe said that those in Manly are very pleased with the Mason City Fire Department. He said that he didn't think they would be interested in any option that wasn't full time and fully staffed, also referring to the option of having an ambulance based in Kensett, which was discussed prior to the ambulance vote in November 2022.

Reeder said that those in Northwood are excited to have the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company coming on board to be the community's ambulance provider.

A lack of communication was a major frustration for the towns outside of the NVFC service area.

Both O'Keefe and Scholbrock were upset that their communities had not been contacted or kept informed as the NVFC has worked on its service.

Loberg said that based on his conversations with members, the NVFC is just getting started and they did not want to go beyond their reach as they got on their feet. He explained that the NVFC's plan has been to begin by reaching out to the townships and communities that they have always served with rescue service.

Scholbrock said that it felt like the city of Northwood is striking out on its own and leaving the rest of the county behind.

O'Keefe was asked about the possibility of NVFC covering his town. While Loberg said that MCFD officials had told him the NVFC and MCFD would likely be nearly the same for transport times, O'Keefe said that the full-time responders and fully staffed team at the MCFD would always be the preferable choice to a volunteer-based service.

Discussion also took place about how ambu-

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Worth County Fair set for June 14-18

The Worth County Fair has been set for June 14-18, with a number of new and returning events and entertainment.

That will include the food, fun, gatherings, the Ag Learning Center in the Kiddie Barn, the carnival, face painting, Conservation Station, the Kensett Lions Club bingo its newly built stand and all the 4-H and other youth events, competitions and activities

Announced entertainment includes the Nick's Kids Show, mutton busting, bulls and barrels, the Tri-State Tractor Pull, the Masters of Disaster Demo Derby, Figure 8 Races, the Pretty Bird Paradise and Polka Dot Entertainment.

New to the fair this year are the Otter Adventure, Jurassic Kingdom, ventriloquist Kevin Horner and more.

See more in future issues of the Northwood Anchor, the Worth County Fair Book, which will be sent to mailboxes throughout the county in May and on the Worth County Fair website, online at www.worthcountyfair.com.



The Week's WEATHER
from National Weather Service data

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. April 11	76	43	
Wed. April 12	81	52	
Thurs. April 13	87	54	
Fri. April 14	82	45	T
Sat. April 15	83	45	0.01
Sun. April 16	46	33	0.12
Mon. April 17	36	31	0.18

N-K students inspired to repurpose garbage

Students in Northwood-Kensett third grade classrooms were recently inspired to create works of art and useful household items while saving things from the trash.

Their creative inspirations came after reading the book "Here Comes the Garbage Barge" by Jonah Winter.

The book is based on a true story. In 1987 what became known as the "Garbarge" traveled along the east coast of North America from New York City to Belize and back before a way was found to dispose of it.

The City of New York had sent its garbage on the trip, placing 3,168 tons on a barge. Initially plans were in place to take the garbage to be turned into methane in North Carolina, but potential medical contamination meant that state, other states and other countries refused to accept the waste.

It was delayed at several stops along the way, and as it broke down, it began to develop an odor, and a reputation.

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meeting.

Other members of the council also noted that the budget had been discussed at several workshops from the start of the year and none of the issues had come up then.

Council member Dan Reeder said that he thought the City had done a pretty good job compared to other towns.

Reeder noted the expenses in the budget, such as the wastewater plant, and the progress on solar energy equipment that it is hoped will reduce utility costs for the city.

Nerlien also mentioned the plans to continue blacktopping Northwood streets, suggested that could be cut back in the budget.

Reeder and Moehle said it would be a short term savings and would cost the City more in the end, with ongoing maintenance expenses increasing until the new surface can be put in place. Reeder also said that the cost for the blacktop surfacing would only go up every year they wait.

Reeder asked if there were issues with the budget, where could cuts be made.

Nerlien said he had no problem with the projects, but said they should look at scaling back and wait until there are less projects planned.

Dave Tenold said the City had already scaled back on its street plans. He also added that these considerations had been a part of the earlier budgeting workshops.

Nerlien ultimately said he didn't want the taxes to be a burden on residents.

Reeder said that the council had spent hours working on the budget and trying to be frugal.

Following the hearing, the proposed budget was approved on a 3-2 vote, with Reeder, Tenold and Teresa George-Zenz voting in favor and Neliern and Steve Peterson voting against.

A resident of Eighth Street South was at the meeting to share concerns about traffic on the road and the safety of kids on the street.

Coni Toft Butler said that she has seen increasing amounts of traffic and at higher speeds using Eighth Street South to avoid downtown stops.

Butler said that with summer approaching, kids will increasing use the street to travel to the pool, to ball games and to play in the park. She was worried for their safety with the traffic issue.

Butler asked the council to consider placing stop signs at First and Second Avenue on Eighth Street South.

Mayor Doug Moehle, as well as members of the council, shard Butler's concerns, with Moehle adding that the Highway 65 project may push even more traffic through the area.

The council asked city officials to look into their options for slowing traffic on the street.







Drier makes fire

Prior to the recent rain and snowfall, dry conditions persisisted in the areas, to the point that fire hazards were put in place. The warnings proved to be warranted several times last week, as Worth County fire departments made trips to fight fires that had popped up or spun out of control. Pictured here are Northwood Volunteer Fire Company firefighters on the scene west of the casino.

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lance services would be paid for.

Unlike the County or townships, there is no designated fund or levy for ambulance service in cities. Any amount paid would come as a part of their general taxing authority, and may mean cuts from other areas, the mayors said.

Stone said that there are three EMS funding options beyond the city levies. He said that EMS districts can be formed, but only by a petition of 25% of the people living in the proposed district, who own at least 25% of the land in the district. Once established, EMS districts can tax up to $1 per $1,000 of valuation to provide for ambulance service.

Another option, voter approved taxation for EMS services was on ballots and failed in November 2022.

The other choice was to have EMS taxes raised in townships and have the cities include them in their expenses. Although that wouldn't help for the area surrounding Manly, as Lincoln Township is at its max levy as it provides tax funding to the Manly Fire Department.

Loberg also noted that the cities in the county already contribute tax dollars to support their departments, with buildings, insurance and other expenses.

As for what the cost would be, Bailey and Scholbrock said that covering the requested $40,000 for the Forest City Ambulance Services' rapid paramedic response would be feasible. It would just take the towns and townships in the western area of the county working to determine how to share that cost.

For the bottom three townships on the southeast part of the county, that would leave MCFD as the most likely option.

However, the MCFD department has requested $292,000 and has stated that would not change no matter how much of the County it ultimately covers.

The possibility of establishing an ambulance with the Manly Fire Department was raised. O'Keefe said that they don't have the same number of volunteer members of the MFD, and those that do can't leave day jobs in order to make an ambulance work.

With the potential deadline of July 1 to have an answer to the FCAS and MCFD requests for funding, Stone said that the County is still discussing using pandemic relief funds to cover a first year. But he asked what happens after that, as the County wouldn't be able to pay that again.

For their part, the mayors said that the cities had found uses, either in infrastructure needs or employee compensation, and their pandemic relief funds had been spent.

Stone said that the towns will have to work together with the townships to find funding. He noted that ambulance service is no longer sustainable and without financial support, services like the MCFD are not obligated to travel outside their communities.

Stone noted that there are still a lot of questions and a lot of unknowns. He commented on the MCFD's price and whether it will continue coming to the county if not paid. He noted that while the FCAS and NVFC services come at smaller or no cost, both will be new and untested.

It was agreed that more meetings needed to take place and that other stakeholders, like the township trustees, needed to be a part of the discussion.

Fifth township signs with NVFC

Another township has signed on to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company's ambulance service.

A vote amongst its members in February 2023 started the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company on the path to adding ambulance transportation to its fire and rescue services.

Since then the department has been working to have everything it needs in place to begin transporting patients from emergency scenes to the hospital, starting on July 1.

To be ready, the NVFC has been working on acquiring additional equipment, to be added to its two existing ambulance-capable vehicles. Members have also been in training to serve as EMTs, while others recently began additional training to work in an ambulance setting.

Part of the process has been determining which parts of the county will be served by the NVFC ambulance.

That started with the signing of an agreement between the NVFC and the City of Northwood. The City provides insurance and other needs for the NVFC.

After having Northwood on board, the NVFC held meetings with representatives of the six townships that it serves for fire and rescue response.

Of those, five have signed on to have the NVFC as the designated ambulance responder. That includes Deer Creek, Grove, Hartland and Kensett townships. The most recent addition was Barton Township.

That leaves Brookfield Township as the remaining that has not yet signed an agreement.

The city of Kensett also falls in the response area of the NVFC. NVFC officials planned to meet with that city council after Kensett Township, which includes the city, had signed an agreement.

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items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

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

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

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

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

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

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Eventually it was brought back to its home state, incinerated and placed back in a landfill.

The incident highlighted issues with the world's garbage issues, landfill space and the need to find other options.

The book tells the story of the smelly garbage transporter as it visits several of the stops on its journey.

The images in the book are created by recycling items into its artwork to tell the story.

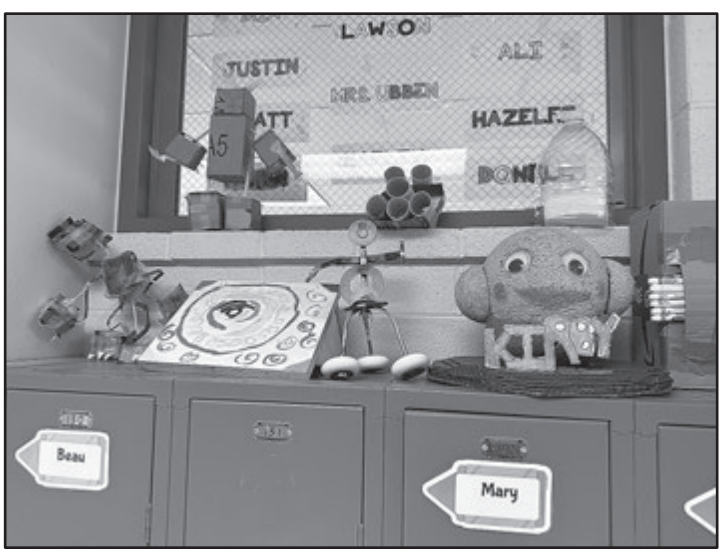
That crafty storytelling inspired the third graders to make their own creations.

Using discarded packaging, cardboard, tin cans, wood, styrofoam, paper, plastic utensils, toilet rolls, bottles, jugs and other garbage-bound items, the students created robots, vehicles, creatures, organizers, baskets, barns, dioramas and a variety of other creative creations, which could easily be found in their own stories some day.











N-K tests, addresses radon levels at Elementary

While radon testing at Northwood-Kensett during the school year showed a largely clear assessment, there were a couple of areas of concern. How the school will address those was discussed in the April issue of the Viking Dispatch.

Radon is an invisible, odorless gas that can't be smelled or tasted. It spreads from the soil into homes and buildings through cracks and openings in the foundations of buildings. In the U.S. it is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers.

The information on N-K's radon assessment was shared by superintendent Mike Crozier.

Crozier said that during the school year, the N-K Elementary building had been tested for radon.

The testing had been done by N-K staff, using training provided by the School Radon Training and Support System (SRTSS).

Preliminary results for the majority of the building were below levels at which action should be taken, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

According to Crozier, results in a few spaces showed levels slightly above those that require action be taken.

School staff will work with the SRTSS and with recommendations by the EPA, as well as hiring a certified radon professional to install a mitigation system.

Schools in Iowa are required to be tested for radon at least once every five years.

According to Crozier's report in the Dispatch, schools and workplaces are the second largest contributors to radon exposure, after the home.

It is recommended that homes be tested every two years for radon dangers. More information can be found online at www.epa.gov/radon.

The Viking Dispatch is the school newsletter, found online at the school's website, nkvikings.com.

