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Sharing a good book

Last week, Northwood-Kensett second graders welcomed visitors for a good story. Storyteller JoAnn Lower brought the pages of her book "Li'l Elmer & Archie" to the classes. The book tells the story of the unlikely friendship that develops between a mouse and a farmer. After Lower read the book to the classes, they each received a copy, courtesy of the Northwood Lions Club. Lion Mike Godfrey is pictured along with Lower, waiting to hand their copies to the students.

County elected salaries approved

At their regular meeting on April 22, the Worth County supervisors approved salary increases for elected officials for the next fiscal year.

Salary increases for elected officials are limited based on the recommendations of the county compensation board. That board is made up of people appointed by elected officials.

The compensation board recommends salary increases for county elected officials. The supervisors can set increases up to, but not above the recommended levels.

This year, the comp board set salary increase recommendations of 6% for the sheriff and 4% for the county attorney, supervisors, auditor, treasurer and recorder.

At their recent meeting, the supervisors approved a resolution adopting salaries for the fiscal year, which starts on July 1.

The supervisors approved salaries as recommended, with one addition.

With a 6% increase, the sheriff's salary will be $99,574.

Based on 4% increases, the supervisors' salaries increased to $34,260, the chairman receiving an additional $500.

With a 4% raise, the

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School board discusses legislative impacts, open jobs

At their regular meeting on April 16, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education discussed impacts of education legislation, approved additional staff changes and approved an agreement with the City of Northwood to hire a recreation director.

Legislation passed in April made a number of changes which led to some discussion and action at last week's school board meeting.

Crozier updated the school board on changes to teacher salaries in the state, set by the legislation. In the fiscal year that starts on July 1, starting teachers will have a minimum salary of $47,500, increasing to $50,000 starting in July 2025. Teachers that have been working at least 12 years will have a minimum salary of $60,000 starting in July and $62,000 in July 2025.

The legislation included funding to increase those new salaries. Crozier said that money will first go towards meeting the new minimum salaries, with any unspent funds divided in some manner amongst teachers whose salaries weren't required to be increased.

The new legislation also changed funding for area education agencies (AEAs), which provide special education, material and program resources to school districts.

Previously AEA funding came directly from federal and state sources. Under the new legislation, a portion of those funds go to school districts, who can decide whether or not to pay the AEAs for those services.

At the meeting, the board passed a resolution which states that funding for media ($19,705) and educational ($21,968) services will be used with Central Rivers AEA, which serves N-K.

In his report to the board, Crozier said that the district was asked to approve

County Sheriff updates officials on jail plans

Last week, Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank updated and clarified details of the County's plans to house inmates in another county's jail.

The situation was discussed at meetings of the Worth County supervisors and Northwood City Council.

With legislative changes putting pressure on the county to tighten budgets, representatives of the sheriff's office came to the supervisors earlier this year and presented information on the option of relocating inmates from the Worth County Jail to a neighboring county's jail.

Doing so would reduce jail staffing costs and address the issues with jail inspections that the County has faced.

A new deputy would be hired to allow for coverage as inmates are transported. At other times, that deputy would provide additional law enforcement coverage in the county.

The estimated overall savings, over the first three years of the change, was

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Pangburn receives award to teach overseas

Peyton Pangburn, from Northwood, has received an award that will take her overseas to teach and act as a cultural ambassador.

Pangburn is a 2020 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and will receive a BA in international relations from the University of Iowa this month.

Pangburn has also been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award to Moldova. Moldova is a European country bordering Ukraine.

The Fulbright Teaching Assistant Program places students abroad to provide support for English teachers, as well as acting as cultural ambassadors for the U.S.

In an announcement of the award, Pangburn said she will act as a teaching

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PEYTON PANGBURN

Council discusses new water issues at deputy building

At their meeting on April 22, the Northwood City Council discussed new water issues at the building used by Worth County deputies.

As a part of the law enforcement agreement with the WCSO, the City of Northwood provides the use of the building at the corner of Central Avenue and Ninth Street North.

Last year, a water break flooded part of the building and the deputies had to relocate to spaces in the Public Health building.

The City repaired the building, but recent rains have revealed new water issues.

According to mayor Doug Moehle, water was leaking into the building from first and second story windows after the recent rains.

Last week, towels could be seen in the window sill facing the main street.

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The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. April 23	62	41	
Wed. April 24	61	27	
Thurs. April 25	66	45	
Fri. April 26	59	45	0.29
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Local snowmobilers donate, despite lack of winter ride

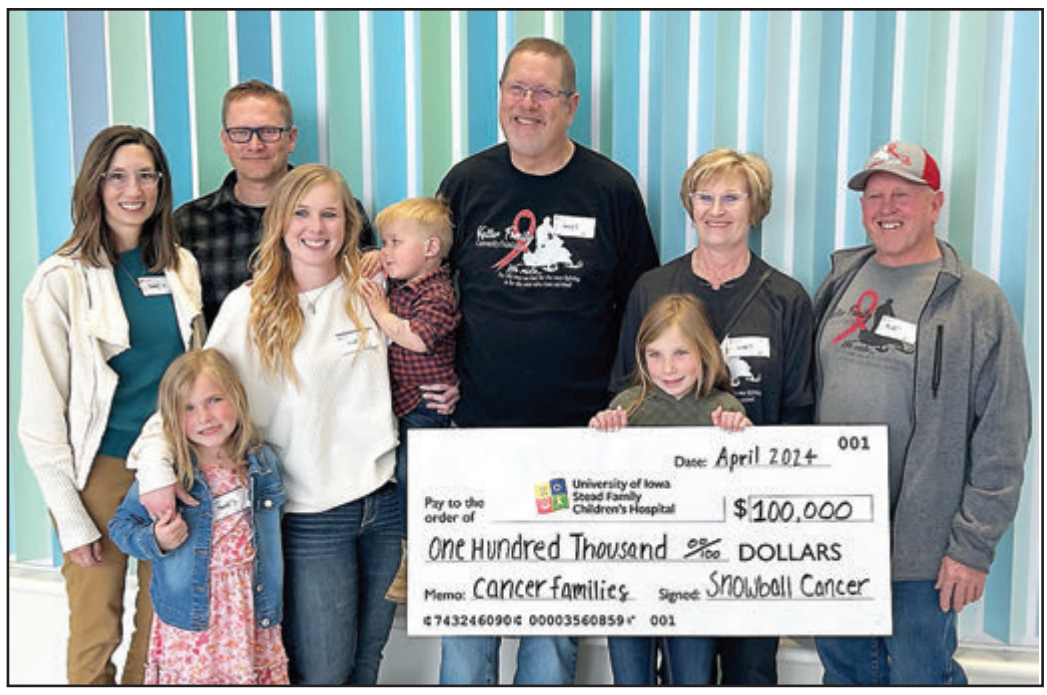
This past February, a group of local snowmobilers was set to take part in a long day of riding for a good cause. Unfortunately winter weather did not cooperate and a lack of snow canceled the trip. While the ride didn't happen, funds were still raised to support cancer patients.

Six members of the Fence Stretchers snowmobile club planned to take part in or support the group's efforts to raise funds and participate in the annual Snowball Cancer Challenge.

The event has snowmobilers gather for 250 or 500 miles rides, while asking for pledges, which go to the Keller Family Foundation. The foundation provides funds to those impacted by cancer.

Fence Stretcher Gary Schotanus was set to take part in his second ride, joined by Hayden Olson, Tim

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Gary Schotanus (middle) is pictured with family and friends, along with Snowball Cancer Challenge founder Kick Keller (right).

2024 N-K Prom — See Page 14



N-K alum returns to share health lesson

For the past semester, Paije Sletten, N-K Class of 2016, has been working with the health professionals at Worth County Public Health. Sletten, a nursing student at the University of Iowa, has been working with WCPH as a part of her public health rotation. Part of her time with WCPH has been developing a presentation that brings awareness of mental health issues. Sletten recenly shared her presentation with high school students at N-K. WCPH will be able to use Sletten's project to make the presentation in future school years.

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the resolution so that Central Rivers could plan ahead and have the staff and resources in place.

Crozier also said that the district can't acquire the services cheaper anywhere else.

The school board approved an agreement with the City of Northwood, providing a position that will help manage recreational resources for the district and community.

School and City officials have been working to establish a shared position.

For N-K, the job would include the management of the Viking Activity Center. That would include organizing and presenting youth and adult activities in the center, amongst other administrative duties.

For the City, the person would work with the parks and recreation committee, taking on and expanding on some of the tasks that have been left to the busy volunteer committee members in the past.

The position would involve being a contact person and organizer of youth teams, games and tournaments, as well as the City's recreational areas and resources, amongst other tasks.

The school will be the official employer. The salary for the position was set at $40,000, with school benefits available, for a total initial amount of $59,801.96. that will be split evenly between the city and the school.

The agreement will be reviewed after one year.

The school was expected to begin looking to fill the director position starting sometime in May.

With the school district looking to fill several existing open teacher and coaching positions, several more were left open after resignations approved at the board meeting.

Positions that will be vacated at the end of the school year, approved last week include assistant girls wrestling coach, three special education positions, an associate, a bus driver, National Honor Society advisor, athletic director, boys wrestling coach and the K-12 vocal music teacher.

In other business, Crozier shared a list of projects that will be done at school facilities over the summer.

That includes new carpet in the band room; overlays of the parking lots and extended parking at the high school building, as well as new parking behind the elementary kitchen; LED lighting in the gyms, elementary lunch room and hallways; classroom painting; track resurfacing; and new window coverings for the special education room and music areas at the middle/high school.

Sheriff
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roughly $500,000, according to Fank.

While inmates would no longer be held at the Worth County Jail long term, the facility would still be used for temporary needs, such as when weather may make it dangerous for transportation, or when inmates would need to be in court in Worth County.

Before the County can make the change, they need to reach an agreement with a neighboring county whose jail would house Worth County inmates.

It initially seemed that Worth would work with Cerro Gordo County. However, Fank said that the agreement eventually stopped with ongoing questions from Cerro Gordo.

Fank told the supervisors at their meeting that the option of working with Winnebago County had also been investigated.

However, Fank said that Winnebago is facing staffing issues, and could not take on additional inmates at this time.

Worth County is also working with Mitchell County as an option. Fank said that they are reviewing an agreement and that Mitchell is a good possibility.

In discussing the jail shift with the Northwood city council, Fank was asked what would happen if an agreement ended.

Fank said that, despite rumors, Worth County's jail will not be closed, and will not be shut down. It will be used for temporary needs and be available in the future.

Fank also said that he did not think it likely that a jail sharing agreement would end. Fank said that the neighboring jail facilities are not near capacity, and that sharing jail facilities will help save costs for both entities involved.

Fank said that it is a part of the consolidation of resources that is being pushed by state legislation.

Fank also said that at some time in the future, shared dispatch centers could be coming.

But not at this point. Answering another rumor, Fank said that the change in inmate locations will not affect vital services. Worth County will have a 24 hour a day dispatcher, 911 response and other emergency services in place.

With less staff, the WCSO will reduce open hours for its lobby, allowing for the dispatch staff to remain dedicated to that job.

The WCSO will have the staff to open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week. During those hours, keys for community rooms, gun permits, finger printing, access to Neighbor in Need funds, copies of accident and crime reports and notarizing will be available.

Those that need to report a crime, talk to a deputy or turn themselves in will still be able to come to the WCSO at any time. The WCSO may also be contacted 24 hours a day by calling 641-324-2481. In emergencies, people may always dial 911.

Mailboxes smashed over the weekend

Over the weekend, several area homes had their mailboxes damaged. The Worth County Sheriff's Office is looking for help investigating the vandalism.

According to a post from the WCSO on Sunday, they had received calls from several people in the Northwood and Kensett area, stating that their mailboxes had been smashed on Saturday or overnight.

Anyone with information about the mailbox damage is asked to call the WCSO at 641-324-2481.

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Moehle said that the City will spend $4,785 to fix the issue.

The WCSO deputies may have a new home in the future, as Worth County has purchased a storage building and land to build new secondary road and conservation offices. After the conservation department relocates, that building may become the new location for the deputies.

Salaries
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county attorney's salary increases to $96,623.

The treasurer, recorder and auditor's salaries have typically been set at the same level. With a 4% raise, the treasurer and recorder's salaries will increase to $70,021.

In the approved salaries, the auditor's salary increases to $70,021 as well. An additional $7,500 was added to the salary, noted as a stipend to prepare the county budget for the supervisors. With that stipend, the auditor's salary would increase 15.41% overall for the next fiscal year.

Based on the approved salary increases, the total for elected official salaries in the next fiscal year will increase $28,067 or 6.17%, to $482,780.

