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Briefs



Clocks fall back Sunday

With Halloween past, and preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas getting into full swing, many will be looking for every extra hour they can find in the coming months. This weekend, courtesy of Daylight Savings Time, one more will be saved.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday. The Anchor reminds readers to set clocks back before going to bed on Saturday, or for night and early morning owls, right as 2 a.m. arrives.



Halloween visitors

With Halloween on the way, students in preschool classes visited Northwood businesses earlier this week. The costumed kids were joined by teachers and members of their family as they visited to trick or treat. That included their visit to the Northwood Anchor, pictured here. More pictures of Northwood's Halloween activities can be found in next week's Northwood Anchor.

Funtastic Holidaze Craft and Vendor Show's proceeds go to a special lady

By Lisa Lestrud

What started as the Kensett Christmas Craft Fair by the Kensett Women's Club was an annual event held at the city hall for many years. As the women got older and the club was no more it was time to rekindle the tradition.

Lori McNally asked me if I would be interested in helping her to get the craft fair going again. I was very excited that she asked me and so began a new chapter.

The Funtastic Holidaze

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LORI MCNALLY (Photo curtesy of Amber Julseth)

Meetings to discuss proposed Alliant Energy's rate increase begin Nov. 6

Recently, Alliant Energy notified customers that it plans to increase its rates for natural gas service.

Alliant Energy's Iowa utility, Interstate Power and Light Company, submitted a proposal to the Iowa Utilities Board on October 12 to adjust customers' electric rates in late 2024.

According to Alliant, the rate increase comes as the company invests in "a more reliable, sustainable and resilient energy future to benefit our customers and the communities we serve in Iowa."

Amongst the uses of the rate increases listed by Alliant are generation resources, economic opportunities, replacing and upgrading infrastructure and a healthier environment.

Alliant says that the impact on customer bills will vary, depending on usage and the final rates approved by the Iowa Utilities Board.

The IUB will review Alliant's request within 10 months and establish final rates, which may be different than the rates the company is proposing.

Alliant is requesting the new rates become effective in October 2024. However, the Iowa Utilities Board will determine if and when any changes in final rates become effective.

The rates under review by the Iowa Utilities Board are called base rates and only account for a portion of customer bills. "Base rates

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N-K blood drive set for Nov. 15

A blood drive will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at Northwood-Kensett High School.

The blood drive, held for LifeServe Blood Center, sponsored by the N-K Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, will be held in the N-KHS gym, at 704 Seventh Street North, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Those that would like to donate may call 800-287-4903, text LIFESERVE to 999.777. Appointments and more information may also be found online at lifeserve.info.

Council discusses alcohol service, vandalism ordinances

The Northwood city council discussed ordinances that would potentially impact youth in the community at their recent meeting. One would comply with state law to allow younger drink servers. The other would address issues local law enforcement dealt with during recent Homecoming events.

The council continued a series of several meetings to update a city ordinance to match a change in state law regarding the minimum age of alcohol service.

Earlier this year the state legislature changed Iowa law to allow those as young as 16 to serve alcohol.

At their August 28 meeting, the council first discussed an ordinance that would update city code to meet the changes at the state level.

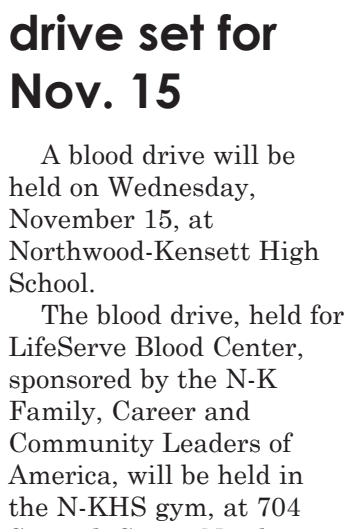
However two council members, Gary Nerlien and Dan Reeder, cited concerns for the wellbeing of those younger servers. At that first meeting an initial reading of the ordinance passed on a 3-2 vote.

The second reading of the ordinance was held at the first meeting in September. With one member absent, the vote was 2-2 and that version of the ordinance failed.

A new version of the ordinance was on the agenda at the second September meeting. This version left the minimum age at 18.

Council members

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The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Oct. 24	73	62	T
Wed. Oct. 25	77	55	T
Thurs. Oct.26	62	55	T
Fri. Oct. 27	67	45	T
Sat. Oct. 28	45	28	T
Sun. Oct. 29	31	27	0.04
Mon. Oct. 30	37	23	

City/school general election set for Tuesday

This Tuesday, November 7, voters will decide who will represent them on city and school boards, council and positions. Absentee voting is currently underway.

Voters may request and vote ballots at the Auditor's Office until 4 p.m. this Monday, November 6.

Polls will be open on election day, this Tuesday, November 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Appearing on ballots in the city of Fertile are Andy Carlson and Tim Severson, along with a write-in vote for a vacancy, for the city council. Nick Bailey will be on ballots for mayor.

In Hanlontown, Larry J. Bergan Jr., Crystal Brower, Gregory W. Endelman and Shannon Warren will be on ballots for council. Linda K. McMullin and Richard Scholbrock will run for mayor.

Candidates for two Manly council seats include Richard Dean Baird, Dee Dunbar, Scott Heagel and Dan Kainz. Running for the mayor of Manly is Timothy O'Keefe.

On ballots for mayor in Grafton will be John Bork. Running for Grafton council

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Conlin receives All-State Band honor

Northwood-Kensett student musician Kenny Conlin recently earned the distinction of being chosen as an All-State alternate, only the second student in 25 years to receive All State honors at N-K.

On Saturday, October 21, over 2,400 Iowa high school students auditioned for the All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra, at six district audition sites, including one in Hampton, which included Northwood-Kensett.

Of those students auditioning, 147 of those students were trombone players, including Northwood-Kensett senior Kenny Conlin. Those students were vying for one of the only 22 trombone spots available between the All-State Band and Orchestra.

The audition process included performing cuts from two prescribed etudes that were released in late July, a solo excerpt of the performer's choice, major scales and a chromatic scale.

After the first round of auditions, the top students are recalled for final selection / part place-

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KENNY CONLIN



Take a gander at this group of geese

On their way to spend the winter in warmer areas, great groups of Canadian geese often make a pit stop at the Northwood wastewater facilities on the south side of the city. Whether it be the nearby river, the protection of a fenced in yard, the green spaces to wander or the view that allows them to keep a watchful eye on their surroundings and potential predators, it's all about location for the dozens of geese that have temporarily called the spot home recently.

Pro Ag Outlook and Management series to offer insight into 2024

Farmers and the ag industry will get an in-depth look into 2024 during this year's Pro Ag Outlook and Management Webinar Series, November 13-17.

Five webinars will be offered, designed to provide participants with a concise evaluation of current market conditions, expected trends in crop and livestock income potential, and management implications.

All webinars will run from noon to 1 p.m. Central time, with a live question and answer session following each presentation.

"We are looking forward to the lineup of experts on our webinar series this year," said Ann Johanns, program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "Each speaker brings a unique topic and perspective to the program. Bobby Martens starts our series off focusing specifically on Iowa agribusinesses and issues impacting them going into 2024, and our newest faculty member, Rabail Chandio, will share a detailed analysis of who owns Iowa farmland – and how the state's ownership structure impacts many facets of this industry."

In addition to Martens and Chandio, presentations will include "The interaction of USDA programs and carbon payment," by Alejandro Plastina, extension economist; "Livestock Outlook and profit potential for beef, pork and other Iowa industries," by Lee Schulz, extension livestock economist; and "Crop markets for 2024 and beyond," by Chad Hart, extension economist and crop markets specialist.

"This is a great opportunity for agribusiness professionals and producers alike to hear research on issues impacting their businesses across the state in a convenient and timely method," continued Johanns.

Programs will be available for on-demand viewing the day following the live broadcast. Registration is $20 and includes access to the five live programs and archived recordings. Viewing of live and recorded programs is through a web browser. No additional software downloads are needed.

For more information, Johanns can be reached at 515-337-2766 or aholste@iastate.edu

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Teresa George-Zenz, Steve Peterson and Dave Tenold voted against that version of the ordinance, saying that the State had done their due diligence. Parental signatures would be required and businesses would have to have at least two 18 year olds working at the same time as those younger.

With a 2-3 vote that version of the ordinance failed.

At their first meeting in October, the council returned to the first version of the ordinance, with the age minimum at 16. Nerlien raised his objections again, and Reeder was absent.

A first reading was held and passed 3-1.

The second reading took place at the October 23 council meeting.

With positions clear after four meetings, the second reading passed on a 3-2 vote with little discussion.

The third reading is set for the next meeting on November 13.

While the process on the previous ordinance continued simply, it was brought up as the council discussed an update to the public safety portion of the city code.

At the previous council meeting, sheriff Dan Fank shared issues that had taken place during this year's celebration of Homecoming at Northwood-Kensett.

Fank had mentioned things like throwing eggs, shooting paintball-like guns with frozen water pellets and other activities that potentially could injure people or damage property.

City officials had met with Fank, the city attorney and the company that helps write city code to update the "Public Health and Safety" portion.

The biggest change would allow law enforcement in the city to confiscate anything that could be considered dangerous to people, property, vehicles, etc.

As Fank shared at the previous meeting, that was one of the biggest challenges for the deputy that worked during Homecoming week. He could stop the students, but did not have the authority to take anything they were using to cause problems.

As discussion on the updated ordinance began, Reeder mentioned that he saw a disparity between the ordinances on that evening's agenda.

Reeder said that on one hand they were loosening the rules for young people to serve alcohol, but at the same time were updating another law for a similar age group to stop them from committing vandalism.

Reeder mentioned that the alcohol law included parental permission for young people to serve. However, the Homecoming experience showed that some kids were brought home to their parents by the deputy, only to be back out causing problems again the same night. Reeder said that some parents aren't necessarily a responsible party.

Reeder said he'd like to see that change, at least in regards to the vandalism of Homecoming, and throughout the rest of the year, referencing damage to structures in the City's parks.

At the meeting, it was discussed that more than $10,000 in damage had been done to the bathrooms and gazebo in Swensrud Park. That was on top of the time spent by the public works crew.

As written, the young person found to be violating the ordinance would face a minimum misdemeanor, including a fine determined by a magistrate if it came to the courts.

Reeder and other council members said that they would like to see stronger fines for those that vandalized property in the city.

It was also discussed that the council would like to hold parents responsible in some way as well.

While Fank's request to be able to take items when young people are caught was addressed, Reeder said that only stopped them from using what they have, and that they could easily get more.

The council asked that options for stronger fines and penalizing parents be investigated before approving the updated ordinance.

N-K Veterans Day program Nov. 13

Northwood-Kensett will hosts its annual Veterans Day program on Monday, November 13, with a musical program presented by the N-K band musicians.

The N-KHS band will share a special performance for this year's Veterans Day celebration.

The program will also include the announcement of patriotic essay writers, presented by the Northwood VFW.

Following the program, the N-K FCCLA chapter will serve coffee and cookies for veterans and guests in the Viking Activity Center meeting room.

The Veterans Day program begins shortly after the start of the school day at 8:30 a.m.

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Craft and Vendor Show came to be. We moved it to the Kensett Community Center and it grew.

McNally had her own following of customers to purchase her famous lefse. She also had wonderful canning items and homemade candy.

It will definitely be different this year without her. The show must go on and she would want that too. It has been an annual event with proceeds always going to something.

This year the proceeds will go towards a memorial bench in honor of Lori McNally. She will always be known in Kensett and greatly missed.

Join us on Saturday November 4, 2023, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Kensett Community Center, Kensett, Iowa.

We will have many different crafters and home business vendors.

Worth County Relay for Life will be serving pancakes and ham for breakfast. For lunch they will have scalloped potatoes and ham and vegetable beef soup. Come and support a real organization. See you in Kensett!

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include capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, a return on investment and taxes."

The new rates are proposed to be phased in over approximately two years with increases in October 2024 and October 2025. If the Iowa Utilities Board decides that the proposed rates will be implemented in a different time period, the increase may vary.

Customers have the right to file written comments and objections with the Iowa Utilities Board that include any facts that would assist the Board in reviewing the proposed rate adjustment.

Customers also have the right to request a public hearing regarding the proposed new rates. Comments, objections or hearing requests can be submitted to the Iowa Utilities Board online at efs.iowa.gov, by email at customer@iub.iowa.gov or by mail at Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069.

All comments are a matter of public record and available to the Office of Consumer Advocate, who represents the public interest in rate cases before the Iowa Utilities Board.

