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Happy holidays from the Anchor staff

The Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal staff gathered for a holiday celebration recently. The annual tradition had them gather at the home of reporter/storyteller JoAnn Lower for a delicious meal, gift exchange and time together outside of the office. Pictured are (from left) Becky Haberman, Kris Kenison, Mike Simmons, JoAnn Lower, Dawn Batton and Terran Haberman.

Gifts await first baby of 2024

The start of 2024 is just a few days away and no doubt there are few awaiting the new year more than those expecting the arrival of a new member to their family. That applies to the family eagerly anticipating the arrival of the first baby to be born in 2024 in the Northwood-Kensett school district. Besides the joyous arrival, 12 Northwood area merchants will be celebrating the first baby of the new year with gifts for the baby and their family.

To qualify for the gifts the announcement of the birth must be submitted to the Northwood Anchor as soon as possible.

The winning baby must be born to parents living in the Northwood-Kensett school district. The baby's time and date of birth, gender, place of birth, weight, name and the names of the baby's parents and other family members will be shared.

Once the official announcement has been made in the Northwood Anchor, the parents are welcome to pick up the gifts from the participating merchants, listed below.

The first baby's parents will have a perfect place to store the baby's first clothes, once the first baby has put

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District finds video misrepresented teacher's classroom actions

Northwood-Kensett administrators last week provided an update on a teacher who had been put on temporary leave after a video appeared on social media. School officials have found that N-K music teacher William Kochneff was not violating school policy, but in fact proactively enforcing said policy.

The video showed Kochneff in the choir classroom on December 15. In the video, Kochneff can be seen with a fake prop handgun in hand. In the video, Kochneff tells a student or students that they can argue with principal Keith Fritz, because Kochneff follows Fritz's directions.

A caption on the video said "Help."

Following the release and the sharing of the video on social media, Kochneff was placed on administrative leave.

A statement released last week provides an update on the incident:

"After interviewing the employee and the students directly involved, a clearer picture of what occurred has become evident, which is significantly different than the video clip that was shared."

The school's investigation confirmed that no students were at any point in danger or threat of harm. It was also determined that not only had Kochneff not violated district weapons policy, but that he had actually taken measures to enforce the policy in response to student actions.

Kochneff came to N-K at

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Area businesses observe New Year's Day holiday hours

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays on the way, many area business will observe hours that will allow employees to celebrate.

Following is a listing of the holiday hours of local businesses:

Casey's General Store will be open regular hours throughout the New Year's holiday.

Fallgatter's Market will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

Farmers State Bank will be closed on New Year's Day.

Kelly Hardware will be closed on New Year's Day.

NSB Bank in Northwood will be closed on December 30 and New Year's Day.

The R80 convenience stores in Northwood and Kensett will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Shade Tree Liquors will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Signatures Supper Club will be open December 28 through New Year's Eve.

Sue's Cornerpost will be

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Happy New Year

The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service Information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Dec. 19	26	12	
Wed. Dec. 20	38	16	
Thurs. Dec. 21	41	21	
Fri. Dec. 22	39	32	
Sat. Dec. 23*	51	44	
Sun. Dec. 24*	53	38	
Mon. Dec. 25*	45	35	

*Forecast temperatures

Board discusses teacher retirements, distance learning

At the recent regular meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education, the end and pending end of the careers of several representatives of the district were discussed.

That started with the approval of the retirement of seven long-serving teachers.

The faculty members ended their teaching careers at N-K as they took advantage of the early retirement incentive offered during this school year.

The early retirement program rewards longtime N-K teachers for their service to the school and its students.

The program also saves the district money, as new teachers are hired to fill the roles at lower salaries.

According to figures presented to the board, the salaries of the retiring teachers totaled $607,817.34. Starting teacher salaries to fill the positions would total $351,000, a savings of $256,817.34.

The retiring teachers will receive $30,000, paid unused sick leave and the option to pay to remain on the district's health insurance plan.

To qualify for the early retirement benefit, a district employee has to be age 55 and served 15 years at

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Larry Hovey (left) and John Anderson ended their terms on the Northwood-Kensett school boar at the December meeting. Hovey served on the board for 30 years and Anderson for 19 years.

Vikings in action — See Sports Pages



A judicial discussion

The courtroom at the Worth County Courthouse played host to a discussion of judicial policy recently. Several judicial officials met with Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale, of Worth County. They discussed several pending bills that could affect court proceedings, court and criminal records, juvenile court processes and judicial benefits. Pictured are (from left) Iowa District 2 chief judge Adria Kester, district court administrator Scott Hand, district judge Bake Norman, Representative Bloomingdale and Iowa Judicial Branch Director of Government Affairs Caitlin Jarzen.

Small Business Development Center Iowa touts a record-breaking year

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and Austin Strawhacker, Associate State Director for the America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa, are joining forces to celebrate a successful year for Iowa business, including thousands of new businesses registered and a high percentage of women-owned businesses.

"It is clear that the Iowa business community is thriving. In fact, we've seen a record number of new businesses register with our office this year," said Secretary Pate. "This is actually a trend we've identified, Iowa has broken records for new business entities registered with our office in seven of the last eight years."

Throughout 2023, more than 35,000 new businesses registered with the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, resulting in almost 280,000 active businesses currently filed with the Iowa Secretary of State. In 2022, around 32,000 new businesses were registered.

In order to best serve Iowa businesses, the Secretary of State's Office relies on key partnerships at the federal, state and local levels, including America's SBDC Iowa.

"America's SBDC Iowa is thrilled to express our appreciation for the partnership with Secretary Pate and his exceptional team," said Strawhacker. "Our collaboration enhances the reach and impact of Business Counseling, a crucial resource for new businesses, ensuring that even more Iowa entrepreneurs benefit from our strong referral network with the Secretary's team. Together, we're fostering a thriving environment for Iowa's business community.

Of the more than 13,000 clients America's SBDC Iowa has worked with over the last 5 years, more than 50% of them were women-owned business, which is a signal of a strong and welcoming business environment, according to both Strawhacker and Secretary Pate.

The Iowa Secretary of State's office is also launching a new educational video storytelling project to feature stories of resilience from Iowa business owners to inspire Iowans to start new businesses and take advantage of resources available from the Secretary of State's Office and America's SBDC Iowa. These videos are part of an ongoing campaign and can be accessed on the Iowa Secretary of State's website and on social channels.

Worth GOP Caucus set for January 15

The Worth County Republican caucus will be held on Monday, January 15.

The caucus will include prepared remarks on behalf of candidates, as well as a discussion of platforms and issues.

Local registered Republicans will vote for their preffered candidates at the caucus. People may register at the caucus.

The Republican caucus will be held on January 15 at the Central Springs school in Manly at 7 p.m.

More information is available by contacting Jeff Gorball at 641-529-0975.

Baby
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them to good use, with a new laundry basket from Kelly Hardware.

The first baby will be kept warm with a baby quilt from the Top of Iowa Welcome Center's Barn Boutique.

The parents will be able to celebrate the event well with a bottle of wine from Shade Tree Liquors.

The first baby's parents will also be able to enjoy an evening out with a night at the movies, with $20 in Northwood Theatre dollars.

Gifts for the first baby's financial future will come in the form of a $25 opening deposit in a kid's piggy bank CD from Farmers State Bank.

The parents can also bank on the first baby's future with $25 towards a new savings account from NSB Bank.

The vehicle used to transport the first baby will be well-maintained with a free oil change at Knudtson Auto.

The first baby's parents will no doubt appreciate the chance for a delicious meal, with a $20 gift certificate from Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill.

Fallgatter's Market will offer a $25 gift certificate, which can be used for items for the new baby, or for the rest of the family.

R80 in Northwood will offer a $30 gift certificate for the first baby's family to enjoy snacks, a convenient meal or fuel to transport the first baby.

D&L Equipment will congratulate the first baby's family with a special baby gift.

The first baby's parents will be kept up to date with local news and events, thanks to a one year subscription to the Northwood Anchor.

Worth County Democratic Caucus set for January 15

The Worth County Democratic Party Caucus will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and individuals must be in-line or signed-in by 7 p.m. to participate

All Worth County Precincts will meet at 818 Central Avenue, Northwood.

The purpose of this year's caucus is to:

- Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform.
- Elect Unbound Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention
- Elect Precinct Committee Persons to the County Central Committee

All Iowa Democrats are encouraged to attend.

More information is available by contacting Jane Podgorniak, County Chair, at jpodgorniak@gmail.com or 641-390-0003. Information is also available online at iowademocrats.org/caucus.

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the school, or have worked for the school for 30 years if they aren't 55.

The school board approved the early retirement applications of teachers with 227 combined years teaching at N-K, including David Capitani, who has taught at N-K for 41 years; Annette Orvedal, 34 years; Lori Hill, 33 years; Marty Cotter, 32 years; Ryan Severson, 32 years; Mike Reindl, 29 years; and Steve Hartman, 26 years.