Sign up for floral arrangement workshop by Friday

The Worth County Extension Service and Green Thumb Garden Club are co-hosting a floral arrangement workshop on Tuesday, April 25, at the Worth County Community Room at the Worth County Fairgrounds in Northwood, located at 1206 Third Avenue North at 6 p.m.

The workshop is open to everyone and all are welcome to attend this workshop that is designed for all levels of floral design enthusiasts, from beginners to those with advanced experience.

The presenter and featured speaker for the workshop will be Iowa State University Associate Professor, Daniel Brabec. Professor Brabec operated and managed his own flower shop for 20 years and has been an educator in the Horticulture Department at Iowa State University for the past 10 years.

Those interested are asked to pre-register at the Worth County Extension Office by this Friday, April 21, by calling 641-324-1531.

The workshop will be offering a take home flower arrangement and advanced registration would be appreciated to assist in ordering the correct amount of flowers for everyone. Those attending should plan to bring a vase for the take home flower arrangement.

There will be a limit of the first 50 participants to get signed up. There is no cost to attend the workshop with free refreshments being provided and any and all from northern Iowa and southern Minnesota are invited to attend.

Those who want more information are asked to contact Coni Butler, Green Thumb Garden Club, at ctoftbutler@gmail.com, or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood, at 641-324-1531 or at djohn@iastate.edu.

Manly Market, Legion events set for May 6

Manly will host two events on Saturday, May 6, with the Manly Market, followed by a car show and membership rally at the American Legion.

The Manly Market will be held near the Manly Aquatic Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the second year of the event, which invites area merchants to sell their handmade, artisan, farmers market, small business, junk and other offerings.

A number of food trucks will also be at the market to offer snacks, refreshments and meals.

Also held on May 6 in Manly will be a car show and membership rally for the groups that make up the American Legion Family.

A number of classic and unique cars, trucks and bikes will be welcomed to take part in the show, with an entry fee of $10.

There will be music by Mojo Productions DJ service, prizes, a 50/50 drawing and raffles.

There will also be information on the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders, including requirements for those that are interested in joining or supporting the groups.

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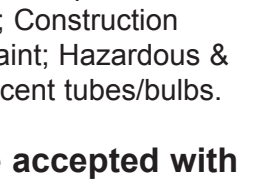


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Northwood City Clean Up Days

April 27-29



The City of Northwood will provide Dumpsters for Northwood Residents to Discard Unwanted Items at the Northwood City Yard

Located at 1611 Central Avenue

Open Thursday, April 27 from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Open Friday, April 28 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 29 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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



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

Appliances will be accepted with the purchase of a $20 sticker.

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WCTA celebrates the city of Northwood for being named a smart connected community







More fun in the sun

The recent bouts of spring weather have given students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary the chance to enjoy the playground equipment during recess time. While less than springtime temperatures remain in the forecast for now, it likely won't stop more playground fun for the rest of the school year.



WCTA Project Coordinator Angie Thompson presenting a SCC certificate to Northwood's mayor and city council.

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) was recently named a Smart Connected Community (SCC) provider by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association.

"The SCC is a national network of communities powered by innovative broadband providers that are building a brighter future in their communities. The SCC program promotes rural broadband and its role in supporting innovative economic development, effective education, efficient energy distribution and use, state-of-the-art health care and other important issues for rural America."

In order to receive recognition as a SCC provider, WCTA was required to affirm that it offers 25/3 Mbps broadband to at least 50% of its service area; that it has broadband subscription rates of at least 50%; and that it is committed to program principles of collaboration and innovation. "WCTA has gone above and beyond the standards set by NTCA and is Gig Certified. As a result of WCTA's national recognition, The City of Northwood will now be celebrated as a Smart Connected Community, joining a national network of similarly innovative communities."

"WCTA is proud to support The City of Northwood and their residents to fully participate in today's connected society," said CEO Mark Thoma. "We have worked hard to meet the standards set by the NTCA, and now that we have, we are so excited to be a Smart Connected Community Provider!

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association is a member-owned cooperative providing a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services, and products to communities in North Central Iowa and South Central Minnesota.

State, law enforcement raise awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and Marion County Sheriff Jason Sandholdt joined forces on Wednesday, April 12 to raise awareness for this horrible crime. The duo also promoted Iowa's address confidentiality program, Safe at Home and resources available for survivors across the state.

"We want Iowans to know that law enforcement and my office are here to help if they need assistance," Secretary Pate said in an interview. "This isn't a rural issue – it isn't an urban issue – it's an Iowa issue and together sheriffs and my office are taking a stand against sexual abuse and getting Iowans the resources they need."

Marion County Sheriff Jason Sandholdt also serves as the President of the Iowa Sheriff's and Deputies Association in addition to his elected office. Sheriff Sandholdt wants to assure Iowans who are victims of this crime that their offices across all Iowa's 99 counties are there to help and provide resources when requested.

"If you're a victim of sexual abuse or assault, I encourage you to report it if you feel comfortable. This crime affects all demographics – regardless of background or where you live." Sheriff Sandholdt said. "If you don't feel comfortable contacting law enforcement, go to your local emergency room. They have specially trained nurses and advocates there that can help you navigate your next steps and get you the help you need."

If you're a victim seeking initial resources and next steps, contact the confidential Iowa Victim's Call Center at 1-800-770-1650 or text 'IOWAHELP' to 20121 and a trained advocate will get in touch with you.

Iowa Safe at Home was established in 2015 as a resource for survivors of sexual abuse, domestic violence, assault, stalking and human trafficking. Today, there are approximately 1,200 participants across 77 of Iowa's 99 counties. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program visit SafeAtHome.Iowa.Gov or call 515-725-7233.

Auditions set for 'Much Ado About Nothing' at Marion Ross Performing Arts Center

Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25, at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway in Albert Lea, for Shakespeare's classic comedy "Much Ado About Nothing."

Directed by Michael Lilienthal, the play will be performed outdoors at the Freeborn County Historical Museum on August 20 and 24-26 as part of Shakespeare in the Village, a collaboration between Albert Lea Community Theatre and the Freeborn County Historical Museum. Shakespeare in the Village is an experience involving food, entertainment and a flavor of a mini-Renaissance festival. It's a picnic and a play.

Auditions will begin at 7 p.m. You must be 14 or older to audition, and no prior theatre experience is necessary. Readings will be provided at auditions. No other preparation is needed.

More information regarding auditions is available at actonbroadway.com.

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N-KHS musicians take spring break trip to NYC

Over spring break, Northwood-Kensett High School student musicians, their teachers and their chaperones traveled to New York City to see the sites, practice their craft and take in performances that showed where musical dedication could take them one day.

The trip departed from the high school in the early morning of Sunday, March 12, heading east.

That day took them to a stop at the VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. The band and choir took part in master clinic/workshops with college professors in their subjects.

They continued east after their lessons, traveling overnight, arriving at Liberty State Park in New Jersey for their first stop the next day, for a visit to the Statue of Liberty. That was followed by a visit to Ellis Island.

The afternoon of March 13 took them to lower Manhattan, where they saw sites like the Broadway "bull," Trinity Church, Federal Hall on Wall Street, Broadway and the World Trade Center Memorial Site.

After a busy day of sightseeing they traveled for a meal in Little Italy and then shopped and explored there and in Chinatown.

Tuesday, March 14, started at Rockefeller Center, where they saw the street set for the Today Show, shopped at the NBC Studio Store and explored Fifth Avenue and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

They took a tour of Radio City Music Hall and took photos with Rockettes.

After lunch they took in the scenery from the Top of the Rock.

They had some time to explore Times Square before taking in the musical "Chicago" in Broadway's Ambassador Theater.

Their final day in NYC, March 15, took them for a tour of Madison Square Garden.

That was followed by Grand Central Station for lunch.

They then went on a tour of the city before their final musical experience. It was back to Broadway and the Neal Simon Theater for "MJ- the Musical." The show told the story of Michael Jackson and featured his music.

After the show it was time to board their bus and begin the trek home. They arrived back at the school on the evening of March 16.

For the young travelers, and the adults that accompanied them, it was a special way to spend spring break.

Here are some of their favorites, when asked after the trip:

For many, "MJ- The Musical" was the standout. "The MJ musical was amazing," chaperone Jenny Wahl said. "MJ was SO GOOD," echoed Annalisa Coyle.

For many it wasn't just one show that made the list. Several said both Broadway shows were the highlight.

Many said all the sights, while some, like Addyson Runde and Linca Scarlett favored the Top of the Rock, and others like Ellie Ehrhardt enjoyed the museum.

The iconic destinations of the Rockefeller Center, Madison Square Garden left big impressions on Coyle and Christopher Madsen.

For Kenny Conlin, it was the food and the shops.

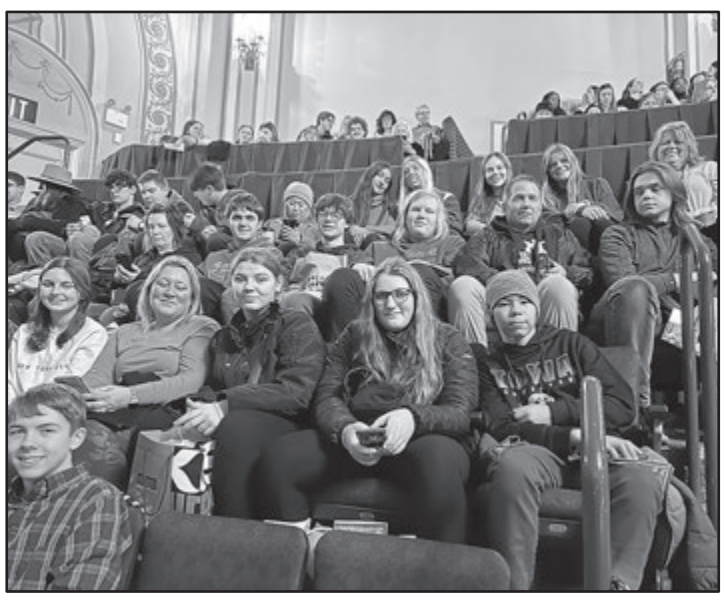
For Zach Heiken, "My favorite was time with friends."

Alexis Rops may have summed it up for most on the trip, saying, "Just seeing everything, it was cool."





















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Grassley discusses developments at the Manly Terminal area

U.S. Senator Charles Grassley recently paid a visit to Worth County as a part of his annual 99-county tour of Iowa.

Grassley's stop in Worth took him to the Manly Terminal offices, where he met with Terminal-area business leaders, including those representing the Manly Logistics Park, the Manly Terminal, Sukup Manufacturing and the Iowa Northern Railway. Also on hand were local government officials, including Melissa Michaelis with the Winn-Worth Betco economic development agency and Worth County supervisors AJ Stone.

The meeting included a review and information on the Manly Terminal and Logisitics Park's projects and plans.

Lee Kiewiet, with the Logistics Park, talked about plans to develop a facility that would use oils and other waste products to develop diesel and aviation fuel alternatives.

The discussion included the proposed natural gas pipeline that would be built and connected to the property for the project.

Brad Sabin, with Iowa Northern, highlighted the County's involvement in the project and the support for the pipeline development.

Dan Sabin, with Iowa Northern Railway, made a presentation on some of the more recent activities in the Terminal area.

That included a look at the work done with the Iowa National Guard before their most recent deployment.

Terminal staff worked with the Guard to alter a rail car along with gravel to build a ramp that was used to load 67 cars with Guard vehicles and equipment to be taken to its overseas transport.

Other units in Minnesota and Wisconsin have shown interest in transporting equipment through the Terminal in the future, according to Sabin.

Sabin also talked about plans for future development north of the Sukup metal coil facility.

The facility could include dry storage, cold storage and other options for food products and producers.

Also mentioned was the more recent facility built by Sukup and how rail has allowed the company to transport much more metal coil than they could using freight trucks.