As part of this request, the Iowa Utilities Board will host a series of customer comment meetings. The customer comment meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the dates below. Details about participating or accessing information presented at the customer comment meetings will be available on the Iowa Utilities Board website, iub.iowa.gov.

The closest meeting for those living in Worth County will be held in Clear Lake on Tuesday, November 7, at 6 p.m. at The Surf Ballroom, 460 North Shore Dr.

A virthual meeting will also be held on Thursday, November 9, at 6 p.m. at iub.iowa.gov.

More information about Alliant Energy's rates are available online at alliantenergy.com/iowarates. A free, written explanation of current and proposed rates can be provided upon request.

Anyone with questions may call Alliant Energy at 1-800-ALLIANT (800-255-4268).

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are Jane Dalluge, Randy Hulshizer, Tom Kruger and Michael Schaub.

Joice voters will choose their new mayor by write-in with no candidates on ballots. Running for the Joice council are Paul Anderson, Jimmy Bergo, Rebecca Martinson, David R. Moe, Judy A. Sell and Tyler Swenson. Terry Anonson will also appear on ballots running for a vacancy on the Joice council.

Candidates for three Kensett council seats are LaRue Douglas, Linda Kauffman and Kristine Woltzen.

In Northwood, council candidates include Michael Bode, Gary A. Nerlien, Daniel L. Reeder, Annika Schreiber, David Tenold and Matt Thompson.

In the Central Springs school district, on ballots for an at large school board seat will be Sean Arthur and Nancy Lund. Candidates for the District 1, North B board seat include Amber Nuehring, Joseph Rowe and Joe Ryan. Running to represent District 2, South B are Joshua Berman and David Luett.

Ballots in the Central Springs district will also include a Revenue Purpose Statement, asking for approval of the District's uses of state sales tax revenue.

Voters in the Northwood-Kensett school district will choose three school board members from candidates John R. Anderson, Shana Brunsvold, Jamie Nelson and Cynthia Pangburn.

More information, including sample ballots, links to candidate information and more will be found at the Auditor's Election Website at elections.worthcountyiowa.gov or by contacting the Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

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Archie and 'Lil Elmer

Following is a fun story by JoAnn Lower. The tale is a preview of a project in the works by Lower. It tells the tale of a farmer and a special friend on the farm.

By JoAnn Lower

Archie sits on a bale of hay counting on his fingers what he's accomplished this morning: 1. milked the cows. 2. fed the pigs. 3. gathered the eggs. 4. tended the sheep. "I love my life as a farmer, but why am I so lonely?"

A quiet falls over the farmyard, a quiet so loud it can be heard for miles around; the only sound Archie's tears falling deep into the empty milk bucket.

"I think I know what's wrong with Archie," chicken clucks. "He needs a friend."

"A friend? Does somebody need a friend? I can be a friend," says a little voice.

"Where are you little voice?" they ask. "Come out so we can see you."

"I'm right here," the little voice whispers.

Sheep looks down to see a mouse beside her foot. "Mouse, is that you we heard?"

"Yes," says mouse, taking a bow. "My name is Elmer. My friends call me 'Lil Elmer."

Before 'Lil Elmer can explain what a good friend he could be to Archie, Archie walks through the barn door. "What's this I hear about a friend? I don't need a friend. I have you, chicken, and you cow, and you pig and you sheep."

"Of course, we are your friends, Archie, but we can't leave the farm. We can't go with you to the hardware store or the grocery or to town on Saturday night. So, I think we have found someone who could."

"His name is 'Lil Elmer, and he would like to be your friend. What do you say? Would you like to be his friend?"

Hearing those words, 'Lil Elmer crawls out from his secret place. Remembering the day his mother taught him that the name Elmer means "Noble," he pulls himself up to his full height and stands proudly facing the farmer.

"You? They want you to be my friend? How is that possible? I'm tall, you're short! I'm white, you're brown. I speak English, you speak Mouse," Archie says with a smirk. "We can't be friends; we are too different."

Unaware that he has hurt 'Lil Elmer's feelings, Archie announces he's going to the hardware store for a few bolts and brackets.

Hearing the words "hardware store" gives 'Lil Elmer an idea. He wipes away a tear as he remembers the kindly lady at the store. "I believe I have the courage to try something new," he says.

With no time to waste, 'Lil Elmer inches his way over to Archie's foot, staring up at the tall work boot – size 12. He remembers what his mama told him: "Be careful the first time you try to climb up somebody's leg or you could fall. You don't want to fall."

The new work boot is shiny. He nearly slips but catches himself and continues to crawl up the farmer's leg – just a few inches at first, then a few inches more until he's able to tuck himself into a soft fold of the pantleg. "Whew," he breathes. "I made it, and Archie didn't even notice!"

The long, bumpy pickup ride makes 'Lil Elmer hang on tight with all his might. Hearing the loud ring of the doorbell and the kind lady's voice means we're here! We're at the hardware store!

Happy 'Lil Elmer now feels safe and quickly climbs down to the floor. Shocked and embarrassed to have a mouse crawl out of his pantleg, Archie tries to ignore the little guy.

"How did you get..," he stutters, as the hardware lady, thrilled at the sight, exclaims, "Elmer, how wonderful to see you!"

"You know this, this…?" angry Archie yells, amazed!

"If you're referring to Elmer," she grins, "he's been my friend for a long time. He has worked with me in the hardware store arranging bird seed and catnip, even fly swatters so shoppers can easily find them. Elmer is special. Is he your friend? Anyone who's lucky enough to call him 'friend' is lucky indeed."

The lady's kind words start Archie thinking that maybe 'Lil Elmer is worth getting to know better. He invites Mouse to lunch.

And, so it was. Over a steamy bowl of fresh broccoli cheese soup with French bread to dip, 'Lil Elmer and Archie begin to get acquainted.

'Lil Elmer starts the conversation. "I like to keep a tidy house with freshly washed sheets and soft pajamas." The farmer says he, too, likes his house tidy, but the everyday feeding and hauling clean straw to the barn animals takes priority. Both agree that is most important!

Before many days have passed, they are meeting for breakfast every morning at the Corner Café, Archie ordering his favorite toast with peanut butter and orange marmalade, 'Lil Elmer his usual sweet potato, the two sharing a large banana.

Oh, their friendship isn't perfect. Sometimes they argue – like the time Archie ran over a toad in the road and 'Lil Elmer yelled, "Be careful! Toads have feelings, too." Sometimes they disagree – like the time 'Lil Elmer drank muddy water from a tire track. "You could get sick," Archie yelled.



Funniest thing. Neither Archie nor 'Lil Elmer could tell you when it happened. One day they were different – the next day alike. "We're just friends," they grin. "Best friends."

Now, you might be wondering about Archie's wardrobe. It's overalls. "I have one pair of overalls, and I wash 'em once a year. That keeps 'em soft so 'Lil Elmer can feel cozy and warm. Oh, yes, and I wash 'em in unscented soap. Perfumy soaps make 'Lil Elmer sneeze."

"My overalls have lots of pockets. Big pockets. Little pockets. Round pockets. Square pockets. Pockets make good riding places for 'Lil Elmer."

It's a blizzardy winter night on the farm when we find farmer Archie in his favorite arm chair in front of the fireplace, 'Lil Elmer playing a tune on his harmonica.

Archie yawns contentedly counting on his fingers what he's accomplished tonight: 1. milked the cows. 2. fed the pigs. 3. gathered the eggs. 4. tended the sheep. Glancing over at 'Lil Elmer, he smiles, "I used to be so lonely. Not anymore. When you're here, it feels like home."

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Calendar of Events for November 2023

November 2–Worth and Winnebago County Women, Land and Legacy Meeting at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, 5:15 P.M. (Meal) 6 P.M. (Meeting) with Jennifer Harrington, ISU Extension and Outreach Agriculture Law Professor, Cynthia Johnson, Winnebago County Extension Director and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

November 5–Worth County Hoofprints 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds) Northwood, 1:30 P.M. with Pat Rothove and Val Foss, Worth County 4-H Hoofprints Club Leaders

November 5–Green Shamrocks 4-H Club Meeting at Kensett Town Hall, 1:30 P.M. with Teresa Butler and Heather Rheingans, Green Shamrocks 4-H Club Leader

November 7–ISU Extension County Director Peer Group Meeting at Iowa State University Memorial Union, Ames, Iowa, 8:30 A.M. – 4 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

November 8–Ornamental and Turf Grass Commercial Applicators Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds Northwood, 9 to 11:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson and Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager

November 9–4-H e-Staff Meeting Webinar at Worth County Extension Office, Fairgrounds, Northwood, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson and Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Leader

November 9–Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

November 12–Worth County 4-H Awards Banquet at First Lutheran Church, Northwood, 5 P.M. Meal and 5:30 P.M. 4-H Banquet Program with Dennis Johnson, Teresa Butler and Lacey Waller

November 13-17–Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pro-Ag Outlook Series at Virtual Webinar, Noon to 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

November 14–Fumigation Commercial Pesticide Applicators Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 9 to 11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller

November 15–Commercial Agriculture Recertification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, (Fairgrounds) Northwood, 9 to 11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller and Dennis Johnson

November 15–4-H Region 4 Extension Meeting at Floyd County Extension Office, Charles City, 9 A.M. with Teresa Butler

November 17–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds, Northwood, 3:30 to 5 P.M. with Lacey Waller

November 18–Worth County Extension 4-H Clover Kids at Kensett Town Hall, 10 A.M. with Lacey Waller

November 19–Deer Creek Wahelos 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 2 P.M. with Anneke Urbatsch and Gina Solberg Deer Creek Wahelo 4-H Club Leaders

November 19–Deer Creek Ribbon Takers 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room (Fairgrounds), 4 P.M. with Landon Perkins and Jake Urbatsch, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers 4-H Club Leaders

TBD–Worth County Beautification Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room, Fairgrounds, Northwood, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

November 30–Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Program at Kensett Town Hall, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller

November 30–Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room (Fairgrounds), 6:30 P.M. with Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President, Sarah Merrifield, Region 4 ISU Extension and Outreach Director, Dennis Johnson, Lacey Waller, Teresa Butler and Nicole Leidal, ISU Extension Regional Nutrition Specialist

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ment auditions.

Conlin was fortunate enough to be recalled, and ultimately selected as the third and final trombone from the Hampton audition site. Two trombones were selected outright for the All-State Band, while Conlin was selected as an alternate.

If Conlin is needed, he would be one of the 278 members of the Iowa State Band. The All-State Music Festival, including those in the band, is held in Hilton Coliseum on the Iowa State University campus on Friday and Saturday, November 17-18, with a concert held Saturday evening.

The concert is recorded and broadcast a few times on Iowa PBS, including over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Lighted holiday parade entries sought

Northwood will kick off the holiday season with Christmas in Northwood on Saturday, December 2.

Events being organized by the Northwood Chamber of Commerce include a free movie at the Northwood Theatre at 3:15 p.m.

Free hot dogs and hot chocolate will be offered at the Northwood Community Center at 5 p.m.

A candy cane hunt will begin at Santa's Village at 5:30 p.m.

The annual lighted parade begins at 6 p.m.

Organizers are inviting people, families, community groups and businesses to prepare entries for this year's parade.

Those that want to participate should be at the Worth County Fairgrounds at 5:45 p.m. Anyone with questions may call Teresa at 641-390-1578.

Following the parade, After Glow activities will take place in Swensrud Park. That includes a chance to visit with Santa, as well as beverages, treats and more.





GE Veterans Day assembly set for Nov. 10

Glenville Emmons Schools will host a Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 10, at 9 a.m. at the high school, 230 Fifth Street SE, in Glenville.

The assembly will include "Star Spangled Banner" "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America" by students in grades 4-6; "Marches of the Armed Forces" by the 7-12 band; and "God Bless the U.S.A" "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the grades 7-12 choir.

The day's guest speaker will be Specialist Hunter Cordray from Delta Company 2-135 Infantry. The 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry, is a Minnesota Army National Guard battalion headquartered in Mankato. The 2-135 IN provides the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team of the 34th Infantry Division with a trained and ready combat force. Additionally, the 2-135 IN is prepared to support Minnesota with troops capable of assisting in disaster response.

There are six major units in the 2-135 Infantry: Headquarters and Headquarters Company in Mankato and Owatonna, A Company in West St. Paul, B Company in Rochester, C Company in Winona, D Company in Albert Lea and 1135th Combat Support Company in Faribault.

Presentation of the colors will be provided by members of both Glenville and Emmons American Legions.







