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2024 Northwood-Kensett graduates Addison (Nyx) Mayberry, Emma Hengesteg, Justin Mills and Christopher Madsen.

N-KHS Class of 2024 graduates this Sunday

This Sunday, the 45 members of the Northwood-Kensett class of 2024 will celebrate their graduation.

N-K's commencement ceremony will be held this Sunday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the N-KHS gymnasium.

The class flower is the white rose. The class song is "I Lived," by One Republic. The class quote is: "

This is the beginning of everything you ever worked for."

The ceremony will include music and messages from students and the announcement of honors that include Silver Cords, National Honor Society, academic letters and valedictorian and salutatorian.

The presentation of scholarships will take place, including the WCDA and those recognized with local scholarship foundation awards.

High school principal Keith Fritz will present the graduates, who will be accepted with the awarded diplomas by members of the board of education.

Northwood-Kensett Class of 2024

Tatiana Aguilar-Ortiz
Khrishton Clair Avina-Sanchez
Trinity Joyce Carlson
Kenneth Timothy Conlin
Chloe Anne Costello
Shawn Michael Echelberger
Jackson Eric Foss
Mercedes Beyonce Garcia-Reich
Marisa Mae Halbach
Haddie Tricia Hanson
Madalynn Jean Hanson
Alexandria Ruth Hanson-Brandsoy
Emma DeLynne Hengesteg
Collin Lucas Kuhlmann

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County discusses audit report, water system extension

At their meeting on April 29, the Worth County supervisors heard a report from an auditing firm, and approved a resolution that will extend a water connection to an interchange water tower.

Each year, local governments are required to conduct audits to review their financial records and financial recording processes.

Elizabeth Thyer, with the Gardiner + Co. firm, presented reviewed the audit with the supervisors at their April 29 meeting.

Thyer noted that the purpose of the audit is to find out whether or not financial statements are fairly presented, and that Worth County's were.

The process uses tests and samples, and does not review every document.

Thyer discussed noteworthy findings from the audit with the supervisors.

One of those repeated from previous audit reports noted the ongoing losses in the County's wastewater system. Rates have not been adjusted in several years and the County's wastewater fund has operated at a loss for the previous two years.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that the County is currently working with a firm and interchange businesses to set new rates, but a change in corporate owners of a hotel are delaying the process.

Thyer also noted findings about board minutes. At one meeting in December 2022, the board went into closed session without minutes being taken. The County will work to make sure all closed session minutes are correctly recorded in the future.

Thyer also mentioned a

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A river runs over it

Last week's rains pushed the levels of the Shell Rock River over the vehicle bridge in Swensrud Park. The bridge was closed by the weekend, re-routing people walking to ball practice or enjoying a stroll through the park during the pleasant weekend weather.

Mental health matters for everyone: let's talk about it

From ISU Extension and Outreach

Mental Health Awareness Month is observed every May but discussing mental health can be a daily practice for everyone.

"Mental health profoundly influences our daily lives, shaping our thoughts, actions and interactions," says Kimberly Cavalier, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

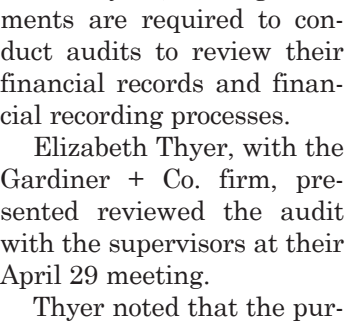
Friends gathering together by Rawpixel.com/stock.adobe.com."Every day, and especially during May, we should find ways to address our mental health," adds human sciences specialist Anthony Santiago.

Cavalier and Santiago share these practical steps for improving mental well-being:

Get quality sleep. Prioritize getting seven to nine hours of sleep each night. Sleep disturbances can impact your mood, cognitive function and overall health.

Engage in physical activ-

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The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. April 30	65	38	0.01
Wed. May 1	65	39	0.43
Thurs. May 2	66	49	0.68
Fri. May 3	57	37	0.41
Sat. May 4	71	38	0.65
Sun. May 5	58	39	0.13
Mon. May 6	65	40	T



NOAH MUELLER

Noah Mueller inspired to support USPS food drive

Noah Mueller has always looked up to his father. He loves that Marty Mueller is a U.S. Postal Worker. As long as anyone can remember, Noah has wanted to be a "Mailman."