With the end of their employment, the teachers will be eligible do collect benefits from IPERS (Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System) as well. Part of the condition of doing so means they can't work for a public employer again for four months. After that time they could return to the school as a substitute, coach or in other roles.

The approval of the early retirements was also one of the last actions taken by two long-serving members of the N-K school board, with 49 combined years.

Longtime board president Larry Hovey, on the board for 30 years, and John Anderson, 19 years, ended their time on the board with the thanks of their fellow board members and school administrators, as well as plaques recognizing their service.

In other business at the school board meeting, an update was given on plans to take advantage of a stale policy to allow for distance learning when weather conditions prevent school from being held in person.

At the previous meeting, the school board had approved the use of distance learning during some snow days. That would help prevent the district from having to extend the school year.

However, at the December 13 meeting, superintendent Mike Crozier told the school board that while N-K will maintain that option, they don't have plans to use it at this time.

Crozier explained that distance learning would work well for middle and high school students, who have access to laptops. It would provide them ways to maintain lessons and also give them an idea of what they may experience at college and in the workplace.

However, without the technology taken home, an effective way to provide learning options for elementary students had not been determined.

It was also noted that many younger students would not stay at home on snow days, but would be sent to spend time with other family members or daycares, creating more challenges for distance learning.

With that in mind, Crozier said that the district wouldn't be utilizing distance learning unless they could find a way to make it work for all students.

Board member Bradley Christianson asked if there would be a way to separate the middle/high school and elementary calendars, allowing for distance learning for the upper grades, and maintaining their calendar, while extending the elementary school year if there were too many days called due to weather.

Crozier said that if they found a way to benefit the students they would look at it.

Crozier also noted that while distance learning isn't planned right now, a policy allows teachers to work on classroom preparations and other development to prevent their working school year from being extended.

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closed December 30 through New Year's Day.

Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill will be closed on New Year's Day.

MercyOne Pharmacy will be closed on New Year's Day.

Glenville Short Stop will be open regular hours during the New Year's holiday.

Worth County offices will be closed on New Year's Day.

Northwood City Hall will close at noon on December 29 and will be closed on New Year's Day.

Subway in Northwood will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

The Post Office will be closed on New Year's Day.

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center Rest Area will be open on New Year's Eve, closing at 3 p.m. and closed on New Year's Day.

Dollar General will be open regular hours for New year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Northwood Anchor office will be closed on New Year's Day.

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the start of the school year to teach music for a semester while the district was looking for a long term hire.

Kochneff was on leave from the classroom last week, which was scheduled to be the end of his time at the district.

A new choir teacher begins at N-K when classes resume after the holiday break.

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Worth County 4-H club leader meeting held on January 15

The Worth County 4-H will be holding a 4-H club leader training on Monday, January 15, with the meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The program will be for all Worth County 4-H club leaders and 4-H committee members. The meeting will be to update and inform 4-H volunteer leaders about what their duties and responsibilities are in serving the hundreds of 4-H'ers in Worth County.

Contact Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, or Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 for more information about the meeting.



A view of the past

This image, one of several shared on July 8 on the "Worth County Iowa History and Interesting Tidbits, Pictures, and Thoughts" Facebook page, shows an image of downtown Northwood looking west/northwest on Central Avenue, likely from the corner of Ninth Street. At the time the photo was taken, the streets weren't paved and horses were the primary mode of transportation. The streetscape shows a few buildings that still remain, and some that have since been replaced, including the smaller building in between the two story structures. That appears to be where the bank building that became the Worth County Treasurer's Office now stands.

Worth County 4-H State Recognition workshops set for January 13 and 20

The Worth County Extension Service will host State 4-H Recognition Workshops on Saturdays, January 13 and January 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Worth County Extension Community Room.

All 9th to 12th grade 4-H members are invited to participate in learning about the many state 4-H award winning opportunities. Past Worth County 4-H Award winners will be on hand to share information about how to apply for the awards and recognition trips to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

The 4-H members will also have a chance to learn about what duties and responsibilities there 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.

This will also include a hands on opportunity for getting applications completed and submitted to the State 4-H office by Thursday, February 1, at midnight.

Those wanting more information about the meeting may email Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, Teresa Butler at butlert@iastate.edu or contact Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Dennis Johnson at 641-324-1531 or at djohn@iastate.edu.

Worth County 4-H State Recognition Award applications due February 1

Worth County 4-H members wanting to submit State 4-H Recognition applications are reminded to get those submitted to the State 4-H Office by no later than midnight on Thursday, February 1.

The State 4-H Recognition Awards program is a tremendous learning opportunity for all 9th to 12th grade Senior High School 4-H members. All eligible 4-H members are encouraged to apply for any and all State 4-H Recognition Awards they might happen to qualify for.

There are several State and National Awards that 4-H'ers can apply for including serving on the prestigious 2024-25 State 4-H Council, earning trips to National 4-H Congress and 4-H Conferences in Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C., as well as winning a State 4-H Project Award.

Those wanting more information about these opportunities may contact Worth County 4-H Youth Coordinator Teresa Butler at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-390-0795.

Worth County 4-H Washington, D.C., trip orientation meetings scheduled for Jan. 28 and Feb. 25

The first of two Worth County 4-H Washington, D.C., trip orientation meetings will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office Community Room at the Fairgrounds in Northwood.

Participants will have the opportunity to go over trip schedules, observe a few Washington, D.C., trip video highlights and learn about travel plans, including what to wear and pack for the March 9 - 16 Worth County 4-H Washington, D.C., trip.

The second trip orientation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, also at the Worth County Extension Office at 6:30 p.m.

Those wanting more information about the meetings are asked to call Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 or email him at djohn@iastate.edu.

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Davidson named to USF Fall 2023

Clara Davidson of Northwood, was named to the University of Sioux Falls Fall 2023 Dean's List. Davidson is majoring in Theology & Biblical Studies.

Davidson was among more than 600 students named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and earn a term GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.



Basketball carolers

The Northwood-Kensett basketball team continued its tradition of bring holiday cheer to the Lutheran Retirement Home last week. Coach Daryl Love and the team traveled to the home to share some Christmas carols.

Crop Advantage Series to help producers make decisions for 2024

The 2024 Crop Advantage meetings will give producers a solid foundation of current research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions for their farming operation.

The meetings are an opportunity for farmers and crop advisers to hear current research and crop production information from Iowa State University. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists will travel to 12 locations around Iowa from Jan. 3-30, providing updated management options and recommendations on crop production issues facing Iowa growers.

Meetings include continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers and pesticide applicator recertification. All sites offer private pesticide applicator continuing instruction as well, for an additional fee.

"This program series allows Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists to meet with farmers across the state. We're excited to provide the quality, in-person education farmers have come to expect," said Josh Michel, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Over 1,500 individuals attended one of the Crop Advantage meetings across Iowa in 2023, representing all 99 Iowa counties and surrounding states. Approximately 85% of attendees said information from Crop Advantage would likely save them between $5 and $20 per acre.

"Our goal is always to prepare producers to manage potential issues when they arise, or even before they arise, by sharing the most up-to-date scientific knowledge from Iowa State University researchers," said Michel. "Each location's program is unique as content is driven by local needs and production issues."

Program topics vary by location and are selected for regional issues. Topics on this year's agenda include crop market outlooks for 2024, nutrient management updates, soybean gall midge, climate outlooks, corn and soybean disease management updates, weed management issues and many more. For locations, times and program details visit www.aep.iastate.edu/cas.

Early registration for each location is $75; late registration made fewer than seven days prior to the meeting, or on site, is $100. Registration includes lunch, refreshment breaks and CCA credits. Online registration and additional information are available at www.aep.iastate.edu/cas. For more information, contact ANR Program Services at 515-294-6429, or anr@iastate.edu, or contact your regional ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomist.

2024 meeting dates and locations

Jan. 3 – Sheldon.
Jan. 4 – Storm Lake.
Jan. 5 – Mason City.
Jan. 10 – Ankeny.
Jan. 11 – Burlington.
Jan. 16 – Cedar Falls.
Jan. 18 – Atlantic.
Jan. 19 – Davenport.
Jan. 23 – Okoboji.
Jan. 24 – Templeton.
Jan. 25 – Coralville.
Jan. 30 – Le Mars.

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N-K WINTER SPORTS



N-K Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett varsity boys basketball team include (from left) Colby Eskildsen, Kooper Julseth, Carter Anderson, Loghan Nelson, Camden Trenhaile, Landen Nelson, Evan Lorenzon, Clair Avina-Sanchez and Breydin Meyer.



N-K Basketball Cheerleading Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett basketball cheerleading team include (in front, from left) Lindsey Moore, Madalynn Hanson, (second row) Sophia Butler, MacKensie Tomlinson, Topanga Hackenmiller, (back row) Ashlynn Skellenger, Kenedie Berry, Emmy Wahl and Camryn Rheingans.



N-K Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett varsity girls basketball team include (in front, from left) Madalynn Hanson, Hailey Krambeer, Topanga Hackenmiller, Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy (second row) Kamryn Backhaus, Mallory Rheingans, Emma Hengesteg, Lindsey Moore, Morgan Wallin, (back row) Ella Leonard, Chloe Costello, Damaris Peterson and coach Daryl Love.