Reading about, recreating and enjoying apples

Teresa Stehn with the Ag in the Classroom program from Worth County Farm Bureau recently paid a visit to the kindergarten classrooms at Northwood-Kensett. While there she read them a book about a young boy and his family's apple orchard. She then guided them in making a necklace that included a pouch with an apple seed and beads repressenting the soil, the tree, the flowers and the insects that are necessary parts of making an apple tree grow. The necklaces also included one red and one green bead to remind the students of the apples that are the result of the process. They ended their activity with apple slieces.

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16th annual Crop for the Cure set for November 10-12

Nearly 80 women from southern Minnesota and northern Iowa will be scrapbooking their way to finding a cure for cancer at the 16th Annual "Crop for the Cure."

This year's event is slated for November 10-12 at the Carpenter Community Center. Over the last 15 years, this crafty, memorable weekend has raised more than $130,700 for the Lyle Area Cancer organization, a non-profit that raises money for cancer research. Our goal is to reach the $145,000 milestone this year!

Register by visiting the Crop for the Cure Facebook page or calling or emailing one of the coordinators listed on the event flyer. Options to attend include one, two, or three days. WIFI will be available for digital scrapbooking/organizing photos.

"Join us, bid on our silent auctions and come out to get organized and enjoy yourself surrounded by friends, family, fun, and memories!"

The Crop for the Cure Facebook Page can fe found at www.facebook.com/CropfortheCureLAC.

Donations are being accepted for the silent auction.

HHS announces first flu death of season

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced recently the first influenza-related death of the 2023-24 respiratory virus season. The individual was an older adult (61 to 80 years) from southern Iowa.

Influenza (flu) strains, along with other respiratory viruses are circulating in the state. Iowa's most recent Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report shows the virus at a low level of activity, and hospitals are currently reporting low patient admission rates.

Although flu activity in Iowa is currently low, Iowans can take a few simple precautions to keep themselves and their families healthy throughout the respiratory virus season.

"During respiratory virus season, it's important for Iowans to prioritize their health and the well-being of their community," said State Medical Director Robert Kruse. "Iowans should practice good hygiene, stay home when they're sick and consult their healthcare providers about vaccines and other preventive measures against influenza and other respiratory diseases."

Vaccination protects from serious illness and death from respiratory diseases like flu, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). HHS encourages Iowans to talk to their doctor or other trusted health care provider about vaccines, especially those with chronic health conditions who may be at higher risk for serious illness.

Additional tips to stay healthy from the HHS:

"Stay home if you are sick to keep others safe.

"Clean high touch surfaces in your home frequently with household disinfectants.

"Practice hand hygiene frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds.

"Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or if a tissue is not available, cover them with an upper shirt sleeve, not a hand.

"Avoid social gatherings if you or your children are ill.

"Keep children home from daycare or school who have fever, cough, congestion, runny nose, or sore throat, and until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medications that reduce fever.

"If you or a loved one is sick and needs medical care, contact your healthcare provider. Your provider can offer advice on whether you or your child needs to be evaluated in person, tested for flu or other respiratory diseases, and the best location for care. Iowans should not visit a hospital emergency department for minor respiratory symptoms."

Iowans with questions about vaccines should speak to their health care provider. Locate healthcare providers with vaccines at www.vaccines.gov.

Worth County 4-H Banquet held on Sunday, Nov. 12

The Worth County 4-H will hold their annual 4-H Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 12, at the First Lutheran Church in Northwood.

The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a meal catered by Signature's Supper Club. The program will begin at 6 p.m. with awards given for 4-H project record book work, leadership, citizenship involvement and community service that 4-H members and 4-H leaders have participated in over the past year. All 4-H members, 4-H parents and family members are welcome to attend as well as community members interested in 4-H youth development.

Those interested may contact the Worth County Extension office at 641-324-1531 to get signed up for the Signature's meal. More information about the awards banquet is available by emailing Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager at ljwaller@iastate.edu; Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator at butlert@iastate.edu; or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist at djohn@iastate.edu.





Candidate meet and greet

The candidates that will appear on ballots running for the Northwood city council were invited to take part in a meet and greet last week. They spoke on the issues and their reasons to run for the council. The event was hosted by the Northwood Community Center. Pictured are candidates (from left) Gary Nerlien, Dave Tenold, Mike Bode, Dan Reeder, Matt Thompson and Annika Schreiber. Their names and those of other candidates for city and school offices will appear on ballots in the election set for this Tuesday, November 7. See more information on the front page of this week's Anchor.

RE-ELECT ✓

Dan Reeder

for Northwood City Council

- Grew up in Northwood
- 25 years experience on City Council
- Served as Northwood's Mayor
- 18 years as the County Assessor



VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOV. 7

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I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7

I have enjoyed serving the Northwood-Kensett School District and look forward to another term on the board.

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I would appreciate your VOTE on November 7 for the Northwood-Kensett School Board

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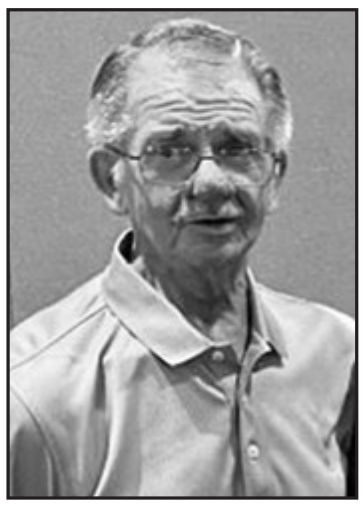
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Re-Elect

DAVID TENOLD

for Northwood City Council

Thank You for your vote on November 7

The story of a family farm:

The Cornell and Ila Knutson Farm continued

By Tim Knutson, with input from Sharyl Nestor and Gary Knutson

III. Farm Operations

Crops in the late '40's and early 50's were principally corn, oats, and hay. While most oats (and other grassy grains) are now planted with a seed drill, our oats were planted using a broadcast planter, a machine mounted on the rear end of a wagon with a hopper feeding a fan mechanism that scattered the oats across the ground. The planter was powered by a chain drive off of one of the rear axles. (In operation, this machine worked much like the rotary fertilizer spreaders found in any of the home and garden stores today.) This was done only after the ground had been plowed, disked, and dragged very smooth. After planting, the field was again dragged again to cover most of the seed. The planting process required two men; one on the tractor pulling the wagon and one in the wagon feeding oats into the hopper.

Oats were harvested in August and stored in the granary. As needed, oats were ground to provide feed for both hogs and cattle. Hay was baled three or, in a good year, four times a year and stored in the barn to provide winter feed for the cattle. For baling, Cornell contracted with Merle Aase, the neighbor across the road, who owned a hay baler. Haying was generally a neighbor-help-neighbor affair as it required several hay wagons and a crew with someone to stack bales on the racks in the field as well as unload and distribute the hay evenly in the barn. It was an honor for a boy at that time to be given the unsupervised job of accompanying the baler in the field to stack the hay wagons as the bales came out of the baler.

Corn was planted after the oats were in the ground. On our farm the process involved a two-row planter mounted on the three-point hitch of one of the 8-N's. The planter dug small furrows in the field (prepared in the same manner as for oats) with a trip wire controlling the mechanism that dropped three or four kernels of corn in regular intervals. The use of this trip wire ensured that the rows were equally spaced in each direction allowing cultivating between the rows done in each direction to minimize weeds. The downside of this was that the wire had to be moved each time the planter reached the end of the field.

Corn picking took place in late fall and was stored in the two corncribs. The picker was a Dearborn Woods Bros. single row corn picker powered off the PTO of one of the 8-N's. Sometimes in late fall after a heavy snow it took both tractors, one chained in front of the other, to pull the picker and its attached wagon through the corn field. Corn provided both feed for the hogs on the cob and was shelled and sold as a cash crop.

With the price of oats no longer favorable, in the mid 50's soybeans took over as the alternate crop to corn with fields of each rotated each year. Soybeans were exclusively a cash crop and were sold immediately following harvest.

The principal cash crop from the farm during the 50's – 70's was hogs. Cornell bred and farrowed approximately 13 sows twice a year, each sow producing from 8 to 11 piglets. The piglets were fed and raised until they reached at least 200 pounds, the correct weight for sale. When they reached that weight they were loaded, 10 or so at a time, into one of the farm wagons, and sold at market price to either Decker's in Mason City, Wilson's in Albert Lea or, occasionally, Hormel's in Austin – all regional meat packing plants. Cornell would usually call to see who was offering the best price per pound before each sale.

Dad was a calm, gentle man who rarely was heard to utter a cuss word. Loading hogs, however, could provoke him. The process involved first identifying approximately eight hogs of sufficient size (200 – 215 pounds was the ideal weight), isolate them from the rest of the herd, and convince them to all walk into an unfamiliar farm wagon. If one or more of the identified critters was







thought to be of marginal weight (better to be a little over than a little under), the hog was first herded into a crate which was then lifted (took at least two men or a man and a small boy to lift the crate) onto a platform scale for a weight check.

With weight confirmed and hogs isolated, the wagon was backed up to the lower barn door (always the door that led onto the hog feeding floor) closest to the stone wall. A ramp was placed from the floor of the wagon to the floor of the barn and side walls installed to keep the hogs from escaping on either side of the wagon. Now this was a familiar door for the hogs so you might think they would readily exit this door. With the use of movable gates, we would make their confinement area smaller and smaller such that their only avenue of escape was up the ramp, into the wagon. This is when it could get exciting.

Imagine convincing eight hogs (relatively smart creatures) to climb a ramp into a dead-end space that they had never seen before. The first one or two would be relatively easy and the rest would usually follow. However, as more of them entered the wagon the space available became smaller and smaller. Sometimes the last one or two decided they really didn't want to climb that ramp. Or perhaps one that was already in the wagon decided that this was not a good idea and reversed course to come out. This is when blood pressures would rise and cuss words might be heard. The loading crew, with Cornell in charge, had to work fast to get all of them in before they realized they had been tricked, and get them in far enough to place and lower the tailgate providing no exit. It occasionally took force of muscle to persuade and partially lift that final hog into the wagon.

Most farmers of that era brought their hogs to market in pickup trucks. Since Dad never owned a pickup – he thought them a huge waste of space – we would hook up the wagon to the '53 Ford and haul it to one of the packing plants. Once there, the wagon had to be backed up to their unloading ramps. With a pickup it was easy. Accurately backing up a front steering, four wheeled trailer attached to the rear of a car was a challenge, to say the least. Dad, however, was an expert at it and could usually (and to the amazement of the plant crew) back that wagon up right to the ramp on the first try. Tim and Gary had their training, too, but were never as proficient as their father.

From the mid-1950's one of Dad's off-farm jobs was as a substitute mail carrier, filling in when one of the regulars was ill or took vacation. In the late '60's he had enough seniority from substitute driving that when a route opened up he was offered the job, full-time. This job finally provided enough regular income that he was able to retire from farming, full-time. His nephew, our cousin, Steve Thompto, had chosen farming as his career. In 1982 Dad offered Steve the opportunity to rent our farmland as an extension of the land he farmed on his home place. Steve took over working the land and Dad retired the hog pens. The farm was much quieter and smelled a lot better, too.

From the time us kids

Knutson, see Page 9

Northwood Anchor Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Grace Worship, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Eve Circle, 10 a.m., Dorcas/Leah-Rachel, 11 a.m.; Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Elk Creek, 9 a.m., EC Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Bethany, 10:30 a.m., Communion at Bethany only; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon.
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Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Wonderful Wednesday, K-3rd Grade, 2 p.m., Missions & Drama Time, 3:30 p.m., Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., 4-8th & Confirmation, 5:30 p.m., Meal, 6:15 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6 p.m., HS Youth Group, Adult Choir, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, Confirmation, 4:30 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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Cook Bookin'

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

Over and over I find cookbooks that celebrate an important anniversary in the life of a church. I'm not sure if, because of the event, people are more likely to purchase the book thus providing a good fundraiser for the church. I also think there might be a need for people to express their kitchen talent in a way that lasts a lot longer than they do. Knowing that cooks for years to come might prepare one of a person's signature dishes is as comforting as the dish itself. "125th Anniversary Cook Book" (1990, Brennan Printing, Deep River, Iowa) was created by Elk Creek Lutheran Church in Kensett, Iowa for just such an occasion. This church remains active in 2023, serving the small town and the country residents faithfully. The following are adapted from this nice thick cookbook.