For many years, Noah and his family have donated their time in helping out with the U.S. Postal Service by collecting food for the "Stamp Out Hunger" annual food drive. So when Noah was talking about the food drive at school, it just made sense to assist him with organizing a food drive. "This is the perfect way to encourage students to help out local organizations by giving back to others."

With the support of the school, classmates and students in the NK MS/HS, the sixth grade class was able to collect 129 items.

Mueller and his teachers thanked the rest of the school for support his efforts.

Now Mueller is asking the community to contribute as well. This Saturday, May 11, people are asked to consider leaving a bag of

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non-perishable food items near their mailbox for the letter carriers to pick up and deliver to local food banks. Mueller and the mail employees appreciate community support.



Dominick Authier (left) and Noah Mueller are pictured with their father Marty Mueller, a postal worker. The family helps with the USPS Stamp Out Hunger drive each year, and will add the items donated at N-K this year.



The Mueller family is pictured with teacher Jodi Hanson and sixth graders at N-K.

Reynolds signs law lowering individual income tax rate to 3.8% in 2025

By Robin Opsahl
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law a measure speeding up income tax cuts, lowering Iowa's individual income tax to a 3.8% single tax rate beginning in 2025.

Reynolds signed Senate File 2442 into law Wednesday, a measure speeding up the cut made in 2022 to decrease Iowa's individual income tax rate to a 3.9% single rate by 2026. The governor praised Iowa Republican leadership for working with her on tax measures that "comprehensively transformed our tax code and dramatically increased our competitiveness within a few short years."

"When I took office, Iowa's personal income tax rate was the sixth highest in the nation at 8.98%," Reynolds said. "I think we had nine brackets and the list could go on and on. It was certainly clear that we needed to make a change, and that's exactly what we've done."

When this year's tax cuts are implemented, Iowa will have the sixth-lowest income tax rate among the 41 states with an income tax, according to the Tax Foundation.

"At the same time, conservative budgeting practices have kept us living within our means and allowed us to continue making historic investments in key priorities of Iowans," Reynolds said. "Even after these tax cuts, we closed Fiscal Year '23 with $1.83 billion surplus, nearly $900 million in cash reserves and %3.7 billion and the Taxpayer Trust Fund. So it's clear that we're well-positioned to go further, faster."

Lowering income taxes was one of the main priorities for both the governor and Republican legislative leaders this year. Earlier in the session, more dramatic reductions were proposed: Reynolds introduced legislation to reduce the individual income tax rate to a flat 3.65% in 2024 retroactively, in addition to another cut to 3.5% in 2025.

The chairs of both chambers' Ways and Means committees, Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, and Sen. Dan Dawson, R-Council Bluffs, introduced a bill to lower the tax to 3.775% in 2026 and 3.65% in 2027, as well as set up a system using money in the Taxpayer Relief Fund to finance future cuts until the state income tax was fully eliminated.

Some Democratic lawmakers, including Senate Minority Leader Pam Jochum, criticized the move to a flat income tax rate as unfairly benefiting wealthier Iowans over lower- and middle-class Iowans. She also said the tax cuts being made may not be sustainable if the state faces economic downturns in the future — and could put key funding priorities, like Iowa's K-12 education system and other social services, at risk in the future.

"Sooner or later, it's not going to work. It's not good budgeting, it isn't sustainable," Jochum said in April. "I was trying to look at the long-term impact of all the different things that have been happening last few years in terms of educating our children, combined now with all the changes going on the tax system, that would reduce revenues very quickly."

These larger proposals were not implemented this year, but both Reynolds and Republican lawmakers have indicated they plan to pursue further income tax cuts in the future. House Speaker Pat Grassley told reporters following the adjournment of session that the this year's legislation ensures that tax cuts are done "responsibly and sustainably."

The new law will be financed using excess tax revenue from this year's budget plan, Republican lawmakers said, as well as through a withdrawal from the Taxpayer Relief Fund. If state revenues fall below state appropriations for a fiscal year, the measure also stipulates that the relief fund would be used to make up for a part of needed funding until July 1, 2029. The Legislative Services Agency analysis of the proposal stated that revenues are not expected to fall below state spending in this timeframe.