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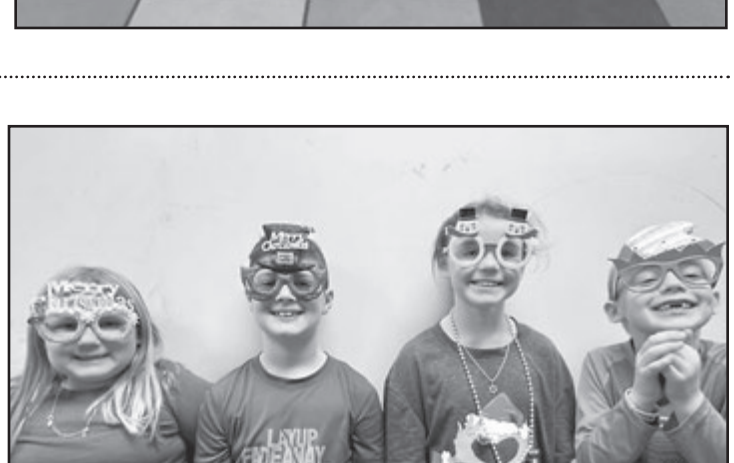
Holiday fun and visitors

Amongst the holiday fun at Northwood-Kensett last week was a party for preschoolers. They enjoyed treats, games and some special visitors. That included Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also visiting all the elementary classrooms last week were the Grinch (Kendall Krull) and his canine companion Max (Max Rugland). The Seuss-based duo brought treats to the elementary classrooms.









Festive frames

The holiday festivities in Mr. Urbatsch's second grade classroom included a chance to wear some silly spectacles for some festive fun.



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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.

Northwood United Methodist Church

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GOODNESS



The transforming power of spiritual experiences has made metaphors of birth or rebirth common in religious literature. Saint Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus is perhaps the paradigm of being born again, but we see it throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament Jacob is renamed Israel after wrestling with God, surely a sign that he has been transformed in the process. But these transformations are not always so sudden or dramatic. Sometimes they take months or even years to occur, and while there is a tendency to be impressed by the sudden change when someone goes from being a profligate drunkard to a sober penitent overnight, usually these changes take time to occur and time to settle in. Perhaps it is better to think of conversion as an ongoing process of God working continuously to bring us as near to perfection as we are capable of. Those who are quickly converted are sometimes also quick to relapse into old habits, while those in whom God makes slow but steady progress may be more unswerving in their faith. Williams James remarks in "The Varieties of Religious Experience" that "The real witness of the spirit to the second birth is to be found only in the disposition of the genuine child of God, the permanently patient heart, the love of self eradicated." The true test of the conversion experience, or of any religious experience, is the fruit which it bears. – Christopher Simon

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Worth/Cerro Gordo Corn and Soybean Clinic 2023

On Friday, December 8, the Worth and Cerro Gordo County Extension offices held their annual Corn and Soybean Clinic, along with the training that allows farmers and ag professionals to receive their pesticide applicator certification.

The event was once again hosted at Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly, with nearly 140 people in attendance.

The day began with registration for the pesticide poriton of the program, along with a chance to meet the sponsors of the day's events, who were at booths in the hallway.

Cerro Gordo County Extension director Darah DeBour welcomed the crowd for the day and introduced Regional Extension Agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz, who guided those gathered through the pesticide recertification portion of the program.

Rieck-Hinz talked through safety measures and steps to be taken for the safe use of pesticides and application equipment.

Rieck-Hinz provided examples and online resources to make sure the correct and safest types of equipment is used.

Rieck-Hinz discussed things like the differences between systemic (enters and moved throught the plant) vs. contact (damages on contact) herbicides.

That was followed by a discussion of the size and amount of chemical droplets that may be desired depending on the chemical, and how it was important to have the correct equipment to achieve the desired result.

The importance of thoroughly cleaning equipment between applications was discussed as well, with not only safety, but cost efficiency and avoiding unintended side effects a goal.

A newer technology was discussed, applying pesticide using drones. Rieck-Hinz talked about some of the safety measures, as well as what steps are needed to comply with federal regulations before either using a drone or hiring someone to do the work.

Rieck-Hinz talked about some government measures that are being considered, which may impact how pesticides are used in the near future. She mentioned some vulnerable species and how farmers may be expected to adjust their pesticide use to prevent impacts on species like bees and vulnerable plants.

Next up on the program was Iowa State University Economics Professor Chad Hart.

Hart discussed trends over recent years and what farmers may want to consider as they look at what they plant and where they may want to market it.

Hart started with discussion about the purposes corn and soybeans have been used in recent years, and how that has shifted.

Hart also mentioned the ongoing drought, and how its intensity in different areas of the country influence corn and soybean markets in Iowa.

Hart showed charts that indicated that Iowa's corn yield estimates were largely neutral, while states north, east and south were down. Meanwhile, to the east, projections were up.

For soybeans, Iowa joined the states to the north, east and south in showing declining projected yields.

Next Hart focused on other major producers of corn and soybeans in the world, and their projected production in comparison to the U.S.

Hart shared information that indicated soybean export sales this year had been down and looked to remain below or near the five year average.

Corn export sales, meanwhile, looked to be surpassing the five-year average.

Hart also talked about markets for alternate fuels for the two crops.

Hart talked about a shift from biodiesel to a new type of renewable diesel type, and how that could benefit soybean producers.

The last speaker of the day was Dr. Bob Hartzler,

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Ag in the Classroom at N-K

In the last week of November, representatives of the Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program paid visits to students in the Northwood-Kensett Elementary and Middle Schools. They taught students about where the parts of a cheeseburger come from; animals on the farm; how farm products can be found in many food, drinks and other household items; how commodities are traded; ag equipment enginering; and more information and activities about the prevalence and importance of the farming and ag industries in their lives, communities and the world









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retired weed specialist from ISU.

Hartzler began with a discussion of herbicide use, and the factors that could impact how long it remains in place.

Hartzler discussed varying types of herbicides, based on how they work to treat weeds, and how that affects the methods and factors that have to be considered when using them safely, efficiently and effectively.

Hartzler discussed a particular weed, waterhemp, and how and why it has become such a persistent issue, along with the herbicides and the uses that have shown to be most effective, or increasingly ineffective.

Hartzler discussed how waterhemp has become increasing resistant to different herbicides.

Hartzler talked about the need to more efficiently use herbicides for waterhemp treatment and how alternative, potentially more hands on methods may have to be the direction in the potentially near future.

Following the three program speakers, new ISU Extension and Outreach vice president Jason Henderson introduced himself and talked about his vision and direction for the future of Extension and its programs.

Next, Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson introduced the day's sponsors, who shared a few words or gave out door prizes.

The clinic ended with a free meal and some discussion of what they had learned.



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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

With Christmas behind us, it's time to think about that favorite of holidays, New Year's Eve. It's a time to look back on what we did..or didn't do…last year, how we learned from those experiences and what we want to do to start off a fresh new chance at life. When I entertain on the New Year holidays, either the eve or the day of, I like to do appetizers rather than another huge holiday meal. "Fisher Controls Cookbook" (1982, Fisher Controls International Inc, Marshalltown, Iowa) jumped off the shelf because it has some very nice appetizer choices. Fisher Controls compiled this book with the assistance of employees, representatives and their spouses. Enjoy the finger food, dips and snacks and Happy New Year.

Cocktail Pizzas to Make Ahead

1 pound good quality hot sausage
1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar
1 can (8oz.) tomato sauce
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1 can (6oz) tomato paste
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
1 teaspoon salt
3 cans refrigerated flaky biscuits

Combine all ingredients except the biscuits to make a pizza sauce. Separate each biscuit into three rounds (the flaky layers will come apart easily) and spread with the sauce. Place on a cookie sheet and freeze until solid. Store in plastic zipper bags until ready to use. When ready, place still frozen, on cookie sheets and bake in a preheated 425 degree F. oven for about 10 minutes. Watch to see that they are cooked through. SANDY'S NOTE: You can certainly bake these without freezing for later. Adjust the oven temperature to 375 and the cooking time will vary. Watch that they don't burn. A slice of pepperoni on each little biscuits will add flavor too. Since the cheese is mixed into the sauce, it won't look like a "traditional" pizza. Use parchment on the cookie sheets when baking.