Wild Rice Hot Dish
(Lorraine Julseth)

1 cup wild rice
1 cup finely chopped celery
2 pounds hamburger
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 green pepper, finely chopped
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can chicken rice soup

The day before, wash the wild rice thoroughly in warm water until the water is clear. Soak overnight in 2 cups fresh water. The next morning, cook the rice in the soaking water for about 3/4 of an hour or until all the water is absorbed. Stir frequently. Brown the hamburger with the onion, celery and green pepper until the meat is done. Drain off any excess grease. Add the salt and pepper to taste. Stir in the wild rice, undiluted chicken rice soup plus another 2 tablespoons water. Preheat the oven to 350 degree F. Put the mixture into a casserole dish and bake about 2 hours. Check at the 90 minute mark as it could be ready. Add the cream of mushroom soup with about 3/4 cup of milk that has been heated just to boiling, to make a sauce. Serve the hot dish with the mushroom sauce on top.

Corned Beef Casserole
(Mrs. Gunhild Haugrud)

1 bag egg noodles, cooked
1 cup milk
1 pound Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 medium onion, chopped
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can corned beef
1 can cream of mushroom soup
Salt and pepper to taste

Break up the can of corned beef into pieces. Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Put casserole into a baking dish and bake for 45 minutes. May top with croutons.

Boiled Cookies
(Carma Brunsvold)

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup margarine
3 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup peanut butter
3 cups uncooked rolled oats

In a heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, cocoa, margarine and milk. Bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Add the peanut butter and oats; mix well. Drop by teaspoonsful onto waxed paper. Cool. Makes about 4 dozen cookies. SANDY'S NOTE: It pains me to cook with margarine but that is what this recipe calls for. I wonder if real butter could be substituted. This is a great recipe for those who are gluten sensitive as there is no flour included in the ingredients.

Microwave Cheddar Sauce
(Darlene Butler)

Heat 1 cup of milk (not skim) for 2 minutes over medium heat; set aside. Melt 2 tablespoons real butter for 1 minute on HIGH in the microwave. Stir in 2 tablespoons of flour and heat for 1 minute more on HIGH. Briskly stir in the warm milk; blend well. Cook on HIGH for 2 1/2 minutes or until boiling. Stir in 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese; blend well. "I use other cheeses beside Cheddar and works just as well". SANDY'S NOTE: Shredding your own cheese from a solid block works much better in recipes where the cheese has to melt. Packaged shredded cheese is coated with an anti-clumping ingredient and that does prevent it from quickly and thoroughly melting.

I attended Elk Creek Lutheran's spaghetti supper last week and I can attest to the fact that the kitchen crew remains as talented in 2023 as they were in 1990. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society







Pizza Month at the Northwood Public Library

Children celebrated National Pizza month in October with Teresa Stehn from the Worth County Farm Bureau at the Northwood Public Library on October 26. Stehn read the story "Pizza Day." Attendees colored their own pizza on paper plates and then made their own pizza with crackers, pizza sauce, pepperoni, Canadian bacon and mozzarella cheese.



A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

Ah, November! Some people call it sweater weather; I call it heavy coat weather with hopefully no big snowfall. Inside Reconnect 720 (aka the Northwood Senior Center) things are always cozy and fun. We have a full schedule of activities in addition to the tasty lunches served by Congregate Meals on Monday-Friday except on Holidays.

The Bookworms Book Club will meet on Monday, November 5 at the Public Library. Time is 2 p.m. and the book we are discussing is "Peace Like A River." It's an excellent read.

On Wednesday, November 8 Shana Butler from Worth County Public Health will present her monthly discussion of a topic for senior health at 11:45 a.m. She enjoys doing this; our members look forward to good information.

Lois Meyer will play her keyboard during lunch on Thursdays, November 9 and 30. Lunchtime concerts, how elegant!

Fun Bingo will give everyone a chance to win a prize on Mondays, November 13 and 27, at 12:30 p.m. Some people eat their prize before they leave the building!

Another basic cell phone program, for users of both iPhone and Android will take place on Saturday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Bring your fully-charged phone plus paper/pencil to take notes.

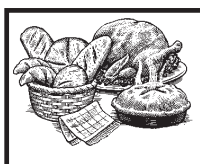
Are you tired of playing the same old card games with friends? Come to the Center on Tuesday, November 14, at 2 p.m. and learn either Rats or Swoop. Both are quick games, fun and easy to learn. Bring a group so you can play on other Tuesdays. That is game and card day at Reconnect 720.

We'll host another Coffee and Conversation on Thursday, November 16, at 2 p.m. This is simply a time to get together with friends and enjoy a treat with your coffee; no charge! The conversation can get lively so come with ideas and suggestions.

Susan Joyce, former Wall Street financial advisor, will present a free program on Saturday, November 18. This is for women of all ages, not just seniors, and will help us understand how to manage our money so it lasts as long as we do! Please join us at 10 a.m.; light refreshments will be provided.

A very important program will be presented by Sheriff Dan Fank and IT expert Joel Rohne on how to avoid the scams and fraud that are increasing daily in American. Time is 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21. We are all possible victims unless we know how to protect ourselves.

See you at Reconnect 720!



Masonic Lodge Annual
Turkey Supper
Friday, Nov. 10
5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sittings
99 8th St. N. – Northwood, IA
Tickets available by calling
641-390-0784 or at the door
~ Take Out Available ~
Cost $17

Annual Fall Harvest Soup & Salad Luncheon
Sunday, November 5
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Manly, Iowa
All Homemade Soups, Scrumptious Salads & Mouth Watering Pies
Bake Sale • 2/$50 Door Prizes
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Opening Wednesday Nov. 1
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Don't Miss the Fun!
Unique one-of-a-kind Gifts & Decor
Watch for Opening Day Drawings,
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Thank You



As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, the family of Lyle and Margaret Krumm and Doyle Hanson want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who sent well-wishes, positive thoughts and memorials earlier this year. Loss is never easy, but we find comfort in the memory of their lives and in the love and support shown to us by so many of you. We are truly grateful.

Additional thanks are extended to those who were able to celebrate with us on July 1st in Carpenter and at Worth Brewing and to Dewey Krueger for the use of the electronic keyboard. If you attended that event, please note the following important correction: Dave Stevens was not a substitute on the 1968 Bowling Team, he was a member of that team! Sorry for the error, Dave!

*Peace and blessings to all and your families, from Eloise Shipman, Wendy Hanson and our families.**

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Kensett Community Center
300 Willow St., Kensett
Come spend the day shopping for unique gift items from many different crafters and home business vendors
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Breakfast & Lunch will be served by Worth County Relay For Life
Proceeds will go towards a bench in the park in memory of Lori McNally
For more information contact Lisa Lestrud 641-390-0986

GRAND OPENING!
The Rustic Thread
Custom Apparel
Come join us for the opening of this small boutique that offers unique gifts & custom apparel
Saturday, Nov. 4 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
2000 Central Ave.
Northwood, IA 50459
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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Misleading Medicare Advantage ads: What to look out for

Dear Savvy Senior,

I'm currently enrolled in original Medicare but have been thinking about switching to a Medicare Advantage plan during the open enrollment period. Many of the Medicare Advantage ads I've seen offer lots of extra benefits beyond what traditional Medicare offers and no monthly premiums. What are your thoughts?

Considering a Switch

Dear Considering,

Be very leery of the Medicare Advantage ads on TV, radio, social media and that come in the mail. While many of these ads may tout free vision, hearing, dental and other benefits with zero monthly premiums, they aren't always what they claim to be.

Advantage Basics

Medicare Advantage or MA plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors in a geographic area. You can sign up for one of them during open-enrollment season from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

MA plans have exploded in popularity in recent years as insurers have flooded the airways with advertisements, often by celebrity pitchmen, that promote low-cost options with lots of extra benefits.

But be aware that the Federal government has deemed many claims in MA ads fraudulent and misleading. Some ads imply that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services endorses or prefers a specific plan. Others promise more cost savings than you really get. And if you choose the wrong plan, your doctor may not be a member of that plan's network, or you may end up paying out-of-pocket for medically necessary care.

This past September, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services began cracking down on these ads, but you still need to practice self-defense. Here are some tips to help you make a good decision.

Cover your needs: When evaluating MA plans, make sure the one's you're considering cover the doctors you like and the health care facilities you normally go to. Also, make sure all of the prescription medications you take are on the drug plan's formulary.

To help you compare plans, a good first step is to call the office managers of the doctors you use and find out which Advantage plans they accept, and which ones they recommend. Then go to the Medicare Plan Finder tool at Medicare.gov/plan-compare to compare plans in your area.

Understand the details: Some MA plans promote no monthly premiums, but the reality is that you are still responsible for your original Medicare costs including your Part B premium and deductibles and copays for covered services. Moreover, you may have to pay more out-of-pocket if you see a doctor outside the network. Also, if the plan is an HMO, it generally doesn't cover non-emergency care out of network, so an individual may be responsible for full costs. A PPO on the other hand, allows people to go out of network, but they generally have to pay more to do so.

Do some digging: Many MA plans tout free vision, hearing and dental benefits that are not covered by traditional Medicare, but these benefits are often limited. For example, a plan that offers free dental coverage may cover only cleanings and x-rays. Extensive procedures such as root canals or caps may not be covered, or the plan may limit the dollar amount it pays. Find out the coverage details so you're not surprised later.

Get help: Reach out to your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2775. These are nonprofit programs that provide unbiased one-on-one Medicare counseling and assistance.

You can also report any misleading MA claims to the Senior Medicare Patrol Resource Center at SMPResource.org or by calling 800-447-8477.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I got a speeding ticket yesterday.

How fast were you driving?

I don't know. It all happened so fast.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. A single snowflake fell. I suspected it was an advance scout. I was right. My wife, armed with nothing but a table fork, was trying to land a pickle bigger than the jar it swam in. Dill pickles rock. So does pickled okra, but pickled beets taste like pickled beetles. My wife finds pickle fishing a demanding sport. I tackled the jarred asparagus as it pickles my fancy.

I spoke to a wonderful group with a boxelder bug on my head. I didn't put it there. What does an audience say to a bloviating buffoon with a boxelder bug on his bean? Nothing. There were days this fall when it was difficult to do anything without having a boxelder bug on my head.

I taught classes on writing and birding. None of the college classrooms had a pencil sharpener. They should. I think every schoolroom should, including the bathrooms. The pencil sharpeners should be manual, not electric. Cranking a sharpener is excellent exercise and, as walking does, it fosters creativity.

A traveling man

I looked at 10-gallon hats at a Texas convention at which I yapped. The conventional explanation is that the hat could carry 10 gallons of liquid. It might hold three quarts. An ad for Stetson depicted a cowpoke giving his thirsty horse a drink from his hat. The name "10-gallon hat" is an exaggeration and carrying water in it would likely damage it beyond repair. Some historians believe the name came from the Spanish word galón, a braided hatband. Texans may have understood the word as "gallon" and the name spread. Others believe the name came from the Spanish tan galán, meaning "very gallant" or "very dashing." Most cowboys wore bowler hats. The Stetson hats I looked at were $30-40 per gallon.

I've learned

To never keep a sledgehammer and a computer in the same room.

You're never too old to say "horse" or "cows" when you drive past them.

When I was a boy, we had butter every meal. We liked gravy, but it wasn't as good as butter on the pancakes.

Every trick-or-treater that showed up at my door this year was dressed as the Invisible Man, but I couldn't see why.

The journal Psychology of Popular Media Culture found popular country songs are countercyclical to what's happening in the country. In good times, the songs are slower and more morose. In bad times, they get celebratory.

Two words open a lot of doors. They are "push" and "pull."

Bad jokes department

"What's the difference between Congress and organized crime?" One is organized.

"How does Shrek like his eggs?" Ogre easy.

I realize now I shouldn't have rubbed the ketchup in my eyes. Of course, that's in Heinz sight.

Laxative won't cure a cough, but it will make you afraid to cough.

Nature notes

Crows announced my arrival. I followed trembling leaves down a trail while leading a nature walk. As I pontificated to those nice enough to join me, house finches sang. The birds are permanent residents, but some undergo a short-distance migration south. Males sing throughout the year, except during a period of molt (late July to October). I spotted a hermit thrush on a picnic table near the trail. Considered by many to have the most beautiful song of all birds, its soul-stirring sound is flute-like and ethereal, and led to it being nicknamed the "American nightingale." It doesn't do much vocalizing during migration.

At home, there were playground scuffles among the native sparrows scratching beneath the feeders. I saw a white-throated sparrow without a tail. When a hawk or cat tries to capture a songbird, the songbird has a trick called a fright molt, which is what it's called when a bird loses feathers due to sudden stress. This usually involves feathers near the tail or rump, where birds are likely to be attacked as they flee. It can be a lifesaving technique when a bird is about to be caught—similar to a lizard dropping its tail. There is a downside to having your tail scared off. A tail assists the bird in turning and balancing in flight, but if dropping feathers allows the bird to fly another day, it's worth it. It will make do until a new tail grows back.

