

Sparkling park display
Amongst the decorations in and around Swensrud Park are the lights, wreaths and decorations on display on and nearby the Northwood Civic Center/City Hall, pictured above. See more pictures of Northwood area lighting displays in issues of the Anchor as Christmas comes closer.

Supervisors discuss Manly law enforcement, building options

Worth County will soon review law enforcement agreements with Worth County towns, and the lack of an agreement with one. This past Monday, after press time, they were also set to discuss potential plans for two upcoming property purchases.

The Worth County supervisors were updated on

plans to meet with Worth County's towns to sign law enforcement agreements for the coming year. One city that will be up for separate discussion is Manly.

Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank told the supervisors that the County should consider reaching a new agreement with the City, as County deputies are frequently call to respond to

Manly.

Fank said that the city has been without a second officer for almost a year and little movement has been made in hiring a replacement.

That has left the WCSO to fill in with a second officer, without the City reimbursing the County for deputies' time.

The County and City had

an agreement in the past that provided some compensation for the County's time. However, the County did not renew that agreement last year as they wanted to spend less time in the city, expecting Manly to increase its police force.

Fank said that the City and County need to get a new agreement in place. He

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Three Wednesdays 'till Christmas

The Week's WEATHER

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Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Nov. 28	29	-1	
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Sat. Dec. 2	35	13	
Sun. Dec. 3	40	19	
Mon. Dec. 4	40	20	

Share Shoppe invites kids to shop for Christmas

With the holidays on the way, the Share Shoppe is offering special shopping hours for kids to shop for their families.

The Share Shoppe is a mission venture of several area churches. The store resells donated items, which are in gently used or new and only sold when in good condition.

The store offers clothing, toys, decorations, housewares, books, movies and a variety of other items.

Items in the Share Shoppe are offered with no set price. Those buying

items are encouraged to donate as they can afford, with money going towards the Share Shoppe's rent and utility expenses.

The Share Shoppe also provides items to people in need, following fires, when they need help leaving bad situations or in other emergency scenarios.

The Share Shoppe will once again be opening on two extra days to offer kids a chance to shop for their families.

The Share Shoppe will be open this Wednesday, **Share Shoppe, see Page 3**



On parade
This past Saturday, the Christmas season was officially kicked off in Northwood with a variety of events. That included a holiday movie at the Northwood Theatre. The Northwood Community Center shared hot dogs and hot chocolate. Kids hunted for candy canes in Central Park. The lighted parade traveled through the city before ending in Swensrud Park. The park played host to Santa, a bonfire, chili and hot chocolate. See more pictures on page 12.

Shop local this holiday season at the wide variety of area retailers

With many looking for the perfect item for those on their Christmas lists, they need look no further than the many local businesses, which offer plenty of ways to find what they're looking for close to home.

For gifts with an Iowa flair, the Barn Boutique in the Top of Iowa Welcome Center offers a variety sure to please anyone, all made locally in Iowa. Barn Boutique gift item options

include charcuterie boards, afghans, mittens, candles, seasonal decorative items, practical items, wall decor, wooden items carved from trees, Christmas pottery, trolls, gourmet jellies, John Deere dish towels, baby gifts and clothing, books for all ages, unique note and holiday cards, floral arrangements and more.

Fallgatter's Market can **Shop, see Page 2**

Crop/pesticide clinic set for Friday

The Worth and Cerro Gordo County Extension Service's annual Corn and Soybean Clinic/Pesticide Recertification meeting will be held this Friday, December 8, at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly at 9:30 a.m.

Farmers will have the opportunity to renew their Private Pesticide Applicators License at this meeting.

Featured speakers for the crop clinic will be Dr. Chad Hart, Iowa State University Economics Professor, who will discuss corn and soybean grain marketing. ISU Extension Weed Prevention Specialist Dr. Bob Hartzler will cover information about best crop weed control practices. Angie Rieck-Hinz, Regional Extension Agronomist will **Crop, see Page 3**

Council discusses water line review and replacement

Some water lines in the city of Northwood will soon be replaced, partially starting a process that others in the city could face in the near future.

The Northwood city council learned about a specific section of water line in the city, and how it is a preview of a review process that will take place this winter. The result could mean more water lines replaced in the coming years.

City superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk told the council that there are issues with a water line connection in the northwest corner

of the city.

A water line has become increasingly congested and is affecting the pressure of three or four homes on a block adjacent to the line.

The City has worked with the homeowners and lines will be upgraded or replaced, along with the property owners agreeing to have their own private lines in place. That would alleviate the current issue and give the property owners more options in the future.

Van Ryswyk told the council that replacing the line would also address one of the remaining portions of **Council, see Page 2**

Briefs

Santa set for Northwood visits

Each year Santa pays several visits to his home away from home, at Santa's Village in Central Park in Northwood. Santa will be back in Northwood, in his village in Central Park, on Thursdays, December 7, 14 and 21, from 5-6 p.m. He will also visit on Saturdays, December 9, 16 and 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will make one more visit just before his big day, stopping at his village from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24.

Free movies for the holidays

The Northwood Theatre will once again offer a number of free holiday shows, courtesy of local sponsors. The next holiday movie will be shown this Saturday, December 9, with "Elf," at 10 a.m., sponsored by WCTA. On Saturday, December 16, at 10 a.m., "Polar Express" will be shown, sponsored by Farmers State Bank. On Saturday, December 23, at 10 a.m., will be a showing of "Wish." On Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, at 7 p.m., "Wish" will be sponsored by Tom Capranos of Northwoods Cabinetry.

Northwood Library hosts Holiday open house Dec. 12

The Northwood Public Library will be hosting a Holiday open house on Tuesday, December 12, all-day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hot drinks and treats will be served.

Drive-through lights in Fertile park

The City of Fertile is offering a drive through Christmas light display on Fridays and Saturdays leading up to the holiday. The display can be seen in Fertile's William Rhodes Park on Fridays and Saturdays, from 6-8 p.m. through December 23. Free will donations will be accepted.

Kensett Library Christmas open house set for Dec. 9

The Kensett Public Library will have their Christmas Open House this Saturday, December 9, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. There will be a story time and a take home craft. This is for all ages. There will be refreshments and snacks along with games and prizes.

December 8 Worth County Crop Clinic reservations due by Dec. 6

The Worth County Extension Service annual Crop Clinic/Pesticide Recertification meeting will be held this Friday, December 8, at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly at 9:30 a.m. Farmers will have the opportunity to renew their Private Pesticide Applicators License at this meeting. Pesticide applicators with questions may call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, and Lacey Waller, Office Manager, at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531 for more information and to get their free meal reservation in by Wednesday, December 6.

2024 Worth County Fair calf weigh-in set for December 16

The Worth County 4-H will be holding the Fair Calf Weigh-in on Saturday, December 16, at the Worth County Fairgrounds from 9 to 10 a.m. for the 2024 Worth County Fair, scheduled for June 19-23. Those wanting to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair will need to get their calves retinol scanned by the deadline of February 1, 2024. Those wanting further information are asked to call Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or email Dennis at djohn@iastate.edu.

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help your holiday visits with their selection of meat and vegetable trays, gift items, tasty treats, holiday meal staples and all you need to feed everyone around your holiday table. With the New Year fast approaching, many may have plans for new looks for their homes. To help with that goal, Northland Custom Interiors offers gift certificates. Kibble Equipment is the place for the John Deere tractor and farm equipment enthusiast. Clothing and toys make great gifts for kids and collectors. At Kelly Hardware shop for power tools, toys, pet supplies and pet food, birdseed and feeders, kitchen and home gifts, Christmas presents, Christmas trees and Christmas lights. You'll also find automotive supplies, electrical and plumbing supplies, boots, gloves, grills and grilling supplies, storage totes, humidifiers and dehumidifiers, fishing supplies, paper products, Northwood City garbage bags, water softener salt and so much more. A new year might mean a new do for some lucky recipients of professional shampoos, conditioners, mousse and gift certificates from Ken's Barbershop, Judy's House of Beauty, Beauty Nook by Cotter, Xquisite and Mane Street Cuts. The Holiday Boutique is once again open in the historic Stromstein building west of City Hall. The store offers a wide variety of hand-crafted items from a number of talented local vendors. Items range from decorative items, kitchenware, woodwork and much more. The boutique also offers Norwegian treats and baked goods on the weekends. For auto enthusiasts, the amateur auto mechanic, all car owners and more, Car Quest Auto Parts offers a selection of great gifts for the do-it-yourself auto technician and car enthusiast. That includes a variety of parts, tools, technology, cell phone accessories, lights and more, with a variety of gifts for car care, drivers and automobile enthusiasts. For the antique and vintage lover in your life, The Hen House has a huge assortment of antiques, collectibles and up-cycled furniture. You'll also want to stop in to see their even larger selection of beautiful clothing. For the liquor connoisseur and other beverage buffs, Shade Tree Liquors offers a number of gift ideas. Holiday gift boxes, with liquor and a gift, and gift certificates are available, as well as holiday bags to make a favorite liquor a special gift. A number of koozies and miniature adult stocking stuffers can also be found at the store. At the Share Shoppe they offer a number of donated new and gently-used items, including clothing, toys, decorations and home decor. The Share Shoppe is a mission of area churches, operated by volunteers. There are no price tags on items, people are invited to donate what they can afford. Money is used to pay for rent and utilities. They are open Thursdays 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. As always, the gift of music is available from Dewey Kruger Music. They carry a selection of digital pianos, pianos and organs (brand new instruments as well as good used instruments) in all categories. A gift certificate or gift shop items from Diamond Jo Casino are a safe bet for the gambler on anyone's Christmas list. There's nothing like the gift of good food and drink, especially that served by many area bars and restaurants. Holiday time meals and refreshments and gift certificates are available at