Besides discussion of the progress and plans for the Manly area, Grassley answered some questions on legislative issues, as well as the end of the University of Iowa girls basketball season.





Week 14



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

During my campaign and forums, property tax is the most common topic of conversation. To be accurate--the increase in property taxes. The amended property tax bill (HF 1) passed unanimously out of the House Ways and Means Committee today. Our bill lowers the school foundation property tax levy by $1.00 and the state will fund the difference, this delivers more than $200 million in immediate tax relief to Iowans. This bill caps annual property tax increases per parcel to 3% for residential and agricultural properties, increases transparency by requiring more notices to taxpayers, and moves all elections for bonding to the general election. This bill remains a work in progress and we will continue to work on it with the Senate to provide property tax relief.

Other bills of interest moving through the House or Ways and Means Committee this week include:

HF 674 – Motor vehicle registration and titling

This bill allows for any county treasurer to do initial motor vehicle registration and titling. It also increases the fees for certain motor vehicle registration and titling and the amount the county treasurer is allowed to deposit into the county general fund. Across the state this could reduce property taxes by $20 million. A big thank you to the County Treasurers (Especially Kris Rowley) for your help and persistence in moving this bill.

HF 654 - Regulations on Iowans right to carry a firearm.

The House bill clarifies where a law-abiding citizen may or may not carry a firearm. It allows firearms in locked vehicles and out of sight on most publicly-owned property when the vehicle is unoccupied, including regents' universities and community colleges. In this proposal, Iowans with their permit to carry may have their concealed handgun in their vehicle on K-12 school property while dropping off or picking up a student or staff member. This does not pertain to private property and allows casinos to determine their own policy.

HF 351 - Adoption Tax Credit Increase

This bill increases Iowa's current adoption tax credit from $5,000 of qualifying expenses to $10,000 over the next two years. Private adoptions can cost up to 35,000; International adoptions cost more and foster adoptions are less.

HF 651 – Specific dog breed bans

This bill prohibits cities from adopting or enforcing ordinances to ban ownership of a specific breed of dog or a dog that looks like a specific breed. This bill does not prohibit cities from enacting ordinances regarding dog ownership based on behavior and actions of an individual dog.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov.

New veterans hunting, fishing licenses available April 12

The new Armed Forces Hunting and Fishing licenses are now available to residents of Iowa who served in the armed forces of the United States on federal active duty. The new annual fishing license, or hunting and fishing combo license, is $5, with a $2 processing fee.

To qualify, veterans will need to submit a one-time application for the Iowa Hunting/Fishing License for Resident Armed Forces Veteran along with a copy of their DD214. The application is available online at www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Hunting-Licenses-Laws/License-Applications under "Residents Only Applications."

Upon approval, the applicant's account will be updated to reflect their status. They may then purchase the new license anywhere Iowa hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Qualifying veterans who have already purchased a hunting or fishing license for 2023 may submit the application, and then purchase the veterans license once their current license expires.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, Assemble Newsletter at Bethlehem, 9 a.m., WAGS at Grace, 5:30 p.m., Lenten Service at Elk Creek, 7 p.m., Meal, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Grace Worship, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, B WELCA General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Spring Fling, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m., Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Thursday, UMW at Bev Lucas Home, Devotions: Pam Wirtjes, 2 p.m.; 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., High School Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Girl Scout Meeting, Trinity UWF, 2 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.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Northwood Council Meeting, 9:30 a.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, 11 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Silver Lake, 705 Silver Lake Rd., Northwood, 641-293-5556; 9 a.m., Bethany, 201 Franke St., Joice, 641-588-3366; 8 a.m., Lunder, 14982 735th Ave., Albert Lea; 10:30 a.m., Winnebago, 40029 210th Ave., Lake Mills; 9:30 a.m. Immanuel, 105 E. 3rd St., Scarville, 641-568-3666.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Chapel at M. Court, 2 p.m., 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.; 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., Bell Choir, 6:30 p.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
Mass Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
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Tuesday: Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Egg Noodles, Green Beans, Pears
Wednesday: Crispy Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Mandarin Oranges

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A Still Mind



In the hustle and bustle of our hectic lives we often need to slow down and quiet our minds. The following meditation is intended to still the mind and calm the soul: "My still mind reflects only peace and holiness. Even if I am unaware of it, peace and holiness are still there. Let my mind reflect only peace and holiness." Often times we appear calm on the surface but underneath our minds are racing. We are like ducks that appear calm on the surface of the pond but underneath their feet are paddling frantically. If at times, this describes what your life feels like, then repeat this meditation, or some version of it, whenever you have the chance. "My mind is still and calm, reflecting only peace and holiness. Even when I am not aware of it, peace and holiness surround me. May I reflect only peace and holiness." Don't worry if you don't have it memorized exactly. The important point is simply to affirm that your mind is calm and still, reflecting only peace and holiness, and that you are surrounded by peace and holiness.

Be still, and know that I am God.
– New K.J.V. Psalm 46:10

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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.
Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

Brooklyn, Iowa is not a huge city like Brooklyn, New York but it has a charming store, The Flag Store. It's a unique combination of thrift shop, new items and of course, flags of all kinds from every state. If you need a flag to fly that's where to look. Brooklyn is located in Poweshiek County, in Central Iowa near Grinnell. "Serving Our Community" (2002, Brennan Printing, Deep River, Iowa) is a fund-raiser cookbook compiled by the East Poweshiek Ambulance Service. It was my good fortune to find a copy at the Flag Store.

Breakfast Bake
Judy Van Tomme

1 refrigerated tube of large butter flavored biscuits
6 large eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup whole milk
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1 cup cooked crumbled breakfast sausage OR cooked crumbled bacon OR cooked diced ham

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan and press the biscuits into the bottom. Mix the two cheeses together and sprinkle them over the biscuits. Sprinkle the meat on evenly. Whisk together the milk and egg until well combined. Pour over the biscuits. Bake for 25 minutes, uncovered, until the cheese is melted and the top is nicely browned. Serve hot.

Lemony Olive Chicken
KD Mackerman

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 boneless, skinless chick breast halves, pounded to similar thicknes
1 can cream of chicken soup (10.75 oz.)
1/4 cup whole milk
1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup sliced stuffed green olives
4 slices fresh lemon
4 cups hot cooked rice

Heat the olive oil in a large heavy skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and brown on both sides. Mix the soup and the milk and add to the skillet. Add the lemon juice, pepper and olives. Combine gently but well. Top with the lemon slices. Heat to boiling, drop the heat to low, cover and cook for 8 minutes or until the chicken is done (175 degrees F. internal temperature). Serve over the cooked rice.

Rancher's Pie
Mike Utrey

1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup crushed pineapple, lightly drained
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3 large eggs, slightly beaten
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup flaked coconut
3/4 stick (6 tablespoons) real butter
1 unbaked 8" pie shell, homemade or refrigerated crust

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Stir together all ingredients except the butter. Combine well. Melt the butter and add to the bowl. Pour this mixture into the pie shell and bake for 1 hour or until the filling is set and browned. Serve with a dab of real whipped cream on top.

As always, the recipes in this type of cookbook are what each person who submits one feels it is his or her best dish. One thing is sure, they are always down-home, comfort food offerings and what more could we ask? And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Down to business

The Northwood-Kensett business department recently made its annual trip to the Target Center in Minneapolis, where they saw a Timberwolves game. The field trip was the culmination of time in the classroom, where they studied things like retail markups, player salaries, revenue streams and other parts of the basketball business.

NIACC presents 'Evil Woman: The American ELO' on April 27



North Iowa Eye Clinic P.C. proudly presents Evil Woman: The American ELO at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023. This presentation is part of the 2022-2023 Performing Arts and Leadership Series.

Evil Woman: The American "Electric Light Orchestra Experience" is widely recognized as the world's premier tribute to ELO due to their brilliant arrangements, flawless musicianship, and superlative vocals. Picking up where the Beatles left off in 1970, the UK-based ELO expanded the concept of great melodies, epic song structures, and grand orchestrations where cellos coexisted with guitars, and where classically tinged progressive rock intersected with hook-filled, radio-friendly pop songs resulting in ELO becoming one of the most popular groups of the 1970s and perhaps even more so today. Audiences are left spellbound by the flawless musicianship and vocals of Evil Woman's 12 musicians. A multi-media concert celebration of the music of ELO, you'll hear instantly recognizable chart-topping hit songs like Mr. Blue Sky, Roll Over Beethoven, Evil Woman, Telephone Line, Xanadu, Livin' Thing, Don't Bring Me Down, and many others.

Its 12-member ensemble includes Kevin Fafard (lead vocals, guitars), Nigel Holland (musical director, keyboards, vocals), Rebecca Catalano (vocals), Robert Smith (keyboards, vocals), Jimmy Wiseman (bass, vocals), Leon E. Alexander Jr. (drums), Ron Halsey (guitars, vocals), Michael Mosgrove (guitar), Stephen O'Leary (string arrangements), Nancy Crockford (orchestra leader, violinist), Anne Parrett Vita (cello), and Casey Copeland (violin).

To learn more about Evil Woman: The American ELO, visit their website at theamericanelo.com.

For tickets to the show, call the NIACC Box Office at 641-422-4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at niacc.edu/boxoffice.

N-K Trap Team

By Dean Mueller
N-K Trap Team Coach

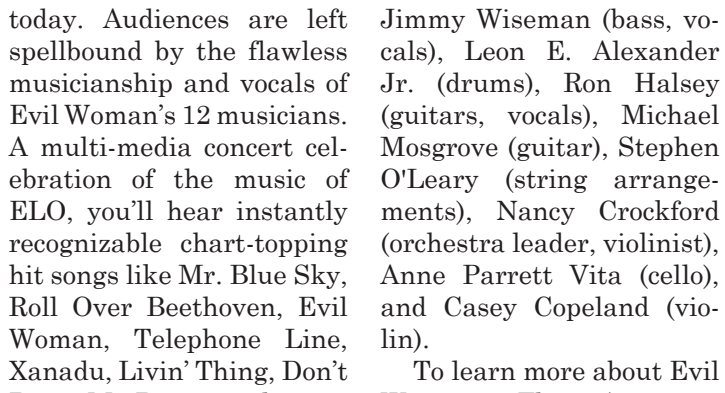
This past Thursday the Vikings attended a Quad shoot host by Lake Mills at Florence Park. Teams participating were NK, Lake Mills, Central Springs and Garner/Hayfield/Ventura. In spite of the strong winds the Vikings won the event with a score 190, second was Lake Mills with a 171 and third was GHV with a score of 165. The five high scores for NK were: Collin Houg 44, Haydan Pestorious 44, Will Tindall 37, Aiden Mortez 33 and Loghan Nelson 32. Collin and Haydan were tied for men's first place, no shoot off was held to break the tie. Austin from Central Springs was third with a 38. In the Ladies division: Champion was Caitlyn (GHV) with a 34, second was Haley (LM) with 32 and third was Venesa (CS) with a 28.

Saturday the Riverhawks held an invitational at the Ventura Gun Club. The winning team was Cedar Valley Conservation Club with a score of 222, second place went to Osage with a score of 221 and third place team was Garner/Hayfield/Ventura with a 221. Woman's Champion was Alexa Thayer of Osage with a 46, second was Hailey Herr of Lake Mills with a 45 and third was Caitlyn Bjoraker of GHV with 44. The men's Champion was Collin Hough of NK with a 49 (he had to win the sudden death shoot off against Clark), second was Grant Clark of 1870 with a 49 and third was Wyatt Hanna of Lake Mills with a 48.

This coming Tuesday the Vikings will host the Riceville team at the Ikes in Kensett. Come out and support your team.

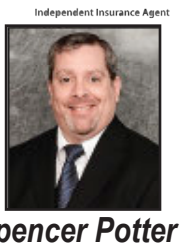
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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Tips and tours for traveling with grandchildren

Dear Savvy Senior,

My husband and I are interested in taking our two grandkids on a big trip this summer and are looking for some good ideas. Can you recommend some travel companies that offer special travel packages for grandparents and grandkids?