Meeting adjourned

"As much as we need a prosperous economy, we also need a prosperity of kindness and decency."–Caroline Kennedy.

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Fit to print...

Falling back and springing forward isn't going anywhere...yet

This Sunday, Dayling Saving Time will end... for now.

Clocks fall back this Sunday, with Standard Time resuming. And many may wonder if this will be the last time we change our clocks.

According to many polls, that is what most Americans, at least those willing to be surveyed, would like to see happen.

In 2022 the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Protection Act, which would have made Daylight Saving Time the permanent schedule. Had that passed, the clock would remain as is before falling back in the fall.

However, when it came to the U.S. House of Representatives, the Sunshine Protection Act failed. That body of Congress debated the status quo and whether Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time should be made permanent. In the end, no change was made.

The Sunshine Protection Act remains up for discussion in Congress, but no action has been reported in 2023.

So we know that for now at least, the twice annual changing of clocks will not end. But how did it begin? And how has it changed?

Here's some information from the Astronomical Applications Department of the U.S. Naval Observatory:

Daylight Saving Time and time zones in the U.S. are defined in the U.S. Code, Title 15, Chapter 6, Subchapter IX - Standard Time. By act of Congress, civil clocks in most areas of the United States are adjusted ahead one hour in the summer months (known as Daylight Saving Time) and returned back one hour in the winter months (known as standard time). The dates marking the beginning and end of Daylight Saving Time have changed as Congress has passed new statutes. As of 2007, Daylight Saving Time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time (which becomes 3:00 a.m. local Daylight Saving Time). On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local Daylight Saving Time (which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time). These dates were established by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. no. 109-58, 119 Stat 594 (2005) .

Not all places in the U.S. observe Daylight Saving Time. Hawaii and most of Arizona observe standard time only.

Many countries observe some form of "summer time." Most of the Northern Hemisphere countries which observe Daylight Saving Time are located in Europe and North America. A handful of nations in the southern hemisphere observe summer time, but their starting and ending periods are reversed since summer in the southern hemisphere occurs during the Northern Hemisphere's winter months. The dates when Daylight Saving Time changes are made are various and not determined by any international agreements.

History of Daylight Saving Time in the U.S.

Although standard time in time zones was instituted in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads in 1883, it was not established in U.S. law until passage of The Standard Time Act on March 19, 1918. The Standard Time Act also established Daylight Saving Time, which was a contentious idea at the time. Daylight saving time was repealed in 1919, but standard time in time zones remained in law. Daylight time became a local matter. It was re-established nationally early in World War II, and was continuously observed from 9 February 1942 to 30 September 1945. After the war its use varied among states and localities. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provided standardization in the dates of beginning and end of Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. but allowed for local exemptions from its observance. The Uniform Time Act provided that Daylight Saving Time begin on the last Sunday in April and end on the last Sunday in October, with the changeover to occur at 2 a.m. local time.

During the "energy crisis" years, Congress enacted earlier starting dates for Daylight Saving Time. In 1974, Daylight Saving Time began on 6 January and in 1975 it began on 23 February. After those two years the starting date reverted to the last Sunday in April. In 1986, a law was passed that shifted the starting date of Daylight Saving Time to the first Sunday in April, beginning in 1987. The ending date of Daylight Saving Time was not subject to such changes, and remained the last Sunday in October. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed both the starting and ending dates. Beginning in 2007, Daylight Saving Time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.



Two holidays preceded this weekend's clock changes. That included Halloween on Tuesday and National Cat Day this past Sunday. In honor of those celebrations, office cat Woodstock is seen with a skeletal office decoration.

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Early Files

100 years ago

October 24, 1923

The comedy drama, "Back to the Farm" will be presented by the Grove Township Farm Bureau, at the Northwood Theatre. For some time the members of the cast, under the direction of D.L. Carey, have been working hard at rehearsals.

Golfers of Northwood are now intensely interested in the contest between E.N. Klove's White Sox and L.T. Dillon's Yanks, these teams being engaged in a tournament which has for its object the consumption of a banquet to be paid by the players that finish as losers at the close of play.

This week S.R. Torgerson, the popular speaker from Joice, will speak at Kensett No. 1, three miles east and two miles south of Northwood. Another feature of the program will be a group of readings by Mrs. Rob Roy Cerney, Northwood, who is a reader of note.

From the Northwood Theater Ad: "Tonight and Thursday, Oct. 24 and 25. See the 'Birth of a Nation.' Price adults, 30 cents and Children 10 cents."

Sensational ball toting by Norman Aruette and Jay Houlihan, Mason City halfbacks, decided the issue in favor of the junior college football team, when they defeated Northwood High School, 25-15, in a hard fought game.

Oscar Sundvold, of Kensett, well known in Northwood, was instantly killed by a passenger train at Kensett as he was crossing the railroad track at the depot in his Ford coupe. Mr. Sundvold was 23 years of age, and a carpenter by working on one of the new Barton schoolhouses near Bolan and was on his way to work at 6 a.m. when the accident happened.

Those in attendance at the dance at Burgett's Bride pavilion, four miles northwest of Northwood, were surprised and shocked and some frightened, when a huge burning cross was discovered in a tree not far from the dance hall.

75 years ago

October 28, 1948

Worth County farmers are picking the largest corn crop in history, according to the studied judgment of those in the best position to speak with some authority. Spotted yields of up to 100 bushels per acre have been reported, with 70 to 80 bushels per acre on entire fields of some farms.

LeRoy Kittleson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kittleson of near St. Ansgar, died in a Mason City hospital of an accidental shotgun wound he suffered while hunting.

The first Iowans called up for military service under the present draft act will be ordered to report for duty about November 15, state selective service headquarters said Wednesday.

Alma's Gift and Beauty Ship is now located in the former First National Bank building on Central Aveenue, where an opening will be held. Owner of the business is Mrs. Alma Sanders, and associated with her in the enterprise are Mrs. Mae Christiansen and Mrs. Mable Vold.

Fay Crawford, 32-year-old operator of the Crawford grocery in Northwood, is in serious condition in the University hospital, Iowa City, where he was taken with poliomyelitis. His condition was reported as "fair" early this week.

With 137 persons receiving $5,243.50 in old age assistance in October, Worth County ranks second from the bottom in the list of Iowa counties receiving this aid.

Northwood firemen were called out twice in three days this week. Fire caused damages estimated at about $400 to the Ralph Harris tractor as he was using the machine for corn picking on the John Dralla farm north of town.

Miss Virginia Seger, vocal music instructor, took eight of her pupils to Spencer last Saturday for both a forenoon and afternoon practice under Guest Director Glenn Scott. This is in preparation for a trip to Des Moines where they will sing in an all-state chorus during the Thanksgiving vacation.

50 years ago

November 1, 1973

The Rev. H.A. Wilke, who had served as pastor of First Lutheran Church, Northwood, since March 1962, died early on October 31, following a brief illness. He entered a hospital in Rochester on October 24, suffering from an undetermined illness.

The last two cross country meets of the season were held on October 16 at New Hampton and on October 20 at the state two-mile tournament at Grinnell. At the Chickasaw Invitational at New Hampton, six Vikings ran in the freshman-sophomore race with David Brunsvold finishing first in 10:39. Following Brunsovld were Chad Sietsema, 11:22; Jon Iverson, 11:53; Robert Aamodt, 11:53; Tim Nappe, 12:31; and Elton Butler, 13:24. In varsity competition Pat Otis ran 10th in 10:52 and Al Hove placed third in 10:05. Hove won a medal for his race.

The Rev. and Mrs. H.A. Preus, Northwood, attended the 60th anniversary of his ordination at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. Mr. Preus is the visitation pastor there and the Rev. Richard Newgard, formerly of Northwood, is the pastor.

Over 400 people registered and attended the open house of the New Viking Manor Inc. in Northwood Sunday. One single bedroom apartment remains to be rented, according to Oren Igou, chairman of the building committee. He expressed his appreciation to the contractors for the cooperation in finishing the apartments.

"The Vikings played a very good game at Forest City for the season finale Friday," according to coach Emmett Taylor, but were defeated 22 to 20. Northwood-Kensett ended the season with two wins and five losses in the NIC and three wins and five losses overall. Forest City is third in the NIC with five wins and two loses.

Audrey Hanson, a member of the Northwood-Kensett concert band was honored for selling almost $75 in tickets to the Marine Band Concert here. Instrumental director George Feuerhelm presented her with a plastic snowmobile, as first prize.

25 years ago

November 4, 1998

Northwood manufacturer ADA Enterprises, Inc., has purchased a Wisconsin playground equipment company. The purchase of Premier Plysteel Playgrounds of Woodville, Wisconsin, will enable ADA Enterprises to expand its line of plastic-coated steel products, said ADA marketing manager Tom Stensrud, who announced the purchase. ADA Enterprises moved here in 1993 from Freeborn, Minnesota, to consolidate and streamline production of the plastic coated steel livestock flooring it markets domestically and internationally under the trade name "Dura Trac."

Northwood swimming pool finance committee member Chuck Stock and Northwood Family Care physicians Dr. David Taylor, D.O. And Dr. Stephanie Seemuth, D.O., were all smiles during the exchange of a $1,000 check from the North Iowa Mercy Health Care System.

Northwood-Kensett tailback Jack Johnson had a lot of company, including N-K tight end Micah Peterson, during this run against the Alden defense here in the Vikings' regular-season finale. Johnson gained 140 yards against the Redskins to bring his season rushing total to 1,731 yards.

The N-K Booster Club will meet in the Northwood-Kensett High media center at 7:30 p.m. on November 5, to elect officers and discuss the coming year's activities. Current Booster Club members, all parents of N-K High and N-K Junior High athletes, and the general public are invited to participate.

Former Northwood resident Barbara Hanson Bulman recently presented the Northwood Public Library with a copy of her autobiography, "Another One." The author is the younger sister of the late John K. Hanson, who founded Winnebago motor homes in Forest City in the early 1960s. Bulman taught in the Northwood-Kensett Community School system from 1964-69. Another One is the fifth book in Bulman's series concerning the Hanson family and the communities where they lived.

10 years ago

October 30, 2013

Northwood-Kensett High School will again play host to a Veterans Day program for its students, and for the public. The program will be held on Veterans Day on November 11, at 2:55 p.m. in the high school gym.

Elections will be held on November 5, to decide who will fill open seats in their local city governments. That includes Northwood, where three incumbents will run for re-election as mayor and members of the city council. Mayor Jane Bloomingdale and council members Roger Rustad and Rhonda Taylor will appear on the ballots.

With the annual Halloween parade set the Northwood Chamber of Commerce once again welcomed help preparing for the event. Fortunately the residents of the Lutheran Retirement Home were happy to assist, assembling the treat bags that will be given out to the children taking part in the event. The Halloween parade begins at the Northwood Civic Center at 5 p.m. Trick or treaters are invited to stop by the retirement home from 4-5:30 p.m.

Last week was National School Bus Safety Week. For students at Northwood-Kensett schools, that meant learning about the important rules for safely entering and exiting buses at home and at school. For elementary students, it also meant practicing how to react in case of an emergency on a bus. The students practiced an emergency evacuation, exiting from the back of the bus. Two older students were on hand to offer a shoulder for younger students, although a few were eager to exit the bus without assistance.

After starting out the season with a slight knee injury, sophomore quarterback Josh Einertson has solidified the position the past few weeks, including an amazing four touchdown performance against No. 1 Don Bosco. In last Friday's game to decide the district champion, Einertson rushed 21 times for 164 yards and a touchdown, and completed 8-11 of his passes for 123 yards and three touchdowns.

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Obituaries

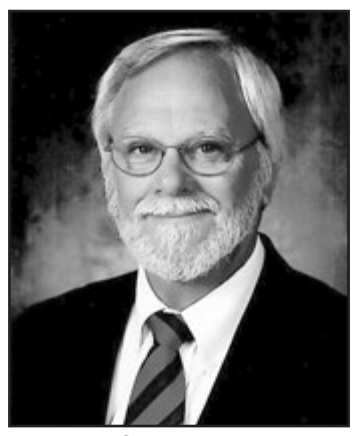
Ronald Parker

Ronald Ausborne Parker, 75, passed away on October 27, 2023, following a battle with cancer. His wife Diana was by his side.

Ronald was born on May 30, 1948, to Raymond and Doris (Rehberg) Parker. He was the oldest of seven children. Ronald attended Grinnell-Newburg, where he participated in track, cross country, band and choir. After graduation from there he attended Iowa Wesleyan and Central College where he majored in education.