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the system that will need to be replaced to comply with a federal program. Van Ryswyk told the council that over the course of the winter, the City will make a list of every galvanized water line in the city. Galvanized lines refer to those that consist of pipes made out of a metal with a protective coating. They were commonly used in homes built before the 1960s. The US EPA and Iowa DNR are in the process of a federal program that is looking to identify and remove galvanized lines throughout the country. The issue, according to the federal agencies, is the potential use of lead, or a build up of lead, that may result from the use of galvanized pipes. As the lead breaks down, it may end up in drinking water, a potential health threat to those that that drink the water. Van Ryswyk told the

Strike Zone, Signatures Supper Club, Sue's Corner Post, Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill, Worth Brewing Company, the Carpenter Bar and Grill, Gobbler's Roost, the Liquor Library, the Northwood Saloon and the American Legion post in Manly. For the movie-lovers on people's list, the Northwood Theatre is the place to go for gift certificates good for concessions and movie tickets alike. Those in Kensett and Northwood can find gift items and gift certificates, as well as a variety of food and beverage needs at R80 in Kensett and Northwood. For holiday parties or someone with a sweet tooth (or yourself) Fat Jill's can provide cupcakes and cookies in a variety of flavors. Gift certificates are also available. D&L Equipment is the place to stop for farm and yard toys for the boys and girls of all ages. Whether that be tractors to play with in the living room, or equipment used in the field, driveway and around the home, it can be found at D&L Equipment. In Manly, Serenity Spa offers gift certificates, and also offers a boutique, with a variety of items, including jewelry, accessories and beauty, hair, skin and health care products. They also recently a new massage therapist, making couples massages and therapies a new gift option. The Boothouse is the place to go for boots, accessories, apparel and more. With special promotions on

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noted that every other city in Worth County pays the WCSO for law enforcement and Manly needs to be included again. Asked about what happens without an agreement, Fank said that they have to be there when needed in an emergency. Supervisor AJ Stone, whose district includes Manly, said he would reach out to City officials, letting them know that the County is spending time and money to fill in the gaps of the Manly PD. He said that law enforcement coverage is their responsibility. Fank said the alternative would be to start sending the city a bill. Stone said that would just bring the County back to the difficulties that led to the previous agreement with Manly being dropped. Stone noted that the County does not have the resources to have deputies act as the back up to the Manly police chief. Fank agreed, suggesting that the only alternative would be for the City of Manly to contract with the County and pay the wages of a deputy for their area. Later in the meeting, a discussion of potential uses

popular brands, now is the time to pay the Boothouse a visit. The Canine Depot offers everything for all your canine needs, grooming, nail trimming, shampooing and cuts. Gift certificates are available for pets and their families. Kaleidoscopes To You, based in Manly, provides an online shop for a unique gift, ranging from toys, to hand crafted works that create unique visions to behold. At the Rusty Nickel, you'll find home and seasonal decor, candles, vintage/retro items and antiques and a variety of handmade items. Worth County's banks offer sound gift investments. Whether it is shiny coins, crisp bills or savings bonds, NSB Bank in Northwood, Farmers State Bank locations and First Security Bank in Manly offer great options for stuffing Christmas cards and stockings too. And that's not a comprehensive list. There are many other shops and home vendors that offer a great way to give a gift while supporting a local business. Also, everyone, both near and far, enjoys keeping up to date on everything that's going on in their hometown. A subscription to the Manly Signal and the Northwood Anchor makes a perfect gift for enquiring minds. Subscriptions are available, to be delivered to the home, or to access the Northwood Anchor, online at www.nwdanchor.com.

for two new properties was discussed. At a recent meeting, the supervisors approved the pending purchases of a large storage building and an area of farmland nearby. In their motions at the previous meeting, the building would be updated to provide a new location for the Worth County Conservation department. The land was said to be for a new county roads facilities. The supervisors discussed who would be gathering information on the funds needed and the potential uses of those areas, as well as existing spaces once departments relocate. With the conservation office relocated, it was suggested that their existing buildings could provide indoor offsite storage for County transit buses, or WCSO vehicles and a new evidence storage area. EMA vehicle and equipment storage was also suggested. The supervisors and county officials that could use any of the existing or forthcoming County areas planned to discuss options at a workshop held this past Monday, after press time.

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Iowa ranks in the top 10 for computer science education

In a newly released national report, Iowa has been named one of the top 10 states for computer science education.

Code.org, the leading provider of K-12 computer science curriculum in the United States, has ranked Iowa as seventh in the nation for providing high-quality computer science education in public schools. Iowa’s ranking is tied with Connecticut and is the first time the state has jumped in the top 10 for computer science. During the 2022-23 school year, Iowa saw a significant increase from 71 percent to 83 percent of high schools providing foundational computer science opportunities.

“We are proud to be recognized by a computer science leader like Code.org,” said Justin Lewis, computer science education consultant at the Iowa Department of Education. “The ranking is a reflection of the collaborative work within our state to ensure students receive high-quality computer science education.”

State rankings are identified by the implementation of 10 recommended policies that make comput-

er science education foundational. These policies include the following initiatives:

Create a statewide plan for K-12 computer science

Define computer science and establish standards for K-12 computer science

Allocate funding for rigorous professional learning for computer science teachers

Implement clear certification pathways for computer science teachers at elementary and secondary levels

Create programs at institutions of higher education for preservice teachers

Establish dedicated computer science positions at state education agencies

Require that schools offer computer science with appropriate implementation timelines

Allow computer science to count towards core graduation requirement

Allow computer science to satisfy an admission requirement at higher education institutions

Require that all students take computer science to earn a high school diploma

Iowa scored highly in seven of the 10 categories

and received recommendations for improvement in two areas: creating programs for preservice teachers and implementing a computer science requirement for graduation. Lewis noted that these two areas are anticipated to be addressed over the next year.

“In just a few short years, we have significantly moved computer science education forward in Iowa,” he said. “Through several intensive professional development opportunities, grant funding, STEM education priorities and, of course, the implementation of the computer science requirement at all grade levels, we have seen tremendous success. We will continue this important work to fill other gaps to ensure Iowa is at the top for computer science education.”

Initiatives such as the STEM Scale-Up program and Teacher Externships program through the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council at the Department have brought high-quality resources to computer science classrooms and have contributed to the state’s impact.

Additionally, immersive

professional development opportunities like Computer Science Professional Development Week have been a priority for Iowa. Funded by the Department, Computer Science Professional Development Week has offered Iowa teachers a week-long opportunity to learn directly from computer science experts and leading teachers in the field.

In 2020, House File 2629 established that all accredited Iowa high schools provide at least one computer science course by the 2022-23 school year. Middle schools also must now offer computer science instruction in either seventh or eighth grade, and elementary schools must offer it in at least one grade.



On a role

Northwood-Kensett Elementary recently held its monthly assembly to recognize the students that were chosen as role models. The students were recognized for the achievement and then invited to show off their limbo skills.

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lead the Private Farm Pesticide Recertification session to kick off the meeting.

Pesticide applicators

Share Shoppe
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December 13, and on Wednesday, December 20, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Volunteers will offer gift

with questions may call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, and Lacey Waller, Office Manager at

the Worth County Extension Office, at 641-324-1531 for more information and to get their free meal reservation.

wrapping on those days, as well, as their regular hours on December, 14, 16 and 20.

The Share Shoppe’s reg-

ular hours are on Thursdays, from 1-4 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers sought for county boards/commissions

A number of Worth County boards and commissions will have open positions, and volunteers are sought to serve on those groups.

All those ages 18 and older are welcome to apply. The positions are unpaid.

Positions are available to serve on the County Board of Health, Veterans Affairs Commission, Conservation

Board, Eminent Domain Compensation Commission, Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Central Iowa Tourism Region, North Iowa Regional Housing Authority, NIACOG Revolving Loan Fund Committee and North Iowa Area Council of Governments.

Applications are required

and are available at the Worth County Auditor’s office or on the Worth County website, online at www.worthcounty.org.

Applications are due by December 31. More information is available by calling the auditor’s office at 641-324-2316.

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Bethel United Methodist Church

503 S. East St., Manly, Iowa

Friday, December 8 - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Meal at 12:30 p.m.



CHAD HART
Chad Hart is an Iowa State University Professor in Agriculture Economics. Dr. Hart travels the upper Midwest discussing the supply and demand forecast for Corn and Soybeans and how it might impact the outlook for crop profitability in the future. He will address agricultural grain marketing, agriculture policy and risk management issues based on current commodity prices.