Zingy Pork Balls

1/2 pound good quality pork sausage
1 1/2 cups pancake mix
2 cups shredded Cheddar
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 cup milk, not skim
1 large egg, beaten
2 tablespoons dry onion soup mix
Paprika

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease a cooking sheet or use parchment paper. In a large bowl, combine the sausage, cheese, milk and egg. Blend well but gently. Lightly spoon the pancake mix into a measuring cup and level off. Add this, plus the pepper and onion soup mix, to the sausage. Mix well. Roll into 1-inch balls and place on the cookie sheet. Sprinkle with paprika and bake for 10-15 minutes. Remove from the pan immediately and serve warm. NOTE: can be made ahead the frozen. Thaw before reheating. To serve, cut down the cooking time 4-5 minutes and reheat at 375 degrees F. for 10 minutes or until hot

Herb & Garlic Cheese Spread

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons minced parsley
4 tablespoons real butter, softened
1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
1 fat clove of garlic, minced fine
Fresh-ground black pepper

Beat together all ingredients except the yogurt until very light and completely mixed. Mix in the yogurt until smooth. Refrigerate. It stays creamy even when cold. Spread on crackers or use as a dip for raw veggies. SANDY'S NOTE: Parsley isn't highly flavored. Consider substituting chives, dill, or even dried herbs.

Tomato Cheese Log

1 cup diced tomatoes, drained
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups finely shredded sharp Cheddar
1 teaspoon salt
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
1/2 cup real butter, softened
1/2 cup diced onion
8 oz. chopped walnuts

Combine all ingredients except the walnuts and beat until smooth. On waxed paper, form into two balls or logs. Place in the freezer until form, about an hour OR in the refrigerator for several hours. Before serving, smooth out the surface of the cheese with your clean hands and roll in the walnuts. Makes two logs/balls. Serve with sturdy crackers for spreading.

Appetizer buffets serve several purposes at a party. Asking each guest to bring one or two cuts down on the labor of the host/hostess. Many can be prepared in advance so no one is in the kitchen putting finishing touches on a hot meal. People can have a bite of this and a bite of that giving a nice variety of food and having a large number of choices is always fun. Bringing in the New Year is always special in my opinion. It's our chance to start over and doing it with a full stomach is always wise. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Bucks for the barn

Representatives of Viafield in Northwood recently traveled to the Worth County Fairgrounds to provide funds to support the Ag Learning Center that has become the staple of the Kiddie Barn during the Worth County Fair. The funds will be used to purchase new educational resources and support new programs for future fairs. Pictured are (from left) fair board member Kirby Knudtson, Farm Bureau ag educator Teresa Stehn, Viafield employees Shelly Brockney, Chris Menke and Brandon Severson, fair board member Scott Severson, Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson and fair board member Chris Gordon.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

The month of January means different things to different people. The rush and bustle of the December holidays is behind us and to some that means relaxing with much less to do. For others it's a bit of a letdown because the music, decorations, special food plus visiting friends and relatives are all gone. At Reconnect 720, January is a month to reconnect with people you might have been too busy to visit with in December. There are activities, meals, things to learn and more. Come in out of the cold and join the fun!

The Northwood Bookworms will meet for their regular monthly book discussion on Monday, January 8 at 2 p.m. The Public Library is the place to be for those who love to read and discuss their opinions of the latest book club selection. Fun Bingo will be held at Reconnect 720 on both Monday, January 8 and Monday, January 22. Free to play; delicious prizes! Join us at 12:30 p.m. on both days. Another smart phone, iPhone and Android, will take place on Thursday, January 11 at 3 p.m. Bring your questions and take notes to use after the class. Fresh Conversations with Amy is always interesting with a tasty sample of a healthy dish. She will start at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16. Coffee and Conversation will convene at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 18. Please come to have some fellowship and a treat...or two!

Every Tuesday is card and game day. There is a group that plays in the morning, enjoys lunch and then resumes play after they eat. Others are always welcome to bring their card or game friends and "host" a gathering in our cozy space. It's easy to host a group when you don't have to worry about where to put all the tables and chairs at your own home. They are all set up and waiting for you at Reconnect 720. Bring your games, cards, snacks and beverages; there is no charge for the use of the space.

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No matter how you feel about January, we want you to join your friends and neighbors to help pass the long winter days.





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Savvy Senior

How to close social media accounts of a deceased loved one

Dear Savvy Senior,

How do I go about canceling a person's social media accounts when they die? My wife passed away a few months ago and her social media accounts are still active.

Sad Spouse

Dear Sad,

I'm very sorry for your loss, but this is a smart move on your behalf and one that often gets overlooked. Social media is part of many people's daily lives, but when a person passes away their dormant accounts can become vulnerable to scammers who can hack into them and even steal your deceased loved one's identity.

Here's a run-down of how you can cancel or change many different social media accounts after a loved one dies.

Facebook: If your wife used Facebook, you can either "memorialize" or "delete" her account.

A memorialized account serves as a place where family and friends can share memories to celebrate the deceased person's life, with the word "Remembering" shown next to the deceased person's name. Once an account is memorialized, content the person shared is still visible on Facebook to the audience it was originally shared with, however, the user's profile will not show up in public spaces such as people you may know, ads or birthday reminders.

To memorialize your wife's profile simply go to Facebook.com/help/contact/234739086860192. Or, if you'd rather have her account removed, go to Facebook.com/help/contact/228813257197480.

To memorialize her account requires proof of death (via death certificate, obituary or memorial card), but if you wish to delete the account, you'll also need to verify that you're an immediate family member, legal representative or executor, unless you're the legacy contact on her account.

Instagram: The policy on a deceased users' Instagram account is the similar to Facebook's, which owns Instagram. You can either memorialize or remove the account at Help.Instagram.com/264154560391256. But just like with Facebook, you'll need to provide proof of death and relationship to the deceased.

X (formally Twitter): To deactivate an X account, go to Help.Twitter.com and type in "How to contact X about a deceased family member's account" in the search bar and follow the prompts. After you submit your request, X will email you with instructions for providing more details, including information about the deceased, a copy of your ID, and a copy of the deceased's death certificate.

YouTube and/or Google: To close these accounts, simply go to Support.Google.com/accounts/troubleshooter/6357590 and fill out their form and upload scans of the death certificate and your ID.

Pinterest: To remove a Pinterest account, email Care@pinterest.com with the deceased user's account username, proof of death and proof of relationship to the deceased.

LinkedIn: To remove a deceased person's LinkedIn profile, submit a request at LinkedIn.com/help/linkedin/ask/ts-rdmlp. You'll need to provide the name and URL to the profile; the relationship you have to the deceased; the email address; date of passing; and link to an obituary.

Snapchat: To delete this account, simply login to the account and click "Delete My Account" and follow the prompts.

Tumblr: Send an email to Support@tumblr.com requesting to remove the account of the deceased person with their Tumblr username, proof of their death, and proof of your relationship to the deceased.

If your wife had social media through a company not listed here, go to that company's website for information on how to delete the account.

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 had the hiccups, so I stood on one foot, flapped my arms and yodeled. It never fails.

To cure your hiccups?

No, to make everyone laugh at me.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. A brown Christmas is nothing out of the ordinary, but it seems like it is. There are many brown UPS trucks driven by people wearing brown uniforms who deliver brown cardboard. A Christmas without snow shortens the winter, but we must remember the three most important words about the weather: You never know.

I wonder if Mother Goose wrote this with a quill pen. "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had so many children, she didn't know what to do. She gave them some broth without any bread; And whipped them all soundly and put them to bed." Ma Goose was harsh on the goslings, but they still all smelled like socks.

Don't drive over the fork in the road

"Sooner or later, you'll own Generals." Years ago, that advertising slogan for General Tire was playing on my car's AM radio while I added air to a low tire. It was coincidental but not unexpected. That jingle got a lot of airtime. My car's tire released the air faster than I could put it in. It was a retread, in which a re-manufacturing process replaces the tread on worn tires. Use of retreads was common historically but is seldom used for passenger vehicles today.

The other day, I missed hitting a gator or two on the road. Blown-out tire pieces are called gators because of the arched, ridged texture, which resembles an alligator to those with vivid imaginations. Truck tires are subjected to demanding conditions and retreads on commercial trucks have historically been deemed the culprits behind these highway alligators. However, a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study concluded that 78% of tire debris came from new tires and 22% came from retreads. The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute found tire failure due to the retread manufacturing process was under 15% of the total and concluded the best way to keep gators off our roads is to maintain proper tire inflation.

Why retreads? They save money for school districts, trucking companies and airlines; and keep tires out of landfills.

The National Association of People Who Want to Sell More Tires (NAOPWWTSMT) recommends you check your tire tread depth after every meal. I checked while trying to get that tire to inhale. I borrowed a penny from a friend—who if you're reading this, I'll pay you back soon—and placed the coin with Lincoln's head pointed down between the tread grooves on my tire. If the top of his head disappeared between the ribs, my tread was still above 2/32 inch. If I could see Lincoln's entire head, it meant the tread wasn't deep enough and it was time to replace the tire. Lincoln told me it was time to replace my car.

I've learned

If you think you've forgotten to get something at the grocery store, go home. You'll remember what it was by the time you get your coat off.

I stopped at the cancer center to say hello. The patients there were at their worst and at their best at the same time.

When I was a boy, climate change happened from one day to the next.

Nonpareils are a classic candy whose name means "without equal" or "unrivaled." They are small, flat, disc-shaped sweets typically made of chocolate covered with tiny, colorful sugar beads.