At the bill signing, Reynolds praised the tax cuts lawmakers have been able to implement since she took office, saying that from 2018 to Fiscal Year 2030, lawmakers will have saved Iowa taxpayers nearly $24 billion.

Lawmakers also passed two other proposals related to income tax this legislative session — the first steps to putting two proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot for Iowans in future elections. Senate Joint Resolution 2004, enshrining a flat tax rate, and House Joint Resolution 2006, requiring that increases to Iowa's income tax reach two-thirds majority support in both chambers to pass, were both approved this session.

Both constitutional amendments must be passed by the next General Assembly before they appear on a general election ballot for voters to directly weigh in on. If the measures get a simple majority support on the ballot, the language will be added to the state constitution.

N-K
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Landon Lee
Ella Lea Leonard
Kelsi Madison Liddle
Christopher Lee Madsen
Addison Kate Mayberry
McKenna Rose McDermott
Breydin Jacob Meyer
Laney Jo Miles
Justin Michael Mills
Lindsey Jean Moore
Megan Grace Ocel
Malachi Riley Storm Peckham
Damaris Kelly Peterson
Chase James Preece
Hunter William Retterath
Damon Walker Reyerson
Haylee Sue Reyerson
Mallory Joanne Rheingans
Leslie Rojas-Barrios
Alexis Nicole Rops
Trinity Lynne Roush
Kaden Micheal Sauve
Kyler Wayne Varner
Reese Marie Wahl
Morgan Jean Wallin
Peyton Raye Wilder
Noah Lee Woltzen
Lacy Kay Yates
Benjamin Joseph Yezek
Destiny Raye Ziemann

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purchase of election equipment held without a public hearing prior, as required by the Code of Iowa.

The County will change its policy to comply with that portion of Iowa Code.

The audit process involved sharing the findings with County officials, and the County's responses and plans to address all issues found.

In other business at the meeting, the supervisors approved a project that will connect an unused water tower at the Interstate 35/ Highway 105 interchange.

The project would put in 3,100 feet of 12 inch water main, to connect the northern water tower to the County's water system infrastructure at the interchange.

The supervisors approved a bid of $374,505.25 for the water main extension project.

Mental
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ity. Regular exercise positively affects mental health. Even a short walk or light exercise can boost mood and reduce stress.

Connect with others. Meaningful relationships provide emotional support. Interact with friends and family — it's essential for mental well-being.

Pay attention to what you eat and drink. A nutritious, balanced diet supports brain function and energy levels.

Take care of yourself

Consider trying a self-help technique, such as meditation and mindfulness, listening to podcasts by mental health professionals, or keeping a gratitude journal and writing down three things you are grateful for each day.

"You might want to reduce your time on social media platforms. Too much social media screen time can impact mental well-being. Instead look for websites that promote positive news and stories," Cavalier said.

"Give yourself compassion rather than criticism. Offer kindness and understanding to yourself and to others," Santiago added.

Seek support from a mental health professional. Therapy and counseling can be beneficial. Many employers offer Employee Assistance Programs that provide counseling services. Online counseling also may be available.

Raise awareness about mental health

Mental Health Awareness Month is a crucial time to foster understanding and compassion around mental health, Cavalier said. Here are some ways you can raise awareness:

Take a class. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers Mental Health First Aid training. Gain knowledge about mental health challenges and learn how to support people who are experiencing mental health issues.

Talk about mental health. Engage in open conversations about mental health. Sharing your experiences can benefit both your own well-being and offer encouragement to others.

Participate or volunteer. Join local or online events during National Mental Health Month in May. These events help spread awareness and promote understanding.

"Remember, even a small action can contribute to a more compassionate and informed society. Let's continue to talk, break down stigma and prioritize mental health," Santiago said.

Resources

Iowa Concern: If you're unsure where to seek help, Iowa Concern, 800-447-1985 and https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/, is available 24/7. It provides free and confidential support for concerns related to alcohol, drugs, gambling, and mental health.

988 Lifeline: Dialing 988 connects you to the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, offering emotional support and resources for those in need. Information about having a conversation via chat or text is available at https://988lifeline.org/chat/.

Your Life Iowa: This resource provides assistance for substance use, problem gambling, suicide prevention and mental health. Reach out via phone, text or live chat at https://yourlifeiowa.org.