BOB HARTZLER
Dr. Hartzler has been a weed scientist at Iowa State University for several years. Bob is a highly respected and knowledgeable corn and soybean weed prevention agronomist who will be presenting the latest research regarding successful weed control in both corn and soybeans. He will focus on the best weed control practices in suppressing chemical resistant weeds farmers have experienced recently in trying to reduce problem weeds.

Call the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531 to pre-register.










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Worth County 4-H State recognition workshop held on December 27

The Worth County Extension Office will host a 4-H State Recognition Workshop on Wednesday, December 27 at 10:30 a.m. All 9th grade to 12th grade 4-H members are invited to participate in learning about the many State 4-H Award winning opportunities that are available. Past Worth County 4-H State award winners will be at the meeting to share information about how to apply for the awards and recognition trips to Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

The 4-H members will also have a chance to learn about what the duties and responsibilities are of the Iowa State 4-H Council and what the application and interview process is to be able to serve on the 2024-2025 Iowa State 4-H Council Team. To learn more about this 4-H workshop email Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson at djohn@iastate.edu or call Dennis at 641-324-1531 at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood.



A helpful huddle

Last week the Northwood-Kensett boys basketball game at North Butler was a close battle. A self-described "loud and proud" mom shared this photo of a team huddle on the way to the three point victory by the Vikings. Pictured are Camden Trenhaile, Evan Lorenzen, Kooper Julseth, Carter Anderson and Colby Eskildsen.

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N-K third grade boys basketball take first

The N-K third grade boys recently won the Osage Booster Club Tournament. They beat West Fork, Newman Catholic and Osage to finish 3-0. Pictured are (front row, from left) Brody Ralston, Abel Wheeler, Cayson Amundson, Laygen Low, (back row) coach Chad Anderson, Brekkyn Hengesteg, Calvin Christianson, Reese Nielsen Beau Anderson, Julien Davidson and coach Preston Davidson. Not pictured was Liam Burnes.

Art from the nature center

Students in the Drawing class at Northwood-Kensett took part in a two day workshop recently, led by Worth County Naturalist Heaven Walker. The first day had the students making a trek into the Ramsey Nature Center. They collected brush and branches for the second day of the workshop, when they made drawing charcoal over a fire. They used the charcoal to draw with the charcoal. They also enjoyed some s'mores.

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Iowa State University Extension Worth County Office 641-324-1531 Calendar of Events for December 2023

December 6—Region 4 4-H Cluster Meeting at Borlaug Agriculture Learning Center, Nashua, 9:30 A.M. with Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension Office Manager and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

December 6—Pest Control Operators Recertification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 9 to 11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager

December 7—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Fairgrounds, 3:30 P.M. with Lacey Waller

December 8—Worth County Corn and Soybean Pesticide Clinic at Bethel United Methodist Church, Manly, 9:30 A.M.- 1:30 P.M. (Free Meal at 12:30 P.M.) with Dennis Johnson, Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, Angie Rieck-Hinz, Regional Extension Crop Specialist, Dr. Chad Hart, ISU Extension Crop Marketing Economics Professor and Dr. Bob Hartzler, Iowa State University Extension Weed Scientist

December 8-10—Iowa State Fair Board Convention at Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, December 8-10 with Dennis Johnson and Chad Nelson President and Worth County Fair Board Members

December 12—Worth County 4-H Club Leaders Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Northwood, 6:30 P.M. with Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Leader and Dennis Johnson

December 14—Worth County Extension Finance Committee Meeting at Worth County Extension Office at Fairgrounds, Northwood, 5:30 P.M. Meeting with Dennis Johnson, Lacey Waller, Sarah Hagen, Worth County Extension Council Member, Karla Larson, Worth County Extension Council Member, Peter Julseth, Worth County Extension Council Member and Sarah Merrifield, Regional Extension Education Director

December 14—Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Signature's Supper Club, Northwood, 6:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Sarah Merrifield, Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President, Lacey Waller, Teresa Butler, and Nichole Leidal, Worth County Extension Nutrition Specialist

December 14—Worth County Fair Board Annual Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Worth County Fairboard President, Chad Nelson, Worth County Fairboard Vice-President, Jeff Moretz, Worth County Fairboard Treasurer, Kris Gordon, Worth County Fairboard Secretary, Kim Hennigar and Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson

December 16-2024 Worth County Fair Calf Weigh-in at Worth County Fairgrounds Beef Barn, Northwood, 9-10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Kevin Braun, Worth County 4-H Beef Superintendent and Jayson Olson, Worth County 4-H Beef Superintendent

December 21—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:30 P.M. with Lacey Waller

December 22—Commercial Applicators Final Day for Recertification 2023 classes at Worth County Extension Office at Worth County Extension Community Room, Northwood, 9-11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller and Dennis Johnson

December 28-30—Worth County 4-H Senior Record Book Award Trip at Minneapolis and St. Paul Minnesota, 3:30 P.M. with Teresa Butler, Lori Meier, Worth County Extension 4-H Dog Project leader and Dennis Johnson

December 29—Worth County 4-H State Recognition Workshop at Worth County Extension Office, Fairgrounds Northwood, 10:30 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension 4-H, TBD, Worth County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Meeting at Woodfire Grill at Welcome Center, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

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Rim rattling dunks and a 2-0 start to the season for the Vikings

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Despite the Vikings only winning 10 or more games twice in the last decade, excitement is building for this team that is bursting at the seams with talent after they won both of their games last week, in at times, spectacular fashion. The Vikings hosted North Butler last Tuesday night and despite the 24-9 advantage the Bearcats have in the win-lose column over Northwood-Kensett since the 2006 season, the Vikings came in unafraid of their opponents, slamming dunks and ally oops in the Bearcats' faces and holding off a furious comeback attempt after leading by as much as nine at 21-12 after the first eight minutes of play.

But as the game wore on, NB just would not go away, cutting the lead to 25-20 at the halftime break and narrowing it again to start the fourth and final quarter to just two points at 35-33.

In years past the Vikings may have let this one slip out of their grasp but this experienced team would not allow that to happen, slamming the door on a

Bearcat comeback with the opening night, 46-43 Top of Iowa Conference East win.

Junior Colby Eskildsen recorded his first double-double of the young season with a game high 27 points and 11 boards while fellow dunk master Kooper Julseth added eight points and a game high 12 rebounds.

N-K has now won four of the last eight games between the two conference teams, a rivalry that dates back to the Corn Bowl Conference days.

Looking to snap a six-game losing streak to the Huskies, N-K traveled to Nashua last Friday night where the high-flying duo of Eskildsen and Julseth once again entertained both sides of the gym with their gravity defying dunks.

And while N-P was able to just hang in there with the talented Vikings, the home team could not compete with N-K's firepower, trailing on its home floor at the halftime break by 12, 36-24.

The Vikings kept up the scoring pressure on N-P in the third quarter with their second 20-point period, taking a comfort-



The Vikings' Colby Eskildsen brings the house down with a fastbreak, two handed slam in last Friday night's 66-50 TIC East win in Nashua. Eskildsen ended the night with 22 points and 17 rebounds, recording his second double-double in as many games, now averaging 24.5 points and 14 boards per game.

able 56-39 advantage into the fourth and final quarter before the final horn sounded on the 66-50 TIC East win.

Eskildsen led the team with 22 points and 17 rebounds. But perhaps the deciding factor in the game

was the play of junior Carter Anderson, who erupted for 22 points on 8-12 shooting from the field and added 12 rebounds in the win.

With the two wins last week the Vikings start the season at 2-0 and after a Tuesday night game



N-K's Kooper Julseth gets in on the slam fest last Friday night in Nashua with a fastbreak, one handed dunk that electrified the crowd. Koop ended the night with four points, six assists and eight rebounds.

at home versus West Fork, will finish up this week on Friday with a game in Rockford.

TIC East Standings	
TIC East Overall	
Northwood-Kensett	2-0 2-0

Osage	2-0	3-0
Saint Ansgar	1-0	1-1
West Fork	1-0	1-0
Nashua-Plainfield	1-1	1-1
Newman catholic	1-1	1-1
Central Springs	0-2	0-2
North Butler	0-2	0-2
Rockford	0-2	1-2

Lady Vikings outlast N-P for second win of the year, start season 2-1

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Lady Vikings got their season off to a good start despite a loss at the hands of North Butler, ending the first week of the long winter season with a 50-40 win on the road against Nashua-Plainfield.

Playing on their home court in Northwood last Tuesday night the Lady Vikings led at every stop against the visiting Bearcats, 11-9 after the first quarter, 21-15 at the half and 27-24 at the end of the third.

But as the game wore on Northwood-Kensett's scoring output diminished as well, eventually culminating in a four-point fourth quarter that allowed the Bearcats to claim the opening night, come from behind victory, 35-31.

Senior Chloe Costello led the team with 11 points and five rebounds, including a team high three offensive boards. Morgan Wallin added six points on 3-8 shooting from the field while Emma Hengesteg and Ella Leonard combined for 10 points, three steals and six rebounds.