Ron married Diana (McDonald) on May 4, 1973, in Grinnell. They were blessed with two boys, Ryan, of Kensett, and Eric of Glenville, New York.

Ron taught junior high math and science at Northwood-Kensett for 36 years. He also coached numerous sports as well as volunteered in others and drove bus to activities. After retiring from teaching, he continued driving bus, mowed at the Northwood golf course and filmed for the football and basketball teams.



RON PARKER

Ron was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, where he sang in the choir and preached when needed.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Diana; two sons, Ryan and Eric (Jess); three grandchildren, Jordan, Chase and Shane; brother, Larry (Debra) Parker of Nevada; sisters, Deb (Brad) Hecker of Des Moines, Judy (Doug) Smith of Grinnell, Joyce (Paul) Cook of Solon, Marcia (Kendall) Thompson of Decorah and Pam (Bob) Ashing of Grinnell; and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda, in infancy.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church or the Kensett Lions Club.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett, with Rev. Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating. A visitation will be held on Thursday evening from 5 – 8 p.m. at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home in Northwood. Interment will be at a later date in Malcom, Iowa.

Knutson
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left for college until Dad died in 1991, we were visitors when we returned home. Mom ran things in the house and Dad was in charge of the machines and buildings. We never gave much thought to what things would be like without our parents there.

Following Dad's death, Mom briefly considered selling the farm and moving to town. Fortunately for us, that option was never given serious consideration. Dad had a pension from his years of driving school bus and serving as a Rural Route mail carrier. The income from this that continued after his death was sufficient to allow Mom to maintain the farm and live independently.

During this period Sharyl began coming to the farm much more regularly. Tim was able to move back to St. Paul for a few years and also came down to the farm once or twice a month. Gary's visits were less regular as he had to come up from Kansas City. In the spring we mandated a "Spring Work Weekend", usually three or four days when all three, and sometimes four, of us would commit to be at the farm to tackle whatever work needed to be done. One of the regular jobs was cutting down and eliminating the Chinese elm trees that seemed to be taking over all the uncultivated ground on the farm. Building maintenance was an ongoing task.

It was during this period between Dad's death and Mom's death that we developed our strongest bond with The Farm, recognizing that it was part of our heritage and roots that we wanted to preserve.

IV. Cats and Dogs

Probably not the first dog on the farm, but the first dog of our memory was Bootsie. Bootsie was a (mostly) black, probably predominantly border collie so named for her white paws. Cornell brought her home in the early 1950's and she became our faithful companion for the rest of her life. She lived in the barn, ate table scraps, and accompanied us wherever we would roam. As we grew older, this included rabbit hunting and the time Gary and Tim skated all the way to town via the creek and river and Grandpa had to give us a ride home. Bootsie did not get to ride in the car, but Grandpa drove slowly enough that she could keep up running alongside the car the whole two miles. We will look for Bootsie to welcome us when we make our last journey.

Cats were always present. Usually at least two "mother" cats, a tom or two and a batch of kittens or adolescent cats could be found in or around the barn. Since these cats were exclusively outdoor animals, food consisted largely of whatever they could catch, the occasional serving of fresh fish caught from the creek, or birds ambushed by a B-B gun. Although the barn offered shelter, life on the farm for these small critters was harsh and it was not unusual for a batch of kittens, healthy going into the fall, to not be found come spring. It was truly survival of the fittest.

This narrative was written over a period of several years by L. Timothy (Tim) Knutson with input and editing assistance from Sharyl (Knutson) Nestor and Gary J. Knutson. It is written in loving memory of our parents, Cornell and Ila Knutson.

Some postscript notes.....

Prior to printing this, Tim asked Sharyl and Gary to read it one more time. Gary graciously pointed out a couple of typos and Sharyl added these additional comments from her memory bank:

Somewhere there is a photo of the first dog, Skippy, that inhabited the farm when you were still a pup, Tim. She came to live with us from a litter of the Haugebak family's dog. The Haugebak farm was east of Northwood. She was named Skippy because she was the color of peanut butter! Someday I'll find it. Dad and I brought that puppy home in a box resting in the floor of the back seat of that white Ford coupe. Skippy was carsick during the trip and lost her lunch.

(Skippy must have had a short life with us as I do not remember this dog at all. TK)

The memories I have of the "old house" are using it as a playhouse when Sandra Aase and I would go inside when the weather was warm enough. In the living room was an old low-to-the-floor day bed with a horsehide cover on it. The hide must have been from one of Grandpa Oliver's favorite horses. Do you suppose Grandpa Oliver kept it there so he'd have a place to reflect and rest now and then?

(I also remember that daybed. After the old house was moved to its present location that daybed was stored in the barn along with a stove and several other items from the house. All was lost when the barn burned in 1982. TK)

Another memory is seeing the setting sun reflected on the upstairs window in the autumn. It reminds me of the fragrant smells that were emanating from Mom's cooking in the kitchen - pot roast with carrots and potatoes and baked squash, and perhaps apple crisp for dessert. The sun was at a place on the horizon in the fall to show a beautiful reflection on the west upstairs window of the old house. It could be seen from the kitchen window in the 1927 house, as the new addition had not yet been added to obstruct that view.

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Supervisors

October 23, 2023
Workshop

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg, A.J. Stone and Mark Smeby, present. Also present were: Jim Hanson, Worth County Conservation Director and Jacki Backhaus, Worth County Auditor.

Meeting called to order by Loberg at 9:00 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairperson Loberg recessed the regular session.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonable expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Roll call vote: Smeby – Aye, Stone – Aye, Loberg – Aye. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to come out of Closed Session at 9:38 A.M.. Motion carried.

Loberg reconvened the regular session.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

A discussion was also held regarding custodial/grounds duties of the courthouse and other county buildings.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009379
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET E. KRUMM,
Deceased

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Margaret E. Krumm, Deceased, who died on or about January 20, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 18, 2023, the last will and testament of Margaret E. Krumm, deceased, bearing date of September 30, 1986, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Wendy Hanson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said 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.

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 date of 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 on October 19, 2023.

Wendy Hanson
249 East Louise Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
Executor of the Estate

John H. Greve
736 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Executor

Date of second publication the 1st day of November, 2023.

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009380
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY GEORGE HOWE,
Deceased

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jerry George Howe, Deceased, who died on or about September 19, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 24, 2023, the last will and testament of Jerry George Howe, deceased, bearing date of July 18, 2002, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Sarah Howe Ruley was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said 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.

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 date of 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 on October 17, 2023.

Sarah Howe Ruley
521 LeSueur Ave.
Eagle Lake, MN 56024
Executor of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Executor

Date of second publication the 8th day of November, 2023.

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 10/23/23 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: meeting minutes of October 9, 2023; Mayor Appointment to Park & Rec Board-Jennifer Krotzer; Liquor License Renewal – Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill; Liquor License Renewal – TUNE The Timbers, Northwood's Event Center. Unam.

Motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 190 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette/Tobacco Permits. Aye: George-Zenz, Peterson, Tenold. Nay: Nerlien, Reeder. Motion passed.

Motion to introduce and approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 191 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Public Health & Safety. After discussion and before a vote was taken there was a motion to remove the previous motion off the table until the Sheriff can provide more details. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Cindy Borcherding, Deputy Clerk

Supervisors

October 23, 2023
Forty-second Day

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

Loberg led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the meeting to order.

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

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $45,765.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 2 Main, Prof Services $3,521.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 14, Prof Services $4,438.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 34, Prof Services $28,185.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD 48, Prof Services $9,620.00
..... $45,765.00

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of $75,055.92 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Access Systems Leasing
Service-Dap 98.50
Agvantage Fs Inc
Supplies-Wat 879.78
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Eng 439.00
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies 4,951.84
Aramark, Service-Eng 240.95
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 110.24
Bice Electric Llc
Service-Gsr 114.66
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 820.31
Bob Barker Company Inc
Supplies-Shf 391.12
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd 3,080.91
Central Square Technologies, Llc
Service-911 ..... 6,586.26
Centurylink, Service-Gsr ... 160.94
Certified Laboratories
Supplies-Eng 479.95
Cintas Corporation
Supplies-Eng 564.41
City Of Fertile, Service-Eng 76.54
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf 878.75
Croell Inc, Supplies-Eng . 7,201.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 149.40
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng 573.80
Dave Syverson Inc
Parts-Eng 2,587.24
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng . 2,180.62
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Con 13.54
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng 43.23
Floyd & Leonard Auto Elec Inc
Supplies-Con 80.64
Grafton Welding
Service-Eng 143.00
Grp & Associates Inc
Service-Phd 37.00
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Service-Dap 205.00
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt 2,760.74
Hm Cragg, Service-Ema . 1,660.00
Hotsy Equipment
Supplies-Shf 96.00
Humboldt County Sheriff
Service-Shf 50.00
Ia County Engineers Assn
Edu-Eng 1,045.00
Ia Dept Of Transportation
Edu-Eng 300.00
Ia Division Of Labor Service
Service-Gsr 40.00
Ia Prison Industries
Supplies-Eng 7,135.00
Ian Treasurer, Edu-Con 78.50
Icit, Dues-It/Gis 50.00
Idda, Edu-Drng 210.00
J&L Autobody And Customs Llc
Service-Shf 200.00
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Eng 892.34
John Deere Financial
Supplies-Eng 358.67
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Eng 773.88
Kimberly Bode, Reimb-Eng 197.81
Knudtson Automotive Service
Service-Phd 956.04
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup 290.32
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr 760.62
Mark Tomlinson
Reimb-Ema 63.02
Metal Culverts Inc
Supplies-Eng 171.52
Mid-American Research Chemical
Parts-Eng 537.53
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Parts-Eng 739.80
Mike Bode, Reimb-Eng 132.31
Napa Auto Parts
Parts-Eng 144.55
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr .. 180.19
Niacog, Service-Tra 852.78
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup 506.82
Nsb Bank, Service-Dap 242.55
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd 174.50
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Con 126.19
Purchase Power
Service-Trs 3.88
Radar Road Tec
Service-Shf 890.00
Reserve Account
Postage-Rec 96.90
Safety Solutions
Service-Eng 500.00
Sam Warren
Mileage-It/Gis 194.33
Scp, Supplies-Eng 909.55
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San 519.00
Stellar Truck & Trailer
Supplies-Eng 215.46
Thomas Reid
Postage-Vaf 132.00
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Supplies-Shf 16.47
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng 279.99
U S Postal Service
Postage-Aud 183.00
Ulland Brothers Inc
Supplies-Eng 830.04
Verizon Wireless
Service-Eng 329.85
Viafield, Supplies-Gsr 345.27
Visa, Service-Eng 5,533.87
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp 2,650.00
Worth Co Veterinary Service
Service-Shf 155.00
Wsp Usa Environment & Infrastructure Inc.
Service-Ema 5,586.00
..... 75,055.92

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 8:41 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED REPAIRS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 34 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