Deputies of the county officers can receive up to 85% of the office holder's salary, potentially making their salary increases dependent on the supervisors' acceptance of the compensation board's recommendations.

The salaries were approved on a 2-1 vote, with supervisor Mark Smeby against.

Snowmobilers
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Charlson and Mike Peterson.

Russ Olson and Scott Wilde had planned to take part as well, but health issues prevented that.

For the other four, it was a lack of snowfall. For the first time in the 15 years of the event, not enough snow had fallen in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where the ride is held.

While the ride could not take place, funds were still donated. The ride's supporters raised over $105,000, surpassing the $1 million mark for the history of the ride.

For the first time, an Iowa hospital received the funds this year. Schotanus was invited to be there for the Snowball Cancer group's donation of a $100,000 check to the University of Iowa Stea Family Community Children's Hospital.

Pangburn
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assistant while also informally researching Moldovan's attitudes about Europe, Russia and other neighboring countries and cultures.

Pangburn will also share American culture by hosting country-western dances and teaching American line dancing.

Pangburn thanked University of Iowa professors for their support. She also thanked Ambassador Ron McMullen, a fellow N-K and UofI graduate and faculty member, who spent more than 30 in the foreign service.

Makers Markets begin tomorrow

The first in a series of markets featuring local makers will start tomorrow evening, Thursday, May 2, from 4-6 p.m.

The Makers Market has invited local vendors and crafters to sell their wares in Swensrud Park.

Makers of baked goods, crafts and more, along with farmers market offerings will be available.

The Makers Market will be a weekly event, held every Thursday, from 4-6 p.m.

This June a series of Nights in Northwood will also be held on alternating Market evenings, starting on June 13. That will include entertainment and activities for kids and adults. See more on Nights in Northwood in future issues.

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Motorcycle fatalities, an alarming trend

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) and the Iowa Department of Transportation are partnering to bring attention to a rising trend in motorcycle fatalities and encourage riders to be prepared and protected.

In Iowa, motorcycles make up just 0.3% of all registered vehicles and 0.33% of all vehicle miles traveled. Yet, in 2023, motorcycle fatalities accounted for 16% of total fatalities. The fatality rate for registered motorcycles in Iowa is 10 times higher than the national average.

Similar to the way seat belts provide a level of protection for enclosed vehicle passengers, helmets are a simple and effective way to reduce the likelihood of injury or death for those on two wheels. According to data from the past five years, 74% of people killed on motorcycles in Iowa, were NOT wearing a helmet, while the national average is 38%. Iowa is one of three states in the country with NO helmet laws.

Additionally, the completion of a rider education and training course can increase confidence as a rider and ensure a safer riding experience. According to A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa's website, a motorcycle rider's judgment is critical. In single-vehicle crashes, rider error is the most common cause. Crashes with other vehicles also occur because either one or both operators make errors in judgment. Many collisions and injuries could have been avoided if the motorcycle rider had known when and how to swerve or brake.

Iowa's Motorcycle Rider Education (MRE) Program includes two levels of basic rider courses for new riders and a returning rider course for those who have ridden in the past but haven't been on a bike in several years. All three courses include time on a motorcycle to apply the following skills:

Mental preparedness

Perception development

Situational awareness

Risk evaluation and evasive strategies

Basics such as riding in a straight line, turning, shifting, and stopping.

Courses are offered across the state. Find a course here.

Whether you are on two wheels, four wheels, or more, it's everyone's responsibility to practice safe habits and Share the Road.



In the field

Before the recent rainfall, area farmers had several days of favorable weather, allowing many to get a jumpstart on spring field work. That includes this farmer, working in the field along Highway 65 last week.

Iowa youth impress judges during State 4-H Recognition Day

Iowa 4-H youth showcased their leadership, communications and college and career readiness skills in the annual State 4-H Recognition Day interviews in late March. Interviews were held in person at Iowa State University and virtually. This statewide event, held each spring, culminates the year's recognition process. Worth County once again had numerous successes at the event.

Senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 apply to be selected to pursue state and national leadership opportunities, trips and awards. Iowa 4-H members selected to be State 4-H Council members, National 4-H Conference delegates, National 4-H Congress delegates, Safety and Education in Shooting Sports Ambassadors, Iowa 4-H Reporters, Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors and project area award recipients are selected and honored.

The event provides an avenue for youth to practice and develop leadership, communications and college and career readiness skills through hands-on cover letter writing and interviewing activities.

"Each year, youth from around Iowa share their experiences in and out of 4-H to earn state and national leadership opportunities," said Bonnie Dalager, 4-H educational design and development manager with ISU Extension and Outreach. "The recognition process provides experiential skill development opportunities that help young people prepare for college and career processes such as writing a cover letter or resume or participating in a panel interview."

The State 4-H Recognition Day coordination team worked with 4-H volunteers to review written applications and conduct panel interviews, delivering an engaging, skill-building experience for 4-H participants.

"My favorite part of working with State Recognition Day is hearing about the 4-H'er's story, how involved they are in 4-H, and hearing them tell me (in the written application or interview) how 4-H has really formed them into the person they are," said Leann Baumhover, State 4-H Recognition Day volunteer. "Most times they also share their future goals, inspired by experiences they have had during their 4-H years. When I finish my day and reflect as I drive home, I feel good about our future with outstanding 4-H'ers throughout our state and country."

"State Recognition Day has given me a platform to work toward recognition of my work, while also training me for my future," said Brody Kuhse of Bremer County. "I have used my resume created in 4-H often when applying for jobs, scholarships and even my college application. Because of what I have learned through State Recognition Day, I am more prepared for the communication, leadership and citizenship expectations of today's youth."

Awards are made possible by donors to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The event ran smoothly with the support of over 100 caring adult volunteers across Iowa. They reviewed 4-H award applications and interviewed the youth participants. Approximately half the participating youth were interviewed in person, while the rest chose to be interviewed virtually using video teleconference platforms. The 2024 award winners included the following youth and are organized by honor and county.

Following are awards given to Worth County 4-H'ers, followed by the names of the local 4-H'ers receiving the award:

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference engages young people in a week-long focus group in Washington, D.C., where they share their perspectives on important issues with national leaders, including members of Congress.

Adylyn Petersen and Addyson Runde (Alternate)

National 4-H Congress

A week-long trip to Atlanta, Georgia, which promotes leadership, community service, team building and cultural issues.

Kamryn Backhaus, Landen Nelson and Weston Willand

State 4-H Council

State 4-H Council members work directly with Iowa 4-H, representing the program across the state. They also plan the annual Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held at the end of June, which hosts over 500 Iowa youth on the Iowa State University campus.

Benaiah Meier, Jessika Ausborn, Kamryn Backhaus, Weston Willand and Lauren Petznick (Alternate)

Healthy Living Ambassadors

These youth will be immersed in a community health and wellness learning experience addressing issues such as hunger and food insecurity, nutrition and physical health and mental well-being.

Addyson Runde and Benaiah Meier

Iowa 4-H Reporters

Iowa 4-H Reporters receive hands-on training in video production, radio and journalism from 4-H partner organizations and then work in teams covering events at the Iowa State Fair.

Addyson Runde

Project Award Winners

Fifty youth were selected around the state to win project area awards. These young people have demonstrated mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area throughout their 4-H career. Winners will receive an Iowa 4-H Foundation cash award of $125 with the support of project area award sponsors Glen and Mary Jo Mente.

Addyson Runde, Horse and Pony; Adylyn Petersen, Poultry; Benaiah Meier, Communication; Jessika Ausborn, Dairy Cattle; and Kelsi Liddle, Horticulture

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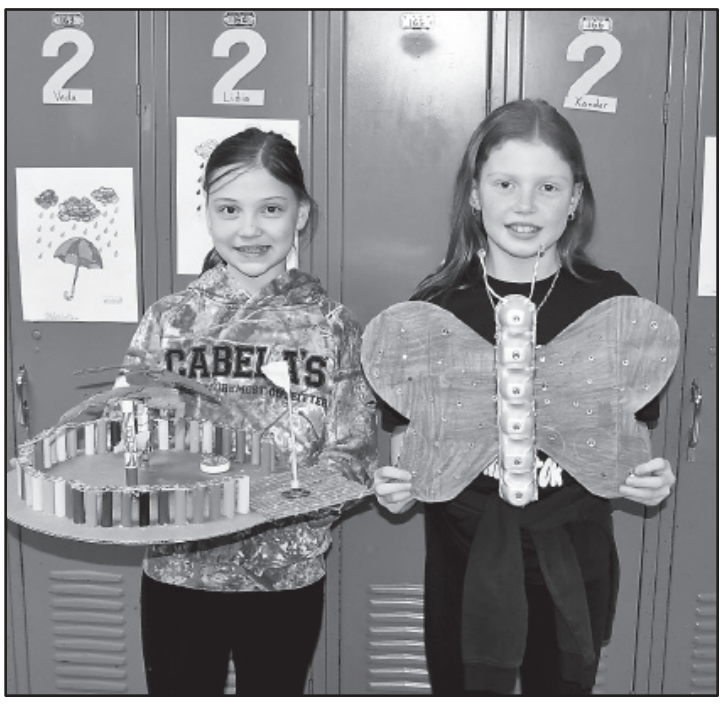
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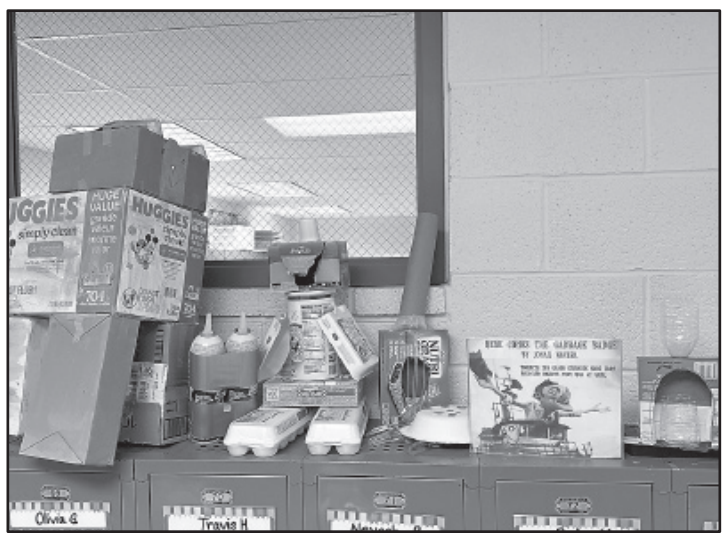
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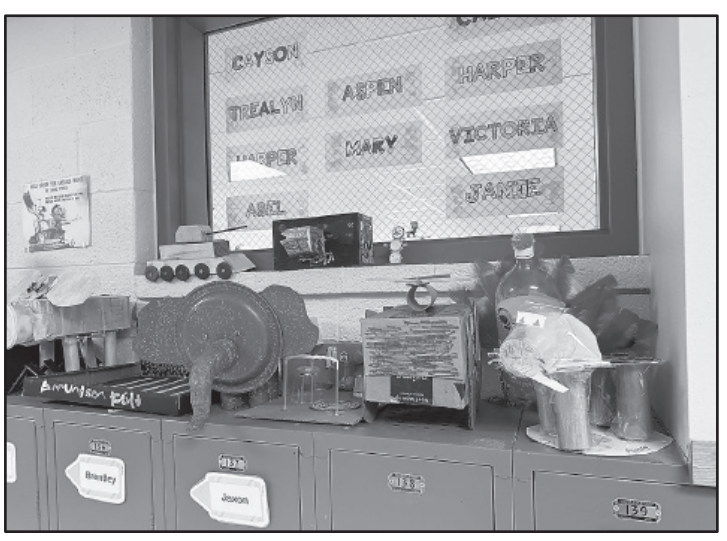














N-K students turn trash to treasure

Students in Northwood-Kensett third grade classrooms were once again inspired to create works of art and useful household items while keeping them out of the garbage.

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

The book is based on the true story of the "Garbarge," which traveled along the east coast trying to find a place to dispose of a boatload of New York's garbage, traveling from New York City to Belize.

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

Along the way it began to develop an odor, and a reputation. Eventually it was brought back to its home state, incinerated and placed back in a landfill.

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

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

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

Using a variety of items that would otherwise end up in a landfill, the students created scenes, creatures, devices and a variety of other creations.



Green Thumb Garden Club meets on April 22

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on April 22 at Julie Robb's home with eight members present. The poem "Bouquet Gathering" was read as the meditation moment and the March minutes were read and accepted.

Committee reports were given for the unfinished business. The Tours Committee asked how far is the maximum distance we would travel for our summer outing? A discussion was held and it was decided that 2/2:30 hours of travel time should be the max. Mary will have a list of choices for our next meeting. Cheryl reported for the Civic Development Committee that a tree will be purchased and delivered to the Fair Board to be planted in Helen Ringham's memory.