North Butler snapped a six-game losing streak to the Lady Vikings with the opening night win.

Boasting an unimaginable 11 seniors on this

year's squad, the Lady Vikings were able to bounce back from the loss to NB and claimed their first win of the year last Friday night in Nashua, defeating the Huskies 50-40 in a game that had about as many fouls called as points scored, with the 32-minute contest lasting nearly two hours.

N-K ended the first eight minutes of play with a slim five-point advantage, leading 15-10 heading into the second quarter of play, but eventually opened up what at the time seemed like an insurmountable lead of 18 points, taking a 35-17 lead into the locker room at the halftime break.

With each team putting on a relentless full court press for most of the contest, of course the game's flow was interrupted by close to 50 foul calls, including 25 on N-K alone.

But in-between the fouls and numerous free throws, the Lady Vikings were able to put together a winning strategy and held on for the win over N-P, 50-40.

Costello recorded her first double-double of the young season with a game high 16 points and 10 rebounds, including seven on the offensive glass.

Hengesteg and Wallin added nine points each and combined for seven steals,



Lady Viking Chloe Costello goes to her left hand for the score last Friday night in Nashua. Costello, one of 11 seniors on this year's team recorded her first double-double of the young season with a game high 16 points and 10 rebounds.

seven assists and eight rebounds in the 10-point, Top of Iowa Conference East victory.

With the win over N-P the Lady Vikings are 2-1 on the year and 1-1 in the

TIC East.

The Lady Vikings played on Tuesday night but their scheduled game at Rockford on Friday has been cancelled of course because the Warriors have no girls



N-K's Morgan Wallin scores on a fastbreak opportunity in last Friday night's 50-40 TIC East win at Nashua-Plainfield. Wallin had nine points, three steals, four assists and five rebounds in the conference win.

team this season.		Northwood-Kensett
TIC East Standings		1-1 2-1
TIC East Overall		Central Springs 1-1 1-2
North Butler	1-0 2-1	Osage 1-1 2-1
Saint Ansgar	1-0 1-1	Nashua-Plainfield 0-1 1-1
West Fork	1-0 1-1	Newman Catholic 0-1 2-1

Unable to fill all the weights, N-K wrestling fall to 0-3 to start the season

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Watching the Northwood-Kensett wrestling team on opening night last Thursday in Swea City, one thing became crystal clear – the Vikings have some talented wrestlers on the roster, but just not the numbers to allow them to be competitive as a team against opponents who boast a complete, or nearly complete lineup.

The Vikings traveled to Swea City last Thursday for an opening night quad where they took on North Butler-Clarksville, Osage and North Union, where they had to forfeit 18 matches on the night.

The Vikings faced off against North Butler-Clarksville in the first dual, a 69-12 loss to start the season. N-K picked up a forfeit and six points at 150 pounds and went 1-2 in matches that were wrestled.

Other than the forfeit, the team's lone win came at 165 pounds when Trent Tiedemann, working like a technician, pinned Dylan Thorn in just 1:15.

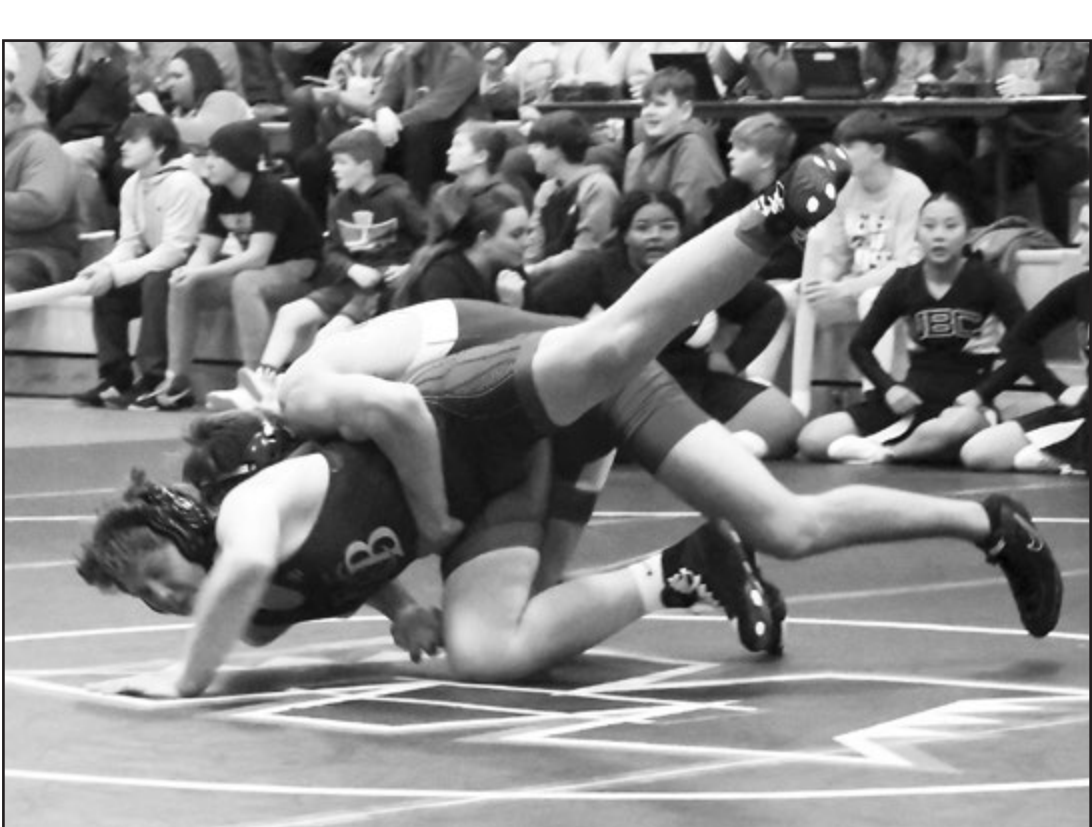
Against North Union it was much the same with the Vikings competitive in the matches wrestled but not able overcome the slim roster on the scoreboard.

Earning points for N-K were Alex Tiedemann with

a win by fall, Trent Tiedemann with a win by fall in only 39 seconds and Alec Ducommun with a 4-0 decision over Kade Madden in the 54-15 N-K loss.

No one wants to take on the Green Devils with a short roster, but the Vikings tried their best despite the numbers. Trent Tiedemann picked up N-K's lone win in the 75-6 loss when he pinned Bradyn Blair a 2:18 of the second period. Stats for the Vikings on Saturday at Saint Ansgar are not available at this time.

The Vikings will be back in action on Thursday and Saturday this week, both at Nashua-Plainfield.



N-K's Trent Tiedemann scores a take down on Dylan Thorn last Thursday night in Swea City. Tiedemann pinned Thorn but the Vikings fell to North Butler-Clarksville 69-12.

Cook Bookin'

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

by Sandy Olson



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

Three years ago, in 2020, the chef wannabes of Maple Court staff and residents put together an amazing cookbook. “Cookin’ In The Court 2020 With Maple Court Chefs” was a group project constructed to help them all through the COVID-19 pandemic. The new rules and regs about social distancing, face coverings, no visitors etc. disrupted the friendly communal atmosphere of this independent living facility. So, a contest developed where those who wanted to participate would find the best recipes in a different category each week. Those recipes morphed into this thick, loose-leaf cookbook that is just packed with recipes old and new. I’ve “adapted” them a bit for those who are not as adept in the kitchen as these “chefs.”

Knedlicka (Bohemian Potato Dumplings) Lolita Hammes

Wash and Boil: 25 small potatoes with thin jackets

Drain and remove the skins. Mash (a potato ricer is the best to do this)

In a large bowl, add 2 well-beaten eggs, enough flour to hold the dough together plus salt and pepper to taste. Roll into balls. Bring water to a rolling boil in a large pot. Place the balls into the boiling water. Boil until they rise to the top of the water but they will sink to the bottom when done. Remove from the water and let the balls stand until set.

NOTE: Lolita doesn’t say what you eat with these dumplings but when I’ve enjoyed them in several different places, they were served with meat and gravy. See the next recipe for an idea!

Pepsi Pot Roast Dee Stoll

Place a 2-3 pound pot roast into a

slow cooker. Sprinkle a package of dry onion soup mix over the meat. Spread over the top 1 can of golden mushroom soup (don’t dilute it). Pour a 12 oz. can of regular Pepsi Cola over the top. Cover and cook on LOW for at least 8 hours or until tender. Makes its own gravy.

Easy To Bake Ham Balls Karen Lippstock

Mix 3 pounds of Fareway ham loaf mixture with:

1 cup graham cracker crumbs

1 cup milk

2 eggs, beaten

Form this into 10-20 balls depending on the size you want.

Mix together:

1 can tomato soup

1 cup brown sugar

1/4 – 1/2 cup cider vinegar

1 teaspoon dry mustard

Pour this over the ham balls. Bake for 1 hour in a preheated 350 degree oven. You can make them ahead and refrigerate until baking but add some time to the baking if they are cold. SANDY’S NOTE: The Fareway Grocery Stores have ham loaf mix already prepared; you can buy it by the pound in the meat department. Nick’s Grocery in Hayward also has it in their frozen case, in 2 pound packages.