TO: RICK L ASHLESON, RICHARD M & JUDITH M BERGEN, RICHARD M BERGEN REVOCABLE TRUST, JANE E BLOOMINGDALE, LARRY C BROWN TRUST, THOMAS L & SHERRY L CAPRANOS, LISA FELDT, JERALD J OLSON, GRUNDMEIER FAMILY TRUST, PATRICK & ROSALIND GRUNDMEIER, MICHAEL G & SHELLEY WYBORNY, RONI A WYBORNY, HERTZ FARM MANAGEMENT LLC, LOIS E HILL REVOCABLE TRUST, CLYDE E HILL REVOCABLE TRUST, ANDREW M HOFFSTRAND, SUZANNE Z HOFFSTRAND, JANSSEN CHARITABLE TRUST, LINDA K JANSSEN, JOHN H GREVE, TAMARAH K SORENSEN, DYLAN J & ABIGAIL R JOHNSON, JAMES M JOHNSON, MARGARET A JOHNSON (VELLON), STEVEN RAY MC CREADY, DAVID LEE & TAMARAH M MC CREADY, JAMIE J MC CREADY, JERAMIE J MC CREADY, JESSIE J MC CREADY, CHERYL RAE THOMPSON, J N METHUS TRUST & ERNESTINE TRUSTEESHIP, DEAN E & MARDENE B MEYER, DOUGLAS H & PAMELA A MEYER, MMH IOWA ENTERPRISES LLC, TODD M & SHANNON L MOORE, PAULIE FIELD, PAULINE G ODEGAARD LIFE ESTATE, PAUL W ODEGAARD, ROGER & JANIE ODEGAARD FAMILY TRUST, BONNIE K SCHOTZHAUER, MARY ELLEN ORTH TRUST, GRETCHEN GONDECK, JOHN & JENNIFER PATTERSON, LANDON M & JESSICA M PERKINS, DAVID & JOAN PETERSON, PIGSKIN FARMS LLC, JARED DEVRIES MANAGER, DEBRA J ROBINSON, CONNIE J ROSENBERG, JAMES K ROSENBERG TRUST, JOSHUA D & ANNA K ROSENBERG, MARLIN D ROSENBERG, PATRICIA C ROSENBERG TRUST, BRUCE SAWIN, LEROY JAMES, LEDENE KAMRATH, DARYL SAWIN, THOMAS E WALLIN, NICHOLAS C SCHAUB TRUST, THERESA A SCHAUB TRUST, WANDA S SHOVAN, AARON MICHAEL & SARAH MARIE STEVENS, DAVID K & ANNE L STEVENS, DOUGLAS D VAAGE, GARY J & VALERIE M WAGNER, CLAIRE M & DEBBY M WAHL, SHARON L WYBORNY, WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS, property owners as shown above, encumbrancers, lienholders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, to all whom it may concern, including the actual occupants of the land, or tract of land, described in and including Drainage District No. 34, Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as trustees on behalf of Drainage District No. 34 in said county has employed Bolton & Menk, Inc as an engineer to determine the feasibility or the necessity of having repairs and/or improvements, all concerning the drainage facilities of Drainage District No. 34 in order to provide adequate drainage and relief for the lands included in said Drainage District No. 34.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County requested that said engineer make a preliminary survey and investigation of the possible repairs and/or improvements of Drainage District No. 34.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the drainage engineer Bolton & Menk, Inc has filed their report with the Auditor of Worth County in which they recommend certain repairs and/or improvements. That the engineer's estimate for the costs of the proposed repairs/improvements, and potential annexation and reclassification are as follows:

The Engineer's estimate for the total cost for proposed repairs are $791,000 or improvements are $2,353,000. A description and breakdown of the estimated costs are shown in the engineer's report on file.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this report and recommendations in full are available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/ and also on file in the office of the Worth County Auditor at the Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa, for your information. You are encouraged to obtain a copy and review the report prior to the date set for hearing in this notice. Said reports have been reviewed and considered by the Board of Supervisors and they have been tentatively approved as the board has determined that the repairs, improvements, and are necessary and feasible. The engineer reports also contained the following recommendations and proposals:

1. Right of Way. The report recommends the consideration by the board of the acquisition of additional right of way for this project which will be considered at this hearing or a continuation thereof.

2. Annexation. That at a later date an annexation of additional lands will be considered by the board.

3. Reclassification. That at a later date the board will consider reclassification with appropriate adjustment of assessments.

Interest Rate and Waivers. The board will also consider the appropriate interest to charge on stamped warrants and determine the length of time that assessments may be paid of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) years.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, acting on behalf Drainage District No. 34 has fixed a time and place of hearing on said report and proposed repairs/improvements, for Monday, November 27th at 11:00 A.M. at the Worth County Courthouse. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person you can contact the Worth County Drainage Clerk at 641-324-2316 to obtain the online Zoom link. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall hear objections to the feasibility of such repairs, improvements, and of the drainage district as may be presented by and for any landowner in the district. The report of the engineer as filed herein may be amended before final action is taken thereon by this Board of Supervisors. This hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice as determined by this Board of Supervisors.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE ENGINEER'S REPORT OR TO ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS HEARING MUST BE IN WRITING AND FILED WITH THE WORTH COUNTY AUDITOR AT OR BEFORE THE TIME FIXED FOR HEARING. Any interested party may be heard in an argument by himself or by counsel. Anyone who fails to object shall be held to have waived all objections and claims for damages.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements, and Drainage District No. 34 acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

This notice is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting on behalf of Drainage District No. 34.

Valerie Paulson
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED REPAIRS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 14 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

TO: ANDERSON, MILLARD N & CYNTHIA A; ANDERSON, MILLARD N & CYNTHIA A REV TRUST; BERGE, TIMOTHY; JOHNSON, DENNIS D & RANDI S; D & R RENTALS LLC; DAHLBY, ROGER & JANET; DUVALL, JOSHUA J & CHELSEA J; ERICKSON-FEHLEN, JANA; ERICKSON, MARIAON T REVOCABLE TRUST; FOLEY, RUBEN C TRUSTEE; FOLEY, RUBEN C TRUST; FALKSTONE LLC; FIRST CITIZENS TRUST & INVESTMENTS ATTN: ROBERTA CORNELIUS; GORDON, DEAN R REVOCABLE TRUST; GORDON, DEAN R REVOCABLE TRUST; BLOOMINGDALE, JANE; HAUGEN, LAURITZ G TRUST ET AL; HANSON, MICHAEL S & TERESA N; HELGELAND, KEITH; HELGELAND, KIRSTEN & SARAH; HOGEN, CONNIE; LUEDTKE, DEANNA L REVOCABLE TRUST' MEDLANG, JIM; LOW, LONNIE D; LOE, ANN; THEOBALD-LOW, CONNIE S; JOHNSON, RANDI S & LAURIE; MORTON, KIRSTEN; METZGER, DAVID & INEZ; METZGER, DAVID & INEZ TRUST; MEDLANG, JAMES JR; PIXLEY,GRACE; NORTHERN NATURAL GAS; OLSON, KEITH A & FRAN J; REEDER, KEVIN; REMSTER, BRENT & JAMIE; REUVERS, DEBRA; BJORK, TERESA; STEINKAMP, KRISTINE A; SCRIBBINS FARMS LLC; HERTZ FARM MANAGEMENT INC; TRENHAILE & SONS INC; TRENAHILE, ERIC; TRENHAILE, WAYNE; TRENHAILE, HELEN; TRENHAILE, ERIC W TRUST; TRENAHILE, BARBARA, TRENHAILE, PATRICIA L; UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD ATTN: SR COUNSEL - REAL ESTATE; VANSTEENBURG REV LIVING TRUST; VANSTEENBURG, JEFFREY B & HEIDI C TRUSTEES; WALSER, CHAD & TRACIE; WALSER, DENNIS E LIFE ESTATE; WEIR, DOROTHY A REVOCABLE TRUST; WILKINS, ANGELA K; HELGELAND, KEITH; HELGELAND, SARAH & KEITH LE; HELGELAND, KIRSTEN & KEITH LE; VANSTEENBURG, JEFFREY B & HEIDI C; VANSTEENBURG, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; WORTH COUNTY; WORTH COUNTY CONSERVATION; WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS, property owners as shown above, encumbrancers, lienholders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, to all whom it may concern, including the actual occupants of the land, or tract of land, described in and including Drainage District No. 14, Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as trustees on behalf of Drainage District No. 14 in said county has employed Bolton & Menk, Inc as an engineer to determine the feasibility or the necessity of having repairs and/or improvements, all concerning the drainage facilities of Drainage District No. 14 in order to provide adequate drainage and relief for the lands included in said Drainage District No. 14.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County requested that said engineer make a preliminary survey and investigation of the possible repairs and/or improvements of Drainage District No. 14.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the drainage engineer Bolton & Menk, Inc has filed their report with the Auditor of Worth County in which they recommend certain repairs and/or improvements. That the engineer's estimate for the costs of the proposed repairs/improvements, and potential annexation and reclassification are as follows:

The Engineer's estimate for the total cost for proposed repairs and/or improvements is $1,383,000. A description and breakdown of the estimated costs are shown in the engineer's report on file.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this report and recommendations in full are available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/ and also on file in the office of the Worth County Auditor at the Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa, for your information. You are encouraged to obtain a copy and review the report prior to the date set for hearing in this notice. Said reports have been reviewed and considered by the Board of Supervisors and they have been tentatively approved as the board has determined that the repairs, improvements, and are necessary and feasible. The engineer reports also contained the following recommendations and proposals:

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Interest Rate and Waivers. The board will also consider the appropriate interest to charge on stamped warrants and determine the length of time that assessments may be paid of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) years.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, acting on behalf Drainage District No. 14 has fixed a time and place of hearing on said report and proposed repairs/improvements, for Monday, November 27th at 9:30 A.M. at the Worth County Courthouse. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person you can contact the Worth County Drainage Clerk at 641-324-2316 to obtain the online Zoom link. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall hear objections to the feasibility of such repairs, improvements, and of the drainage district as may be presented by and for any landowner in the district. The report of the engineer as filed herein may be amended before final action is taken thereon by this Board of Supervisors. This hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice as determined by this Board of Supervisors.

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This notice is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting on behalf of Drainage District No. 14.

Valerie Paulson
Worth County Drainage Clerk

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Business Announcements

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

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Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

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John Midtgaard, Agent
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Office 641-324-9844 Fax 641-324-9844

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Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday
First Lutheran Church
For more information call 324-3070

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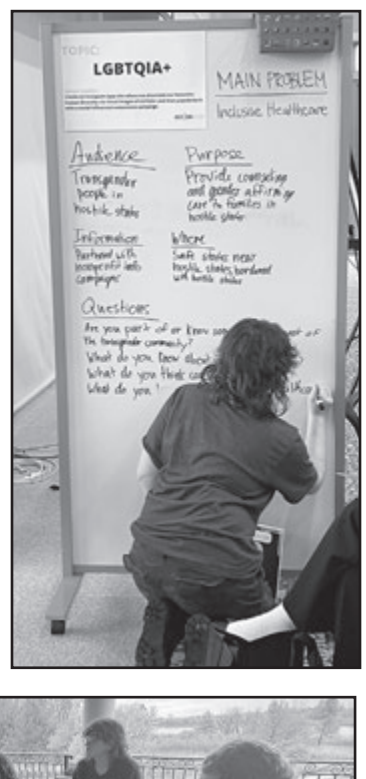
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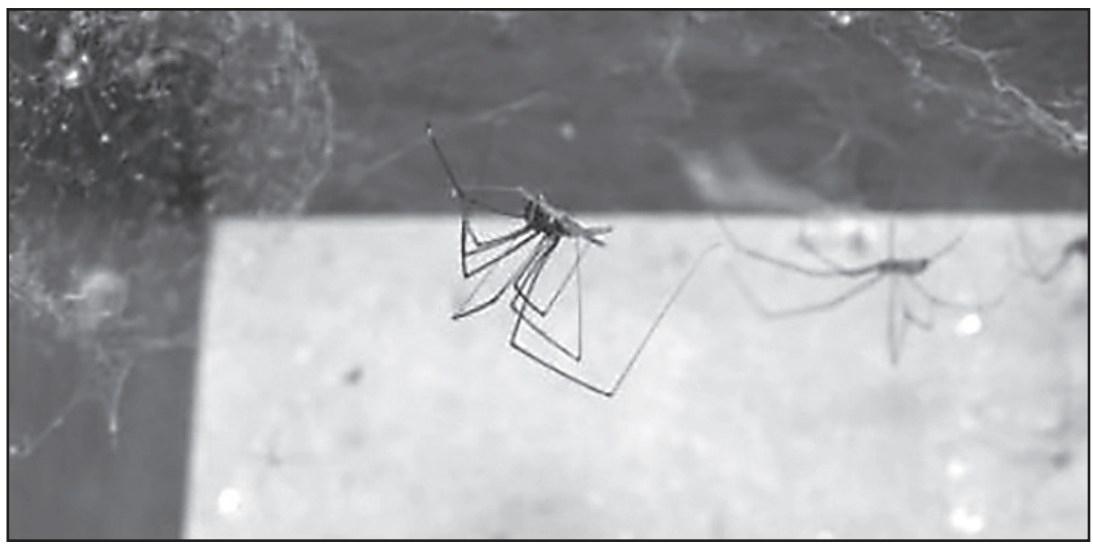




DesignDash challenge

A group of Northwood-Kensett students joined students from other schools to take on an entrepreneurial challenge recently. They traveled to the University of Iowa for the DesignDash event. Teams of students were given topics problems related to that topic. They worked together to brainstorm ideas for a business to provide a solution to the problem. They considered things like the audience for their business, the purpose and information and questions to consider. After developing their startups, they made a presentation to entrepreneurs and business executives at the event.

Spiders in the homes are no cause for worry, according to insect expert



As autumn leaves turn and the temperature begins to drop, people aren't the only ones looking to get cozy indoors, as many Iowans notice an increase in insect and spider populations around the home during fall. While finding unexpected spiders hiding around the home can be alarming for some, Zach Schumm, insect diagnostician with the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at Iowa State University, explains that most spiders in Iowa pose little threat to people.