Nature notes

The well-engineered leaf nests (dreys) of squirrels are constructed from twigs, leaves, moss and other material. The twigs, often gnawed from a tree when the leaves were still intact, are loosely woven together to create the floor of a nest. Squirrels add stability by packing damp leaves and moss on top of the twig platform to reinforce the structure. A spherical frame is woven around the base, forming the outer shell. It's finished by stuffing the shell with leaves, moss, twigs and/or paper. The inner cavity of the nest is lined with shredded bark, grass and leaves. The thick walls keep wind, water and snow from penetrating the interior and keep cold air out and warm air in. Bernd Heinrich, in "Winter World," wrote of a 12-inch diameter drey having 26 layers of flattened, dried and overlapped oak leaves.

Meeting adjourned

"The real index of civilization is when people are kinder than they need to be."—Louis de Bernieres.

Merry Christmas and happy everything.

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"Do something wild today. Look at a bird." — Al Batt

Fit to print...

New facts for a new year

With the new year many may be considering their resolutions. For those that might resolve to be more informed about holiday traditions, here's a few facts about New Year's traditions

The history behind popular New Year's traditions

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are a time to both reflect on the past year and to look forward to the excitement the months ahead will bring. There may be confetti, there are probably noisemakers and some bubbly is likely overflowing from champagne flutes.

New Year's celebrations can be traced back thousands of years to ancient Babylon. And as with many holidays with deep histories, traditions are the hallmark of many New Year's celebrations. While many people perform these traditions by rote, it can be interesting to delve into the history behind various components of New Year's celebrations.

Champagne

Toasting the new year with a sparkling wine can be traced back to French champagne producers. Champagne, a sparkling wine from a specific region of France, was used in the baptism of the Frankish warrior Clovis, according to the Champagne Committee of France. Soon, champagne became a key part of religious events, coronations and soirees — as well as secular rituals that replaced formerly religious rituals, according to the book "When Champagne Became French" by Kolleen Guy. Champagne manufacturers eventually linked the bubbly to festive occasions with family, and New Year's celebrations became another ideal time to pop the cork on a bottle.

Ball drop

While not everyone can venture to New York City's famed Times Square to watch the ball drop in person, millions tune in around the world to watch it on television. Original celebrations in New York centered around listening to the bells of Trinity Church ring at midnight, but the New Year's Eve celebrations were later moved to the New York Times building in 1904. Fireworks were part of those celebrations, but hot ash and sparks falling on spectators led to a ban on fireworks, and event organizers needed another spectacle to draw crowds, according to PBS. Publisher Adolph Ochs asked his chief electrician Walter Palmer to create something visually appealing. Inspired by the maritime tradition of dropping a time ball at harbor so that sailors could set their own timepieces while at sea, Palmer devised the idea of dropping an illuminated ball on New Year's Eve. This has been tradition since 1907.

Resolutions

New Year's resolutions can be traced to the Mesopotamians. Ancient Babylonians also made spoken resolutions during a 12-day-long New Year Festival. These resolutions were oaths made to the sitting or new king and were considered essential to keeping the kingdom in the gods' favor. The Romans also had a similar tradition of swearing oath to royalty at the start of the year. Many of these traditions merged into modern resolution-making, according to Live Science.

The toast

If the ancient Greeks and Romans could be magically transported to modern times, chances are strong that much of our current customs would register as foreign. But one particular custom that's part and parcel of New Year's Eve celebrations across the globe might feel more familiar to our hypothetical time travelers.

Historians differ as to the origins of the toast, but the concept of toasting to one's own and others' health is evident in the ancient Greek author Homer's "Odyssey," which was written in the eighth century BCE. The "Odyssey" is considered one of the most significant works inn the history of Western literature, and in it Ulysses raises a glass and drinks to the health of Achilles.

But the ancient Greeks were not the only ones to emphasize toasting. In fact, during the reign of Emperor Augustus, who was the first official Roman emperor and reigned from 27 BC to AD 14, the Senate decreed that everyone must drink to Augustus at every meal.

Since ancient times, various traditions have incorporated raising a glass, whether it's filled with wine, champagne or another beverage. This tradition, now known as "toasting," might be employed to pay homage to a particular individual, wish goodwill upon an individual or individuals (such as at a wedding) or simply in celebration of a special event or day, which is the case when the clock strikes 12 midnight on New Year's Eve.

Why is it called a toast? According to Toastmasters International, Romans added toasted bread crumbs to their drinks, to dry up or scorch, or "tostus" in latin, their drink.

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Early Files

100 years ago

December 19, 1923

Ole H. Myli, Northwood, and Mrs. Sarah Bakken of Fargo, N.D., were united in marriage at the groom's home in northwest Northwood Monday evening by the Rev. V.B. Ylvisaker.

Fred Raemond Jaspers and Glenore Larsen were married in Mason City on Monday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage by the pastor of that denomination. Both young people are well and favorably known in Northwood.

Lady friends of Miss Alma Holstad, who is soon to become a bride, met at her home in southeast Northwood Monday evening and gave her a shower in the form of a purse of money. A mock wedding was one of the entertaining features of the evening.

Mrs. H.H. Douglas, of Grove Township, arrived at home Monday morning from Tipton, Iowa, where she spoke before a farm meeting of men and women the day previous on "Responsibilities and Privileges of the Farm Woman".

The Northwood Fun Club will hold a shoot for geese and ducks at the grounds south of the slaughter house Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. Everybody is invited to witness the shoot.

For the first time since rural delivery service was established there will be no Christmas mail delivery this year. A recent order from the post office department relieves the carriers from Christmas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. John Logemann and son Barney, of Meltonville, were in town Saturday shopping for Christmas goods and visiting with friends. Barney, who is a former Northwood High School pupil, has just completed an installation of a radio, which he assembled himself at home. So successful was the installation that he has been tuning in with stations from one-third of the states in America and he hopes to do still better when he gets all adjustments perfected.

75 years ago

December 23, 1948

Members of the First Lutheran Church last week kicked off an intensive two-month campaign to raise a $200,000 building fund. At the initial campaign meeting Wednesday night last week, $24,550 was pledged.

Lorraine Agnes Lange, Northwood, received a diploma as a doctor of philosophy in education at the autumn quarter commencement exercises of Ohio State University last Friday at the Ohio state fairgrounds at Columbus. Miss Lange is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lange, of Northwood.

State warrants for supplemental school aid amounting to $5,342.55 have been mailed to 15 Worth County school districts, according to G.S. Cleveland, county superintendent of schools.

Dale Dishon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dishon of Northwood, played a part in the dramatic seas rescue recently of Army fliers who had crash landed in the Pacific Ocean. Dale is a member of the crew of the aircraft carrier Rendova, which made the rescue. Dale has written that the Rendova went many miles out of its course to make the rescue. The ship is now headed for China, he reported.

John Aanrud, 8, is going to be careful about cracking peanuts between his teeth after this. He underwent an operation in the Park Hospital, Mason City, yesterday, for removal of a peanut shell from his lungs.

Santa Claus, who has been appearing on the streets of Northwood or other towns in this area for 35 years, this past week had the most unusual gift request of his career. Santa ordinarily does not promise any specific present. This time he broke his rule. If that boy doesn't get a Bible on Christmas day, all he has to do is to write "Santa Claus, Northwood, Iowa" telling who was with him and where he made the request, and Santa will mail him a Bible personally.

50 years ago

December 27, 1973

The Rev. Allen Hermeier, Atlantic, Iowa, has accepted a call to the First Lutheran Church in Northwood, effective Jan. 18, 1974. He is seeking temporary housing until the parsonage is available. Pastor Hermeier and his wife have three children.

Darrel Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kelly, rural Northwood, is the local winner of the annual Voice of Democracy Scholarship program and will be entered by the Northwood VFW post in the national contest at Washington, D.C., March 8-13.

The Northwood-Kensett FFA chapter won Reserve Premier Exhibit award at the Minnesota Spring Barrow show in Feburary. The chapter has won 10 first and four reserves in the past 15 years.

The Vikings handled the challenge of the Forest City Indians Friday night in boys basketball and held their perfect record a 7-0, winning 63-46. The Vikes drew first blood and kept a two point advantage for the majority of the first quarter and picked up eight more in the closing minutes. Score at the end of the first period was 16-6.

Average farmland values in Worth County are now estimated at $651 per acre, up $165 from last year, according to a recent Iowa State University study. The local value compares with $579 per acre average for all grades of land in Iowa, an increase of $139 from 1972.

Airman Harlan S. Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Lucas, Kensett, has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training. The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Keesler for specialized training in communications-electronics system. Airman Lucas is a 1973 graduate of Lake Mills High School.

Four Northwood young men, Mark Lindflott, Carl Anderson, Mark Fistler and Allan Berge, escaped with the clothing on their back early last Friday morning when the farmhouse they rented burned. Approximately $3,000 damage was reported to the house and $500 loss to the contents. The two-story house was the former Fran Davis family home.