Reading these recipes is like having a conversation with the cooks. They are presented in a non-traditional form, easy to follow and with no complicated or exotic ingredients. It was a very clever idea to tap into the many years of cooking the men and women at Maple Court bring to the table (pun intended!). And...that’s all she wrote.

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Cookies on the go from the PEO

The Northwood PEO group once again offered a variety of baked goods and tasty holiday treats as a part of Northwood’s holiday kick off on Saturday. Members of the group pictured above with some of their cookies and baked items are (from left) Theresa Cooper, Michelle Davidson, Carolyn Reeder, Chris Moore, Joanne Steinmetz, Sharyl Ferley and Jane Podgorniak.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte Library Director

Wow, it’s the end of 2023 already! Can you believe it? Stop in and tell us what your favorite book of the year was! A perfect time to do that would be our Open House on December 12! We’ll have hot drinks and snacks all day long, we’d love for you to stop in and see us!

We’d like to give a big thank you to those who donated to the library in memory of Kay Mortenson. What a blessing!

We will have Story Time a few December Friday mornings at 10 a.m. The dates for December are the 1st, 8th and 15th. Story Time is geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It’s a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about

sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! Please pay attention to the library’s Facebook page for more information.

Please note that the library will be closed on Saturday, December 23, and Monday, December 25, for Christmas.

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

Coming to the library this month:

Adult Fiction books: “The Keeper of Hidden Books” by Madeline Martin, “Never Lie” by Freida McFadden, “Ruthless Vows” by Rebec-

ca Ross, “What Waits In The Woods” by Terri Parlatto, “A Winter By The Sea” by Julie Klassen, and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: “The Ball at Versailles” by Danielle Steel, “The Lucky Shamrock” by Carolyn Brown, “Into the Fire” by Irene Hannon, and more.

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

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

NIACC presents Candlelight – A Choral celebration of the Season

North Iowa Area Community College presents “Candlelight: A Choral Celebration of the Season” at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC

Campus at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 9. Joel Everist serves as Artistic Director for the event.

The NIACC Vocal Music Department will present Candlelight and feature the NIACC Choral Society, NIACC Concert Choir, NIACC Jazz Band, NIACC Singers and Una Vocis. Guest artists include Scott Bell, Per-

cussion; Paul Micich, Evi Horn; Acacia Scott, Harp; and Nordkor Soloists. A true collaboration that represents the heart of North Iowa.

Tickets for Candlelight are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth; and will be available at the door the night of the show.



Charcoal artistry

In November, Worth County Conservation hosted an artistic endeavor. They invited interesting artists for a program on charcoal. Those taking part learned how to make charcoal for art and then how to use that charcoal artistically. Northwood-Kensett art teacher Emily Abbas helped at the program, teaching how to draw with charcoal.

Christmas Shopping For Kids

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Savvy Senior

How to ease the winter blues

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about seasonal affective disorder? I've always disliked winter, but since I retired and am home a lot more, the gray, cold winter months make me feel really blue.

Sad Sam

Dear Sam,

If you get depressed in the winter but feel better in spring and summer, you may indeed have seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, a wintertime depression that affects roughly 5 percent of Americans.

In most cases, SAD is related to the loss of sunlight in the winter months. Reduced sunlight can upset natural sleep-wake cycles and other circadian rhythms that can affect the body. It can also cause a drop in the brain chemical serotonin, which affects mood, and can increase the levels of the hormone melatonin, which can make you feel more tired and lethargic.

If you think you may have SAD, a trip to your doctor's office is the best way to diagnose it or you can take a SAD "self-assessment" test at the Center for Environmental Therapeutics website at CET.org/assessments. If you find that you have SAD, here are several treatment options and remedies that can help.

Light therapy: The most effective treatment for SAD is sitting in front of a specialized light therapy box for 20 to 30 minutes a day, within the first hour of waking up in the morning. Light therapy mimics outdoor light to cause a change in brain chemicals linked to mood.

While you can buy a light box without a prescription, it's best to use it under the guidance of a health care provider and follow the manufacturer's guidelines. Most health insurance plans do not cover the cost.

The best light therapy lamps provide 10,000 lux of illumination, many times stronger than typical indoor light, and have a diffuser screen that filters out ultraviolet rays and projects downward toward the eyes.

Some top-rated light therapy products include the Carex Day-Light Classic Plus Bright Lamp (\$145); Northern Light Technology Boxelite-OS (\$205); and the budget friendly Verilux HappyLight Luxe (\$70), all of which are available at Amazon.com.

Cognitive behavioral therapy: Even though SAD is considered to be a biological problem, identifying and changing thought and behavior patterns can help alleviate symptoms too. To help you with this, choose a therapist who specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy and who has experience in treating SAD. To locate someone in your area, Psychology Today offers a search tool at PsychologyToday.com/us/therapists/cognitive-behavioral-cbt.

Antidepressants: Some people with SAD benefit from antidepressant treatments too. Some proven medications to ask your doctor about are selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and the extended-release antidepressant bupropion.

But keep in mind that it may take several weeks to notice full benefits from an antidepressant. In addition, you may have to try different medications before you find one that works well for you and has the fewest side effects.

Lifestyle remedies: Some other things you can do to help alleviate your SAD symptoms include making your environment sunnier and brighter. So, open up your blinds, sit closer to bright windows and get outside as much as you can. Even on cold or cloudy days, outdoor light can help, especially if you spend some time outside within two hours of getting up in the morning.

Moderate exercise such as walking, swimming, yoga and even tai chi can also help alleviate SAD symptoms, as can social activities.

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 defeated a black belt yesterday.
Wow! Way to go.
Thanks. Next week, I'm taking on a red sock.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I taught a class on birds at a college. A sock was tacked to a bulletin board among the assorted papers, advertising, travel opportunities and upcoming seminars. I watched for someone wearing just one sock.

My neighbor Crandall wants to get a bigger truck. He needs one that will allow him to stand up, throw his hands in the air and then sit back down as if he's a one-man undulating wave in the stands at a basketball game. It's a state law that drivers on a country road must wave as a greeting. Well, it's not really a law, but it's expected we acknowledge a fellow traveler. We wave at strangers and non-strangers. No one wants another to think he's gotten too big for his britches. My signature wave is an index finger extended in a one-digit wag. My father left that flip to me in his will. I've tried a two-finger wave but found it a bit ostentatious. Some wavers use the entire hand to make sure people know they aren't uppity. You get more exercise that way and that's good, as we're more likely to find extra fries than exercise in a vehicle. Others wave as if they're wiping the windshield as a signal they aren't stuck up.

The wind sighed through the trees on a day with a sky as gray as cement. Snow was coming. We snowed all year long when I was a boy. It covered the picture on our TV. We didn't have to shovel it and you couldn't build a snowman out of it, but we needed to move the rabbit ears antenna around to make the snow go away, which it seldom did. The reception on our old TV came in three categories: snowy, snowier and snowiest, but time flies and so do I. One of the most common dreams people have is about flying. I don't dream about flying because I lost my luggage the last time I did. Money can't buy happiness unless you're flying. I walked like an innocuous zombie through first class to get to my last class seat in the airplane's wayback (like the rear of an old station wagon but not as nice), which offered a lovely view out the rear window. I wondered what those in first class did for a living. They read the Wall Street Journal while I sat in the back, making shadow puppets with an overhead reading light.

I've learned

Wearing a kilt is a breeze.
A boss is put on earth to give us all hope that no matter how bad we are at our jobs, we could become a boss one day.

Those who believe in aliens from outer space are aliens from outer space, whether or not they know it.

My fear of tsunamis comes in waves.

May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live is an Irish toast. Bread, eggs, butter, milk, cinnamon and maple syrup is a French toast.

Three thousand twenty-seven years from today, life will be either sublime or dreadful because it'll be 5050.

Nature notes

I saw several inert bodies of wild turkeys hit by cars. The big birds can be stubborn about surrendering a road, but I've fond memories of spreading my fingers and outlining them in pencil on construction paper to create a make-believe turkey in grade school.

A chipmunk appeared to have impacted wisdom teeth. A chipmunk's cheek pouches are like cargo pants and can expand up to three times their normal size to allow the chipmunk to carry food. National Geographic reports that a hardworking chipmunk can gather 165 acorns in a single day. In his book "Winter World," Bernd Heinrich counted 60 sunflower seeds packed into one cheek pouch. In a good year, one 4-ounce chipmunk can stockpile 8 pounds of food and do it without renting a single storage unit. Caching food allows an industrious chipmunk to snack while watching Netflix on nasty winter days. A reader reported one chipmunk stuffing 31 corn kernels before taking its food to go. An interesting fact: Most chipmunks are named Chip, Dale, Alvin, Simon or Theodore.

Meeting adjourned

A shopper eating a test grape tossed money into the kettle. It was one of many acts of kindness I encountered while ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

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Fit to print...

It's December and that means the arrival of several holidays and the anticipated or impending start of winter, depending on your point of view.