Doting Grandmother

Dear Doting,

Grandparents traveling with just their grandchildren has become a growing segment of the multigenerational travel industry. Not only is this type of travel fun, it's also a terrific way to strengthen generational bonds and create some lasting memories.

To help you with your traveling aspirations, there are a number of travel companies today that offer specialized grandparent/grandchildren and multigenerational trip packages. This is a nice way to go because they plan everything for you with most activities together, but some just for adults so you can get an occasional breather.

Available in various trip lengths and price ranges, these tours are designed for children, typically between the ages of six or seven up to 18, and are usually scheduled in the summer, or sometimes during winter breaks when the kids are out of school. Here are some top tour companies to check into that will take you and your grandkids on a fun, well-planned vacation.

Road Scholar (RoadScholar.org): This well-established not-for-profit organization has offered educational travel to older adults since 1975. They currently offer 83 different programs geared to grandparent and grandchildren. About 75 percent of the grandparent trips are domestic; 25 percent are international.

Some of the many popular trip destinations include the U.S. National Parks, Washington D.C., Canada, France, Italy, Iceland, Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands. The average cost per person per night is around $265 for domestic trips, $365 for international.

Intrepid (IntrepidTravel.com): An adventure travel tour operator that offers "grandparent holiday" tours that bring together the young and the young at heart. They offer 35 one and two-week tours in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, as well as in Alaska and Wyoming. To find these trips, go to Intrepidtravel.com/us/theme/family/grandparents.

Tauck (Tauck.com): This is a large tour operator that offers 19 foreign and domestic multigenerational trips called Tauck Bridges Family Tours. Some of their most popular trips are Costa Rica, the European riverboat cruises, and the Cowboy Country, which tours you through Wyoming and South Dakota.

Smithsonian Journeys (SmithsonianJourneys.org): They offer 10 different family journey trips to Iceland, New Zealand, Italy, Greece, Japan, Ireland, Costa Rica, South Africa, Yellowstone and a Rhine River cruise.

Journeys International (JourneysInternational.com): They offer customized multigenerational trips primarily to Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific.

Grandkids Travel Documents

Depending on where you go and your mode of transportation, you'll need to gather some documents for your grandchildren to make sure everything goes smoothly. In general, most travel experts recommend you bring a notarized travel consent form (letter of permission from the parents), and a medical consent form in case any emergencies or problems arise. Also bring copies of insurance cards.

If you're traveling domestically, you should know that airlines and trains don't require any form of ID for children under 18. But if you're traveling to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, or other areas of the Caribbean by land or sea, grandchildren 15 and under will need certified copies of their birth certificates. And if your grandkids are 16 or older, or you're traveling to these locations via air, passports will be required.

If you're traveling overseas, all children, even infants, must have a passport. Some countries also require a visa for entry, and vaccinations may be required in some cases. Before booking a trip, check the U.S. Department of State's website at Travel.State.gov for country-specific information.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My wife is mad at me.

Did you forget to put ketchup on the shopping list again?

Oh, I put it on the list, but then I couldn't read it.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. Easter ended in an R again this year. It was a busy day, one in a blender as are all days. I recalled a day I led a tour to Alaska when the day's blender went berserk. It was a large group and over 50 bags of theirs (and my bag) didn't arrive at the Anchorage Airport. We kept hopeful eyes on a baggage carousel that presented a few bags and then went empty. There was nothing to see there. Missing bags weren't restricted to our group, but our bunch took it well. There were expressions of disappointment but no outrage. Fellow travelers, people we didn't know, were incensed. Everyone acts important at an airport, finding it easy to forget that most of the people in the world weren't them. They were certain their days had been ruined and had decided to remedy that by ruining the day of another, a lone young woman staffing the customer service desk. She was polite and kind, though overwhelmed. She did the best she could. It turned out that a couple of carts were forgotten at the departure airport. Things get misplaced. They would arrive in Anchorage on an early morning flight. A bus took our group to a lovely hotel. I helped airport folks wait for the rescue plane and load the bags into a large van to take to the hotel where we placed the correct bags outside the proper doors, a day late but not a duffel short. The next day featured an exhausted but happy me loading the bottom of the bus with bags. I was a baggage handler. That ended with an R.

Bad joke department

A dog and a cat died. They went to the Pearly Gates and met St. Peter, seated on a majestic chair. St. Peter asked the dog what it believed in.

The dog answered, "I believe in love, faithfulness, forgiveness and loyalty."

St. Peter welcomed the dog through the gates and asked the cat, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat said, "I believe you're sitting in my chair."

I've learned

He who hesitates gets lost later.

If you keep the weeds cut low, they look like grass.

Welcome mats shouldn't be taken literally.

If you want a healthy car, switch from motor oil to omega-3 fish oil.

Nature notes

A friend grew up in a super-sized family that ate pancakes often and his mother made syrup from sugar and water. Surprisingly, he didn't grow up to be a hummingbird. The best and least expensive solution for a hummingbird feeder is a 1:4 solution of refined white sugar to tap water—that's ¼ cup of sugar in 1 cup of water. Bring the solution to a boil and let it cool before filling a feeder. You can make a larger batch and refrigerate it. Bring it to room temperature before refilling the feeder. Red coloring isn't necessary. Don't use brown sugar, honey, molasses or artificial sweeteners. In hot weather, the feeder should be emptied and cleaned twice a week. In cooler weather, once per week is enough.

Several readers reported headless rabbits in their yards. It might have been Colonel Mustard in the library with a candlestick. I'd put nothing past him but when folks perform a thorough crime scene investigation, they come up with a list of usual prospects (cat, celebrity chef, Elmer Fudd and Colonel Mustard). I'd guess the culprit was an owl. A great horned owl's signature method when dealing with large prey is to behead the victim before it's taken to the owl's nest or eating perch. A study conducted in Kansas found 60% of an owl's prey items were decapitated. A great horned owl has powerful talons and could cleave a bunny's head as fast as a rodeo cowboy ropes a steer. Rabbit brains and eyes are a delicacy for owls and are full of fats and proteins.

A Eurasian collared-dove has a black collar on the back of its neck and a squared tail as opposed to the pointed tail of a mourning dove. Native to Asia, Europe and Northern Africa, this collared-dove was first documented in the U.S. (Florida) in 1986 and in Minnesota in 1998 and in Iowa in 1997.

Meeting adjourned

Don't be easily offended. Be kind by being easily delighted.

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Fit to print...

Beauty in the backyard

Slices of Life
By Jill Pertler

It doesn't happen suddenly. At least it didn't for me.

You live your whole life as a normal person, taking it all in. Appreciating, yet taking it for granted. But not really seeing it, or hearing them, for what they are.

It is a gradual process. First you see one. Then you might hear another. Or maybe there's a whole group. Whatever it is, it makes you take notice, even though they've been right there, in your backyard all along. Right under your nose, or perhaps beak, so to speak.

There are things in life that are so common you simply don't see them, or pay attention to them. Like the TV playing in the background, faces in a crowd, the taste of water, the smell of fresh air or the softness of a favorite sweatshirt.

Our senses tune things out because they are commonplace – everyday – and we don't always pay attention to the everyday things in life.

Until that changes, in one way or another.

For me it culminated with the birds in my backyard.

For most of my life, I lived a parallel existence with these winged creatures. I knew they were there, but that is where it ended. They existed - nothing more.

But then, I started noticing. One morning, one chirp at a time.

And one day I realized: the birds were singing. Their chorus of songs was a literal symphony waiting for me to hear.

I heard.

Then I started looking. Who was singing such songs? What color were his or her feathers?

And so it began.

Bird watching, or for me, more appropriately, bird listening.

I am a bird groupie - one of the flock.

Don't knock it until you've tried it.

You might think I sound as crazy as a loon, but consider the birds in my backyard. They're anything but crazy when they singsong their sing songs at 6:00 in the morning, That might sound like an alarm clock, and it might be, if it weren't so joyous.

For me it started with one itty bit of a bird, who perched on a tree right outside my window one morning. He belted out his song like a troubadour: regal and unapologetic. He was so confident, I found a need to know what - or exactly who he was.

Turns out there is an app for that.

I downloaded it and entered the professional world of bird listening.

My troubadour was a Carolina wren - well know for his small stature and large voice. I can personally attest to that.

Since then, I've heard more than 20 different species of birds in my backyard. And I'm learning to identify them. It takes a perceptive ear to differentiate between a tufted titmouse and a yellow rumped warbler, but now I'm just bragging - proud as a peacock you might say.

In noticing their songs, my eyes and ears have opened to other backyard wonders. The way the sunlight reflects off the grass carpet under the oaks. The way the wind moves the the leaves on the trees, causing them to dance. The tree branches, which serve as home and haven to not only the birds but other woodland critters. Even the harsh and loud caws of the American crow contribute to the mix (and then some). My backyard is beautiful. It has been all along.

This may all seem new to me, but it isn't new. The birds have been there, all along, creating their synchronized chorus - just waiting for me to notice. Or maybe not caring if I noticed at all. Maybe they create simply to create and me noticing their beauty is but a happy by-product manufactured by and for me.

Either way, it's a gift. One I've overlooked for far too long.

Call me a bird lady. Call me what you will, but feel free (as a bird) to join the flock. I'd welcome you under my wing.

But even if I end up flying solo, it will be an adventure. My eyes and ears are now open.

Tufted titmouse - chirp away!

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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Early Files

100 years ago

April 18, 1923

A meeting of Worth County Legion men was held at the courthouse last evening at which time a big "feed" was enjoyed and some boxing and wrestling contests pulled off, which was followed by a business meeting. Constitution and by-laws were adopted. Elected officers for the ensuing year are Dr. G.S. Westly, Manly, commander; R.A. Nack, vice commander, Grafton; S.E. Espeseth, Norhtwood, Adjt. And financial officer; and Norman Storre, Kensett, chaplain.

James Taylor, of Dubuque, is the new barber in the shop of M.G. Hill, opposite The Anchor and Index office. Mr. Hill has taken a position as catcher of the semi-professional baseball team that will be maintained at Bayside, on Clear Lake, during the season and will be away from home half of the time as the team has a playing schedule of three days a week.

It is reported from Glenville that Saturday night two large crosses 12x14 feet in height were burned on the principal street of the village. One cross was set up east of the Shell Rock bridge and the other west of the Rock Island depot. The crosses burned brightly for over an hour. Citizens said they noticed several automobiles with drawn curtains leaving the area turning north over the Jefferson highway.

Monday State Agent Haynes appeared in Northwood and quietly began to look about for an automobile bearing 1922 numbers. Before evening he had spotted several and given official notice to the owners to appear before Mayor E.M. Sabin for a hearing.

J.M. Grefthen, a well known Northwood citizen and long time resident of this vicinity, died at his home on south Tenth Street this morning after a long illness. LaGrippe, which recently attacked him, is assigned as the immediate cause of his death.

75 years ago

April 15, 1948

John White and Harvey Trettin, both of Grafton, are new owners of the Grafton Implement Co. They took possession this week of the implement business, which they bought from Schultz & Macken.

Mary Ann Rademaker, this year's Worth County spelling contest winner, a pupil in the sixth grade of the Grafton school, and her sister, Dorothy Rademaker, senior in the Grafton high school, accompanied Supt. and Mrs. G.S. Cleveland to Des Moines for the annual state spelling contest. Ratings for all contestants were not published, but The Anchor is informed that Miss Rademaker was in the upper half in the written test and slightly lower in the oral test.

At a recent meeting of the membership committee of the Northwood Recreational Association, it was decided that a house to house canvass for membership would be held the first week in May to provide funds for the summer's activities.