Theresa and Penny led the discussion for the Fair Flower Show schedule. Wording in the onions classification was changed and a discussion on the wording for dish gardens/fairy gardens was held. This wording will be revisited. before the '25 fair. Tags and listing sheets were handed out for members. We will have tags and sheets available at the Extension Office in advance this year, but will look at the wording for next year.

In old business, a volunteer sheet to purchase and plant at the NCC was filled out. We will be planting Bubblegum Petunias and Cheryl, Julie, and Penny also volunteered to each donate a pot of them. The President's Project, What You Want to Know About the Flower Show But Were Afraid to Ask, will happen next Tuesday at 6 p.m. Theresa will be there by 4 p.m. to start set-up and members are asked to be there by 5 p.m. Tables should have an example of the class presented, and should include wedging and weighting when appropriate. The fair button door prize will be a certificate to be used when the winner brings an entry to the flower show. Theresa will present a brief slide-show to start the event. Mary and Penny will start the process of writing the grant for Plant it Pink for next year. It needs to be submitted by the end of June with the grant announcements done by the end of August.

In new business members are asked to come up with ideas for a possible fall fundraiser. Bring ideas to the July meeting, and Julie and Coni will work on a proposal for the August meeting. Meeting changes include; August-Cheryl is hostess and Nancy will have the program, September - meeting hostess and program is Angie, October-meditation/arrangement is Angie. Office holders need to update their job duties before the end of the year. Penny brought the books that had been submitted to the District meeting to look over and Mary brought Dahlia tubers for members to take if they would like.

Mmc to adjourn - Jean and Julie.

Mary provided the program and had a guest, Patti Brekken, demonstrate how to make tissue paper flowers. Patti brought all the tools and supplies for members to make and take many different types of flowers!





Turtle time

Worth County Conservation regularly shares pictures and information on its Facebook page with Wildlife Wednesdays. "With spring starting to show up, we are beginning to see a lot more turtles out soaking up the sun and wandering across roads." Pictured is a painted turtle, commonly found in the area.

May is Beef Month!



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Calendar of Events for May 2024

May 1—Northwood-Kensett District Career and Tech Advisory Committee Meeting at N-K High School Families and Consumer Science Room, 7:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

May 1—ISU Extension Horticulture Zoom Meeting at Virtual from ISU Campus, Ames, 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

May 2—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids at Worth County Extension Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Coordinator

May 4—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids at Kensett Town Hall, 10 to 11 A.M. with Lacey Waller

May 7—KGLO Radio Iowa State University Extension Crop Report at Radio Park, Mason City via phone connection, 9:10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson and Tim Fleming, KGLO Radio Farm, Sports and News Director

May 8—Worth County 4-H Poultry Delivery Day to 4-H Members at Worth County Post Offices, All Day with Dennis Johnson

May 8—Worth County 4-H Fair Food Stand Planning Meeting at Worth County 4-H Food Stand, Fairgrounds, 5:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Lacey Waller and Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator

May 9—4-H e-Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 9 A.M. with Teresa Butler and Dennis Johnson

May 9—Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

May 14—Worth County Extension 4-H 6th Grade Garden Planting Day at 4-H Vegetable Garden Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

May 15—4-H Livestock ID's due to State 4-H Office at Iowa State Fair, Des Moines with Dennis Johnson

May 15—Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President, Sarah Merrifield, ISU Extension Regional Extension Education Director and Dennis Johnson

May 16—Worth County 4-H Clover Kids Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 3:45 P.M. with Lacey Waller

May 22—4-H Regional Extension Meeting at Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, Mason City, 9 A.M. with Teresa Butler and Dennis Johnson

May 22—Worth County Substance Abuse Coalition Meeting at Woodfire Grill at Welcome Center, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

May 23—Worth County 4-H Livestock Judging Educational Workshop at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 6 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

May 24—Region 4 Extension Education Director Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

May 29—ISU Extension Horticulture Meeting at Virtual Zoom Connection, 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

June 3—4-Hers for 4-H Due and Livestock Fair entries due at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 4 P.M. with Lacey Waller

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N-K SPRING SPORTS



Northwood-Kensett girls track team

Members of the 2024 N-K girls track team include (front row, from left) Jayla Rudolph, Madi Espinosa, Ariah Bode, Lexis McHenry, Kelsi Liddle, Topanga Hackenmiller, Jessie Ausborn, Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy, (second row) Kamryn Backhaus, Mallory Rheingans, Logan Manning, Jamya Lipscomb, Merrin Hanson, Emma Hengesteg, Lindsey Moore, (back row) Ava Woltzen, Damaris Peterson, Macy Thorson, coach Troy Einertson, coach Josie Einertson, Morgan Wallin, Sophie Rye and Chloe Costello.



Northwood-Kensett boys track team

Members of the 2024 N-K boys track team include (in front row, from left) Landen Nelson, Ayden Clark, Ronan Penfold, Kale Bode, Weston Willand, Dagen Peterson, Zach Heiken, (back row) Isaac Ludington, Trent Tiedemann, Alex Tiedemann, Kolton Robinson, Justin Mills, Ethan Franck, Carson Tufte and Kooper Julseth.

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These deer were spotted in a group at the Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood recently.

'Flying Start' informational meeting held on May 4 at Albert Lea Airport

Ever thought about learning to fly? Visit the Albert Lea Municipal Airport on Saturday, May 4, 2024, as EAA Vintage Chapter 13 hosts EAA's "Flying Start," a free informational program on learning to fly. The program introduces interested individuals to the endless opportunities and fun that result in earning a pilot certificate. The event will cover the steps and requirements in learning to fly, provide tips on how to make it economical, and will culminate in a free introductory flight.

The program will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Albert Lea Airport, Albert Lea, Minnesota. Anyone with an aviation interest is invited to attend. Attendees can register at https://flyingstart.org?683.

EAA Vintage Chapter 13, a local organization that is part of the national Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), is dedicated to growing participation in aviation by sharing the ways people can get started in this fun and fulfilling recreation.

EAA chapters are the backbone of the international EAA organization, which has more than 260,000 members. The local organizations include general EAA chapters as well as specialized chapters for vintage aircraft, warbird, ultralight and aerobatic flight enthusiasts.

More information is available by contacting Chuck Sandager by phone or text at 507-402-7494 or by emailing sandager@usfamily.net.

Leave wildlife babies where they belong --- In the wild

It's as predictable as May flowers - from border to border, the Wildlife Baby Season has arrived in Iowa. From now until at least mid-June, DNR field offices across the state will be inundated with hundreds of phone calls and scores of deliveries regarding "orphaned wildlife."

Most calls begin with something like, "We were walking in the park when . . .," or "I looked out my window and saw. . ." In nearly every instance, the scenario ends with something [or several somethings] being rescued from their mother.

During a typical season, the species will range all the way from baby robins and squirrels to spindly-legged white-tailed fawns. At this time of the year it is not at all uncommon for biologists to discover that complete litters of baby raccoons, foxes, or even skunks have mysteriously appeared on their doorsteps.

Why this happens is no real mystery. From fuzzy yellow ducklings to tiny baby bunnies, nothing appears more cute and cuddly than a wildlife baby. But in reality, most of the wildlife reported to DNR field offices is not really orphaned at all. And while the people who attempt to "rescue" these babies have the best of intentions, they are in fact dooming the very creatures they intend to help.

The babies of most wildlife species leave their nests or dens well in advance of being able to care for themselves. Although broods or litters may become widely scattered during this fledgling period, they still remain under the direct care and feeding of their parents.

For many songbirds, the transition to independence comes quickly and may take as little as four or five days. For other species such as Canada geese, kestrels, or great horned owls, the young and parents may stay in contact for weeks -- even months.

At the beginning of the fledgling period, young birds appear clumsy, dull-witted, and vulnerable. The reason for this is because they really are clumsy, dull-witted, and vulnerable. But as the education process continues, the survivors smarten up fast, while slow learners quickly fade from the scene. Most birds have less than a 20 percent chance of surviving their first year. While this seems unfortunate or cruel, this is a normal occurrence in nature. In the real out-of-doors, it's just the way things are.

Most mammals employ a slightly different strategy when it comes to caring for their adolescents. Since most mammals are largely nocturnal, the mother usually finds a safe daytime hideout for her young while she sleeps or looks for food. Consequently, it is perfectly normal for the young to be alone or unattended during the daylight hours.

Nevertheless, whenever a newborn fawn or a nest full of baby cottontails or raccoons is discovered by a human, it quite often is assumed that the animals are orphaned. The youngster's fate is usually sealed when it is promptly "rescued from the wild."

Many wildlife babies die soon after capture from the stress of being handled, talked to, and placed into the unfamiliar surroundings of a slick sided cardboard box. Should the animal have the misfortune of surviving this trauma, they often succumb more slowly to starvation from improper nourishment, pneumonia, or other human caused sicknesses.

Whether they are adults or young, all species of wildlife have highly specific needs for survival. "Rescuing a baby from its mother" not only shows bad judgment, it also is illegal.

Observing wildlife in its natural habitat is always a unique privilege. Taking a good photo or two provides an even more lasting memory. But once you've done that, let well enough alone. Leave wildlife babies where they belong -- in the wild.

A list of wildlife rehabilitators is available online at http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Iowas-Wildlife.

Thank You

The Northwood Senior Center (Reconnect 720) would like to thank WCDA and Trustees for the grant that made it possible to get the basement stairs repaired (worked on by Josh Trenhaile) and get a new laptop and printer with accessories.*

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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

I don't think I would like to be considered a "Pork-Ette"! I know these hard-working women are the auxiliary of various state pork producer groups but although I tend to be a bit porky, I don't want to advertise it! Prize Winning Pork Recipes from Illinois Kitchens (Heinold Hog Markets) has no publication date but the Grand Prize in their contest that year was $100 which tells me it was published decades ago. These recipes shine, focusing on the versatility and delicious way to use all cuts of pork. We LOVE our pork in the Midwest and the rest of the country needs to take notice!

Grand Prize Winning Pork Rolls
(Mrs. Louis Hasenmyer, Armington, IL)

6 thinly sliced pork steaks
1/2 pound lean ground beef
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 large egg, beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk, not skim
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups day old bread, cubed
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/4 cup chopped yellow onion
1/2 cup water

Trim off edge fat and remove any bone from the pork steaks. Pound them if needed to make them flexible. Season with salt and pepper. Combine the milk, egg and bread cubes. Add the onion, ground beef, mustard and poultry seasoning. Mix this well, but gently, with clean hands to combine well. Spoon this mixture evenly on the 6 pork steaks, keeping to the middle. Roll them up and fasten with toothpicks or butchers' string to hold them together. Dust with the flour. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet and brown the rolls on all sides, being careful when turning them. Place in a 9x13-inch baking dish with the 1/2 cup water poured around them, not on top. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Serve with mushroom gravy.

Farmers' Pork Chops
(Mrs. Carlene Phillips, Bowen, IL)

4 loin bone-in pork chops, 1" thick
1 1/2 cups real sour cream
1 clove garlic, chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
4 medium potatoes, peeled/sliced
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
2 large yellow onions, sliced
Black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Trim any excess fat from the shops and roll them in some flour. Season with salt and pepper. Heat some oil in a large heavy skillet and brown the chops with the garlic. Make sure the garlic does not burn; it will ruin the entire dish. Place the sliced potatoes in a 9x13-inch lightly greased baking pan. Top with the browned chops. Separate the onion slices into rings and lay on the chops. Blend the sour cream and mustard to make a sauce and pour this over the chops, potatoes and onions. Cover with foil and bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Ham Hash
(Mrs. Earl Dittmer, Bowen, IL)

2 cups of finely chopped baked ham
1 small onion, chopped
2 cups finely chopped raw potato
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 level tablespoons flour
Pinch of black pepper
Milk…as needed

NOTE: The recipe calls for the ham and potatoes to be put through a food chopper, grinder or food processor before being measured.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all the ingredients except the milk and place in a greased baking dish. Pour in enough milk to just cover the top of the ingredients. Bake for one hour; if it appears to being drying out, cover with foil and continue to bake.

Ham balls are one of my very favorite meals. My sister has the best recipe and I've never tried to top it. I had never even heard of a ham ball before moving to Iowa and boy are those people on the East Coast missing a great treat! There is just so much you can do with both fresh pork and cured ham and bacon. The Illinois Pork-Ettes have nailed it with this recipe collection. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society







N-K students perform

Northwood-Kensett student musicians shared their talents in concerts held last Tuesday. That started with the students in grades 4-5, followed by the middle school concert.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

Happy May! The end of the school year is quickly approaching and after that… Summer Reading! We want to give a huge thank you to those businesses that have already donated money to support our upcoming Summer Reading Program: Agri-Sales, Dewey Kruger Music, FSB, Knudtson Automotive, Northwood Dental, NSB, and Shade Tree Liquors. You all are wonderful and we are so grateful! If you're interested in helping to fund the library's Summer Reading Program stop on in to see us, call us at 324-1340 or email me at emily@northwood.lib.ia.us.