With that in mind, here's some facts and interesting history on the month of December.

100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from December

The month of December has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in December 1923.

- Universal Pictures releases the film "The Darling of New York" on December 3. The film is the first to feature five-year-old Peggy-Jean Montgomery, also known as "Baby Peggy," who would soon be earning an annual salary of \$1.5 million.
- Charles Keating is born on December 4 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Keating would ultimately become one of the more infamous figures in American finance when he plays a prominent role in the savings and loan crisis of 1989.
- Kentucky Governor Edwin P. Murrow commutes the death sentence of convicted murderer Steve McQueen on December 5. McQueen was a juvenile at the time of the crime and Governor Murrow had received numerous requests to commute the sentence, which he did just days before his term as governor was due to end.
- On December 6, Winston Churchill is defeated in his attempt to be elected representative of Leicester West in a general election.
- The Reichstag of the Weimar Republic votes to pass an enabling act on December 8. The act, which garners 313 votes to just 18 dissents, gives Chancellor Wilhelm Marx the power to implement emergency economic and welfare measures. The act lasted until the dissolution of the Reichstag in March 1924.
- The National Dairy Products Corporation, which would ultimately become a conglomerate now known as Kraft Heinz, is founded on December 10.

- A 5.3 magnitude earthquake strikes near the Colombia-Ecuador border on December 14. More than 300 people are killed and the Colombian village of Cumbal is destroyed.
- The Liberal Party of Greek Prime Minister Stylianos Gonatas wins control of the parliament on December 16. Gonatas' party ran on a platform of abolishing the monarchy.
- James D. Cummings and J. Earl McLeod of Washington, Kansas, file a patent application for their invention, the bulldozer, on December 18. The patent is granted on January 6, 1925.
- On December 18, American congressman Andrew Volstead tells a law enforcement conference in Minnesota that the American people were giving up their opposition to the Volstead Act, which established the prohibition of alcoholic beverages. In his remarks, Volstead predicts the act will never be repealed.
- King George II of Greece and Queen Consort Elisabeth leave the country on December 19. Their departure is in compliance with the Greek government, which abolishes the monarchy three months later.
- Nine farms in Goodhue County, Minnesota, receive electricity for the first time on December 24. The delivery of electricity is part of a project to demonstrate the economic feasibility of rural electrification in the United States.
- On December 24 in Washington, D.C., United States President Calvin Coolidge presses a button and turns on 2,500 electric bulbs, thus beginning the tradition of the National Christmas Tree.
- The first patent application for Russian-born American inventor Vladimir Zworkin's "Television System" is filed on December 29. The patent is eventually granted on December 20, 1938.

Fun facts about the month of December

December is arguably the most festive month of the year. The holiday season and all the gatherings with family and friends make

December is here

the final month of the year a busy time. But a peek under the proverbial hood reveals that there's more to December than the holiday season.

1. Armchair linguists might know that the Latin word "decem" means "ten," which is a little curious given that December is the twelfth month of the year. So why isn't December the 10th month of the year? Like other months on the modern calendar, including October and November, December once occupied a different place on the calendar, namely the Julian calendar that was used prior to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar. Back then, December was the 10th month on the calendar. Though its position changed when the Gregorian calendar was adopted, its name remained the same.
2. It's easy to overlook in a month populated by holidays like Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, but the winter solstice is a significant day on the calendar as well. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the 2023 winter solstice occurs on December 21 at 10:27 p.m. EST for the northern hemisphere. The winter solstice might not be sun worshippers' favorite day of the year, as it's the day with the least amount of sunlight all year long. However, one positive to keep in mind is that, once the winter solstice occurs, each day thereafter experiences a gradual increase in daylight.
3. December has historically been a month of firsts, particularly for women and politicians. On December 1, 1919, Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman to serve in the British House of Commons. Exactly 69 years later, Benazir Bhutto was nominated for the role of prime minister of Pakistan. Bhutto ultimately became the first woman to be elected as head of a democratic government in a Muslim-majority country. Political firsts in December are not limited to events involving women. A year after Bhutto was nominated, Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope.

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100 years ago

November 28, 1923

George Underwood and James F. Peterson of Stacyville, have rented the A.A. Thompto garage and taken possession. They are experienced automobile men, it is said, and will have the agency for the Studebaker car.

The usual large crowd attended the High School Declamatory contest held at the Northwood Theatre. From beginning to end the entertainment was enjoyable and the contestants acquitted themselves with credit. The judges from Mason City made the first place honors to the

75 years ago

December 2, 1948

Some indication of an increase in the population of Northwood is given by the fact that 31 new patrons of the water system of the town have been reported for the first 11 months of 1948. The town has installed 1,834 feet of water mains during the year, and 1,856 feet of sewer mains, according to Mayor J.M. Slosson.

Nearing completion is the new 35,000-bushel capacity elevator of the Northwood

50 years ago

December 6, 1973

“Northwood’s living Christmas tree” on the court house lawn will be lighted in the evenings beginning about the middle of December until Christmas, according to Craig Fallgatter, president of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce. Decorations across Central Avenue and Highway 65 North will not be lighted at the request of President Nixon and Governor Ray because of the energy situation.

Robert Hall, operator of Hall’s D-X Service for the past five years, moved last weekend to the old Hofstad Feed building on Central Avenue.

25 years ago

December 9, 1998

County and state conservation officials are still looking for the person or persons who killed a captive trumpeter swan at Worth County Lake in late-November. To date, no one has laid claim to the \$1,000 reward available for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the November 19 shooting death of Louis, the last surviving specimen of the county’s trumpeter swan restoration program.

Northwood-Kensett Elementary School principal

10 years ago

December 4, 2013

Members of the Northwood city crew traveled through the downtown area last week, decking the halls, so to speak, as they went. Jim Meland hung wreaths on the downtown lamppost.

Worth County 4-H’ers selected as delegates to the National 4-H Congress were recognized at the recent 4-H Awards Banquet, Jayde Hapgood, Gage Tenold, Levi Nettleton, Aaron Prestholt, Hannah Gentz, and Katie Fuller.

Robert (Bob) Hall and Vickie (Perkins) Hall were married on December 7,

following: Sophus Lund, oratorical, Alta Borg, dramatic and Alyce Davis, humorous.

Winding up the season with a 33-0 victory over Riceville, our football huskies finished their career for the Northwood High School last Saturday. It was a fitting climax to a successful season which the local team has won five games, tied one and lost two. A parade by the band and pep club before the game added to the excitement and interest of the afternoon. The lineup included Johnson, Helgeland, Hunter, Rustad, Borg, Lucken, Lyford, McQuatters, L. Perry, Ranum and R. Perry.

Old G. Mellem reached his 70th birthday anniversary Friday and the occasion was celebrated by a family dinner

Co-Op Elevator Co., and already some 8,000 bushels of corn, oats and beans are in the bins.

Worth County is credited with having the largest delegation of any county in the state in attendance at the Iowa division of the American Cancer Society meeting in Des Moines on November 21. Mrs. Phil Sheimo of Fertile, the new county chairman, was responsible for getting the large representation from this county.

Discussion of plans for the proposed new junior fair building on the fair grounds occupied much of the time at the annual meeting of the Worth County Fair Society

The new firm is known as Hall’s Auto and Truck Repair and is now open for business.

The Vikings boys basketball team added two more victories over the weekend by defeating Britt 56-37 and St. Ansgar 64-47. The Northwood-Kensett team has won two non-conference and two conference games for a 4-0 record and a tie for first place in the NIC.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lindquist of Fertile will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 16 at the Fertile Church of Christ from 2-5 p.m. Children and grandchildren will host the open house. No invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited. Gertrude Varner and Leslie Lindquist were married on December 19, 1923.

The Northwood-Kensett

Julie Lines presented a \$260 check to Northwood Public Library head librarian Connie Kenison last Thursday on behalf of Inter Se study club. Kenison said the donation will probably go toward the purchase a new set of encyclopedias like those shown in the foreground.

Chris Estes, son of Connie and Ken Estes, Northwood, was recently honored with the 12th Man Award (offense) in his position as a senior wide receiver for the Cornell College football team. Estes graduated from N-K in 1995.

NC/N-K’s Zach Madsen attacked Newman Catholic’s Adam Rohlfen from several angles at the same time before pinning the Knight wrestler in 4:46 at 135 pounds here last Tuesday night. Madsen

1963, at Deer Creek Lutheran Church in Carpenter, Iowa. The couple’s family are David Hall of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Ian Hall of Forest City, Iowa; and Doug Hall of Kronewitter, Wis. Their grandchildren are Victoria, Chance, Lindsay and Collin.

N-K’s Coleby Bratrud takes down a Turkey Valley wrestler in action from last year. Bratrud is by far the Vikings’ most experienced wrestler, who is on pace to join the 100 win club by the time has career wrap-up at N-K. Bratrud has a 51-18 record coming into his junior season.

The Vikings, Brandon Brockman goes up strong for a rebound against RRRM last year. Brockman is N-K’s returning leader with 8.9

at the home on North Tenth, his son Gaylord and family being present and Miss Grace coming from Mason City.