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For a spell

Students from area schools traveled to the Central Rivers AEA headquarters last week to take part in the annual regional spelling bee. Following the school bee, four N-K students advanced from the school bee. In the left picture are (from left) alternate Konlin Perry, Ivy Toresdahl, Mia Fierova and Cayleigh Pepper. Cayleigh and Mia made it to the fifth round of words. Ivy lasted until the sixth round and placed in the top 15.

Summit CEO discusses CO2 pipeline project

With informational meetings set for later this spring/summer, a pipeline project is in the works that would transport carbon dioxide from ethanol plants to be stored underground in North Dakota. The company recently contacted the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal to provide information and answer questions about the project. The newspapers will continue to share more information as local meetings continue, and through its partner media sources.

According Summit Carbon Solutions CEO Lee Blank, the company is working on a three phase project to support ethanol facilities that have signed on for carbon offsets.

The closest is the POET Biorefining facility in Hanlontown. The company's plans include adding equipment at that plant and pipeline to connect it to the overall project.

The process is known as carbon sequestration.

The first phase is building equipment that captures carbon emitted from fermentation stacks at ethanol plants.

The second phase would compress and transport carbon dioxide via highly pressurized pipelines.

The high compression levels are necessary to put the CO2 into a state known as a supercritical fluid, making the CO2 gas move similar to liquid as it is transported and placed in the ground.

The third phase would put the pressurized material into the ground in North Dakota for permanent storage.

Blank said that the reason that the CO2 is being moved to North Dakota is the underground natural storage structures in that state, which can't be found in other states, like Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota or Nebraska.

The area in North Dakota where the carbon dioxide will be stored has a solid layer called cap rock. Millions of tons of CO2 will be compressed and stored below that layer. Blank said that over decades the CO2 will turn into rock.

As to why the project is being pursued, Blank said that offsetting the carbon emissions of the ethanol plants makes their product more valuable in certain markets.

"Whether or not you believe in climate change, some people do," Blank said. "These people will pay a premium for low carbon products."

Blank said that the only way to do that is through the sequestration process, creating higher margins and higher revenue products. Blank said that benefits the ethanol companies, and supports the demand for corn for ethanol. Blank said that is an economic benefit for Midwest corn crop markets.

Asked about the potential use of eminent domain Blank said that the company has 75% of the route secured with voluntary easements. Once information meetings about the project have been held, the company will be able to meet with local landowners to attempt to secure more of the route.

"Our hope is to do it all with easements," Blank said. "I can't say that condemnation won't be used, but ultimately, if it is, it will be a very small percentage of the overall route."

While exact details of the planned Worth County path are not in place, preliminary maps have shown that the pipeline would begin at the Hanlontown ethanol plant, traveling to the east in an area south of Highway 9, near 350th Street as initially proposed in Iowa Utility Board documents.

Asked about the potential safety issues of the pipelines, Blank said that CO2 pipelines have been around since the 1970s, with highest volumes since the 1980s. Blank said that there have few incidents in that time.

Blank said that incidents are rare, but are most likely to be caused when a farmer strikes the pipeline while digging in the ground with a backhoe.

"In our 2,400 miles of pipeline, if a farmer or anyone else fractures the pipeline, our automated system sees the pressure drop immediately and takes over. It shuts the mainline valve down in 53 seconds," Blank said. "This all happens in our control center in Ames. We will have redundant centers should that fail. I believe that with our technology, we will build the safest pipeline in the history of the country."

Blank also said that pipelines are the safest way to move commodities, claiming that people are much more likely to hear about truck or rail incidents, but not about pipelines.

Asked about what would happen should an accident occur, Blank said that major releases would remove oxygen from the area and claimed that the gas would not travel much past the right of way.

Blank said the company has been meeting with emergency managers and first responders.

"In general, what is in our pipeline will be very benign, compared to everything else in underground pipelines in the area."

It Pays to Shop Locally!!!

EVERYONE BENEFITS!

Good reasons why it pays to shop locally.

Think about all the school fundraising and benefit events during the year. Local businesses throughout our area contribute many thousands of dollars in money, services and merchandise to help make them successful.

When you spend money with local shops and businesses, you help those businesses grow and prosper. Successful businesses stay around for a long time and help share the tax load for government services.