A division I rating was won by the mixed chorus of the Northwood high school at the pre-state high school music contest held last Friday evening at Hampton. Only the larger groups appeared in this contest. Division II ratings were awarded the band and the girls glee club.

Favorable weather during the first half of April has enabled farmers to practically complete small grain seeding by this date, it is reported from all parts of the of county.

Carl M. Sheimo, who has served as sheriff of Worth County for the past four terms, this week announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election this year and hence will not file for nomination in the primary election to be held. He was elected on the Republican ticket in 1940. Norman Norland, Democrat, Kensett township farmer incumbent state representative from Worth County, will again seek nomination for that office at the coming primary election.

50 years ago

April 19, 1973

Paul Grosland, a 1959 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, was hired by the N-K school board to be school librarian. Grosland is the son of Mrs. Guy Moretz and the late Oscar Grosland. He will succeed Mrs. Celia Ramsay, librarian at Northwood-Kensett the past 20 years, who is retiring at the end of the present school year.

Mary Douglas, Northwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas, Bangkok, Thailand, became the bride of Lynn Gunderson, Ft. Madison, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gunderson of Northwood, on April 14, at 4 p.m. at Gordonsville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Gerrit Molenaar officiated.

U.S. Air Force Sergeant Allen L. Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Black, R.R.I. Northwood, Iowa, has arrived for duty at Incirlik AB, Turkey. Sergeant Black, a supply specialist with an Air Force support unit, perviously served at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. The sergeant is a 1970 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School.

The Farmers Home Administration of U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a loan in the amount of $93,500 to Viking Manor Inc., of Northwood, to build a rental housing facility for senior citizens, according to word received by Congressman H.R. Gross' Waterloo District Office. The loan is repayable in 50 years at 7 1/4 percent.

Mark Stevens won first place in the 85-87 pound weight class of the Emmetsburg Invitational Wrestling Tournament earlier this month; 678 entries were received for the tournament. Others are Keith Albens, ISU, who presented awards; Don Asche, Eagle Grove, Stevens; Scott McNeil, Fort Dodge; and Marty Mills, Evansdale.

The North Central District Iowa Special Olympics meet will be held on April 26, 10 a.m. at Roosevelt Stadium in Mason City.

25 years ago

April 22, 1998

Contractors hope to complete the U.S. Highway 65 resurfacing project here by mid-May at the latest. That's according to city superintendent Craig Toft, who attended a recent pre-project meeting at Iowa Department of Transportation offices in Britt. Toft told the city council that Midwest Contracting of Cedar Falls expects to arrive in Northwood on April 27, and to have all potholes filled and all full-depth patching completed by the end of the week.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company brought this shed and lean-to fire under control approximately 15 minutes after arriving at the Bob and Jean Arret farm in Barton Township. The fire destroyed the adjoining structures, plus a late-model John Deere 4020 diesel tractor and a snowmobile stored in the shed. The buildings and their contents were insured and no livestock or personal injuries were involved.

Michael E. Wright, a University of Iowa medical student from Northwood, will begin specialty training in anesthesiology this year after receiving the doctor of medicine degree from the UI College of Medicine in May. Wright is the son of Lonna Wright and late Chuck Wright, Northwood, and a Northwood-Kensett graduate.

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings picked up their first golfing victory of the season by defeating Osage 221-238 at the Northwood Country Club. The N-K girls fell three strokes short of defeating St. Ansgar in the triangular, but the Saints' foursome played the course in 219 to pick up victories over N-K and Osage.

Pranksters, suspected of being N-K High School students, decorated an outside living area for N-K science teacher, R.J. Weselmann with items scavenged from Northwood clean-up week piles around town. The Anchor has not yet determined if Weselmann plans to use his new living quarters.

10 years ago

April 17, 2013

Earlier this year Northwood-Kensett superintendent Tom Nugent announced his plans to retire at the end of the fiscal year, on June 30, 2013. Since then the N-K Board of Education and groups of students, staff and community members have undertaken the process of finding the district's new chief administrator. That person was selected. The N-K School Board met to approve hiring Mike Crozier as the district's new superintendent.

Northwood-Kensett recently hosted the 2013 spring Quiz Bowl. Students from several area schools gathered to test their knowledge and who would be the fastest ones to share that knowledge. Three N-K High School students served as managers for the Quiz Bowl, Brooke Burns, Sonya Medlang and Jayde Hapgood.

Sophomore Coleby Bratrud tees it up for the first time in competition this spring. Bratrud shot a 55 on N-K's home turf, the Northwood Golf and Country Club.

Northwood-Kensett athlete Mikki Butler picked up right where the talented golfer left off last season, at the top of the leaderboard. Mikki earned medalist honors at the Northwood Golf and Country Club when she posted a 50, just two shots ahead of her sister Sam, who shot a 52. Team scores: Central Springs, 258, Riceville, 269, Northwood-Kensett, no score, Saint Ansgar, no score. N-K individual scores - Mikki Butler, 50 (medalist), Sam Butler, 52, Chloe Breitsperecher, 73.

Recent visitors to First Lutheran Church in Northwood have no doubt noticed the unique display at the front of the church. It features a large cross surrounded by some unique indoor landscaping. The scene, set for the Easter season, includes real rocks, grass and flowers; realistic birds and butterflies; and two working fountains.

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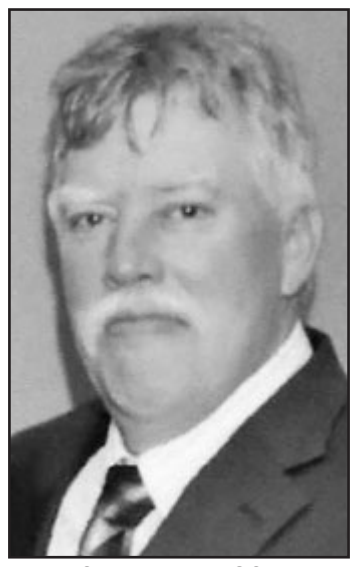
Obituaries

Gary Enderson

Gary A. Enderson passed away on March 9, 2023, at his home in Dodge Center, Minnesota.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Burial will be at the Freeborn Cemetery. Pastor Don Malinsky will be officiating. Family will greet friends for a short visitation prior to the service.

Gary was born on April 29, 1955, at the Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, Minnesota, to Ernest and Romelle Enderson, becoming the first grandchild to LaVern and Lois Dillavou. He was soon followed by his siblings Connie, Tim, Patti and Bill. Growing up, the family lived at two locations in north central Iowa before settling permanently on a farm near Manly, Iowa. Gary enjoyed growing up on the farm, with his favorite thing to do was ride his horse Rusty over to the neighbors and go horseback riding to see what kind of mischief they could get into.



GARY ENDERSON

After graduating from North Central High School in 1973, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1974. While in the Army, he served in Korea, until he was honorably discharged in 1976. After his service, he pursued many educational paths, receiving a X-Ray specialist diploma from Fort Sam Houston in Texas, a B.A. in History from Winona State University, a Licensed Practical Nursing Diploma from St. Mary's School of Practical Nursing in Rochester, a Mortuary Science Diploma from the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science in Houston, Texas, and an Associate of Community Science Degree in Nursing from the Rochester Community College. Gary was also a licensed funeral director in Iowa. He retired from nursing in 2019.

Gary was a private independent person who enjoyed acreage life. He was an avid gardener—sharing much produce with family and friends. He loved animals, especially his dog Dirty, who frequently enjoyed Gary's good cooking. He was a caring person, always willing and able to help others. Gary spent much of his nursing career caring for the elderly in numerous care centers in southern Minnesota. His family will deeply miss him and his unique way of showing how much he cared. However, he leaves us with many special memories and will always be in our hearts.

He is survived by his parents, Ernest and Romelle; his siblings, Connie (Jim) Hamilton, Tim (Jerri) Enderson, Patti (Jim) Beatty and William (Rhonda) Enderson; as well as a special uncle, Earl; and aunt, Pat Dillavou. His extended family includes numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his grandparents, LaVern and Lois Dillavou and Oscar and Jennie Enderson; aunts, Sandra Roisen and Geraldine Kingstrom; and uncles, Elvin and Wayne Enderson.

Memorial donations will be donated to the Manly American Legion and the Dodge Center VFW.

Carrol 'Jean Michaelis

Carrol "Jean" Michaelis died under hospice care, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Heritage Care Center, Mason City, after a long battle with cancer. This was one day short of her 81st birthday.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Grace Lutheran Church, 302 E. Fourth St. Hanlontown, IA 50444. Burial will be in Brush Point Cemetery, rural Hanlontown.

The family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the church.

Carrol Jean Furness was born on April 14, 1942, on a farm in Norway Township, Winnebago County, Iowa, the daughter of James H. "Jim" Furness and Neva (Orr) Furness. Jean attended Hanlontown grade school, later graduating from North Central High School. She continued her education at Personnel Training Institute Omaha, Nebraska, where she studied Communications and Personnel. Following graduation, she was placed with Western Union in Chicago, Illinois, later transferring into EF Hutton at the Chicago Board of Trade. Jean was working there when John F. Kennedy was assassinated.



CARROL MICHAELIS

While in Chicago she met her husband to be, Robert "Bob" Michaelis. The couple moved back to Hanlontown and were married April 25, 1964, at Grace Lutheran Church. Soon after Bob was transferred to Madison, Wisconsin, where Jean began working at a bank until their son, Todd was born, followed just two years later by a second son, Chad.

Time spent with the children at home was cherished and after a few years the family made their home in Waukesha, Wisconsin, following Bob's work. For a while as the boys were growing, Jean worked for J.C. Penny Catalog. As the boys entered their college years, Jean and Bob returned to the Chicago area for his job, making their home in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Following retirement, the couple returned to Hanlontown to help care for Jean's parents.

Jean was a woman who reveled in the joy of bringing her family together, especially over delicious meals that she expertly cooked. When she resided in Hanlontown, Jean remained active in her community by giving her time to various organizations, including the Women of the Church, the Lutheran Retirement Auxiliary, the museum and "The Hanlontown Sundowner." She shared her talents as a Cub Scout Den Leader in Waukesha for many years. In her spare time, she found pleasure in crafting homemade Lefsa and crocheting, especially her crocheted Scrubbies.

Memorials may be given to Grace Lutheran Church Hanlontown or any cancer research charity. Memorials given to Grace Lutheran will be shared with Brush Point Cemetery.

She is survived by Bob; two sons, Todd (Cheryl) and Chad (Nancy); one granddaughter, Anika; sister, Cindy (Jeff Koch) Hohenfield; brother, Steven (Hannelore); a sister-in-law, Ruth Furness; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gerald.