Mr. Helmer Hove and Miss Gladys Torgerson were married in Albert Lea at eleven o’clock by Rev. Smeby at the Lutheran parsonage last Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. Berndt Anderson and Miss Alma Holstad, of Northwood. The groom is a son of O.H. Hove, west of town and is one of the enterprising farmers of this vicinity. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Torgerson, west of town, and is well favorably known in Northwood where for some time she was employed as one of the operators at the local telephone exchange.

held in the AAA offices in Northwood. Secretary Glenn O. Tenold told of the tentative plans to erect a building about 56x150 feet in size.

Eight Northwood high school pupils were among the 1,700 high school singers and other musicians who participated in the all-state music events in Des Moines. Going from Northwood were Lael Carmody, Marian Bendickson, Edith Lehman, Joan Mellem, Wayne Huso, Henry Thomspen, Wallace Blakestad and Glen Nelson. They were accompanied by Miss Virginia Seger, vocal music instructor in the Northwood schools.

United Methodist churches opened the advent season of 1973 through the beginning of a month-long festival: “The Lights of Christmas”. The highlights of the festival, which opened with the lighting of the advent candle in both churches on Sunday morning, will center upon the lighting of an individual candle in every household daily during advent.

Mrs. Robert Palmer was the lucky winner of \$100 in Northwood dollars at the drawing held on Friday. She accepts the script from Northwood Chamber of Commerce secretary Kary Paulson. Others assisting in the drawing were W.W. Hudson, background, Steve Chandler and Lloyd Madson. Drawings will be held at 5 p.m. on December 7, 14 and 21.

spent 5:32 on the mat during the double-dual against Newman and Nora Springs-Rock Falls, as he stuck NS-RF’s Derek Jacobson in :46.

Northwood-Kensett students honored Sunday at the N-K Booster Club’s annual fall sports banquet include cheerleader of the year Nicole Meyer and volleyball player of the year Jennie Johnson, N-K football back of the year Jack Johnson, defensive player of the year Joey Harmon and lineman of the year Josh Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gullickson of Northwood will be celebrating 65 years of marriage. Irene Hagen and Lester Gullickson were married on December 17, 1933. Greetings may be sent to their home at R.R. 2, Northwood.

points and 4.8 rebounds per game from a season ago.

Two recent grant awards will help complete the exterior rehabilitation of a distinctive building in Northwood. The Worth County Historical Society, owner of the Stromstein Building in Northwood, has been awarded \$22,000 from the Worth County Development Authority and \$12,000 from the City of Northwood to finish and rehabilitate the building’s exterior.

Last Wednesday, Bernard and Bertrum Bidne celebrated their 90th birthday with a birthday party held at Sue’s Corner Post. Over 85 quests enjoyed complimentary pancakes, sausage, coffee and birthday cake in honor of the twin Bidne brothers.

Northwood Anchor

Lola Knutson

Lola Knutson, 94, of St. Ansgar, died on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Good Samaritan Center in St. Ansgar. A memorial service was held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Deer Creek Lutheran Church in rural St. Ansgar. Burial was at Deer Creek Cemetery.

Lola was born almost 95 years ago on Christmas Eve on the family farm 2 1/2 miles west of Carpenter. She lived on the same farm with her brother, Stanley, and in the same house until 2020 when she moved to the Good Samaritan Center in St. Ansgar. Their fami-

Wanda Hoffman

Wanda Sue Hoffman, born on February 21, 1950, in Northwood, Iowa, to Richard and Ruth (Loland) Winkelman, passed peacefully in her home on November 23, 2023, surrounded by family and friends.

Wanda graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 1969. She was united in marriage to Raymond Hoffman on September 19, 1972. This union was blessed with two children: Jennifer (Hoffman) Willand and Luke Hoffman. Her hobbies included quilting, singing in the choir, fishing, ceramics and

Good versus bad math beliefs: Let's remove the labels for kids

By MaKenzie Hakeman
Constultant for mathematics with CRAEA

Take a moment to reflect and answer this question: Do you like math? Overwhelmingly, both students and adults alike typically say that they do not. When asked why, the response is generally, “Because I’m not good at math.” It isn’t likely that we enjoy something that we are not the best at doing. Most of our beliefs and mindsets can be traced back to the way we have learned and studied mathematics. Typically, we can pinpoint small moments, teachers, environments and interactions that helped us form a belief of being “good” or “bad” at math. While this “good” or “bad” belief is common, it is harmful. It unintentionally suggests that some people have a natural advantage over others. This small belief alone can drastically change our actions and engagement with the world. For example “bad” at math may create the following ripple effect:

A fixed mindset: Individuals may believe you are born being skilled at math and it’s unchangeable. Those with this mindset may say, “I’m just not a math person,” or “I’ll never be good at math.” This may lead to anxiety surrounding math or even avoiding doing math work altogether.

A fear of failure: Individuals with “bad” math beliefs often fear making mistakes or failing in math. This is problematic because if we are not failing, we are not learning and growing.

Limited effort: Individuals with “bad” math beliefs may not put in the effort to improve their math skills because they believe they are incapable of learning and growing.

In contrast, we can see math as the study of patterns, relationships, and structures – not just capturing correct answers. Believing oneself is a “good” math thinker can create the fol-



LOLA KNUTSON

ly farm became a Century Farm in 1984.

Lola worked at Carroll George in Northwood, but

her most important job was caring for her aging parents.

Lola was very proud of her Norwegian and family heritage. She enjoyed Rosemaling, making Lefse, taking care of flowers and loved to read. She was an active member of Deer Creek Lutheran Church where she was a member her entire life. She taught Sunday School and was in ladies circle.

Lola is survived by her cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sever and Stella (Gordon) Knutson, and brother, Stanley.



WANDA HOFFMAN

painting. She enjoyed her time working as a dietitian at the Northwood Senior Center and the Lutheran Retirement Home until she

retired in 2011.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Ruth Winkelman; her mother and father-in-law, Marilyn and Archie Hoffman; and her brother-in-law, Richard Hoffman.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Hoffman; brother, Mike Winkelman; sister, Bonnie Olson; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Helen Rempel; daughter, Jennifer (Dan) Willand; son, Luke Hoffman; grandchildren, Ian and Alex Willand; and many nieces and nephews.

as valuable learning experiences.

Persistence: Individuals with “good” math beliefs are more likely to persist when faced with difficult math problems. They are willing to invest time and effort in mastering mathematical concepts.

As the old saying goes, “Whether you believe you can or you can’t, you’re right.” Let’s abandon the belief of being “bad” at math. This belief limits how adults navigate or avoid math, but it also prohibits young people from seeing themselves as mathematicians and problem solvers. Undoubtedly, we all have a need for critical thinking more than ever before. Let’s change the narrative.

MaKenzie Hakeman is a consultant for mathematics with Central Rivers Area Education Agency (CRAEA), based in Cedar Falls. She can be reached at mhakeman@centralriversaea.org. Learn more about Central Rivers Area Education Agency at www.centralriversaea.org.

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On a turkey hunt

Before they left to enjoy the Thanksgiving break, students in preschool classes at Northwood-Kensett went on a turkey hunt. The students learned that a turkey had escaped and that he was leaving a trail of feathers throughout the elementary school. They followed the feathers and eventually found their turkey target hiding on a classroom door.

Notice

Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WORTH COUNTY
STATE OF IOWA WORTH COUNTY
Iowa District Court Worth County
Case #: EQCV012877
Civil #: 23-000393
BANKUNITED, N.A.
VS
MICHAEL R JANSSEN;
DANIELLE A SHORES F/K/A DANIELLE A JANSSEN;
SPOUSE OF DANIELLE A SHORES F/K/A DANIELLE A JANSSEN; STATE OF IOWA;
CITY OF NORTHWOOD AND

Notice

NOTICE OF COMPLETION HEARING OPEN DITCH REPAIRS DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
TO: ALL LANDOWNERS AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2, WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the supervising Engineer in charge of the repairs in Drainage District No. 2, Worth County, Iowa has filed his report that the contract with the Trustees of Drainage District No. 2 in Worth County, Iowa, has been satisfactorily completed for Open Ditch Repairs Said report is on file in the Auditor's Office in Worth County, Iowa.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Trustees of Drainage District No. 2, Worth County, Iowa, have set the date for hearing on the completion of said contract for December 18th at 9:30 a.m. Location of the hearing will be at the Worth County Courthouse at 1000 Central Ave, Northwood, IA.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any interested party having a claim for damages arising out of the construction, including crop damages, shall file said claim with the Auditor's Office of Worth County, Iowa, at or before the time set for hearing on the completion of the contract, which claim shall not include any claim for land taken for right-of-way or for severance of the land.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any interested party in said district or the repairs thereof may file written objections to said report and submit any evidence tending to show why said report should not be accepted. Said written