When you shop locally, you help yourself and all of us! Keep your dollars close to home — shop locally for goods and services.

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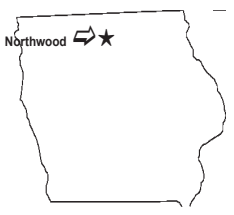
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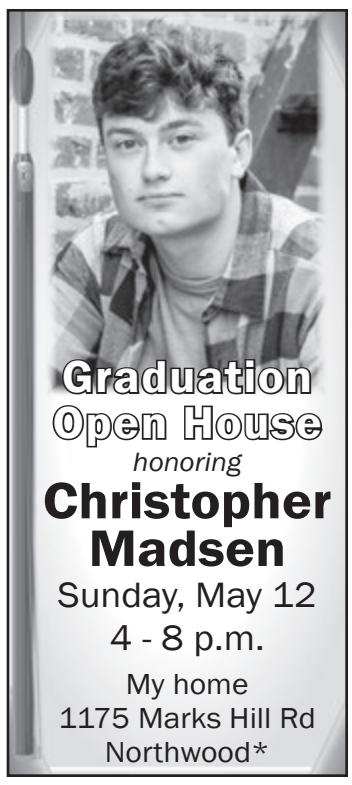




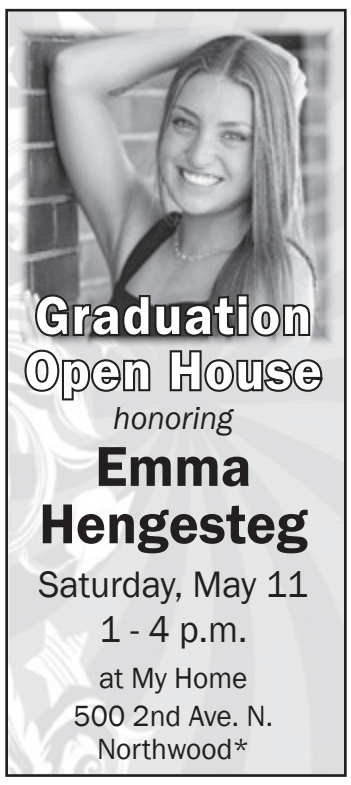
Dinosaur drawing

Last week, students in art class at Northwood-Kensett worked with substitute teacher Dan Block to create two pieces of art at two different scales. The artwork of a dinosaur started on the white board in the classroom. The students then took chalk to the playground, where they recreated the dinosaur drawing closeer to life-size, along with a potential human meal.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES



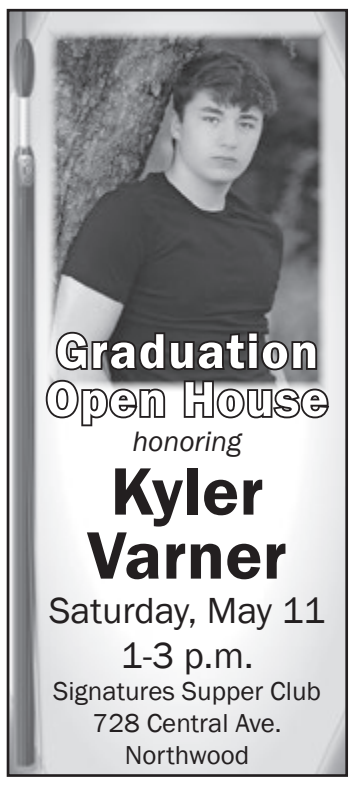
Graduation Open House
honoring
Christopher Madsen
Sunday, May 12
4 - 8 p.m.
My home
1175 Marks Hill Rd
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Emma Hengesteg
Saturday, May 11
1 - 4 p.m.
at My Home
500 2nd Ave. N.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Madalynn Hanson
Saturday, May 11
2 - 6 p.m.
at Our Home
602 4th St. S.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Kyler Varner
Saturday, May 11
1-3 p.m.
Signatures Supper Club
728 Central Ave.
Northwood