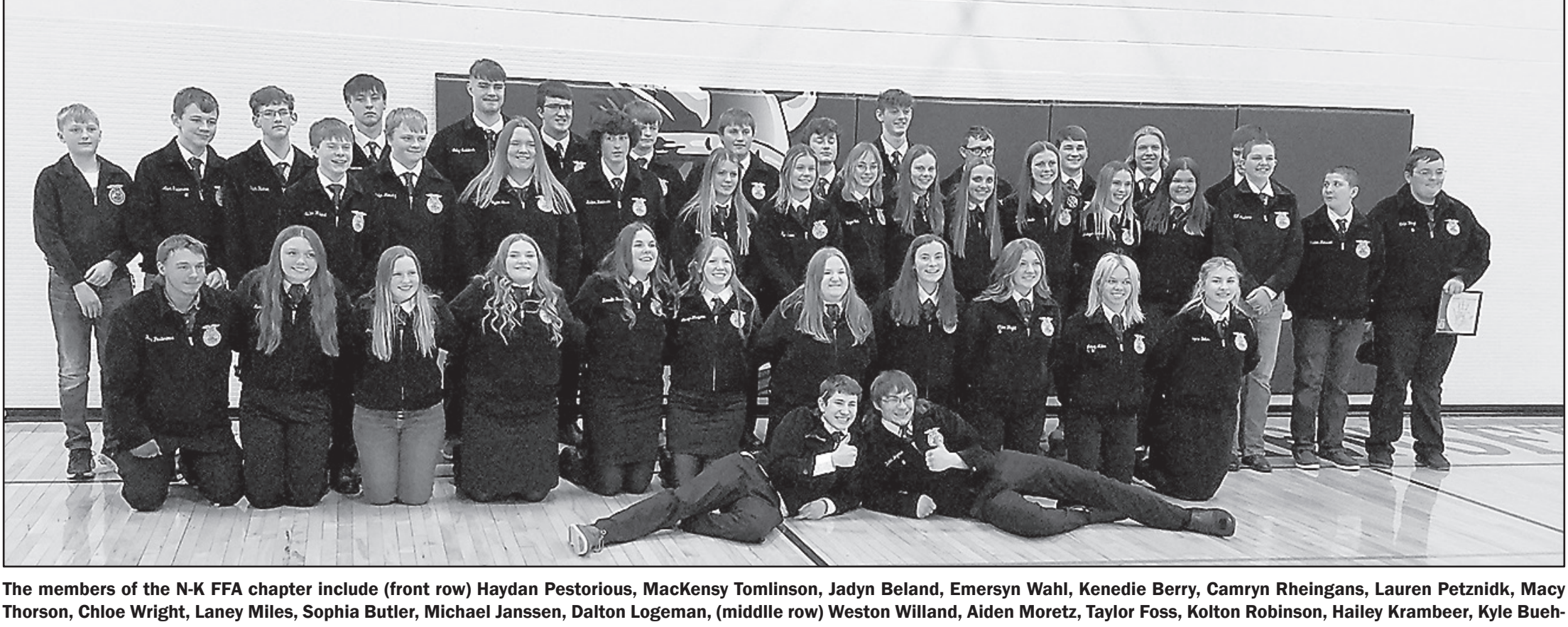
Carolyn Byrne passes away on April 16

Carolyn (Diedrich) Byrne of Northwood, passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023, after unexpected health complications.

Services are pending with Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home.



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Northwood-Kensett FFA Banquet2023

The 2023 celebration of the year's activities of the Northwood-Kensett FFA (Future Farmers of America) was held on March 30 at the N-KHS commons.

The officers presented the program and the Conduct of Meeting team demonstrated their skills.

N-K FFA chapter advisor Marty Cotter shared his comments and gave out individual awards and scholarhsips.

See pictures and award winners on these pages.



Sub District Participants- Creed Speaker, Public Speaking, Conduct of meetings team: Taylor Foss, MacKensy Tomllinson, Zach Heilken, Kenedie Berry, Weston Willand, Sophia Butler, Emersyn Wahl, Camryn Rheingans and Lauren Petznick



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Star Chapter Farmer Awards- Jadyn Beland, Dalton Logeman



Chapter offiicers- (from left) Treasurer Jackson Foss, Reporter Macy Thorson, Sentinel Morgan Wallin, Vice President Jadyn Beland, President Dalton Logeman and Secretary Kooper Julseth



Chapter Farmer awards- (from left) MacKensy Tomlinson, Macy Thorson, Carter Anderson, Brody Paulson, Kooper Julseth, Loghan Nelson, Breyden Hoeppner and Jackson Faber



Greenhand Awards: (front row) Aiden Moretz, Emersyn Wahl, Sophia Butler, Camryn Rheingans, Lauren Petznick, (back row) Caden Helgeson, Alex Tiedemann, Kolton Robinson, Zach Heiken, Weston Willand, Kenedie Berry, Taylor Foss, Peyton Shoger and Collin Houg



Chapter Scholarships- (from left) Dallton Logeman, Jadyn Beland, Michael Janssen and Haydan Pestorious



Star Greenlhand Award- Weston Willand



Agricultural Proficiency Awards- Macy Thorson, Jadyn Beland and Dalton Logeman

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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 04/10/2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Pro-tem David Heiken presiding. Council Members present were Bratrud, Woltzen, Douglas, Parker.

Absent: N/A

Visitors: L. McNally, R. Bauer, Tom Dakin, Art Kuennen & Amanda Girourd

Heiken called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Douglas, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

R Bauer- Received a bid from Cahoy on replacing Sewer Pump 1. A flow test was advised to ensure that our well can handle a new submersible system. Once that is complete, it will be known what steps can be done to replace/update the well and the amount that it would cost.

R Bauer- Drove around town, drawing a map of roads that need to be resurfaced, filled, or completely redone. States that the whole town could benefit from being resealed.

A Girourd- From the Worth County Historical Society. She proposed placing a sign in our park to help point out and commemorate the Jefferson Highway. Motion to approve sign was made by Douglas, 2nd Parker, carried unanimously.

Old Business: New meter installation started April 10th.

Reminder: City Clean-up date is May 6th.

Road Repair Update was tabled until May meeting.

New Business: Head Count for WWB Banquet is due by May 6th.

ICAP Statement of Action for the park was viewed and discussed.

Resolution #655- Budget, motion by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas. Roll call vote taken, all Ayes. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: March 2023 Revenues by Fund: General 7361.08, Utilities 8109.92, Special 4061.24 Total Revenues: $19,532.24. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 3,346.36, WCTA 277.73, B. Luckason 935.25 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 669.53 (net) R. Bauer 1238.47 (net), L. McNally 3868.97 (net), K. Thompson 1330.37 (net), Federal & SS 2525.99 (payroll), IPERS 1678.21 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #50/60 321.98 (casino $-general), Post Office 151.00 (stamps), Kelly Hardware 19.60 (supplies), AgSource 27.50 (service-sewer-testing),Kensett Water Works 104.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1523.22 (garbage & recycling-general), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), The Anchor 167.94 (publications), ITRON 2889.00 (subscription), Tom Dakin (sexton), Arlys Bergdale 105.00 (cleaning), Herb Thompson 40.00 (maintenance), Midwest Tape 104.20 (supplies), D&C Window Cleaning 30.00 (maintenance), Kelly Hardware 34.99 (supplies), Baker & Taylor 278.73 (supplies)

Disbursements by Fund: General 8346.35, Special 1454.67, Utilities 560.97, Payroll 12,477.66 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $22,839.65

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

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Dave Heiken, Mayor Pro-tem

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on April 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023; Treasurer Report; Set FY23 Budget Amendment Public Hearing on Monday April 24, 2023 at 6 pm; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH $20.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Water Excise Tax $1,163.19
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $407.29
Verizon
Cell Phones, Router-tr,fd$106.73
Payroll, Wages..... $20,435.01
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $10,185.24
Visa
Supplies, Repairs, IMFOA-ow.cc
..... $912.19
North Iowa Volleyball Assoc.
Fees-rec..... $205.00
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $290.88
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $655.20
Principal, Insurance..... $475.77
Alliant Energy
Services..... $17,249.76
US Postal Service
Mailing-cc $348.00
Payroll, Wages..... $22,361.83
Albert Lea Seed
Supplies-pw $800.00
Amber Julseth, Mileage-cc $60.26
Bruce Rheinfels
Rental Inspections $128.00
Carquest, Supplies-pw..... $901.22
CNH Industrial
Repairs-pw..... $918.54
D & L Equipment
Supplies-pw $167.96
Dakota Supply
Supplies-pw $57.84
David Patrick
Outside Window Cleaning.....
..... $60.00
Decker Sporting Goods
Supplies-rec $876.00
Doug Moehle, Mileage $40.61
Eilertson Repair, LLC
Repairs-pw..... $511.95
FC Solar Solutions
Solar Project $50,000.00
FC Solar Solutions
Solar Project-final $25,000.00
Falkstone, Supplies-pw.... $690.53
Hawkins, Inc.
Supplies-pw $10.00
Huber Supply
Supplies-pw $51.15
In Control
Repairs-pw..... $247.50
Iowa Parks & Rec
CPO Class-pool..... $495.00
John Deere Financial
Supplies, Freight-pw..... $221.30
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-pw $568.66
Knor Electric Motor & Well
Pump Repairs-pw..... $708.60
Knutson Oil Co.
Fuel-pw,tr..... $1,275.90
Marco Tech
Meter Clicks-cc..... $648.14
Metering & Technology
Radio Heads-pw $318.06
Microbac Laboratories
Testing-pw..... $946.50
Mid-American Research Chemical
Supplies-pw $472.13
Midwest Pipe Supply
,,Supplies-pw $814.00
Northwood Sanitation
Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation $800.00
ODP Business Solutions
Supplies-cc..... $153.78
Skylar Beresford
Refund-or..... $75.00
Storey Kenworthy
Supplies-cc..... $418.00
The Northwood Anchor
Publications..... $302.36
Top of Iowa
Annual Lease..... $500.00
Trading Post
Supplies-pw $200.93
WCTA, Phone/Internet $642.47
Worth Co Sheriff
Police Services..... $31,170.75
Worth Lumber Co.
Supplies $34.20
Library:
Alliant Energy, Utilities .. $504.99
Northland Custom Interiors
Carpet $451.01
Visa, Supplies..... $373.46
Baker & Taylor
Materials $728.89
Center Point Large Print
Materials $102.58

Summary of March 2023 receipts by fund type: General - $264,127.43; Special Revenue-$40,969.75; Debt Service - $6,687.64; Capital Projects-$2,207.39; Enterprise-$83,419.59; Trust & Agency - $133.84.

Summary of March 2023 disbursements by fund type: General - $54,448.73; Special Revenue-$39,337.37; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$59,770.42; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

Coni Toft-Butler addressed the council with traffic concerns and requested stop signs be placed along 8th Street South and 1st and 2nd Avenue South. Mayor Moehle will place the topic on the agenda for next council meeting.

Following the FY24 Budget Public Hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2304-04 Adopting the Annual Budget for FY24. Aye: George-Zenz, Reeder, Tenold. Nay: Peterson, Nerlien. Resolution passed.

Following the Code of Ordinances Public Hearing there was a motion to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 183 Adopting the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northwood, Iowa. Unam.

Motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 183 Adopting the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northwood, Iowa. Unam.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 183 Adopting the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northwood, Iowa. Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Angie Thompson with WCTA presented a certificate recognizing The City of Northwood as a Smart Connected Community.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 183

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA.

Northwood City Council adopted all of the provisions of the "CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA," All ordinances or parts thereof in force on the effective date of this ordinance are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance with exceptions. Official copy of the "CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA," as adopted is on file at the office of the City Clerk.

The foregoing is a summary of Ordinance No. 183. Said ordinance may be inspected in its entirety in the City Clerk's Office, City of Northwood, 627 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA, between the hours of 8 am-4pm Monday-Friday. Ordinance No. 183 was passed and approved by the Northwood City Council on April 10, 2023 and will become effective on April 19, 2020 date of publication as provided by law.

Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

April 10, 2023
Fifteenth 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 Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the Secondary Roads FY24 DOT Budget and Program. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg recessed the regular session at 9:02 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to open the public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy at 9:02 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg read the proposed FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. There was no public comment.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to close the public hearing at 9:05 A.M. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg reconvened the regular session at 9:05 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2023-09 – Approval of FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Roll call: Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye; Loberg – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the Auditor's Office).