We will continue to have Story Time on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. The dates for May are the 3, 10 and 17. 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.

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!

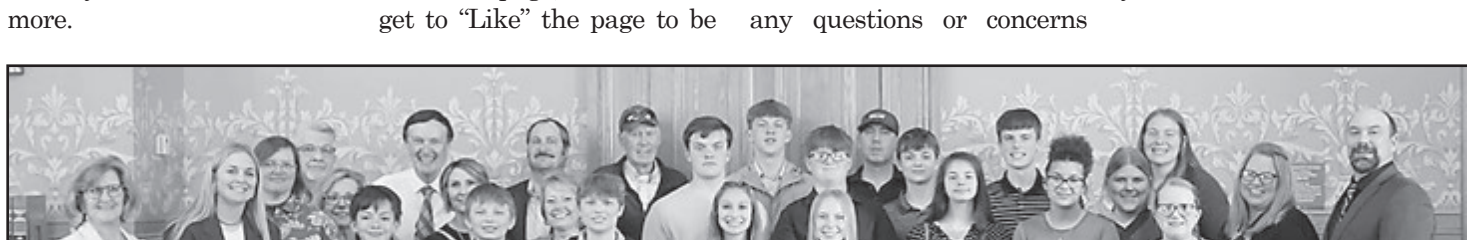
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Adult Fiction books: "The 24th Hour" by James Patterson, "First Frost" by Craig Johnson, "Look On The Bright Side" by Kristen Higgins, "Mind Games" by Nora Roberts, "The Paradise Problem" by Christina Lauren, "One Perfect Couple" by Ruth Ware, "Red Sky Mourning" by Jack Carr, "Summers At The Saint" by Mary Kay Andrews and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: "Camino Ghosts" by John Grisham, "If The Boot Fits" by Kate Witemeyer, "Just For The Summer" by Melody Carlson, "Sandcastle Inn" by Irene Hannon, "Tourist Season" by Brenda Novak 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 e-mail emily@northwood.lib.ia.us or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!



Worth County 4-H group visit State Capitol

The Worth County 4-H had the opportunity to visit the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines recently. While there they had the opportunity to meet with Governor Kim Reynolds, tour the Capitol, visit the Iowa Historical Museum and discuss issues with Iowa State Legislative leaders, including Representative Sharon Steckman, Senator Waylon Brown and Representative Jane Bloomingdale, who introduced the Worth County 4-H'ers to her fellow House of Representative colleagus just prior them gaveling in to call the House to order for business. The 4-H'ers participating included (front row, from left) Representative Steckman, an Iowa Senate Page Youth Member from Sac County, Worth County 4-H members Ayden Woodside, Tucker Duvall, Owen Binnebose, Ivy Urbatsch, Kenly Solberg, Rhema Meier, Layla Scarlett, Jessa Schafbuch, Heidi Schafbuch, Senator Brown, (second row) Lori Meier, Mindy Tenold, Anneke Urbatsch, Gina Solberg, Ben Meier, Dominick Authier, Henry Hanson, Landen Nelson, Kendall Kruger, Adylyn Petersen, (back row) Lynn Tenold, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Jim Hanson, Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President, Caysen Chodur and Worth County Extension Council Member Chris Chodur.

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Northwood Anchor

Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to find affordable internet services?

Dear Savvy Senior,

I was recently notified that the Affordable Connectivity Program, which subsidizes my monthly internet bill, is about to end. What are my options for finding affordable home internet services now? I'm 71 years old and live primarily on my Social Security benefits.

Barely Getting By

Dear Barely,

It's unfortunate, but without additional funding from Congress, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is winding down and will end in mid-May.

For those that aren't familiar with this program, the ACP is a government benefit that has provided millions of financially eligible households with a discount of up to $30 per month toward their home internet service, or up to $75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

The ACP was initially born out of a pandemic-era program called the Emergency Broadband Benefit in 2021 and replaced six months later by the longer-term ACP when Congress devoted $14.2 billion to the program as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

More than 23 million households are currently enrolled in the ACP which has significantly helped close the digital divide, as affordability has been the primary barrier that has kept most ACP beneficiaries from getting home internet services. But funds are almost out, and a sharply divided Congress has chosen not to continue funding the program, unless they change their mind in the 11th hour.

What to Do Now?

A good first step in securing affordable home internet services is to contact your current provider to find out if they offer any other discounts or low-cost services that fit your budget.

If not, you should shop around. The nonprofit organization EveryoneOn has a National Offer Locator Tool that can help you find low-income discounted internet services from providers in your area. Just go to EveryoneOn.org/find-offers, type in your ZIP code and answer a few questions regarding your household financial situation so the internet services you're eligible for can be located.

Some cities and states across the country are also offering their own local versions of the ACP to help low-income households pay their internet. The best way to look for these services is by going to Google and searching for "(location) internet resources."

Check Lifeline Benefit

If you haven't already done so, you also need to find out if you're eligible for the Lifeline program. Unlike the ACP, Lifeline is a permanently funded federal assistance program that provides a $9.25 monthly subsidy that can help pay your home internet, phone or bundled services (up to $34.25 if you live on Tribal lands). Only one benefit is available per household.

To qualify, your annual household income must be at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is $19,683 for one person or $26,622 for two. Or, if you're receiving certain types of government benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, public housing assistance, veterans' pension or survivors pension benefit, or live on federally recognized Tribal lands.

You can apply for Lifeline online at LifelineSupport.org, via mail or through your internet or phone provider. Or, if you need assistance call their support line at 800-234-9473.

Other Options

If you find that you aren't eligible for any of the lower-income services, you may still be able to save on your internet by shopping and comparing. The best way to do this is at websites like InMyArea.com, which provides a list of internet providers in your area, along with pricing and download speeds. Most providers offer plans under $50 monthly, and you can often find additional discounts for things like bundling with a cellphone plan or signing an annual contract.

Another way to save some money is to buy your own equipment. Most internet service providers charge around $15 per month to rent a modem and router from them. But you can buy your own for as little as $100, which will pay for itself within the first year.

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

Well, Lars Larson, look at you. The last time I saw you, you were tall and thin with a head full of hair. Now you're short, portly and bald.

My name is John Johnson.

And you've changed your name, too, Lars?

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The weather forecast was warm, cold, sunny, cloudy, rainy, snowy, calm and windy.

I wisely played Duck, Duck, Gray Duck (DDGD) as a child. My unfortunate cousins in Iowa were forced to play Duck, Duck, Goose. The children who aren't "it" are seated facing inward, while the one who is "it" walks around in a circle behind them. It taps each child on the head and says "duck" until it says "gray duck" (or "goose"). The victim then jumps up and pursues it around the circle, and if it reaches and claims the victim's former seat, the victim becomes it. Lather, rinse, repeat. Both activities originated in Sweden. One is called "Anka Anka Gas," meaning "Duck, Duck, Goose," and the other is called "Anka Anka Gra Anka," meaning "Duck, Duck, Gray Duck." Perhaps the smartest Swedes used the DDGD version and made their way to Minnesota. as it involves more strategy than its counterpart. The player who is "it" can trick opponents by tapping someone on the head and starting with the sound, "Grrr." It may choose to say "Green Duck" or "Great Duck," instead of calling out "Gray Duck" to confuse another.

"Olly olly oxen free" is a catchphrase used by a surrendering seeker in hide-and-seek games to indicate that players who are hiding can come out into the open without losing. In Minnesota, it should be "Ole Ole Olson free."

Doctor, Doctor

At least I wasn't the guy who told me he'd bitten himself on his forehead. I asked him how that was possible. He said, "I was on a ladder."

And even better, I wasn't the fellow who went to a doctor who told him the bad news. He had little time left.

Of course, the patient asked how much time.

"Ten," said the doctor.

"Ten? Days, weeks, months, years?" asked the patient.

"Nine, eight, seven…" said the doctor.

I had a hitch in my gitalong. My problem is that I can never remember which knee is my bad one and which is my good one.

I've written about Doc Olds and Doc Buturf, the small-town physicians of my youth who kept me going. Marian Bahl of Faribault sent this, "My childhood physician was Dr. Rumpf. When called out at night, he would fly through all the stop signs, then send a check to the police dept. to cover any transgressions. Whenever my mom would take me in for some ailment or stitches, he would tell her, 'Just sell her to the circus!'"

Words inside a marriage's car

We're almost there.

You said that 20 minutes ago.

We're even closer now.

I've learned

Keep your eye on the doorknob. It will turn on you.

Let your doctors do the Googling.

If you put ketchup on your shopping list, it will be difficult to read.

Bad jokes department

What friends do you always bring to dinner? Your taste buds.

I've never seen a hippopotamus hiding in a tree. They must be good at it.

Why is it called golf? Because all the other four-letter words were taken.

What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? Short.

Nature notes

I've never seen one wearing eyeglasses, but a skunk has poor vision, and combined with a dark pelage and crepuscular activity, leads to many skunks becoming victims of automobile collisions. Skunks have limited eyesight and can see about 10 feet clearly, but possess excellent hearing and smell. I talk to any skunk I encounter in my yard. My vocalization allows a skunk to gauge my location and avoid me.

Most waterfowl migrations occur at night. Studies indicate migratory movements intensify shortly after sunset, peak in the middle of the night, and decline thereafter. The result can be an impressive increase in local waterfowl numbers overnight. Most waterfowl fly at speeds of 40 to 60 mph, with many species averaging roughly 50 mph. With a 50-mph tailwind, migrating mallards could travel 800 miles during an eight-hour flight. Studies found a mallard needs to feed and rest for three to seven days to replenish the energy expended during this eight-hour journey.

Meeting adjourned

"Be an encourager. Scatter sunshine. Who knows whose life you might touch with something as simple as a kind word."—Debbie Macomber.

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Fit to print...

Sharing mental health stories, resources

May is Mental health Awareness Month. To start the month, Trent Trask, a clinical supervisor at Prairie Ridge, shares his story.

Trent Trask, Clinical Supervisor at Prairie Ridge, is a father of now two, Jaylon (5 years old) and Paxton (2 years old), a wife, Kristine, and Goldendoodle Charlee Mae. He is also head boys varsity basketball coach for West Fork CSD.

Prairie Ridge calls several communities spread throughout north central Iowa home, with the central hub in Mason City. There are full-time outreach offices in Algona, Forest City, Charles City and Hampton, as well as drop-in centers in Hampton and Mason City. A foundation built more than 50 years ago. Our treatment approaches are varied and comprehensive to address the diverse needs spread throughout Iowa. Now accepting children and adults of all ages, Prairie Ridge offers a wide variety of services, including mental health services, substance use services, medication-assisted treatment, gambling, integrated health home, prevention and education, and Genoa pharmacy to more than 2,500 individuals annually.

This article and upcoming articles aim to dampen the stigma related to mental health by promoting and sharing personal stories; it's okay to ask for help.

I enjoy going on vacations, sports, riding my Polaris RZR, and spending time with family. I also have been diagnosed with Bipolar Depression with spouts of anxiety that no one knows about outside my family. I share my story because I know it's vital I do while observing the miracles taking place daily within Prairie Ridge.

Starting in the winter of 2019, I began to feel sad regularly and didn't find joy in doing things I once did; I sat around and ignored everyone. I sought help at the local clinic, prescribing me a pill that reacted negatively. The adverse reactions sent me spiraling, suicidal thoughts, extreme emotions up and down, loss of all emotions for some time, and feelings of out-of-body experiences. I cried and begged for help.

My support system and the only ones I could talk with were powerful. My wife Kristine was by my side, coaching me endlessly. Mom and Dad would reassure me I could get through it and support me in all ways. Living just two blocks away, my mother and father-in-law would help my wife, son, and me in every way possible; I couldn't find the strength to tell my sister because of the attached stigma.

It took over a year for me to start feeling stable as if I was on the right path. Over that year, I went there and I struggled to connect. I attended marriage counseling with a different organization to see if that would help. I worked with several professionals while waiting months to get an appointment to see a Nurse Practitioner who would assist me with medication. I avoided everyone and forced myself to attend work as much as possible. I forced myself to continue attending basketball practice as an assistant and head of JJV boys' basketball with West Fork CSD. I couldn't sleep, and napping would cause me to have significant muscle spasms, waking me up regularly. I wanted nothing to do with my son after a suggestion he may be the driving force behind my struggles. I frequently thought about how things would look for everyone if I just wasn't here, and they could continue without the burden of me here.