PARTIES IN POSSESSION Special Execution
As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) Real Estate Described Below
To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is SOUTH 44 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 100 IN THE TOWN OF NORTHWOOD, WORTH COUNTY, IOWA. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 206 12TH ST S, NORTHWOOD, IA 50459
Property Address:
The described property will

objections must be filed in the office of the Worth County Auditor at or before the time set for such hearing.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Board of Trustees finds that the work under the Open Ditch Repairs contract has been completed and is accepted, that the Board of Trustees shall compute the balance due the contractor, and if there are no liens on record against such balance, they shall enter an order directing the Worth County Auditor to draw warrant(s) in favor of said contractor upon the drainage district funds, but that such warrant(s) shall not be delivered until the expiration of thirty (30) days after the acceptance of the work.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Engineer's Report must be in writing and filed with the Pottawattamie 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 Trustees will make a final decision as to completion of the contract, damages, and other matters before the Board. As a consequence of your failure to object, you lose your right to appeal any 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 Trustees of Drainage District No. 2, Worth County, Iowa.
Valerie Paulson,
Drainage Clerk
Worth County, Iowa

be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
Sale Date: 01/02/2024; Sale Time: 10:00; Place of Sale: WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 1000 CENTRAL AVE, NORTHWOOD, IA 50459.
Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted

Notice

Public Notice IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENE G. BEEMAN, Deceased
Probate No. ESPR009329
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gene G. Beeman, Deceased, who died on or about April 21, 2021:
You are hereby notified that on the 25th day of July, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Gene G. Beeman, deceased, bearing date of the 26th day of September, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and

Supervisors

November 27, 2023 Forty-seventh 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 November 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$18,381.25 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 Main F/Lat L Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$135.00
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 Main D Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$456.60
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 Main F Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$285.80
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 Main G Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$1,336.95
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 Main J Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$1,164.45
B & W Control Specialists, DD



Bolan

On Thursday morning members of the Bolan Trinity UM Church family gathered at church to decorate for Advent. Afterwards all enjoy a soup lunch.
Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the "Christmas with Wartburg" concert

and charge the costs to this case.
This sale not subject to Redemption.
Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.
Judgment Amount: \$35,467.78; Costs: \$5,860.79; Accruing Costs: PLUS; Interest: \$1,482.36; Sheriff's Fees: Pending; Attorney: DENTONS

that Gloria J. Beeman 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 this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter 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

#11 Main K Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$1,410.10
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 Main A Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$3,471.95
B & W Control Specialists, DD #13 Open Main, Spraying.....\$2,107.65
B & W Control Specialists, DD #13 Open Main, Spraying.....\$1,888.25
B & W Control Specialists, DD #13/Lat 5 Ditch, Spraying.....\$202.50
B & W Control Specialists, DD #34 Main & Lat 3-A, 3-8, 1, Spraying.....\$284.10
B & W Control Specialists, DD #11 M-C Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$400.85
B & W Control Specialists, DD #22 Main Open Ditch, Spraying.....\$538.90
B & W Control Specialists, DD #23 Main, Spraying.....\$2,131.90
B & W Control Specialists, DD #8, Spraying.....\$566.25
Grand Total.....\$18,381.25
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of \$9,581.49 as per the following schedule, removed from the claims. Motion carried.
CENTURYLINK SERVICE-ENG.....64.66
HP INC SUPPLIES-DAP.....7,499.00



held at the Naumann Auditorium on the Wartburg campus, entitled "Emmanuel God With Us" on Sunday afternoon. Ben Nydegger, son of Loren and Renee, sings in the Ritterchor Choir.

DAVIS BROWN, 215 10TH STREET, SUITE 1300, DES MOINES, IA 50309, (515) 246-7826; Date: 10/10/2023; DAN A. FANK, WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF 48-2t

Legal

to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 29th day of November, 2023.
Gloria J. Beeman
214 N. Lakeview Drive, Apt. 7
Clear Lake, Iowa 50428
Executor of Estate

Jacquelyn K. Arthur
ICIS Pin No. AT0000532
Laird Law Firm, P.L.C.
11 Fourth Street NE
P.O. Box 1567
Mason City, IA 50402-1567
Attorneys for Executor
Date of second publication 13th day of December, 2023. 49-2t
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC, SERVICE-ENG.....1,114.72
NELSON FAMILY TRUST RENT-SHF.....300.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY SUPPLIES-SHF.....11.18
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICE-ENG.....328.97
VISA, SERVICE-SHF.....262.96
Grand Total.....9,581.49
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve payroll eligibility verification for Daniel Horning at \$25.97/hour as submitted by secondary roads. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan update for Dwayne Christiansen #59555. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the FY22/23 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the quote by Electric Pump at \$5,655.00 for repairs at the wastewater plant as presented by Taylor Hillman, PeopleService, Inc. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 9:03 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 11/27/23 at 6 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 November 13, 2023. Unam.
Motion to continue supporting the Northwood Senior Center with a monthly donation of \$800.00. Unam.
Motion to approve the tax abatement application for a period of ten years for partial exemption from Matt & Ashley Thompson for commercial improvements at the daycare facility located at 1809 Central Ave. Unam.
Motion to approve waterline improvements on 1st Ave N. for an estimated \$7,000 from Peterson Excavating. Unam.
Motion to adjourn. Unam.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN J. INGERSOLL, DECEASED PROBATE NO. ESPR009382
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ann J. Ingersoll Deceased, who died on or about January 23, 2023:
You are hereby notified that on the November 27, 2023, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur 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 November 27, 2023.
/s/Melissa J. Middleton
Melissa J. Middleton
f/k/a Melissa J. Coffman
156 Wire Avenue
Haysville, KS 67060
Administrator of the Estate
Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Administrator
Date of second publication the 6th day of December 2023. 48-2t

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Businesses compete in Venture School Launch Day

The NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center hosted the Venture School Launch Day competition on Thursday, November 16.

The Fall 2023 Venture School cohort competed in person after attending classes virtually for seven weeks of training, customer discovery and developing their business model alongside local entrepreneur coaches.

A panel of judges selected first, second and third place winners, one honorable mention and one Director's Choice award.

The panel included Al Lorenzen, The Business Brokers; Molly Watson, Home Style; and Rick Whalen, Retired, Butler County REC.

The prizes awarded were: First Place – Matthew Evans, Kick Rocks Athletics, Mason City, \$2500 prize. Kick Rocks Athletics pro-

vides software solutions for high school sports programs, with a focus on an efficient, user-friendly solution for golf tournament management.

Second Place – Ian Nelson, Digital Reimagining, Mason City, \$1500 prize. Digital Reimagining is a local web design and development company, with expertise in creating stunning, lead-generating websites for local businesses, transforming their online presence into a powerful sales tool.

Third Place – Meagan Dennis, Still Waters Day Spa and Scalp Spa, Clear Lake, \$1,000 prize. Still Waters Day Spa and Scalp Spa specializes in massage therapist and nurse esthetician services with the goal of providing rest to the mind, body, and soul. We strive to give a one-of-a-kind encounter that leaves you saying, "My cup runneth over."

Honorable Mention –

Jackson Hertel, Hertel Custom Builders, Northwood, \$500 prize. At Hertel Custom Builders we provide home remodeling services where we strive to turn your vision into a reality. We have nearly 15 years of experience in both residential and commercial construction to help bring the customer dependability and quality craftsmanship.

Director's Choice Award – Catherine Lemay & Family, Mainline Depot, Kanawha, \$500 prize. Mainline Depot is a family-owned inn, café, & farm-to-table market that helps our town grow and thrive by combining hospitality, community, and necessity into one solution.

The University of Iowa Venture School is a statewide program for entrepreneurs and is built from a streamlined curriculum developed by the National



Pictured are (from left) Matthew Evans (Kick Rocks Athletics, Mason City); Ian Nelson (Digital Reimagining, Mason City); Meagan Dennis (Still Waters Day Spa, Clear Lake); and Jackson Hertel (Hertel Custom Builders, Northwood).

Science Foundation I-Corps at Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. Venture School emphasizes real-world entrepreneurship and innovation based on leading edge curriculum. Teams will accelerate the startup process by testing their business model hypotheses immediately. They get out of the building

to talk to customers, partners, and competitors, rather than relying on statistics and secondhand market research.

On Launch Day, Venture School participants compete for seed money to help launch their business. In addition, eligible teams may compete for cash awards at the state level during the Venture School Launch Day at

EntreFEST, taking place in June 2024 in Cedar Rapids. If you are interested in learning more about Venture School in North Iowa, contact Ashley Page at ashley.page@niacc.edu. To apply for the Spring 2024 program, visit www.venture-school.com and select the Mason City cohort in the dropdown menu.

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The Worth County Board of Supervisors is taking applications for various county board and commission appointments for the following year. Worth County appreciates diversity in these appointments and welcomes all applicants at least 18 years of age. Terms and dates of appointments vary. These are unpaid positions.

- County Board of Health
- County Veteran Affairs Commission
- County Conservation Board
- County Eminent Domain Compensation Commission
- County Zoning Commission
- County Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Central Iowa Tourism Region Representative
- North Iowa Regional Housing Authority
- NIACOG Revolving Loan Fund Committee
- North Iowa Area Council of Governments

This list is not all inclusive. The Board of Supervisors is always looking for people interested in serving their community.

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