25 years ago

December 30, 1998

A former Northwood and Worth County law enforcement officer has rejoined the city police force. Police chief Leo Dorsey announced Monday that Bruce Hemann, 28, will take up his duties as a Northwood policeman this coming Friday, January 1. Hemann began his law enforcement career here in 1993, and worked as city patrolman until 1995, when he became a Worth County deputy sheriff.

These Lutheran Retirement Home staff members received award pins recently in recognition of their years of service to the facility: Linda Ouverson, Kathryn Will, Michael Godfrey, Suzie Tenold, Mary Geistler, Janice Eckhart, Elaine Meyer, Frances Guertin, Grace Hungerford, Amanda Moore, Janet Severson, Ruth Prine, Linda Johnson, Betty Ranum, and Mary Lande. The group boasts a combined total of 160 years of service at LRH.

The North Central/Northwood-Kensett wrestling team achieved a "first" for itself and co-coaches Ron Dodd and Steve Swancutt last Tuesday night by defeating Osage 42-25 in a double dual meet on the Green Devils' mat. NC/N-K improved its dual meet mark to 6-0 in its first ever mat victory over Osage, but the Lake Mills Bulldogs, a member of the Class 1A top 10, defeated the Worth County wrestlers 39-26 to put NC/N-K at 6-1 heading into the holidays.

Given the choice of wearing a "grown-up" party hat or her standard headgear for the upcoming New Year's Eve festivities, little Kristen Nicole Eilertson opted to stick with her usual halo. Kristen, the daughter of Rob and Bess Eilertson of Northwood, will celebrate her first birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 6. She was the first baby born here in 1998.

10 years ago

December 24, 2013

Last week NSB Bank made a donation to the project that will install statues, including those representing Worth County cities, at the Worth County Fairgrounds, as well as corresponding statues in Worth County cities. The $10,000 includes funds for the Worth County Beautification Board, as well as $1,000 for the cities to put towards their statues.

Junior Shelby Hagen's play in the paint this season is a big reason the Lady Vikings are ranked No. 12 in the state and boast a record 6-2. Hagen is second on the team in rebounds (5.9) and blocked shots (8), and its fourth in scoring (6.1), assists (15) and steals (13).

Dear Santa, This is my first Christmas! I can't wait to see you! I would like a tech sit-to-race smart wheels and some formula! I helped my mommy make cookies for you Santa! I love playing with my big brother Bryck! Love, Baylor Abrams

Dear Santa, As I have been really, really, really good this year, can you please make the list of toys below for me in your toy factory… Bat cave, Captain Hook ship, super Heroes, video game. I will leave a glass of milk for you and a carrot for Rudolf. Lots of Love, Jace

N-K's only freshman starter this season, Tom Fick, puts up one of his running jump shots in the Vikings' 64-48 loss to North Butler. Fick is averaging 8.4 points and 3.1 rebounds per game in his first year of varsity play.

As the students and staff at Northwood-Kensett Junior/Senior High School took part in their Veterans Day program on Monday, November 11, three students were honored for their patriotic prose. Jenna Weitzel, in second place, and Peyton Pangburn, first place, in the Patriot's Pen essay contest and Voice of Democracy winner John Bachtle. The contests are sponsored locally by the Northwood Our Buddies Memorial VFW Post 6779.

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Obituaries

James Schaub

James Schaub, 79, of Northwood, died peacefully in his home on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Services are being planned for a later date next spring.

Jim was born on February 17, 1944, to Earl and Margaret (Wright) Schaub in Mason City, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed in the Northwood United Methodist Church. He graduated from Northwood High School.



JAMES SCHAUB

Jim lived in Northwood most of his life. He farmed, worked in a meat packing plant and was a carpenter.

Jim was united in marriage to Lynne Becker, and to this union two children were born, Matthew and Heather. They later divorced and Jim married Carol.

He is survived by his two children, Matthew Schaub and Heather Brown; grandchildren, Kimberly Brown, Katherine White and Samantha Brown; one great-grandson, Nolan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; wife, Carol; siblings, Ruth Robb, Roger Schaub in infancy, Russell Schaub, and Kenneth Schaub.

Yields better than expected despite drought in many counties

According to the U.S. Drought monitor, the majority of Iowa has endured drought conditions since the beginning of the growing season, varying from extreme or exceptional drought to moderate drought. Despite this, the USDA reports that corn and soybean yields have remained relatively steady since last year.

As of October, corn yields were expected to average 199 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel per acre from the same time last year, while soybean yields were expected to average 58 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushels per acre from the same time last year. How can yields remain steady given the drought that much of the state has endured?

As Iowa State University Extension and Outreach experts explain, classifying the drought status of an area takes a variety of factors into consideration, making drought classification just as complex as the impacts of drought.

Agricultural Impact

Daryl Herzmann, a systems analyst with the Iowa State University Department of Agronomy, works extensively with the Iowa Environmental Mesonet, which is a key resource for researchers and agronomists across the state. The mesonet is a network of automated weather stations located across the state that provide Unloading corn into truck. meteorological data, including rainfall, temperature and wind conditions. The ISU Soil Moisture Network, which is part of the mesonet, is particularly important in understanding drought across the state, as Herzmann explained.

"It's difficult to observe trends in soil moisture over long periods of time, since moisture is a physically bounded quantity, and soil can only hold so much moisture," clarified Herzmann. "That being said, the analysis this year was that there was just enough soil moisture to start out the growing season thanks to a rather wet winter, which ultimately saved crops across the state. Because of that deep soil moisture, a lot of places in the state that didn't receive significant rain in July and August were able to pull through."

"Additionally, there is some benefit to crops experiencing dry conditions early in the season, since drier surface conditions encourage crops to put their roots down deeper, which allows them to be more resilient later in the season," added Herzmann.

"We really saw some miracles this year for yield," he said. "Talking to farmers, yields were remarkable this year even without much rain."

Severe Drought

If soil moisture was sufficient to mitigate the impacts of lack of rainfall, then why has the state's drought status remained severe? While soil moisture is considered when classifying an area's drought status, drought status takes a variety of other factors into consideration, according to Herzmann.

"The U.S Drought monitor is a project put together by a team of authors, and every week, these authors collaborate with different communities to assess a wide variety of factors," he said. "Soil moisture is a factor, but impacts are the most important factor considered by the drought monitor. For example, even if the soil moisture in some communities prevented yields from being impacted, those same communities could be under water usage restrictions, which would place them in a more severe drought classification. On the flip side, even if a community hasn't gotten rain in weeks, there might be a lack of impacts, placing that community into a less severe drought category."

Setting a Trend

The fact that trends in soil moisture are difficult to observe over long periods of time has been further exacerbated by increasing variability in precipitation and weather patterns, according to Catherine DeLong, water quality program manager with ISU Extension and Outreach.

"It's really tough to see trends anymore," explained DeLong, "in terms of soil moisture and precipitation being above or below average, we've seen a lot of 'weather whiplash' or a quick shift between two opposing weather conditions. We've also seen a lot of variability across the state, with some parts of the state being above average while others remain below average."

While it may be difficult to see trends in soil moisture and precipitation across a given season, DeLong said that the general trend this year, with soil moisture held over from a wetter winter and spring providing key moisture for crops as precipitation tapers off, may become more and more common in Iowa.

"In general, we are predicted to experience wetter springs, wetter falls, and drier summers," she added. "Given the more extreme conditions we've been experiencing, agricultural stakeholders and water resource professionals need to shift from planning for more average years to planning for more extreme years."

According to DeLong, one important way for row crop farmers prepare for more extreme years is by building soil resiliency through the use of cover crops, which increase infiltration and water holding capacity to take full advantage of precipitation at any time of the year. For more information on cover crops, visit the Cover Crop page on the Integrated Crop Management website, or contact Catherine DeLong at 515-294-5963, or by email at crdelong@iastate.edu

For more information, visit the Iowa Environmental Mesonet.

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Diamond Jo announces 2023 'Wreaths of Hope' winners

Diamond Jo Casino helped make the season of giving brighter by awarding a prize pool of more than $6,000 during the property's annual holiday competition, "Wreaths of Hope."

Eight local non-profit organizations decorated wreaths at Diamond Jo Casino and were awarded cash prizes based on the nearly 4,000 customer votes cast in-person, or online via Diamond Jo's Facebook page.

A celebratory check presentation was held on Friday, December 8, for the eight participating organizations. A first-place prize of $2,000, a second-place prize of $1,500, a third-place prize of $1,000 and a fourth-place prize of $500 were awarded to the best-performing charities. A minimum cash prize of $300 was awarded to each non-profit for participating in the event.