I continue to work on myself and my mental health daily, holding on to the moments that may seem small to others but mean so much to me. I greatly appreciate every day, even though some days are still more challenging. I recently accepted a position with Prairie Ridge, leaving the educational system I have been in for ten years and completing my master's degree for Special Education BD/LD, followed up with my Specialist Degree for K-12 Leadership. Unsure why I wanted to leave education, I now know after two short months that I am to be in the mental health field, to share my story, and to help as many as I possibly can daily.

I still am unsure of what was the driving cause of my feelings of depression or how I got to where I am now. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 1 in 5 US adults live with a mental illness, and over 1 in 5 youth (ages 13-18), either currently or at some point during their life, have had a seriously debilitating mental illness. I'm not alone; you shouldn't feel that way either.

Not everyone has the support systems I do, and so many are afraid to speak out or seek help because of the stigma, much like I have been right up until this day. Resources are available; you need to lean on those resources because you matter!

Please visit prairieridge.net for further information or contact the Mason City office Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-noon at 641-424-2391 or the after-hours crisis phone at 1-855-581-8111.

If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call or text the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 988.

Northwood Anchor **Early Files**

100 years ago

April 26, 1924

The Fred Lau family is now enjoying city comfort with electric light. Mr. Lau recently had his house wired and fixtures put in by Henry Perry of the Northwood-Kensett Electric Co.

Twelve single and married ladies called the C.A. Walker home Monday evening and gave Mrs. Walker a genuine surprise, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Cards was the principal amusement and refreshments were served by the members of the party.

Sunday was one of the most beautiful spring days imaginable and the roads were filled with automobiles. Many who did not care for burning gas took long walks for the sheer joy of breathing in the soft, balmy air and observing the budding vegetables and green grass in the open spaces. Thermometers register 75 degrees in Northwood.

Hon. John M. Slosson came up Thursday morning from Des Moines to take care of some business matters, returning on the afternoon train. He reached home just in time to preside at a meeting of the board of directors of the Northwood Commercial club, of which he is president. That, with his other business, consumed too much of his time that he had little left for visiting purposes.

Elmer Benson, Manly, who formerly played ball in the American Association, has been hired to manage the baseball team for this summer in the newly Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota League. Mr. Benson is not only a ball player himself but knows more ball players and how good they are than the average.

The first week in April five Shepard-Towner Clinics for mothers and babies were held in Worth County. Three members of the clinic staff from the University of Iowa held the clinics and were ably assisted at Northwood, Kensett, Joice and Manly by local women. Doctors were kept busy and the mothers and others have favorable comments to make.

75 years ago

May 5, 1949

Worth County musicians took home 15 first division awards, also 20 second division places and a number of thirds at the district-state music contest at Mason City last weekend. Northwood and Manly led the parade, Northwood collecting six firsts and six seconds, Manly taking seven firsts and six seconds.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Gorndonsville Methodist Church for John Dallas Bighley, 83, pioneer resident of the community, who died Sunday afternoon.

Northwood VFW members went to the third district convention at Charles City Sunday and came home with two district offices and a national trophy. Whitney Randall was elected to a two-year term as district surgeon, an honorary position, and W. W. Hudson was elected to a six-year term on the district board of trustees. The national trophy brought home was that for the national VFW postal bowling doubles.

F.J. Lutgen, manager of the Northwood merchants independent baseball team, was principal speaker at the monthly Chamber of Commerce dinner last Thursday night at the Masonic temple.

Bud Suter, sports announcer and program director of radio station KGLO, and Stan Torgerson, of the sports staff, spoke at the Lions Club banquet Monday night honoring athletic lettermen of Northwood High School. He declared that in choosing a college, high school graduates should consider their future life work and not bank too heavily upon promises of college "talent scouts."

Less than three weeks after an April blizzard, Worth countians this week were mopping their brows and reminiscing nostalgically of the cool, fresh air of the recent winter. For it was just three weeks ago this Thursday and Friday that icy gales and drifting snow were blocking county roads. This Tuesday the temperature mounted to 91 degrees, and remained sultry and hot for a high Wednesday of 84.

50 years ago

May 2, 1974

Gary Hanson and John Tenold, members of the Northwood-Kensett Chapter, Future Farmers of America, were among 44 North Iowans to receive the Iowa Farmer degree at the annual leadership conference last weekend. Hanson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hanson, Northwood, received the Star Swine both of the Worth County Fair and the Spring Barrow Show.

Although transportation problems delayed arrival of the TUNE trees until Tuesday, volunteer planting crews made quick work of the project that evening. George Kesler, Paul Weitzel, Mike Evans, Robert Palmer and Oren Igou tamp down a sugar maple planted in the Glenn Thoen yard. It is strongly recommended the trees be watered thoroughly and often the first few weeks they are in the ground to give them a good start.

David Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanson, rural Northwood, was initiated into the Iowa State University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Monday. Hanson, who was graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 1969 as a Swensrud scholar recipient, majored in mathematics and zoology.

Dr. M.P. Welsh of Northwood has completed a 300-hour post-doctoral course in orthopedics offered by Northwestern College of Chiropractic, St. Paul, Minn. Twenty-two chiropractors attended weekend course session at Clear Lake, Iowa over a period of three years. Their addresses ranged from Des Monies to Owatonna and from Dubuque to Spencer.

Dr. H.F. Johnson, Northwood, presents a gavel to Dick Halland, who was installed as Worshipful Master of Dallas Lodge No. 181 of Cloquet, Minn., Saturday night. The gavel, given in behalf of his family, was inlaid with the Masonic pin belonging to his late father, Ted Halland. The installation was also attended by Mrs. H. F. Johnson and Mr. Halland's aunt, Anna Knutson, Northwood.

25 years ago

May 5, 1999

Semi-retired Northwood carpenter Jim Marker took advantage of last weekend's warm, sunny, summer-like weather to perform the type of spring housework to which he's accustomed. Marker devoted Friday and part of Saturday for laying down new flooring on the porch of Dan and Carolyn Reeder's classic gingerbread house at the corner of 10th St. and First Ave. S.

Northwood-Kensett High School students Richie Davis, Jon Hanson, Jack Johnson, Zach Madsen and Micah Peterson were up on their wildlife and aquatics. The five-boy N-K team that won the regional Envirothon in March placed first in wildlife problem-solving and second in aquatics problem-solving at the state Envirothon recently. But the N-K quintet came up short in the soils, forestry and presentation portions of the competition to finish 14th overall in the 16-team field.

Audra Anderson, daughter of Pam and Don Anderson, Northwood, has been accepted to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Iowa. Audra is a 1998 graduate of N-K.

Sara Jo Trenhaile, Northwood, recently was initiated into the Iowa State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society that encourages and recognizes academic excellence in all fields of study.

The Northwood-Kensett varsity boys track team rolled up 70 points to place fourth in the team standings at the Wildcat Relays in Riceville last Thursday. Viking junior Mike Waters was N-K's top scorer, winning the open 400 with a time of :54.28, anchoring the winning 4 x 800 relay unit, and long jumping 19 feet, 7 inches to take second in that event.

The Northwood-Kensett varsity girls golf team gained its third win of the season with a 218-233 victory over Forest City Monday afternoon at the Northwood Country Club. Viking junior Anneke Reeder claimed medalist honors with a round of 51.

10 years ago

April 30, 2014

In addition to the local and regional grants announced on April 15, the Worth County Development Authority also announced the amounts given to each area school district with Worth County students in attendance. This year, the WCDA will award $1,853,906.20 in education funds. That is down $155,914.64, or 7.76 percent from the previous school year. Of that money 1/3 will once again go towards scholarships for graduating seniors living in Worth County.

Buena Vista University student Zachary Schmidt from Northwood earned first place honors for digital media work in the annual Society of Collegiate Journalists national media contest.

The Worth County delegates to the 2014 Iowa First District Democratic Convention, held in Vinton, Iowa, on Saturday, April 26, were Bryn Pangburn and James Berge. Berge was also the Sergeant-at-Arms for the convention. The delegates from Worth County voted on the 1st District 2014 Platform and met and talked to all the candidates running for office.

The Vikings' Tom Yezek gets off a throw in the discus last Thursday afternoon at the 105th Drake Relays in Des Moines. Nearly every competitor came up short of his qualifying throw on the wet surface at Drake, including Yezek, whose best throw of the day (139-2) was well short of his qualifying throw of 150 feet and 3 inches.

Shelby Low accounted for her fair share of team points in the Lady Vikings' two track meets last week. At Nashua-Plainfield Low placed ninth in the long jump but then put together one of her best performances of the year at Garner, placing first in the long jump, second in the shot put and third in the 100 meter hurdles.

The Lady Vikings' Sammy Butler chips onto the green last Friday afternoon in Northwood. Butler shot a 54, just three strokes off the lead held by the Bulldogs' Darin Swenson, who took home medalist honors with a 51.

Northwood Anchor **Obituaries**

Carol Austin

Carol Jean Austin, 81, of Northwood, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 10, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Kildeer Ave., Kensett, Iowa. Carol's Celebration of Life will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with a lunch to follow.



CAROL AUSTIN

Carol (Nauman) was born on June 17, 1942, in a hospital in Riceville, Iowa. She was raised in her early years in Leroy, Minnesota, ultimately graduating high school in 1960 in Lime Springs, Iowa. She was part of Lime Springs' final (and largest) graduating class – estimated at just over 20 people! Carol was the class vice-president and the Homecoming Queen runner up.

After graduating high school, she lived in Minnesota, got married and raised two children while working full time. Carol moved to Indiana to re-unite with her high school sweetheart and finally came home to Iowa in 2005.

In her free time, Carol loved reading, sewing, craft-working and claimed to be the cribbage champion of northern Iowa. Carol loved music, playing the piano, singing in the church and playing in bell choirs. The only things better tasting than Carol's meatloaf were the meatloaf sandwiches made the next day! Carol was a faithful member of the ladies' circle at her church until her health deteriorated.

Carol is survived by her husband, Wayne Austin of Northwood (also Lime Springs Class of 1960!); son, Scott Dunham of Prior Lake, Minn.; daughter, Suzanne (Andy) Nagel of Whitewood, S.D.; and grandchildren, Anne (Mason) Whitney, Robert Dunham, and Joelle Nagel.*

Roadway safety tips for motorists and farmers during planting season

Planting season has begun with vigor, and it is crucial for motorists to be aware of safety precautions while sharing the roadways with farm machinery.

Steven Freeman, a professor in agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State University, shares his top advice for motorists, along with farm equipment operators.

"We all rely on farmers who are in the fields planting and doing their job. It is important for them to get to those fields safely to do what they need to do," said Steven Freeman. "Both farmers and motorists need to be reminded that they need to share the roads."

As a motorist, you are almost always traveling at a higher speed than those driving farm equipment. When traveling at these speeds, the gap between farm equipment and motorists closes very quickly. Therefore, it is extremely important to remember to slow down early on, when approaching farm machinery.

Motorists are also advised to be patient. Pass with care and avoid inappropriate honking. The reason the farmer may not be pulling over could be due to unforeseen safety concerns. For example, the edges of roadways along county highways cannot always support the weight of the machine to allow the farmer to pull over.

Safety tips for farmers

Along with motorists, farm machinery operators also have safety precautions to be aware of. While driving a piece of equipment onto the roadways, it is important to check that all lights and reflective markers on the machine are working, visible and clear. During this time of the year, the Iowa sun is low in the sky, making it extremely difficult to see what is in front of you, especially at dusk. If possible, try not to travel during these busy times.

Freeman also wants to remind farmers to take care of themselves. Even when the rush is on to get crops in the ground, farmers should still be getting enough sleep and eating healthy to minimize unfortunate events.

By remembering to share the road safely, the risk for disaster can be minimized.

Tips for the rural driver

Be prepared for farm vehicles. Farm vehicles travel significantly slower than automobiles. You may only have a few seconds to react and slow down before overtaking a farm vehicle. Be prepared to slow down and follow; you may not have room to pass.

Slow down and keep your distance. Don't assume that the farmer can pull over and let you pass. Shoulder conditions may make it unsafe for the farmer to pull heavy equipment to the side of the road.

Be sure of the farmer's intentions before passing. Don't assume that a farm vehicle is turning right or pulling over to let you pass if it pulls to the right side of the road. A farmer may have to swing right in order to make a left turn. Wait until you know what the farmer is planning to do.

Be patient and enjoy the scenery if you find yourself following a farm vehicle. Even if you have to follow a farm vehicle for a couple of miles, it will only take a few minutes of your time.

Be especially alert in the evenings; farmers are returning from the fields and dusk makes farm vehicles more difficult to see.