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to set the FY24 Worth County Proposed Budget Hearing date for April 24 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $94,184.66 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr 44.50
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Con 18.75
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies 566.05
Aramark, Service-Eng 107.16
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf..... 1,842.86
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 32.68
Bcn Telecom
Service-Gsr 103.70
Brian M Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng 2,104.24
Cindy Thompson
Reimb-Asr..... 211.46
City Of Fertile, Rutf-Eng... 957.58
City Of Grafton, Rutf-Eng . 570.60
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 248.71
City Of Joice, Rutf-Eng..... 722.48
City Of Kensett
Rutf-Eng 368.72
City Of Manly, Service-Eng. 60.00
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 412.47
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf..... 95.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Trs..... 73.70
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 4,517.26
Frank Stearns
Service-Mex 225.00
Freeborn County Coop Oil
Fuel-Eng 41,861.81
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 6,479.42
Grp & Associates Inc
Service-Phd..... 36.00
Hawkeye Community College
Edu-Shf..... 100.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 291.60
Intoximeters, Inc
Supplies-Shf 236.00
Lexee Anderson
Mileage-Phd 16.38
Lexisnexis, Service-Aty..... 183.00
Mason City Fire And Rescue
Service-Mex 250.00
Mike Bode, Reimb-Eng 260.88
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr 80.40
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Northwood Dental Associates
Service-Shf..... 305.00
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr 211.50
Purchase Power
Postage-Trs..... 1,050.58
Raegen Reyerson
Mileage-Phd 16.38
Sarah Douty, Mileage-Phd 209.47
Shred Right, Service-Gsr..... 45.84
Thomas Reid, Reimb-Vaf... 679.80
Trading Post, Supplies-Con. 14.24
Tyler Technologies Inc
Service-Rec 2,000.00
U S Postal Service
Postage-Aud 446.00
Verizon Wireless
Service-Ema 40.01
Wex Bank, Service-Tra ... 2,566.82
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Gsr 3,805.87
Worth Co Emergency Mgmt
4th Qtr Pymt-Dis/Ema 18,886.75
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Gsr..... 103.99
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng..... 324.00
Grand Total 94,184.66

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the bid by A1 Excavating & Drainage Inc. for DD #6 in the amount of $52,000.00 for tree & stump removal, cleaning/reshaping bank and reseeding for approximately 2,900 feet. Motion carried. It was also decided not to move ahead with reclassification/annexation/right-of-way at this point.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to set the date to open project bids for DD #2 on May 15 at 9:30 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the quarterly sheriff, recorder and auditor reports and the monthly sheriff's report. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve position change from secondary roads maintenance to engineer office personnel effective April 10, 2023 and wage change to $60,000/year based on a 35 hour week for Colton Kisner as submitted by the engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Brackey's Country View Acres LLC. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan updates for C.B. Neel and Sons #63840 and Nate & Melissa Moretz #69342. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve 28E Agreement – Sharing of Mental Health Advocate between Iowa Counties of Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the professional agreement between WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure Inc. and Worth County. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:41 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023 in the Administrative Office at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Cindy Pangburn

(4-0) Approved the Agenda for April 13, 2023; March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes; Financial Reports for March; April bills for payment

Public Hearing for 2023-2024 Budget

President Hovey opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 pm

Reports:

Elementary Principal: 1) Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2) Kindergarten Round-up 3) Kindergarten Orientation Day 4) Orientation plans for 5th grade students 5) Preschool Advisory meeting April 26th

Secondary Principal: 1) Regional Planning Partnership funds to purchase new welder and 3D printer and supplies, Total $7800 2) FCCLA: Macy Thorson earned a state rep spot as IA FCCLA's vice president of community service. Macy and Bailey Thorson earned a trip to Colorado for national competition this June 3) Grant for Drones has been approved for Jordan Smalley's STEM 4) Graduation practice Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30 5) Youth Vaping prevention

Superintendent: 1) District Football Admission/Lower-Level Sports Admission 2) Summer Projects 3) Legislative Update

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 15th at 7:00 pm

New Business:

(4-0) approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

(4-0) approve the application for the audit extension for the 2022 fiscal year

(4-0) approve the publication for a Budget Amendment Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget for May 15, 2023 at 7:01 at the administrative office located at 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA 50459

(4-0) approve the Coop Agreement for Pre-service Clinical Placement with Morningside College for the 2023-24 school year

(4-0) approve the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate the probationary teaching contract of Angie Gaskill effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year for staff reduction reasons

(4-0) approve the review of the 800 series board policies

(4-0) rescind Policies 801.05, 801.07, 801.08, 802.08, 802.09, 803.03 and 804.03

(4-0) approve the second reading of policies 701.03, 702, 703.0, 704.01, 704.05, 704.06, 705.01, 706.02, 707.04, 709, 710.01-R(1), 710.01E(1), 710.01-E(2), 710.03, 216.02, 607.01, 804.07R(1), 701.05, 701.05R(1) and 804.07-R(1)

(4-0) approve the first reading of policies 802.03, 802.04-R(1), 802.04-R(2), 803.01, 803.02, and 804.07

(4-0) approve the bid from Western Specialty Contractors for $169,873.00 for the MS/HS façade restoration

(4-0) approve ratification of the negotiated agreement between the NKEA and the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education for the 2023-2025 school years

(4-0) approve issuing letters of assignment for classified personnel for the 2023-2024 as presented by Superintendent Crozier

(4-0) approve issuing contracts for Bus Drivers, Director of Transportation, Director of Technology, Business Manager/Board Secretary and School Nurse for the 2023-2024 school year as presented by Superintendent Crozier

(4-0) approve issuing two-year continuing contracts for the principals and Superintendent for the 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 school years as presented by Superintendent Crozier

(4-0) approve the tuition for the 3-year-olds at $1,572 for the entire year for 2023-2024

(4-0) by Directors Kliment and Christianson to approve the Emergency Shelter Agreement with the Lutheran Retirement Home

(4-0) approve fundraisers for Cayleigh Pepper's family: Grade 7 selling bracelets, FCCLA selling morning coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts, Math Club collecting money in the library and Parents notification through JMC school system

Personnel

(4-0) approve the hire of Stacy Martin as secondary JH Girls' basketball for the 2023-24 school year

(4-0) approve the hire Cade Hengesteg as assistant High School baseball for the 2023 summer season

(4-0) accept the resignation of Kimberly Odegaard as student council advisor at the end of the 2022-2023 school year pending finding a suitable replacement

(4-0) accept the resignation of Mackensie Maroo as Head Varsity Volleyball coach pending finding a suitable replacement

(4-0) accept the resignation of Katie Strom as assistant varsity girls' track coach pending a suitable replacement

(4-0) approve the class of 2023 for graduation pending successful completion of credits to graduation pending successful completion of credits to graduate

(4-0) by Directors Christianson and Anderson to enter closed session at 7:56 pm under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1)(i) for Superintendent Evaluation

(4-0) came out of closed session at 8:20 pm

Upon returning to open session no action was taken

(4-0) adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm

Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount

AGiRepair, Inc
parts..... 3,990.00
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
propane 1,695.38
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.
legal services 448.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC
SUPPLIES..... 392.76
All Star Pest Control
pest control 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY..... 12,542.42
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 44.73
BATTON, SHANE
Lawn Care 2,937.50
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
SUPPLIES..... 64.37
Central Rivers Area Education
Agency, summit..... 15.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 1,677.10
Davidson, Preston
score keeper..... 1,470.00
DRIVEWISE, fee..... 395.00
EDUCATORS BENEFIT CONSULTANTS, LLC
Flex Plan..... 125.00
Express Pressure Washers, Inc.
equipment..... 133.90
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 792.70
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS
conference..... 350.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Business Academy 530.00
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS
services 1,396.00
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service 215.00
John Deere Financial
service 9.99
Johnson Plastics Plus
supplies..... 632.60
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 632.35
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., service..... 1,329.44
MARC, supplies..... 454.00
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies..... 2,116.33
MENARDS, SUPPLIES..... 161.96
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION..... 534.89
NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC
PC, physical..... 100.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION
garbage 630.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF MASON CITY
service 345.00
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
BOOKS 18.52
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY - MC, SUPPLIES..... 319.26
REALLY GOOD STUFF, LLC
SUPPLIES..... 189.96
Roto-Rooter of Mason City
drain service 200.00
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY, supplies 2,599.54
School Safety Solution
supplies..... 1,463.17
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC
SUPPLIES..... 504.78
Security & Communication Professionals
security services 988.50
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies 21.98
TILL360, LLC
prof development..... 5,250.00
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC
MEDICAID BILLING..... 10.13
VISA, supplies..... 814.69
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service .. 1,157.44
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas 5,441.61
Worth Lumber Company
supplies..... 238.16
IOWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK POOL
natural gas 20,282.50
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 365.41
Jubber, Nathan 240.00
Fund Number 10..... 76,342.07
Albert Lea Steel, Inc.
supplies..... 818.40
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 957.79
Backroads Catering
catering..... 2,470.00
BELMOND-KLEMME CSD
fee..... 100.00
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD
fee..... 100.00
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
supplies..... 1,794.25
DRAKE UNIVERSITY
fee..... 1,999.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 185.08
GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA CSD, fee 423.50
HAMPTON-DUMONT HIGH SCHOOL, fee..... 10.00
Hartman, Steve
reimb supplies 120.00
Hulshizer, Ryan
reimb supplies 256.00
INSTRUMENTALIST CO., THE
fee..... 84.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOC, fee 245.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION, fee..... 129.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.
supplies..... 27.94
Jay Brian Comedy Hypnotist
service 2,500.00
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 39.92
Know Your Golf Rules
supplies..... 71.45
LAKE MILLS CSD, fee..... 80.00
Maroo, Mackensie
reimb supplies 125.00
MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL, fee..... 105.00
N-K GENERAL FUND
reimb officials..... 344.48
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CSD
fee..... 120.00
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION
fee..... 132.00
NORTH IOWA CSD, fee.... 100.00
NORTH UNION HIGH SCHOOL
fee..... 220.00
Olson, Garrett
reimb supplies 394.78
OSAGE CSD, fee 360.00
Parks, Gregory
reimb supplies 120.00
Reindl, Jordan
reimb supplies 504.00
Reiter, Sam, officials..... 180.00
ROUND GROVE GOLF COURSE
fee..... 60.00
South Hamilton High School
fee..... 125.00
ST. ANSGAR CSD, fee..... 70.00
Staples Business Credit
supplies..... 359.99
SUNTKEN, DAVE
official 180.00
SYNERGY PHYSICAL THERAPY AND SPORT
service..... 3,000.00
TROPHIES PLUS, INC.
supplies..... 848.16
Worth Lumber Company
supplies..... 660.93
Fund Number 21..... 20,420.67
Marco, copier lease..... 1,329.29
TownsEnd Company
roll out bleachers..... 33,365.00
Fund Number 36..... 34,694.29
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 64.73
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
MILK 2,425.73
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES
SUPPLIES..... 157.35
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 14.97
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP
repairs..... 2,323.65
MARTIN BROTHERS
food/supplies..... 9,816.02
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD 883.49
Fund Number 61..... 15,685.94

Legal

Northwood Anchor

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009361
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAREN K. BARTZ, Deceased.

To all persons interested in the estate of Caren K. Bartz, deceased, who died on or about March 30, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on April 13, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Caren K. Bartz, deceased, bearing the date of March 6, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Curtis L. Bartz was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2023.

Executor of Estate:
Curtis L. Bartz
4250 Warbler Avenue
Grafton, Iowa 50440

Attorney for Executor:
James W. Hackbart,
ICIS# AT0003005
Law Office of
James W. Hackbart, PLC
304 Third Street
P.O. Box 113
Grafton, Iowa 50440

Date of Second Publication 26th day of April, 2023. 16-2t

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

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

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

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

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

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

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Obituaries

Marian Helling



MARIAN HELLING

Marian D. (Midlang) Helling was born on August 29, 1931, to Leonard and Edna Midlang of rural Kensett, Iowa. She passed away on March 2, 2023, at the age of 91.

She grew up in Kensett and Northwood, Iowa. After graduating from Kensett High School, she attended Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa. She married Archie L. Helling on June 26, 1946, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church. They farmed and operated a sand and gravel business in rural Iowa until Archie died in 1967.

Family and friends are invited to attend her memorial service at Elk Creek Lutheran Church 4108 Killdeer Ave. Kensett, IA 50448 on April 29, 2023, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt officiating.