The results for the 2023 Wreaths of Hope competition are as follows:

1. Patriots for Pets
2. Five Sisters Project
3. 43 North Iowa
4. Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless Shelters

Honorary mention: LIFE Center of Freeborn County

Honorary mention: Community Kitchen of North Iowa

Honorary mention: Albert Lea Art Center

Honorary mention: Worth County Community of Promise



N-K fifth grade girls take first

The Northwood-Kensett fifth grade girls traveled to West Fork on Saturday, December 16, and earned first place. Pictured are (front row, from left) Emma Schroeder, Sienna Sheffield, Olivia Urbatsch, Kendall Krull, (back row) Emelia Nelson, Hadley Anderson, Mia Helgeson and Madi Davis. Others on the team that weren't available to play at the tournament included Harper Davis, Kennedy Schoon and Josie Weller.

Moklestad appointed to WCTA board

Nancy Moklestad was recently appointed to the Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) Board of Directors, at the November board meeting of the cooperative, according to Mark Thoma, WCTA CEO.

Moklestad assumes the term of Steve Thorland, who retired from the board in November, after serving the coop for 20 years. Her first board meeting will be in December.



NANCY MOKLESTAD

"Steve did a great job as a member of the board helping to guide the cooperative over the past 20 years," said Thoma. "We have seen a lot of change in regulation and technology during that time and Steve and our board have done an excellent job of always staying plugged in to learn and adapt as needed."

Moklestad and her husband, Dave, make their home in rural Forest City. She is Senior Vice President at Farmers Trust & Savings Bank in Buffalo Center, and is very active in helping her husband with their farm operation.

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

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009387

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD L. QUISLEY, Deceased.

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

To all persons interested in the estate of Harold L. Quisley, deceased, who died on or about November 17, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on December 7, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Harold L. Quisley, deceased, bearing the date of September 22, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that David A. Quisley was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 12, 2023.

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Date of Second Publication 27th day of December, 2023.

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009384

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRIAN LOWELL HAHN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Brian Lowell Hahn, deceased, who died on or about November 9, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on December 1, 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 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 December 8, 2023.

Heather Lyn Hahn
Box 123
Kensett, IA 50448
Administrator of the Estate

G.A. Cady III
ICIS#: AT0001386
Cady & Rosenberg Law Firm, P.L.C.
9 First Street SW
P.O. Box 456
Hampton, IA 50441
Attorney for the Administrator

Date of Second Publication 3rd day of January, 2024.

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009386

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA S. HOFFMAN, Deceased.

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

To all persons interested in the estate of Wanda S. Hoffman, deceased, who died on or about November 23, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on December 6, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Wanda S. Hoffman, deceased, bearing the date of April 24, 1995, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Raymond D. Hoffman was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 6, 2023.

Raymond D. Hoffman
209 North 13th Street
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: AT003086
Greve Law Office
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Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of Second Publication 27th day of December, 2023.

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Supervisors

December 18, 2023
Fiftieth 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 December 11, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $26,599.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #2 Main, Prof Services $882.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #7 Main, Prof Services $3,827.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #34 Main, Prof Services $2,102.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD #46 Main, Prof Services $19,787.00
Grand Total $26,599.00

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $741,054.06 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf 73.24
A.J. Stone, Reimb-Sup 915.14
Access Systems Leasing Service-Dap 98.50
Advanced Drainage Sys Inc Supplies-Eng 130.52
Agvantage Fs Inc Fuel-Eng 2,306.57
Alliant Energy Service-Sdp 439.05
Amazon Capital Services Supplies 3,452.05
Aramark, Service-Eng 240.95
Austin Office Products Supplies-Shf 39.99
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr .. 118.65
Bmc Aggregates Llc Rock-Eng 444.47
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd 3,080.91
C J Cooper & Associates Inc Service-Eng 180.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc Supplies-Eng 520.35
Centurylink, Service-Gsr ... 163.96
Certified Laboratories Supplies-Eng 140.95
Cindy Thompson Mileage-Asr 469.81
City Of Fertile, Service-Eng 77.62
City Of Joice, Service-Eng ... 87.05
Cnh Industrial Capital Service-Con 220.02
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio Service-Shf 14,470.18
Core & Main Lp Supplies-Eng ..... ,656.00
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc Parts-Eng 1,283.00
Culligan Of Mason City Service-Gsr 95.00
Dick's Place Body & Tow Service-Shf 1,650.00
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng 68.63
Fallgatter's Market Inc Supplies-Con 41.63
Floyd & Leonard Auto Elec Inc Supplies-Con 27.72
Frank Stearns Service-Mex 225.00
Freeborn County Coop Oil Fuel-Eng 2,685.52
Greve Law Office Rent & Payroll-Aty 6,888.00
Grp & Associates Inc Service-Phd 37.00
Heartland Asphalt Inc Supplies-Eng 3,593.25
Heartland Business Systems, Llc Service-Dap 2,366.25
Heartland Power Coop Service-Wwt 2,963.55
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc. Service-Dap 8,290.00
Hovey's Lawn & Garden Service-Con 900.00
Huber Supply Co Inc Supplies-Eng 283.00
I35/105 Welcome Center Inc. Fy24 2nd Qtr H/M Tax 11,102.23
Ia Dept Of Agriculture Levy-Taxes 766.62
Ia Prison Industries Supplies-Eng 1,315.60
Ia Secretary Of State Notary-Trs 30.00
Ia State Sheriffs & Deputies Association, Dues-Shf 25.00
Imwca Wk Comp Prem-Ins 19,195.00
Institute Of Ia Cert Assessors Dues-Asr 125.00
Ip Pathways, Service-Dap . 391.19
Jessica Reyerson Reimb-Phd 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc Service-Shf 1,454.60
John Deere Financial Supplies 19.50
Kelly Hardware Supplies-Con 368.25
Kirschbaum Elec & Plumbing Service-Con 106.00
Knudtson Automotive Service Service-Gsr 567.50
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc Service-Shf 137.98
Lawson Products Inc Supplies-Eng 981.35
Lea Mobile Glass Inc Service-Eng 530.79
Lexisnexis, Service-Aty 189.00
Liftoff, Llc, Service-Dap .. 3,635.50
Manly Junction Signal Service-Sup 813.46
Marco Technologies Llc Service-Dap & Asr 740.62
Mark Smeby, Mileage-Sup 393.00
Menards Inc, Supplies-Eng 119.66
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health Service-Eng 120.00
Midwest Acutech Llc Service-Phd 300.00
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr .. 355.28
Nelson Septic Services Llc Service-Sdp 325.00
Nena, Edu-911 ..... 147.00
Niacog, Service-Tra 1,072.96
Northwood Anchor Inc Service 890.83
Nsb Bank, Supplies-Rec 68.50
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc Service-Eng 4,945.83
Performance Food Service Supplies-Shf 513.27
Printing Services Inc Supplies-Sdp 106.02
Reserve Account Postage-Aud 1,000.00
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc Service-Eng 557,719.15
Ron's Plumbing, Hvac & Electric Service-Gsr 1,400.00
Safety Solutions Service-Eng 500.00
Singelstad's Hardware Supplies-Eng 26.86
State Hygienic Laboratory Service-San 187.00
Storey Kenworthy Supplies-Dap 696.73
The Rustic Thread Service-Shf 48.00
The Sidwell Company Service-Dap 2,024.32
Thrifty White Pharmacy Supplies-Shf 633.82
U S Postal Service Postage-Shf 554.00
Val Paulson Mileage-Drng 151.96
Verizon Wireless Service-Eng 329.85
Visa, Service-Phd 3,344.12
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc Service-Sdp 2,650.00
Whks & Co, Service-Eng. 6,462.50
Winn-Worth Betco Fy24 2nd Qtr H/M Tax-Ndp 16,653.34
Worth Co Historical Society Fy24 2nd Qtr H/M Tax-Ndp 11,102.23
Worth County Engineer Fuel-Shf 6,245.99
Worth County Fair Fy24 2nd Qtr H/M Tax-Ndp 16,653.34
Worth County Sheriff Service-Aty 36.00
Worth Lumber Co Supplies-Eng 8.78
Grand Total 741,054.06

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the monthly clerk of court's report. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the 2024 Wellness Program Agreement between the Iowa State Association of Counties and Worth County. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the FY25 Addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement between the City of Hanlontown and Worth County. Motion carried.

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

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

Supervisors

December 20, 2023
Special Meeting

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg, AJ Stone and Mark Smeby, present. Also present were: Brian Lund, Custodian, Judy Stevens, Assessor's Office; Theresa Van Sabben, Payroll Clerk. Via Zoom: Dan Fank, Worth County Sheriff; and Jacki Backhaus, Worth County Auditor.

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

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

A performance review of custodian, Brian Lund was conducted. A review of his actual duties also occurred. Van Sabben was present to answer questions regarding how overtime was calculated per the employee handbook and then she left the meeting.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Enos Loberg, Chairperson

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N-K basketball team takes West Fork tournament

The Northwood-Kensett third grade boys basketball team recently won the West Fork Booster Club Tournament by beating West Fork, Belmond-Klemme and Saint Edmond. Pictured are (in front) Brody Ralston, (second row, from left) undergraduate assistant Hudson Anderson, Liam Burnes, Abel Wheeler, Laygen Low, (third row) coach Chad Anderson, Julien Davidson, Cayson Amundson, Reese Nielsen, Beau Anderson, Brekkyn Hengesteg, Calvin Christianson and coach Preston Davidson.