Tips for the farmer

Only allow licensed, or appropriately trained, operators to take farm machinery onto the road. Youth who are able to operate machinery in the field may not be able to deal safely with traffic and other road hazards.

Make sure farm machinery is equipped with the lighting and marking safety devices recommended by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and required by state and local laws. Be sure to remind all operators to use the appropriate hazard lights and turn signals when traveling on roads.

Minimize total vehicle width and secure equipment in the transport position before entering roadways.

Watch for approaching traffic and vehicles trying to pass. If possible, pull over and let traffic pass safely, but be alert for roadside hazards.

Obey all traffic laws and signs.

Signal intentions to motorists and avoid sudden or unexpected maneuvers.

Exercise additional care when entering roadways, approaching unsigned or "blind" intersections, crossing narrow bridges, going around sharp corners or going over hills.

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YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Joint Board of Supervisors of Winnebago and Worth Counties, Iowa, acting as Trustees for joint Drainage District No. 2-3 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the joint Drainage District No. 2-3 Winnebago and Worth Counties, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Winnebago County Auditors, Forest City, and the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District. There is a copy of this report in its entirety in the office of the Winnebago and Worth County Auditors or on the Worth County website at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/.

RECLASSIFICATION is shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification of benefits for each of the 40-acre tracts or other tracts in joint Drainage District No. 2-3.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Winnebago and Worth Counties Board of Supervisors has tentatively accepted the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said Classification report for TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, AT 10:00 AM at the Winnebago County Courthouse in Forest City, Iowa. You may call into the meeting at 641-591-6903 (Participant Code: 149935) if you are unable to attend in person.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Winnebago or Worth County Auditors at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Joint Board of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the district, as may appear to the Boards to be just and equitable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Boards may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Joint Boards of Supervisors of Winnebago and Worth Counties Iowa, acting as Trustees of joint Drainage District No. 2-3.

For further particulars you are referred to the Engineer's Report which is on file at the County Auditor's Office in Winnebago and Worth Counties, Iowa or on the Worth County website at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/.

Dated this 23rd day of April 2024

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Supervisors

April 22, 2024
Seventeenth Day

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

Meeting called to order by Stone at 8:30 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal Aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project – BROS-CO98(85)—5F-98. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of $75.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Julseth, DD-3 Main, Commissioner pay.....$75.00

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of $158,678.35 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Access Systems Leasing
Service-Dap 98.50
Advanced Drainage Sys Inc
Supplies-Eng 494.09
Alliant Energy
Service-Con..... 1,542.79
Andrea Myli, Mileage-Asr ... 26.90
Aramark, Service-Eng 81.10
Bet Roofing
Service-Eng 21,075.00
Black Hawk Co Sheriff
Service-Juj 92.29
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd..... 3,080.91
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Con 69.74
Centurylink, Service-Eng .. 171.30
City Of Fertile
Rutf-Eng 1,176.95
City Of Grafton, Rutf-Eng . 701.32
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 305.68
City Of Joice, Rutf-Eng..... 781.00
City Of Kensett
Rutf-Eng 389.77
City Of Manly
Supplies-Eng 14.04
D & L Equipment
Supplies-Eng 30.00
Digital Ally Inc
Supplies-Shf 5,203.00
Five Star Cooperative
Parts-Eng..... 127.26
Freeborn County Coop Oil
Fuel-Eng 2,939.59
Halock Security Labs
Service-Dap 11,235.44
Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals
Supplies-Eng 1,450.80
Ia County Recorders Assn
Edu-Rec 20.00
Ia Dept Of Public Safety
Service-Shf..... 1,813.50
Ia Secretary Of State
Notary-Shf 30.00
Injectech Diesel Service
Supplies-Con 11.24
Ip Pathways, Service-Dap . 199.50
Isaca, Edu-Aud..... 250.00
Iscta, Edu-Trs..... 150.00
J & J Machining Welding & Fabricating, Supplies-Eng 912.00
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd 50.00
John Deere Financial
Supplies 3,732.58
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Con 175.86
Kimberly Bode
Mileage-Eng 134.00
Knudtson Automotive Service
Service-Eng 9,010.73
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Gsr 1,244.49
Laura R. Fulton, Csr, Rpr
Service-Aty 3.50
Major Erickson Funeral Home
Service-Mex 1,060.00
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup..... 659.69
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 227.80
Mason City Honda
Equip-Eng..... 19,858.00
Mediacom, Service-Gsr 294.90
Metal Culverts Inc
Supplies-Eng 13,712.16
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Supplies-Eng 17.24
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Eng . 276.15
Niacc, Edu-Phd..... 10.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup..... 1,408.09
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Eng 358.14
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr 211.50
Nsb Bank, Service-Dap..... 243.45
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng..... 58.69
Olson Insurance Inc
Bond-Asr..... 100.00
Otis Elevator Company
Service-Gsr 775.00
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt..... 21,007.00
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Gsr 96.04
Rock River Arms, Inc.
Supplies-Shf 870.00
Shi International Corp
Supplies-Dap 1,160.00
Star Tribune
Service-Sup..... 1,440.00
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San..... 132.00
State Medical Examiners Office
Service-Mex 2,047.00
Teresa Olson
Mileage-Rec 178.22
Thomas Reid
Reimb-Vaf..... 731.48
Trading Post
Supplies-Con 26.99
Val Paulson
Mileage-Aud 403.88
Visa, Service-Con 5,885.89
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp..... 2,650.00
Watson & Ryan, Plc
Service-Asr 291.67
Winn-Worth Betco
Fy24 4th Qtr-Org 13,662.50
Grand Total 158,678.35

Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 8:59 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing – Proposed FY25 Worth County Budget at 9:00 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. There was one taxpayer present who spoke.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to close the public hearing at 9:05 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-20 Annual Elected Official Compensation Adjustments. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Nay; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve Resolution #2024-19 Adoption of the Worth County Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Budget. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in the auditor's office).

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve FY24 Budget Amendment Public Hearing date for May 13 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg /Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:28 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

OFFICIAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO THE CITIZENS OF POLK, STORY, HAMILTON, HARDIN, FRANKLIN, CERRO GORDO AND WORTH COUNTIES:

Notice is given that Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P, Tulsa, OK, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479B, has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) for renewal of a pipeline permit to construct, operate, and maintain an existing hazardous liquid pipeline. The route of the pipeline is described as follows:

Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P.

Legal Description for Des Moines to Minneapolis No. 4 Pipeline

Worth County, Iowa

Beginning at a point on the Cerro Gordo-Worth County line, on the South line of Section 32, Township 98 North, Range 21 West, Worth County, Iowa. Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, crossing Winnebago River, and crossing public right-of-way of 345th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, crossing railroad right-of-way of Union Pacific Railroad, crossing public right-of-way of 355th Street, and crossing public highway right-of-way of State Highway 9; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of 365th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northeasterly, northerly, and northwesterly direction through the Southwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of- way of County Highway S28, through the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, crossing public right-of-way of 380th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A39; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, crossing public highway right-of-way of 400th Street; and all being in Township 98 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A38 (410th Street); thence in a general northerly direction adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the West side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway 105, through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 31; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29; thence in a general northeasterly, northerly, and northwesterly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing public right-of-way of 425th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of-way of 450th Street; thence in a general northerly and Northwesterly direction through the Southwest Quarter of Section 5; thence in a general Northwesterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, crossing public rights-of-way of 458th Street and 460th Street and public highway right- of-way of County Highway 105; and all being in Township 99 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the West side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway 105, through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 31; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway A25; thence in a general northerly and Northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of- way of 485th Street; thence in a general Northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway A15; thence in a general northerly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction through the Northeast Quarter of Section 18; thence in a general northerly and Northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, crossing Goose Creek; thence in a general northerly and Northeasterly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8 to a point on the state line between Iowa and Minnesota and the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, being the endpoint of the pipeline in Worth County, Iowa; and all being in Township 100 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned, except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Worth County, Iowa 17.2 miles of 12-inch pipeline

Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P.

Legal Description for Des Moines to Minneapolis No. 2 Pipeline

Worth County, Iowa

Beginning at a point on the Cerro Gordo-Worth County Line, on the South line of Section 32, Township 98 North, Range 21 West, Worth County, Iowa. Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, crossing Winnebago River and public right-of-way of 345th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, crossing railroad right-of-way of Union Pacific Railroad, crossing public right-of-way of 355th Street, and public highway right-of-way of State Highway 9; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of- way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of 365th Street; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northeasterly, northerly, and northwesterly direction through part of the Southwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Section 17, crossing Elk Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A34; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northeasterly, northerly, and northwesterly direction through part of the Southwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Section 17, crossing Elk Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway A34; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the East side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28, through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of-way of 450th Street; thence in a general northerly and northwesterly direction through the Southwest Quarter of Section 5; thence in a general northwesterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, crossing public right-of-way of 458th Street, public highway right-of-way of County Highway 105, and public right-of-way of 460th Street; and all being in Township 99 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Thence in a general northerly direction, adjacent to the West side of public highway right-of-way of County Highway 105, through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway A25; thence in a general northerly and northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, crossing Willow Creek and public highway right-of-way of County Highway S28 and public right-of- way of 485th Street; thence in a general northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway A15; thence in a general northerly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 17; thence in a general northerly direction through the Northeast Quarter of Section 18; thence in a general northerly and northeasterly direction through the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, crossing Goose Creek; thence in a general northerly and northeasterly direction through the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 8 to a point on the state line between Iowa and Minnesota and the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, said point being the endpoint of the pipeline in Worth County, Iowa; and all being in Township 100 North, Range 21 West; and all being privately owned, except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Worth County, IA 17.2 miles 6-inch pipeline

A map showing the routes of the hazardous liquid pipelines may be obtained at no cost by calling (918) 574-7000, or by writing to: Magellan Pipeline Company, One Williams Center, Tulsa, OK 74172.

All filings in this docket (Docket No. HLP-1996-0003) may be viewed by searching under the docket number in the IUB's Electronic Filing System (EFS) at http://efs.iowa.gov. Objections to the granting of the renewal of permit may be filed electronically using EFS or filed in writing with the IUB no later than 20 days after the date of second publication of this notice. Instructions for submitting an electronic filing can be found in EFS; written objections must be mailed to the Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50319. Both electronic and written objections must clearly state the objector's name and address and list the docket number on the objection.

The date of the first publication is the 24th day of April, 2024. The date of the second publication is the 1st day of May, 2024.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD
BY: Jon Tack
General Counsel

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024.

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PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

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

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

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

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

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

NORTHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Monday & Friday 1-5 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Open Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
641-324-1340

Northwood Dental
DAVID PENFOLD, DDS
Mon. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tues. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.,Thurs. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - Noon
641-324-1364
www.northwooddentistry.com
802 9th Ave. North
Northwood, Iowa 50459

Bolan

On Saturday Linda Nydegger drove to Ames to attend the Wings of Refuge "Building Blessing and Open House" at their new office building with its renovations. Wings of Refuge is a Christ centered organization that provides opportunities for healing and restoration to survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. They provide a long- term restorative safe home, meaningful work through a social enterprise, and transitional housing. Later in the afternoon she visited Gretchen Northrup in Huxley. She was also a "motorhome mama" with the Iowa 150 Bikers that went across America in 1995.

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 04/15/2024 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Bratrud, Douglas and Kauffman.

Absent: Dakin

Visitors: R. Bauer & Larry Larson

Pulju called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Douglas, 2nd by Bratrud, carried unanimously.

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

Maintenance did not have much to discuss other than the sewage lines that were fixed and that he will potentially be drawing down the lagoon sometime this month.

Clerk mentioned IMFOA conference on April 17th, 18th & 19th.

Visitors: Larry Larson discussed the issue with property lines surrounding his acreage. Wants to know how to get the legals description changed.

Old Business: City Cleanup is set for May 4th with a back-up date of May 11th.

Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day is set for May 6th from 3:30-5:30 at the City Park.

New Business: The Budget Hearing Meeting was set for May 29th at 7:00pm located at the Kensett City Hall.

Treasurer's Report: March 2024 Revenues by Fund: General 6979.45, Utilities 7079.70, Special 3918.52 Total Revenues: $17,977.67. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 3117.98, WCTA 352.20, B. Luckason 517.80 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 510.32 (net) R. Bauer 1078.80(net), K. Thompson 1,156.61 (net), Federal & SS 910.92 (payroll), IPERS 657.20 (payroll), Water Service Tax 163.25 (water), Visa 1468.91 (stamps), AgSource 27.50 (service-sewer-testing), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Kensett Water Works 109.00 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1503.41 (garbage & recycling), Nelson Septic 135.00 (Portapot), Northwood Anchor 45.14 (publication), D & L 4.88 (supplies), R80 159.54 (gas), VanWert 2702.56 (water meters), Hawkins 547.77 (water chemicals), Kibble 28.00 (freight), Menards 160.39 (supplies), Baker & Taylor 18.04 (supplies), Arlys Bergdale 84.00 (cleaning), City of Kensett 1268.91 (printer)

Disbursements by Fund: General 10,071.47 Special 1534.68, Utilities 690.33, Payroll 4831.65 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $17,128.13.