Graduation Open House
honoring
Mallory Joanne Rheingans
Sunday, May 12
4 - 7 p.m.
The Timbers
512 Central Ave.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
Celebrating
Morgan Wallin
Saturday, May 11
1 - 4 p.m.
Community Room
Worth County Fairgrounds
1206 3rd Ave. N.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
Celebrating
Damon Reyerson
Sunday, May 12
4 - 7 p.m.
VFW
707 8th St. N.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Lindsey Moore
Sunday, May 12
4 - 7 p.m.
Kuennen's Quarry
1555 450th St.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Megan Ocel
Sunday, May 12
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Olson Community Room
902 1st Ave. S.
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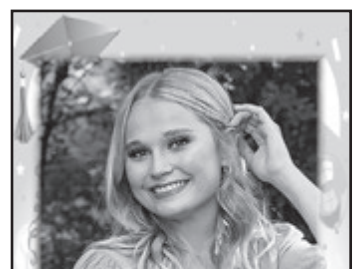
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Graduation Open House
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Sunday, May 12
3:30 - 7 p.m.
1458 400th St.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Noah Woltzen
Saturday, May 18
5 - 9 p.m.
Kensett Community Center
300 Willow St.
Kensett



Graduation Open House
honoring
Peyton Wilder
Friday, May 10
5 - 8 p.m.
The Timbers
512 Central Ave.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Reese Wahl
Saturday, May 11
4 - 7 p.m.
Carpenter
Community Center
508 Williams St.
Carpenter, IA 50426*



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honoring
Ella Leonard
Saturday, May 11
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at our home
1201 Central Ave.
Northwood*



Graduation Open House
honoring
Malachi Peckham
Sunday, May 19
4 - 7 p.m.
Olson Community Room
902 1st Ave. S.
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Graduation Open House
Celebrating
Chloe Costello
Saturday, May 11
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Northwood

Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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

There seems to be no end to the beautiful cookbooks compiled by various chapters of The Junior League. This nationwide organization of women spearheads programs and service projects in the areas where they are located and it seems there is at least one chapter in every major city. "Amarillo Junior League Cookbook" (1979, Favorite Recipes Press, Nashville, Tennessee) celebrates the chapter's 50th year of existence and is dedicated to asparagus! The similarity is that the asparagus plant, if properly tended and nurtured, can produce a crop for decades. This chapter of the Junior League compares itself to the hardy vegetable because these volunteer women have enriched the community of Amarillo, Texas for half a century. The following recipes are adapted from this book but… no asparagus dishes this time around!

Texas chili is an interesting topic of discussion. Some say it must never include beans. Some say the meat must be chunks of beef, never ground beef. Some say tomatoes are never part of a true recipe. This book has them all!

Allison Guynes' Chili

4 pounds stew beef
Dash of cayenne pepper
2-3 small hot chile peppers
Dash of Tabasco sauce
1 tablespoon ground oregano
2-3 garlic cloves, chopped
1 tablespoon crushed cumin seeds
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 tablespoons masa harina
1 tablespoon kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
Cooking oil

Trim any fat or gristle from the stew beef and cut into bite-size pieces. Heat some oil in a large heavy pot or Dutch oven and brown the meat. You may need to do this in several batches so there isn't a lot of liquid in the pan; you don't want the meat steamed. Wash, stem and chop the fresh chiles (use plastic gloves to protect your hands) and add to the pot with enough water to cover the meat. Simmer for 30 minutes. Add remaining ingredients except for the masa harina. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for another 30 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in masa harina, return to the heat, cover and simmer for another 30 minutes. Test to see if the meat is tender. Taste and adjust for seasonings adding more salt etc. if necessary. Serves 6. SANDY' NOTE: masa harina is a Mexican cornmeal ingredient and can be found in the grocery store near the flour.

Gourmet Chili

1 1/2 pounds ground beef, salted
16 oz. can of pinto beans
1 large yellow onion, chopped
16 oz. can of red beans
4 strips of good bacon
16 oz. can chili beans
2 cans (4 oz. each) mushroom pieces
1 package chili seasoning
16 oz. can crushed tomatoes
1/4 cup parsley flakes
1 cup tomato juice
1/4 cup chopped chives

Fry the bacon in a large pan until crisp. Drain and dice. In the same pot, brown the ground beef and onion. Add the drained mushrooms. Sauté for 2 minutes then add the remaining ingredients. Cover and cook slowly for 1 1/2 hours.