Marian and her seven children moved to Richfield, Minnesota, in 1969. She worked a number of different jobs, including many years in the Registrar of Titles for Hennepin County. In 1982, she graduated from St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. After graduation, she worked as a mortgage underwriter for Wells Fargo until she retired in 2000.

Marian spent her retirement years involved with family activities. Her home in Richfield was the site of many family gatherings. Christmas was her favorite with many decorations and plenty of food. Her hobbies were gardening, sewing and quilting.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Archie; daughter, Diane Helling; granddaughter, Heather Helling; parents, Leonard and Edna Midlang; stepmother, Selma Midlang; all five brothers, Milton, Dennis and Baby Boy, Norris (Luella) and Leslie (Millie); nephew, James Midlang; and niece, Joanne Dahlberg.

She is survived by her six children, Dennis Helling, Randi Helling (Ken Mentz), Linda Larson, Julie Helling, Andy Helling (Pauline) and Bob Helling (Ericka); grandchildren, Laura Helling, Jennifer Helling, Alicia Helling, Allison Martz (Jason Wood), Mariana Campbell (Lee), Zachary Larson (Tammy), Charles Larson (Amber), Benjamin Larson, Alex Helling (Joelene Kronz), Briana Helling, Josh Laven and Elizabeth Helling; nine great-grandchildren; her nephew, Ron Lance (Sharon); and nieces, Donna Rhodes (Luther) and Darlene Midlang.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Marian's honor to Open Arms at 2500 Bloomington Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 or donate online at https://www.openarmsmn.org/donate.*



Viking Carter Anderson tees it up last Monday afternoon at Round Grove Golf Club in Greene. Anderson shot a 58 in both meets last week, earning him a 19th and a ninth place finish.



Lady Viking Marisa Halbach chips on the green last Monday afternoon at Round Grove Golf Club. Halbach shot 79 in Greene, good for a 12th place finish.

Hanson and Helgeson share medalist honors, N-K boys win at home

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys and girls golf teams hit the links last week and while all of them had a fine day on Monday in Greene, it was on the two teams' home course last Tuesday where they both shined.

Coming off a successful day last Monday at Round Grove in Greene where the girls placed second and the boys third, led by Ella Leonard's fourth place 55 and freshman Caden Helgeson's fifth place 44, the N-K golf teams were fired up for a day on the home course, The Northwood Country Club.

On familiar ground last Tuesday, Nicholas Hanson and Helgeson scorched the rest of the field, sharing medalist honors with an 11 over 47. But the boys weren't done yet, the rest of the team got in on the home field action, with Breyden Hoeppner placing third (52), Brady Christianson placing fourth (53), Carter Anderson placing ninth (58) and Kenny Conlin placing 13th.

Leonard led the girls in both matches last week, the talented junior shot a 55 both nights and took home a second place medal on Tuesday in Northwood.

The golf teams will be in action twice this week, including Monday at Nashua and Thursday in Northwood.

Boys Team Scores at North Butler – Forest City 163, North Butler 196, Northwood-Kensett 205, Saint Ansgar 217

Girls Team Scores at North Butler – North Butler 224, Northwood-Kensett 251, Saint Ansgar

Boys Team Scores at N-K – Northwood-Kensett 199, Riceville 228, Saint Ansgar 245

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The Kensett City Council met in regular session 09/12/2022 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Heiken, Parker & Woltzen.

Absent: Pilkington & Douglas

Visitors: None

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Maintenance discussed bypass event. Pumps may need repair. He is back to regular work after surgery. Water in Community Center also a problem.

Lori discussed filling in as clerk and doing work from home. Schmidt Construction will be contacted about repairs needed at community center.

Old Business: Clerk position will be advertised. Cut-off date October 28th.

Maintenance wages tabled.

New Business: County Urban Renewal Plan discussed. Council has questions before signing off on it.

Document scanner will be purchased.

Clerk will publish what is needed to fill council seat.

Treasurer's Report: August 2022 Revenues by Fund: General 6,845.43, Utilities 5,662.66, Special 23,882.06. Total Revenues: $36,981.07. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 2,303.92, WCTA 277.74, B. Luckason 835.69 (net), R. Bauer 1,159.83 (net), L. McNally 568.45 (net), Federal & SS 982.30 (payroll), IPERS 729.40 (payroll), Tractor Loan Payment #43/60 321.98 (casino $-general), C. Pulju 324.50 (Service-gen), Central Tank Coatings 1500.00 (Tower Cleaning), A. Rollene 1,893.75 (Mowing- 151.5 hrs- gen) Visa 853.31 (Supplies- Gen- Flag Pole), ICAP 12,336.00 (General), Agsource 18.75 (service-sewer-testing),Hawkins 388.14 (Chemicals-water), B. White 23.57 (Water deposit refund), Menards 54.84 (Supplies-general, Kelly Hardware 79.45 (Supplies- general), Pioneer Critical Power 1,267.18 (Service- gen), Quality Pump 479.00 (Service-Sewer), D&L Equipment 404.48 (Mower-gen), R80 135.23 (City Gas- gen), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), Kensett Water Works 104.00 (sewer fees), KFD 400.00 (fire protection) Waste Management 1593.65 (garbage & recycling-general), Nelson Septic Services 250.00 (Service-gen).

Disbursements by Fund: General 20,942.29, Special 1,171.29, Utilities 2,895.91, Payroll 4,506.54 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $29,516.03

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

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CASE NO. ESPR009360
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENE P. HALFMAN, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gene P. Halfman, Deceased, who died on or about on August 6, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on April 5, 2023, the last will and testament of Gene P. Halfman, deceased, bearing date of July 13, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on April 5, 2023.

Loretta Halfman, Proponent
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Date of second publication the 19th day of April 2023.

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Lady Viking Morgan Wallin runs the third leg of the shuttle hurdle relay last Tuesday night in Nashua. The shuttle team of Macy Thorson, Emma Hengesteg, Lindsey Moore and Wallin took home first place medals with a time of 1:10.14, which now ranks them second in all of class 1A. (Picture provided by Sarah Jacobsen for the Northwood Anchor)



N-K's long distance specialist Megan Ocel competes in the 3,000-meter run last Tuesday at the N-P Coed Relays. Ocel earned a first place finish with a time of 13:51.18.



N-K's Chloe Costello approaches her handoff with Demaris Peterson who is running the anchor leg of the sprint medley relay for the Lady Vikings last Tuesday in Nashua. The team of Costello, Peterson, Emma Hengesteg and Morgan Wallin finished second with a time of 2:11.04.

Moore, Wallin dominate hurdles as Lady Vikings take home N-P title

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Lady Viking hurdlers Lindsey Moore and Morgan Wallin set the standards pretty high for the rest of the team last week after the talented duo took home three first place medals and three second place medals in the 100-meter hurdles in as many meets.

Moore now ranks fourth in class 1A in the event while Wallin is ranked 14th. The two are also a critical part of class 1A's second fastest shuttle hurdle team after posting a time of 1:10.14 at last Friday's Lady Viking Relays.

Macy Thorson, Emma Hengesteg, Moore and Wallin make up the shuttle hurdle team that is ranked 26th overall in the state, giving them a shot at a Drake Relays invite.

The Lady Vikings took home the team title last Tuesday night at Nashua-Plainfield, coming out on top of N-P, Central Springs, Clarksville, Dunkerton, Janesville, Riceville and Turkey Valley.

And while on most nights Northwood-Kensett's relays would carry most of the load, it was the individual performers that pushed it over the top in Nashua.

Earning top three finishes at N-P were Thorson in the 100-meter run (3rd), Thorson in the 200-meter run (2nd), Chloe Costello in the 400 (2nd), Mallory Rheingans in the 800 (3rd), Moore in the 100 hurdles (1st), Wallin in the 100 hurdles (2nd), Moore in the 400 hurdles (1st), Costello in the 400 hurdles (3rd), Megan Ocel in the 3,000-meter run and Merrin Hanson in the 3,000 (2nd).

The Lady Vikings traveled to Buffalo Center last Thursday night, but in their preparation for Friday's home meet, the team allowed many of its stars to take the day off, resulting in a sixth place finish with 79 team points.

N-K really hoped to win its own meet last Friday but came up just a few points shy of Saint Ansgar, who took home this year's title with 175 points. The Lady Vikings placed second with 133 team points.

With the third meet in just four days most of the Lady Vikings were exhausted come Friday's home meet, but the team scored big in the relays, winning titles in the 4x800 and the shuttle hurdle while taking home second or third place medals in the 4x200, 4x400, sprint medley and distance medley relays.

The Lady Vikings will get a bit of a reprieve this week with just two meets on the schedule, including Tuesday at Garner-Hayfield/Ventura and Thursday at N-P.

Team Scores at North Iowa – West Bend-Mallard 157, Forest City 153, Algona 119, North Iowa 101, Newman Catholic 89, Northwood-Kensett 79, Clarion-Goldfield 78, Central Springs 77, North Union 75, GTRA 66, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 45

Team Scores at Lady Viking Relays – Saint Ansgar 175, Northwood-Kensett 133, Osage 132, Lake Mills 108, North Butler 65, Newman Catholic 46, Rockford 37

Usually reliant on relays Vikings now depend on field events for points

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett boys track program is well known across the state of Iowa for one thing, other than Tom Yezek, its relay teams, who have been the dominant force behind the Vikings' success on the oval since before I started covering them almost 20 years ago.

But this current group of young men are made up of a different kind of athlete than in years past. Don't get me wrong, the Vikings have plenty of talent on this year's relay teams, but the area that is racking up the points this season is the team's field events, led by Justin Mills, Nolan Senne, Trent Tiedemann and Kooper Julseth, just to name a few.

And while this group isn't racking up a ton of first place medals, in some field events, like the high jump, any points the Vikings get are 100% more than they've received in years past when no one entered those events.

The Vikings got the week started last Tuesday at the Huskies Coed Invitational in Nashua, where their relays were able to pick up a few points, including the 4x100 (6th), the 4x400 (5th), the 4x800 (4th), the distance medley (4th) and the shuttle hurdle team of Mills, Alex Tiedemann, Colby Eskildsen and Kolton Robinson placed fourth.

Long distance specialist Treycen Rollene was good for 20 team points after he took home first place medals in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. Rollene and the Vikings run in class 1A, where the talented senior is now ranked 23rd in the 1,600 and 16th in the 3,200.

But it was the field events where the Vikings were able to cash in the points with Mills and Senne earning second and sixth place in the discus respectively, while Trent Tiedemann placed third in the shot with a throw of 36-10.50 and Julseth cleared the bar at 5-08.00 in the high jump, good for a fourth place finish.

Last Thursday night in Lake Mills saw some of North Iowa's elite track teams come together at the Bulldog Boys Relays, including teams from Lake Mills, North Iowa, Bishop-Garrigan, Central Springs, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura, Newman Catholic, North Butler, Northwood-Kensett, Osage, Saint Ansgar and West Hancock.

And while the depth of the talent helped keep the Vikings' scores down, they were nonetheless able to take home some medals, including the Julseth in the 800 (7th), Rollene in the 1,600 (4th), Julseth in the high jump (5th), Trent Tiedemann in the shot (8th), Mills in the discus (5th), the 4x400 (6th), the shuttle hurdle (7th), and the team's top two relays in Lake Mills, the distance medley (2nd) and taking home the first place medal was the 4x800, the team's lone title on the night.

The Vikings had two meets set for this week, including Tuesday at Belmond-Klemme and Thursday at North Iowa.



N-K's Kooper Julseth clears the high jump bar last Tuesday afternoon at the Huskies Coed Relays at Nashua-Plainfield. Julseth placed fourth with a jump of 5-08.00. (Picture provided by Sarah Jacobsen for the Northwood Anchor)



N-K senior Nolan Senne throws the discus at last Tuesday nights Huskie Coed Invitational in Nashua. Senne placed sixth in the event with a throw of 103-01.00.

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