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

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 4/22/24 at

6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Bode, Reeder. Absent: Peterson, Schreiber.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2024; Set Public Hearing on FY24 Budget Amendment for Monday May 13th at 6 pm; Set Public Hearing on Asphalt Street Improvement Project for Monday May 13th at 6 pm. Unam.

Following the public hearing, there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2404-04 Adopting FY25 Budget. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009407
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL J. MATHAHS, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Daniel J. Mathahs, Deceased, who died on or about April 16, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on April 25, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Daniel J. Mathahs, deceased, bearing date of July 12, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Patrick J. Mathahs was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated April 24, 2024.

Patrick J. Mathahs
305 6th Street North
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of Estate

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

Date of second publication the 8th day of May, 2024.

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People's Right To Know

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION OF LAND IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 IN WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

TO: QUENTIN ANDERSON TRUST, JANICE R ANDERSON TRUST, PAUL & SYLVIA HEIMDAL TRUST, WILLIAM D & CARMEN LANGE, EDWARD E & JULIE & LEILA OLSON, RAMSEY FAMILY TRUST, BONNIE RODBERG, JOSEPH O SCHMIDT, JANELLE K DRYDEN, MAVIN D SCHMIDT, STATE OF IOWA, STATE OF IOWA ACTING THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PROPERTY TAX COORDINATOR DNR REALTY SERVICES, CAROLE SUMMERS, ARLYN & JUDITH TENOLD REVOCABLE TRUST, PAUL A & TERESA L TENOLD, JONATHAN L & CHRISTEN G WALBERG, including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within joint Drainage District No. 2-3 Winnebago/Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that the joint Board of Supervisors of Winnebago County and Worth County, Iowa, acting in behalf of joint Drainage District No. 2-3, in said counties, have employed Jacobson-Westergard Inc, as engineer to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to joint Drainage District No. 2-3 and to make and file with Winnebago County and Worth County Auditors a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits has been received.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Collin Klingbeil, drainage engineer with Jacobson-Westergard Inc, has filed his report with the Auditors of Winnebago and Worth Counties on April 23, 2024. The joint Boards of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, AT 10:00 AM at the Winnebago County Courthouse in Forest City, Iowa. You may call into the meeting at 641-591-6903 (Participant Code: 149935) if you are unable to attend in person. At said hearing the Joint Boards of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to joint Drainage District No. 2-3 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the proposed annexation of said lands and any claim for damages must be in writing and filed with the County Auditors of Winnebago or Worth Counties at or before the time set for the hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Joint Boards may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Joint Boards of Supervisors can make a final decision to acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify joint Drainage District No. 2-3. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Joint Boards of Supervisors of Winnebago and Worth Counties, Iowa, acting on behalf of joint Drainage District No. 2-3. At the time fixed for hearing, the Joint Boards shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.

For further particulars you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Annexation which is on file at the County Auditor's Office in Winnebago and Worth Counties, Iowa or on the Worth County website at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage/.

Dated this 23rd day of April 2024

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
City of NORTHWOOD
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The City of NORTHWOOD will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Meeting Date/Time: 5/13/2024 06:00 PM | **Contact:** Amber Julseth | **Phone:** (641) 324-1075

Meeting Location: City Hall

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	716,785	0	716,785
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	716,785	0	716,785
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	250,000	0	250,000
Other City Taxes	6	253,408	0	253,408
Licenses & Permits	7	29,500	0	29,500
Use of Money & Property	8	11,450	0	11,450
Intergovernmental	9	1,081,857	30,000	1,111,857
Charges for Service	10	1,305,600	41,000	1,346,600
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	378,100	185,000	563,100
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	640,000	0	640,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	4,666,700	256,000	4,922,700
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	396,520	25,000	421,520
Public Works	17	811,941	0	811,941
Health and Social Services	18	16,155	0	16,155
Culture and Recreation	19	358,886	25,000	383,886
Community and Economic Development	20	892,645	160,000	1,052,645
General Government	21	254,617	30,000	284,617
Debt Service	22	226,000	0	226,000
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,956,764	240,000	3,196,764
Business Type/Enterprise	25	1,175,064	0	1,175,064
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	4,131,828	240,000	4,371,828
Transfers Out	27	640,000	0	640,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,771,828	240,000	5,011,828
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-105,128	16,000	-89,128
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	30	2,869,990	0	2,869,990
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	31	2,764,862	16,000	2,780,862

Explanation of Changes: Revenues- Interest, Library grant & Recreation. Expenses- Police building repairs, library restroom project, insurance premium increase, downtown housing grant and development grant .

Legal Northwood Anchor

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 #: 24-000113
BANKUNITED, NA
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 PARTIES IN POSSESSION

Special Execution

As a result of the judgement 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 judgement. The property to be sold is

SOUTH 44 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 100, IN THE TOWN OF NORTHWOOD, WORTH COUNTY, IOWA.

Property Address: 206 12TH ST S NORTHWOOD, IA 50459

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Sale Date 05/28/2024; 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 a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted 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 $4,850.97; Accruing Costs PLUS; Interest $1,489.12; Sheriff's Fees Pending; Date 04/25/2024; DAN A. FANK, WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF; Attorney MATTHEW E LAUGHLIN, 215 10TH STREET, SUITE 1300, DES MOINES, IA 50309, (515) 288-2500.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

City of: KENSETT

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Kensett City Hall Meeting Date: 5/13/2024 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of , any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.
City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property 12.65456

The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is 0

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number (641) 845-2388 | City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Krystal Thompson

		Budget FY 2025	Re-estimated FY 2024	Actual FY 2023
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	87,143	78,358	85,319
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	87,143	78,358	85,319
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	36,820	32,963	35,568
Licenses & Permits	7	695	695	85
Use of Money and Property	8	41,390	37,041	11,183
Intergovernmental	9	31,965	31,293	48,249
Charges for Fees & Service	10	24,878	25,633	95,389
Special Assessments	11	0	0	3,338
Miscellaneous	12	0	0	94,275
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	0	0	46,045
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	222,891	205,983	419,451
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	12,574	12,574	15,272
Public Works	17	61,272	58,971	52,738
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	77,413	72,025	48,855
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0	0
General Government	21	86,973	85,413	136,646
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	238,232	228,983	253,511
Business Type / Enterprises	25	0	0	58,245
Total ALL Expenditures	26	238,232	228,983	311,756
Transfers Out	27	0	0	46,045
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	238,232	228,983	357,801
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-15,341	-23,000	61,650
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	324,056	347,056	285,406
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	308,715	324,056	347,056

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
WORTH COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The WORTH COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Meeting Date/Time: 5/13/2024 08:45 AM | **Contact:** Jacki A Backhaus | **Phone:** (641) 316-2316

Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors' Room, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,951,863	0	5,951,863
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	37,835	0	37,835
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	262,136	0	262,136
Net Current Property Tax	4	5,651,892	0	5,651,892
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	6	0	6
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	29,606	0	29,606
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	3,996,649	0	3,996,649
Intergovernmental	8	4,137,620	0	4,137,620
Licenses & Permits	9	24,100	0	24,100
Charges for Service	10	347,641	0	347,641
Use of Money & Property	11	203,402	0	203,402
Miscellaneous	12	114,111	0	114,111
Subtotal Revenue	13	14,505,027	0	14,505,027
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	1,415,965	475,000	1,890,965
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,920,992	475,000	16,395,992
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,016,573	180,000	3,196,573
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,257,498	31,000	1,288,498
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,123,768	19,460	1,143,228
Roads & Transportation	22	5,486,135	0	5,486,135
Government Services to Residents	23	554,534	0	554,534
Administration	24	3,060,353	6,586	3,066,939
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	946,873	220,550	1,167,423
Capital Projects	27	5,320,000	492,322	5,812,322
Subtotal Expenditures	28	20,765,734	949,918	21,715,652
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,415,965	475,000	1,890,965
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	22,181,699	1,424,918	23,606,617
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-6,260,707	-949,918	-7,210,625
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2023	33	17,054,860	0	17,054,860
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	13,903,717	-5,370,897	8,532,820
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,311,415	0	1,311,415
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	-4,420,979	4,420,979	0
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024	40	10,794,153	-949,918	9,844,235

Explanation of Changes: Expenses: Supervisors/Civil Service - $2,000; Auditor/Postage - $3,011; County Nurse - Prevention Programs - Supplies, Education, MOU and Other - $6,000; Homemaker Aide Service/Motor Vehicle - $25,000; Capital Projects - $475,000; Secondary Roads/Legal - $17,322; Conservation/Motor Vehicle - $19,460; EMS/Contributions to Other Governments - $180,000; Non-Departmental Budgetary/Interest - $220,550; Organizations/Dues & Memberships - $1,575; Operating Transfers In/Out - Inner Fund Loan from Hwy 105 Trust to Capital Fund $475,000.

Hanson and Behne earn silver medals for golf teams

By Mike Simmons

The unpredictable spring weather cooperated for Northwood-Kensett golfers last week in the two meets played in Nashua and Northwood, resulting in some pretty nice scores for the local teams.

Last Tuesday in Nashua, the Vikings' Bowen Behne shot a 42 that placed him second overall and led the team to a second-place finish with 189 points behind West Fork's 177 first-place points.

On the girls side, Peyton Wilder (56) and Haddie Hanson (61) led the team to a third-place finish with 244 team points.

The boys and girls golf teams finished up the week competing against Osage and RRMR in Northwood last Thursday before inclement weather cancelled a boys meet in Mason City on Friday.

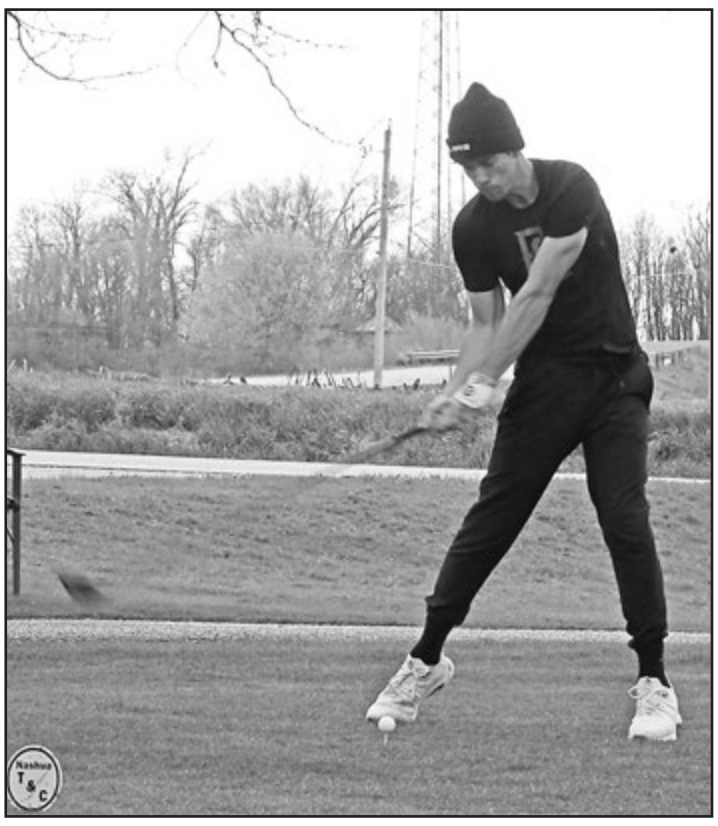
In Northwood last Thursday, Hanson fired a 54, just one shot off the pace of medalist Danika DeBuhr, who shot a 53. Also in the hunt were Wilder and Kinley Stambaugh who placed third and fourth respectively on the day.

Boys Team Scores at Nashua-Plainfield – West Fork 177, Northwood-Kensett 189, Nashua-Plainfield 189

Girls Team Scores at Nashua-Plainfield – Nashua-Plainfield 218, West Fork 227, Northwood-Kensett 244

Boys Team Scores at Northwood-Kensett – Osage 161, Northwood-Kensett 197, RRMR 222

Girls Team Scores at Northwood-Kensett – Northwood-Kensett 231, Osage, RRMR



Viking Bowen Behne tees it up last Tuesday afternoon at the Nashua Town and Country Club. Behne trailed medalist Dawson Glaser (38) by just four strokes as the score cards were tallied, shooting a 42 that was good for a second-place finish.