Chili Tostados

4 pounds coarsely ground beef
2 cans (6oz.each) tomato paste
3 large yellow onions, chopped
4 tablespoons chili powder
2 cans (16oz. each) diced tomatoes
2 tablespoons garlic salt
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chiles

Brown the beef and drain off the grease. Add the remaining ingredients, cover and simmer for two hours. Spread large tortilla chips such as Fritos® on a serving platter and top with the chili. Freshly shredded Cheddar may be added on top if desired.

So we have a recipe with no beans and no tomato, a recipe with three kinds of beans and tomatoes and one with tomatoes but no beans. In Texas it seems anything goes. Texans take their chili seriously so depending upon where you are eating your bowl of red, a discussion of what should be included could become fightin' words! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



A tribute to a library supporter

Those visiting the Northwood Public Library now have a new spot to enjoy a quiet moment and a good book. A new bench was recently installed near the entrance. The bench was made possible by the family of Myra Greve. Myra was a long time supporter of the Northwood Public Library and its programs and resources. Myra's family donated the bench to recognize her fondness for the library.

Kensett Public Library

Lisa Lestrud
Library Director

Greetings from the Kensett Public Library. We had a great turn out for our April story time. The kids made terrariums to take home. It was fun watching them create their little garden greenhouse.

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, we will have two special guests coming to the library. Worth County Deputy Jesse Luther and his K9 partner Titan will be doing a program about safety and telling us about his job and what it's like to be part of our community. So please join us 10 - 11 a.m.

We have gotten quite a few new adult fiction books in as well as new DVD's. We also carry a wide selection of magazines that may be checked out. Come see all the great things happening at the library.



TERRARIUMS

Private Well Stewardship Program helps Iowans safeguard drinking water

Owners of private wells can be connected to local experts and funding to test their well by attending one of several workshops being held across the state.

The Private Well Stewardship Program, an educational program offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, teaches well owners about the responsibilities and risks of being a private well owner and connects them to additional resources to manage their well.

"Iowa is very lucky in that we have a statewide program that can cover the cost of annual well water quality testing, shock chlorination, and well assessments, but many counties are leaving money on the table and not taking advantage of this opportunity," said Catherine DeLong, water quality program manager and leader of the program.

Over a dozen workshops are planned in towns across Iowa through May. Events are planned in Clinton, Scott, Jones, Washington, Cerro Gordo, Webster, Jackson, Allamakee, Ringgold, Johnson, Linn, Wright and Warren counties. Location details can be found on the program website.

The one-hour session is free and explains the responsibilities of being a private well owner, how to test your well water quality and who can help, common contaminants found in Iowa and factors that can affect well water quality.

About 7% of Iowans, or 230,000 individuals, rely on private wells as their home's main water source. Annual testing of well water is recommended by ISU Extension and Outreach, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Yet, only 5-10% of Iowa households with private wells test their water quality annually.

March 10-16 is National Groundwater Awareness Week. Groundwater, the water beneath the earth's surface that fills the spaces between soil and rock, is the primary drinking water source of Iowans.

"I hope private well owners will observe National Groundwater Awareness Week by taking a minute to see if the program is offered in their area and signing up for a workshop," said DeLong.

Why should you test your well annually?

Here are a few reasons why testing well water is important. It all boils down to knowing what you are drinking:

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Some pollutants are odorless and tasteless and will not be removed by boiling water.

Pollutants like bacteria, arsenic and nitrate are found at elevated levels in 10-30% of private wells in Iowa.

Iowa has a unique program that allows for free or low-cost annual testing of private wells.

If your county is not on this list, you can contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office and ask if they are offering the Private Well Stewardship Program in your area. Or, you can contact Catherine DeLong at crdelong@iastate.edu or 515-294-5963.



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Rheingans signs with ICCC for volleyball

Mallory Rheingans signed to play volleyball for Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Last year ICCC had a 34-7 record, a sixth consecutive conference title, were district and regional champs, and had a top 5 finish in the NJCAA div II National Championships. Mallory plans to obtain a Photography degree while completing her general education courses, from there she plans to transfer to a University to pursue a degree in Art Education. She is pictured above with her sister, parents, cousins, aunts, uncles and grandma.



Hanson signs to cheer at Wartburg

Last week Haddie Hanson officially signed on to be a Wartburg College cheerleader. Haddie is pictured above after signing her letter of intent. There to show their support were her family, cheer coach Cindy Pangburn, principal Keith Fritz and her fellow cheerleaders.