N-K fourth grade basketball takes first

The fourth grade boys basketball team got first place at the West Fork Basketball Tournament in Rockwell, Iowa, on Saturday, December 16. The game results included vs. West Fork - won 19-17 in overtime; vs. Osage - won 25-14 and vs. Mason City - won 38-11. Pictured are (front row, from left) Dominic Williamson, Jaxon Tufte, Kash Hickle, (back row) Hudson Ziebell, Ryder Duvall, Callan Brunsvold, Baylor Abrams, Kyan Skellenger, Reese Hulshizer and head coach Mark Skellenger. Not pictured are Lucian Mudra and Donell Jackson, who are also on the team, but were not able to make it to this tournament. The final fourth grade boys standings are Northwood-Kensett, 3-0; West Fork, 2-1; Osage, 1-2 and Mason City, 0-3.

Anchor Sports

Trailblazers earn dual wins over Saint Ansgar, Nashua-Plainfield

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor



Although the sport of girls wrestling is getting ever more popular in the state of Iowa, for some teams, wrestling in duals means a good number of its wrestlers won't see any action.

With the Trailblazers boasting numbers bordering on close to 30 girls, the team would much prefer wrestling in individual tournaments, but it still has to compete now and then in local duals, like last Tuesday's triangular in Saint Ansgar, where the Trailblazers faced the Saints and Nashua-Plainfield.

Facing the Saints, once part of the North Central team, the Trailblazers overwhelmed their former teammates with their numbers, forcing SA into five crucial forfeits, leading to an easy 30 points in the 45-20 dual win. Trailblazers picking up wins were Anna Stene, Jessika Ausborn and Mya Peterson.

Once again using its superior numbers to overwhelm their opponents, the Trailblazers beat the Huskies 66-9, forcing N-P into nine forfeits, helping North Central carry the win. Claire Rye and Avery Hoffmeyer picked up wins by fall for NC to round out the scoring in the dominating win.

The Trailblazers will be back in action after the holiday break on Saturday, January 6, when they travel to Denver.

NC Trailblazers Season Records – Leah Schwarck 4-7, Jasmine Schwartz 12-6, Laylah Ingedue 1-9, Gaby Santiago 5-9, Natalie Gomez 0-5, Jacky Gallardo 6-12, Kennadee Peterson 0-5, Madison Edwards 5-7, Anna Stene 15-8, Jessika Ausborn 15-7, Lily Wilson 5-6, Trinity Roush 0-0, Sailor Anderson 0-2, Nora Lowell 1-2, Claire Rye 6-8, Adyson Thompson 0-0, Piper Kjeldahl 8-7, Lily Young 2-6, Gabrielle Branstad 0-4, Marisa Halbach 6-9, Mya Peterson 14-5, Kaylene Peterson 1-4, Charlene Prazak 10-7, Hadley Buenzow 7-10, bailey Albert 0-0, Avery Hoffmeyer 6-12, Nevaeh Dutcher 4-4, Ava Woltzen 0-3, Chantell Soley 2-10, Kinley Stambough 0-0

N-K wrestlers take 2-11 dual record into 2024 after losses to LM, WH

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor



Despite not having a full lineup to fill every weight class, the Northwood-Kensett wrestling team never shie's away from a challenge and in the eyes of the coaches, an opportunity to get better, no matter the competition.

The 2-11 Vikings, boasting eight or nine wrestlers on a good night, had to face not one, but two teams ranked in the top 10 of the class 1A dual team rankings, No.4 Lake Mills and No.6 West Hancock last Tuesday night in Northwood.

Against the always tough Bulldogs, N-K could manage just 9 points in a 66-9 loss, with Alex Tiedemann and Noah Woltzen earning the team's only wins; Tiedemann an exciting 2-0 decision over Cody Cox and Woltzen a well-earned fall over Jakobe Anderson.

And while the result was about the same, a 64-18 loss, the Vikings did earn three falls over the Eagles, including Alex Tiedemann, who pinned Jackson Redig; Linca Scarlett, who pinned Briggs Muth; and Aden Bice, who pinned his opponents' shoulders to the mat in just 28 seconds.

The Vikings, 2-11 on the year, will be back in action on Saturday, January 6, when they make their annual trip to GTRA.



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Dominating under the basket in last Tuesday night's 77-51 TIC East win, N-K's Colby Eskildsen was unstoppable with 29 points, 14 rebounds, four blocks, three steals and eight assists. Eskildsen leads the team heading into the break with 22.3 points, 12.7 rebounds and 4.9 assists per game.



Leading another successful fastbreak in last Tuesday's TIC East win, Kooper Julseth flies high to score two of his 15 points on the night. To end 2023 Koop is averaging 11 points, 1.1 blocks, 2.0 steals, 3.7 assists and 7.3 rebounds per contest.

Vikings snap four game skid with 77-51 TIC East win over Central Springs

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Looking unstoppable for nearly all of the 32 minutes of play last Tuesday night in Manly, the Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team easily dismantled Top of Iowa Conference East rival Central Springs, crushing the Panthers 77-51.

The Vikings' Colby Eskildsen, tall but muscular, had an all-world game against the team's Highway 65 rival. Looking like a man playing among boys, the talented junior had 29 points, four blocks, three steals, eight assists and 14 rebounds, including nine on the all-important offensive glass.

Cruising up and down the floor and easily scoring on most possessions in the first half, the Vikings took a 35-26 advantage into the halftime break, then came out of the locker room and put the game away in the third quarter with 23 points, leading 58-37 after the third quarter, eventually winning the TIC East matchup by 26, 77-51.

But Eskildsen wasn't the only Viking to have a nice showing to end 2023, Evan Lorenzen had 13 points, a block, two steals, two assists and five rebounds while Kooper Julseth and Carter Anderson combined for 30 points, six steals, seven assists and eight boards.

The win over the Panthers is N-K's third in a row and the seventh in the last eight games played between the two evenly matched teams.

The Vikings end 2023 at 3-4 overall and 3-3 in the TIC East, they'll be back in action after the Holiday break on Tuesday, January 2 when they host Saint Ansgar.

N-K 77, CS 51

NK	20	15	23	19 – 77
CS	10	16	11	14 – 51

TIC East Boys' Basketball Standings

TIC East	Overall	
Osage	6-0	9-0
West Fork	5-1	5-1
Newman Catholic	4-2	5-2
Saint Ansgar	4-2	4-4
Northwood-Kensett	3-3	3-4
Rockford	2-4	3-5
Nashua-Plainfield	1-4	2-5
Central Springs	1-5	2-6
North Butler	1-5	2-6



Giving him too much room to shoot, a Central Springs defender pays the price for allowing the Vikings' Carter Anderson an opening as he splashes a 3-pointer in last Tuesday night's 77-51 conference win. Anderson scored 15 points on 4-6 shooting from beyond the arch and now leads the team on the year with seven treys.



Showing off her basketball knowledge despite playing her first varsity minutes as a senior, N-K's Lindsey Moore gets CS defenders in the air with an effective pump fake in last Tuesday night's 45-37 TIC East loss to the Panthers.



Lady Viking senior Morgan Wallin, arguably one of the best ball handlers in the TIC East, uses those skills to break the Central Springs press last Tuesday night in Manly. Despite the 45-37 loss, Wallin had an outstanding game with six points, four steals, two assists, and five rebounds.

Lady Vikings fall to 3-4 before the holidays with third consecutive loss

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team got outplayed and outmuscled on the offensive and defensive boards last Tuesday night in Manly, giving up 46 rebounds to the Panthers, including 15 on the offensive glass in the 45-37 Top of Iowa Conference East loss.

The Lady Vikings used their full court pressure to stay in the game, forcing 21 turnovers on the Panthers, leading to a halftime deficit of just two points at 18-16. But as the second half wore on, the Panthers' advantage in the paint became more obvious as the home team pulled away for a 10-point lead heading into the final eight minutes of play.

The Lady Vikings did make a valiant effort in the fourth to overcome the CS lead but weren't able to overcome being outscored in the third by eight points, 18-10, and the difference in the final, CS 45, N-K 37.

Chloe Costello led the Lady Vikings with 21 points while Ella Leonard added seven points. Senior Morgan Wallin also played an outstanding overall game with six points, four steals, two assists and five rebounds.

With the loss, the team's third consecutive after starting the season at 3-1, N-K is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the TIC East. The Lady Vikings will be back in action Tuesday, January 2, when they host Saint Ansgar.

CS 45, N-K 37

NK	5	11	10	11 – 37
CS	9	9	18	9 – 45

TIC East Girls' Basketball Standings

TIC East	Overall	
Central Springs	4-1	7-2
Saint Ansgar	3-1	5-3
Osage	4-2	7-3
Newman Catholic	2-3	4-3
Northwood-Kensett	2-3	3-4
West Fork	2-3	3-5
North Butler	1-2	3-5
Nashua-Plainfield	0-4	2-5

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