The Lady Vikings shuttle hurdle relay team posses with its coaches after a 10th-place finish in the event. Those pictured are Macy Thorson, Emma Hengesteg, Troy Einertson, Josie Einertson, Morgan Wallin and Lindsey Moore.

Lady Vikings shuttle hurdle relay team places in top 10 at Drake Relays

By Mike Simmons

Other than a conference title and a state championship, nothing else in high school track and field comes close to the pride and prestige that goes along with a Drake Relays invitation for high school student athletes.

Taking just a few entrants from the high school level in each event, the relays are usually a prelude of what's to come at the state track and field meet held in mid-May.

If the Lady Vikings' performance in Des Moines this past week is any indication of the future success at state, the team has a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks.

The Lady Vikings are loaded with talent in the event, boasting three seniors, Morgan Wallin, Emma Hengesteg and Lindsey Moore, along with one junior, Macy Thorson.

Northwood-Kensett, just one of four class 1A entrants, was the highest placing 1A school in the field, overcoming most of the 1A and 2A schools to place 10th in the event with a time of 1:07.43, a new school record.

Lady Vikings place third at South Hamilton, finish sixth at North Union

By Mike Simmons

With the weather finally cooperating the Northwood-Kensett girls track team was able to get in both scheduled meets last week, Tuesday at South Hamilton, where a strong showing by the Lady Vikings secured a third-place finish and last Thursday at North Union, where N-K placed sixth out of eight teams.

The Lady Vikings crowned two champions at SH, senior Lindsey Moore in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.62 and the shuttle hurdle relay team of Macy Thorson, Emma Hengesteg, Morgan Wallin and Moore with a time of 1:09.71.

Adding to their point total, N-K also had numerous top three finishers, including Macy Thorson in the 100-meter dash (2nd), Chloe Costello in the 400-meter dash (3rd), Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy in the 800-meter run (2nd), Mallory Rheingans in the 800 (3rd), Hanson-Brandsoy in the 1,500 (2nd), Wallin in the 100 meter hurdles (3rd), Moore in the 400 hurdles (2nd) and Merrin Hanson in the 3,000-meter run (3rd).

The ladies also took home medals in the relays, including the 4x100 (4th), the 4x400 (5th), the 4x800 (3rd), the sprint medley (3rd) and the distance medley (3rd).

The Lady Vikings took home medals in the individual field events as well. Lexi McHenry placed eighth in the long jump, Logan Manning placed fourth and sixth respectively in the shot and discus while Kamryn Backhaus placed eighth.

With the girls shuttle hurdle relay team focusing on their Drake Relays appearance in just two days, the Lady Vikings traveled to Armstrong last Thursday for the North Union Coed Relays where, running just a bit short handed, the girls placed sixth with a team score of 68.

Thorson, the only underclassman on the shuttle hurdle team that qualified for Drake, took home the team's lone first-place medal at NU with a time of 16.15 in the 100-meter hurdles. The team's next best finishers were Thorson in the 100-meter dash (3rd), Rheingans in the 800-meter dash (3rd), Wallin in the 100 hurdles (3rd), Hanson-Brandsoy and Jess Ausborn in the 3,000 (3rd & 4th) and Manning in the shot and discus (5th).

The track regular season will come to a close this week with a meet on Monday at Garner-Hayfield/Ventura and conclude with the Top of Iowa Conference East meet on Thursday in Saint Ansgar.

Team Scores at South Hamilton – Roland Story 150, South Hamilton 130, Northwood-Kensett 115, Collins-Maxwell 86, Des Moines Christian 48, Clarion-Goldfield 39

Team Scores at North Union – West Bend-Mallard 112, North Iowa 98, North Union 89, Bishop-Garrigan 83, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 72, Northwood-Kensett 68, GTRA 29, Belmond-Klemme 19



N-K's Macy Thorson hands the baton off to sprint medley relay teammate Topanga Hackenmiller in last Thursday's NU Coed Relays. Thorson and Hackenmiller led the team to a fourth-place finish.



The Lady Vikings' Kamryn Backhaus takes her turn in the shot-put circle in last Thursday night's North Union Coed Relays in Armstrong. Backhaus placed tenth in the event with a throw of 25-04.50.

N-K boys track flexes its muscle as the season winds down

By Mike Simmons

With just two regular season track meets remaining on the schedule, the Northwood-Kensett boys track team is flexing its collective muscles, making the best of the few opportunities that remain before the state meet in Des Moines.

Last Monday the boys stayed at home for the last meet of the year in Northwood and came away with a solid fourth-place finish competing against some of the more talented teams in the area, including Garner-hayfield/Ventura, Saint Ansgar, Central Springs, Riceville, Newman Catholic and Rudd-Rockford-marble Rock.

The Vikings lone first-place medal went to senior Kooper Julseth who cleared the six-foot mark in the high jump, but the team had plenty of second and third-place fishers as well, including Julseth in the 800-meter dash (2nd), Justin Mills in the 400 hurdles (3rd) and Mills in the discus (3rd).

Top relays for the Vikings in Northwood include the 4x100 team of Robinson, Ducommun, Tiedemann and Lorenzen (4th), the 4x400 team of Mills, Peterson, Lorenzen and Bice (4th), the 4x800 team of Bice, Heiken, Tufte and Peterson (3rd), the distance medley relay team of Tiedemann, Ducommun, Lorenzen and Bice (2nd) and the shuttle hurdle (2nd).

Other top finishers include Robinson in the 110 hurdles (5th), Westin Willand in the 3,200 (6th), and Trent Tiedemann in the shot (4th).

With the days counting down to the district state qualifying meet the Vikings traveled to Armstrong last Thursday for the North Union Coed Relays and came away with a sixth-place finish.

The team's top point earners in Armstrong were Koop in the 800 (3rd), Mills in the 400 hurdles (4th), Willand in the 3,200 (5th), Koop in the high jump (3rd) and Mills in the discus (2nd).

The track teams will compete at Garner-Hayfield/Ventura on Monday before Thursday's Top of Iowa Conference East meet in Saint Ansgar.

Boys Team Scores at Northwood-Kensett – Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 188, Saint Ansgar 138, Central Springs 116, Northwood-Kensett 72, Riceville 26, Newman Catholic 23, RRMR 20

Boys Team Scores at North Union – Estherville Lincoln Central 116, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 114, Bishop-Garrigan 114, North Iowa 99, North Union 42, Northwood-Kensett 41, GTRA 31, West Bend-Mallard 28



The Vikings' Aden Bice gets a good jump in the 4x800 relay last Thursday at the North Union Coed Relays in Armstrong. Bice and his teammates placed fourth in the event, earning the team crucial points.



N-K senior Kooper Julseth battles a headwind trying to clear the bar in the high jump competition last Thursday afternoon in Armstrong. Julseth placed third in the event with a jump of 5-04.00.

N-K students succeed in NIACC writing contest

Earlier this spring NIACC showcased the works of area writers with the "This I Believe" writing contest.

The contest was based on the "This I Believe" radio series shared by Edward R. Murrow in the 1950s. The series had people read about their lives for those across the country to hear.

Based on the series and its efforts to share people's stories, a contest was held at NIACC with writers in different age/education groups invited to enter.

At Northwood-Kensett language arts teacher Allison Clark invited students to enter the contest.

Out of the seven awards given to middle school and high school writers, five came from Northwood-Kensett.

For the sixth-eighth graders, N-K students Maya Johnson placed first, Mia Fierova, second, and Cayleigh Pepper placed third.

"All three girls are gifted writers, but they all go above and beyond with their writing. They don't accept the first draft, and they always ask for feedback," Clark said of the middle school writers.

Amongst high school writers, Lacy Yates placed in third and Christopher Madsen placed in first.

"I am very proud of them," Clark said.

About Madsen, Clark said, "Topher is a strong writer, and he has grown a lot this year…I am proud of all the work he submits, and I am grateful to NIACC for recognizing his writing."

Madsen's winning entry is shared below:

People Are Great... Sometimes

I believe in human perseverance. Humans are the pinnacle of achievement and advancement in this world. This was a particularly challenging time for me because the lockdown happened at the end of my eighth grade year, and we had to finish school online. When we came back to school my freshman year, we all had to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Teachers had to do more work online other than handing out hard copies of our work, like worksheets. I had the worst grades I had ever had; I do not know how I got through that year. When we came back for my sophomore year, we still had to wear masks, but they got rid of the social distancing aspect of school, and halfway through the year, they let us take the masks off and have person to person contact again.

I believe in human emotion. Humans are capable of feeling incredible and complex emotions, emotions that don't just dictate how our day will be, but through our emotions and how we react to them, it can dictate how others' day will be. Through your influence, you can make someone experience a variety of emotions, ranging from joy to rage, depending on the situation.

Last week I was in Walmart when I experienced rage for the first time in a long time. A person who I had no prior experience with, decided it would be a good idea to come up to me (while I was buying meat for the week) and start filming me. They were yelling in my face about how I was a murderer, and that by buying meat I was ok with the "rape" and killing of innocent animals that are locked up in huge pens where there is bearly room to stand, and ok with animals that are malnourished and abused. I am not okay with the abuse of animals to get food, and I wish all animals could be raised in a pasture but that's not how the world works, you will always have someone who will raise their animals like that even if there are laws in place to forbid it. But I'll get back on topic, so this guy started filming me, I asked him to please stop filming me, and that it was a violation of my privacy and that Walmart was not a public area, and it violated

Walmart's filming policy, and that by filming me without my consent they could be kicked out. This guy did not take too kindly to this. He started yelling at me about how it was "redneck hypocrites" like me that keep the business of corporate agriculture going.

I should explain what I was wearing, because if you know me, you know I don't usually dress like a farmer, but I had just finished work at the farm, and I was really dirty and wearing my "cowboy" hat. I was already having a bad day, and this encounter just made it worse, but what pushed me over the edge was when he went and got a store employee and made a claim that I yelled at him and was harassing him. He only showed the portion of the video he took that I yelled back at him. I honestly think that store employee did not know what to do. The employee let me check out, but I had to leave right after. I got kicked out of Walmart because of a person who could not keep their opinion to themselves, and I am not sure why, but I was way past mad. I was filled with rage. I wanted this guy to come out of the store so I could give him a piece of my mind. But I knew this was not right and that it wouldn't change anything, so I needed to show another emotion, forgiveness.

Being able to feel complex emotions is a sign of sentience in animals (yes, humans are animals), and being capable of complex emotions can help you connect to the people around you, but you have to be careful because it could also hurt the people around you too.

I believe in human achievement. Humans are known for their ability to change the landscape around them to suit their needs. We have built monuments to deities and people. Civilizations have risen and fallen. As far back as eleven thousand years ago, we have evidence of structures built by humans; the oldest structure is Göbekli Tepe. Göbekli Tepe was an old temple in south-eastern Turkey. Even today, humans struggle to make structures that will last 300 years, but these people made a structure that has lasted eleven thousand years and counting. This

is a testament to how, as a species, we have been able to make our mark on earth even that far back.

In recent years, we have been able to make enormous structures such as the Burj Khalifa in Dubai and the Warisan Merdeka Tower in Kuala Lumpur. These structures are the tallest buildings in the world. They are standing examples of how far our technology has come.

Humans found out how people become sick, contrary to what they thought originally: sickness was not spread by bad smells or little fairies that flew into you, but the latter is not too far off from reality. Sickness is spread by germs, and for humans to figure this out is crazy in itself.

We, as a species, found a way to put a man on the moon, we found cures for diseases, and we found ways to make clean energy through wind, solar, and water. The ability to develop technology through trial and error is a very human trait.

I believe in the ability to learn; as humans, we are able to come up with new ideas and pass them on to future generations. We are able to learn from the environment around us; this is one of the ways children learn. Children are taught to follow the mannerisms of their parents and friends; they are taught what is wrong and what is right.

But not everyone knows right from wrong, or their view on right and wrong may be skewed. There are people in jails and prisons who may know right from wrong, but their situation is more of a priority. I do not claim to be an expert on the topic, but I believe that we as people need to realize that there are people in other countries and our country who are impoverished, and their view of what is right and wrong may be a little different from the "normal" view because of their situation. Some people are forced to kill others for even a scrap of food, while others resort to either stealing food to eat or stealing valuable materials to sell for

food. I believe that we, as a species, need to acknowledge the people suffering in our world and do everything in our power to help them become "normal".

I believe in people; we as a species have progressed through history with a stubbornness I could only compare to a Mule; we have survived numerous natural disasters that have tried and that are trying to wipe us out. We have been able to create insane feats of engineering through the largest man-made structures in the world. As a species, we are able to have emotions like empathy, and with empathy and philanthropy, we can make a real difference in our world. And we have to remember that people are great...sometimes.

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