Typically, spiders or other insects that enter indoors are looking for warmth, according to Schumm. While any spider has the potential to accidentally work its way indoors, the types of spiders commonly encountered in the home include wolf spiders, funnel weaving spiders, jumping spiders and cellar spiders.

"The common offenders are the spiders that are more noticeable, either because they are larger or we happen to see them when they aren't hiding," explained Schumm.

All spiders, which can be distinguished from most other arthropods by their eight legs and two body regions, have hollow fangs capable of injecting venom into their prey. However, as Schumm explains, this characteristic should not be a cause for concern for humans, as they only wish to use their fangs on their food, not on people.

"In the United States as a whole, there are very few medically significant spiders that people need to be concerned about. The typical offenders we hear about, the brown recluse and the black widow, are very uncommon in Iowa," said Schumm. "In addition to being very uncommon, these spiders are typically nonaggressive toward people. Even when they do bite, they often dry bite, meaning that they bite without injecting any venom."

Black widows, which can be distinguished by the red hourglass marking on the underside of their abdomen, have been found in Iowa before, but are uncommon. Even when encountered, these spiders are often described as shy, and prefer to flee from humans when threatened. While their venom is highly toxic, bites are typically not serious since a very small amount of venom is injected. Symptoms of a bite typically include pain and swelling at the site of the bite, headache, shortness of breath and muscle spasms. Very few black widow bites result in serious medical complications.

Brown recluses, the other main species of venomous spider that can be found in Iowa, are also incredibly uncommon. Although their range technically extends into the lower part of the state, they are considered uncommon to extremely rare in the upper Midwest. True to their name, they tend to avoid areas with human activity and rarely bite. They can be distinguished by the dark, violin-shaped marking on their front body section. While bites are not typically immediately painful, a localized burning sensation typically develops within a few hours, followed by raised or darkened skin surrounding the bite. For more information on venomous spiders in Iowa, visit the ISU Extension and Outreach publication "Potentially Dangerous Spiders."

Since few Iowa spiders pose any real medical threat and are unaggressive, Schumm rarely recommends spraying insecticides around the home.

"Most spiders around the home are more of a nuisance than a medical issue, so I always recommend some level of tolerance," said Schumm. "If you want to reduce their numbers, it's important to seal up any small gaps where they may be entering the home. Putting on new door thresholds, repairing window screens and sealing up cracks can prevent spiders from coming indoors."

"There are some options for managing spiders using insecticides after they've entered, but I would argue that those methods are less healthy and more expensive than letting the spiders be. However, if you're allergic to spider venom or are finding those more medically significant species, you can put out sticky traps to monitor for presence and abundance of spiders or call a pest management company if needed," he added.

While discovering an unwelcome, eight-legged roommate can be startling, it is rarely a cause for alarm.

"People generally tend to be fearful of spiders, but the spiders we see around our homes aren't out to get us," added Schumm. "Next time you find a spider around the house, take the time to observe it for a bit. The more we understand things, the less fearful we tend to be."

More information on common Iowa spiders is available by visiting store.extension.iastate.edu/product/5267 or contact Zach Schumm at zschumm@iastate.edu or by calling 515-294-0581.

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After short break, N-K cheer gets back to competing with first place finish

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

For those high school sports fans out there who rarely pay any attention to the cheerleaders on the sidelines, probably thinking these kids are the ones that couldn't compete in the "real" sports, I have a little story to tell you that might just change your mind.

I've been covering Northwood-Kensett sports for close to 20 years now, three with the Albert Lea Tribune and the last 17 or so with the Northwood Anchor, and I have noticed one thing over the years, especially with the retirement of Hall of Fame football coach Dave Capitani.

N-K's cheer coach Cindy Pangburn is without a doubt the best and most demanding coach at N-K, hands down. It's not even close here folks. Cindy demands perfection from her athletes, and gets it. If not, they will probably be watching next season's sports from the stands.

With the exception of Cap, Cindy gets more out of her athletes that any coach I've ever covered, and yes, that's right, I called them athletes because of all the cheer teams and competitions I've covered, I've never seen a more awesome display of sheer athletic ability as I have watching N-K's cheerleaders.

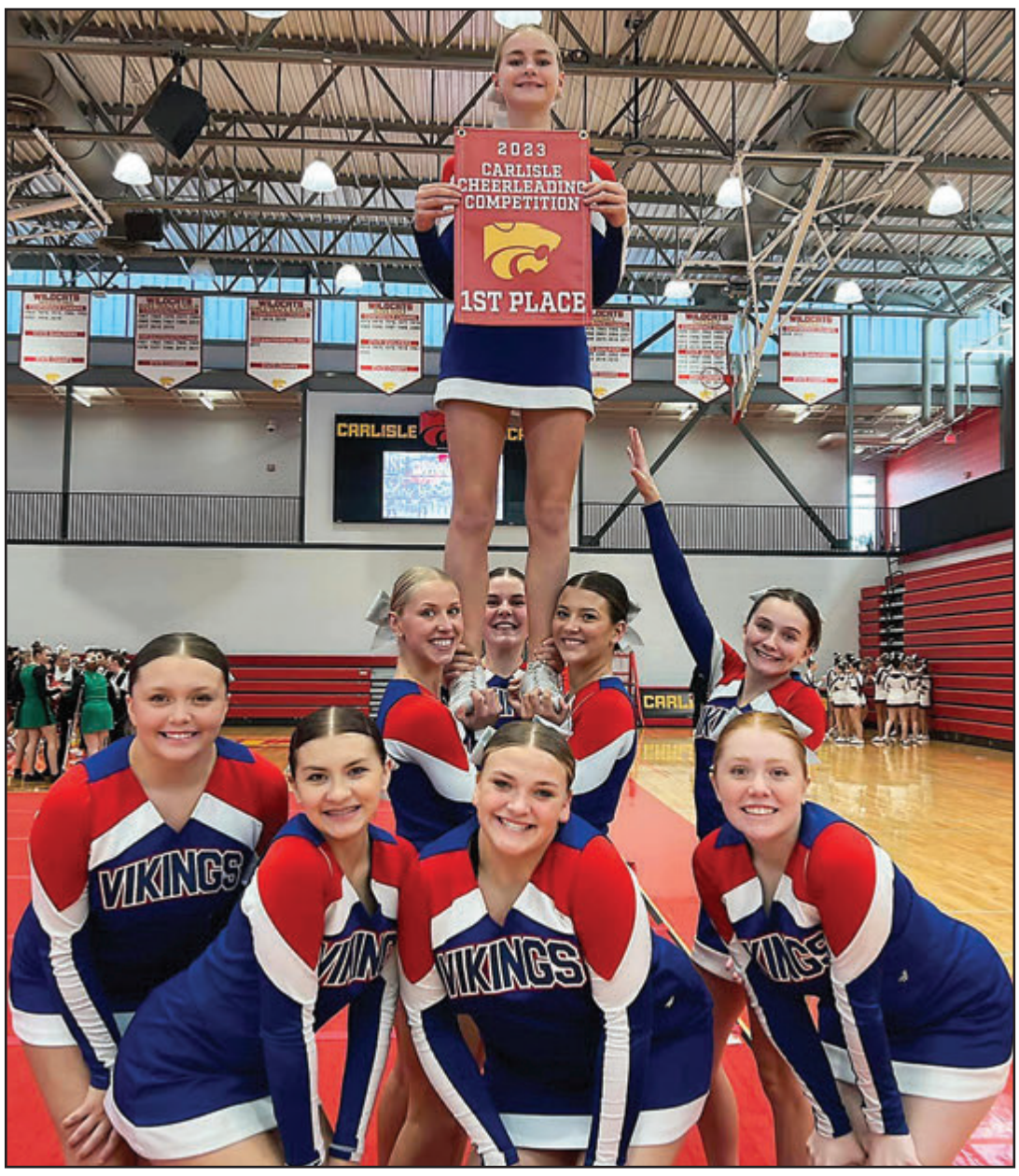
Let's make one thing perfectly clear, they are athletes and cheerleading is a sport, if you don't share that opinion, then you're just not a very smart sports fan as far as I'm concerned.

This group of N-K athletes, after a short absence from competing, has come back with a vengeance for being the best they can be, winning its first competition since returning to the circuit last weekend at the Carlisle Competition.

The team performed in a brand new division called the Game Time Spirit that consists of a one-minute cheer, similar to what you might hear at a basketball timeout, followed by the school fight song.

The teams have numerous requirements from time allowed for each section to being required to do a double connected jump all while having numerous formation changes while performing intricate, elite motions at a fast pace, and the ladies from N-K did it to perfection.

N-K cheer team members include Haddie Hanson, Lindsey Moore, Mackensy Tomlinson, Topanga Hackenmiller, Sophia Butler, Kenedie Berry, Camryn Rheingans, Emersyn Wahl and Ashlyn Skellenger.

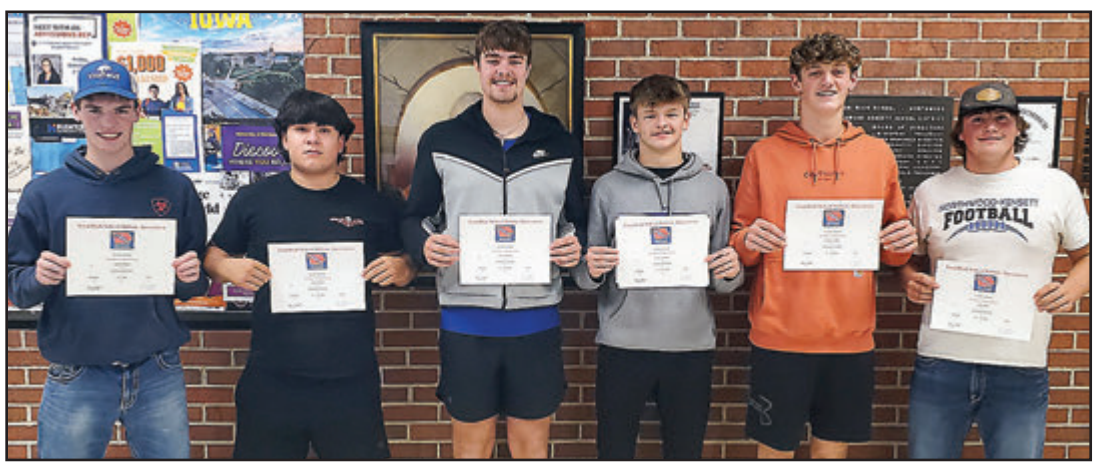




The Northwood-Kensett cheerleaders held their annual football awards banquet last week – this year's award winners include Lindsey Moore (Most Inspirational), Madalynn Hanson (Defensive MVP), Emma Hengesteg (Most Versatile) and Chloe Costello (Offensive MVP).



This season a number of Northwood-Kensett football players received All-District Academic Awards. They include Evan Lorenzen, Jose Obregon, Colby Eskildsen, Aden Bice, Loghan Nelson and Kooper Julseth.



Despite its deceiving 3-5 record, the Northwood-Kensett football team had its fair share of district standouts on the gridiron this season. This year's all-district selections from N-K include Loghan Nelson, Jose Obregon, Colby Eskildsen, Evan Lorenzen, Kooper Julseth and Justin Mills.



The Northwood-Kensett football team, who finished the season at 3-5, held its annual awards banquet last week. This year's award winners include Jose Obregon (Special Team MVP), Landon Nelson (Newcomer of the Year), Weston Willand (Scout Team Player of the Year), Kooper Julseth (Offensive MVP) and Justin Mills (Defensive MVP).

2023 TIC East All-Conference Volleyball Selections

First Team

Aubrey Hoeft	Central Springs	Sr.
Azaria McDonough	Central Springs	Jr.
Jaylynn Pratt	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Olivia Dralle	North Butler	Jr.
Jacey Johnston	Osage	So.
Jenna Scharper	Osage	Jr.
Kinsey Anderson	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Aspen Falk	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Lindsey Kruse	Saint Ansgar	So.

Second Team

Paige Prazak	Central Springs	Jr.
Ellyan Ryan	Central Springs	Sr.
Paige Franzen	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Elizabeth Kruckenburg	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Taylor Klobassa	Osage	Sr.
Addison Marcks	Osage	So.
Hannah Hillman	Rockford	So.
Natalie Bork	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Ava Falk	Saint Ansgar	So.

Honorable Mention

Cameron Cobb	Central Springs	Jr.
Kami Hannemann	Nashua-Plainfield	So.
Sami Kruckenburg	Newman Catholic	So.
Lauren Fleshner	North Butler	Sr.
Chloe Costello	**Northwood-Kensett**	**Sr.**
Rylie Tabbert	Osage	Sr.
Danika deBuhr	Rockford	So.
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