Kindergarten Roundup

Students in Northwood-Kensett preschool classes had a preview of their next school year last week. The preschoolers that plan to be in the kindergarten class next year had a chance to take part in a variety of kindergarten activities. They visited the classrooms, where they met with teachers Jami Tolzmann and Nichol Hebel. They drew, colored, played with educational toys and were read stories in the classroom. They also had a chance to ride the school bus. They ended their day having lunch in the elementary cafeteria.

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Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m.; Thursday, Girl Scout Meeting, Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m.; Friday, Blake Barker Grad Party, 6-9 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m., Bethel UWF, 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday Pastor at Care Center, 10 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Pub Theology at Worth Brewing, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, Swallow Coffee House LM, 10 a.m.
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, Confirmation, 4:30 p.m., Inspire, 6:15 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., DCV, 10:30 a.m., LRH, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

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God encourages His followers to spread the Word, but that is not always easy. Some people are too busy to listen. Others don't want to. The next time you encounter someone resistant to the Word of God, consider holding your peace until a better opportunity arises and let your actions speak for you in the meantime.

But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Matthew 26:63 (KJV)

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Early Files

100 years ago

April 30, 1924

Miss G. Ether Hanson, a well known Northwood girl, has received additional honors at Lincoln, Nebr., where she is a student of the Nebraska State University. She was elected president of the Catacomb Players, a dramatic organization and was elected Grand Worthy Priestess of the Omega Upsilon Sorority and was chosen one of two delegates to go to Chicago next week to the national convention.

Leonard Swensrud was the winner of the declamatory contest for Grove Township held in connection with the monthly Grove Township Farm Bureau meeting at Dwelle's Hall Friday evening.

A crowd of boys who wouldn't take a dare from one another went swimming Thursday in "the old swimmin' hole," back of the cemetery. Water in the Shell Rock River was good and cold, the boys discovered, but who cares, they had the first swim of the season and so far none was made ill as a result of the adventure. The boys in the crowd were Ernest Halvorson, Orville Borg, Ellsworth Whitcome, Henry Dahms, Albert Gabby, Richard Snyder and Ross Perry.

Today, April 30, the members of the Northeast Iowa Anniversary Association are to celebrate at Northwood the 105th anniversary of Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Baltimore, Maryland. Elaborate preparations have been made for the comfort and convenience of the delegates and other visitors who are expected to be with us during the day and evening. There will also be drill teams from other lodges. The 100F and Dwelle Halls, Masonic Temple, Baptist and Methodist churches will be utilized to acre for the various gatherings.

Army entry balloon S-14 in the national balloon race from San Antoni, piloted by Major Norman Peek and Lieut. W. Gray as aide, landed several miles south of St. Ansgar at 2 p.m. Friday. The Major and Lieut. landed after encountering a storm. Had it not been for the storm, they would have borne the world's record, Peek stated.

75 years ago

May 12, 1949

Jo Ann M. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Johnson of Northwood, has been chosen by the Northwood high school band as local candidates for queen of the North Iowa band festival to be held at Mason City on June 14.

The Worth County Cancer fund campaign, now complete except for possible late returns, has brought in $3,160.25, nearly tripling the county quota, Arnold Talle, fund drive chairman, announced today.

Nine weeks ago this Saturday Elmer Hall climbed a stepladder to rescue a cat from a tree. He fell and broke both arms at the wrist. They were in casts for seven weeks, and still are so weak that he can do a little work. Last week, upon learning that there was danger the spring work wouldn't get done on the Hall farm on the north end of Kensett, neighbors and friends came to the rescue. In one afternoon 10 tractors took care of the plowing, double-discing and drinking 25 acres of land.

Thieves broke into the Link Priem Implement office and the Virgil Welp Elevator office at Carpenter last weekend, taking cash and checks amounting to about $430.

Thomas Edmund Bolton, 87, a resident of the Northwood community most of his life, died last Thursday evening at a Billings, Mont., hospital.

Work on the bridges and culverts on the Highway 105 improvement job will probably start next week, L.I. Nelson, representative of the contractor in charge said this week. As many as 30 men will be employed at one time by the Jensen and Krage firm, depending upon the stage of work. The company plans to start first at the west end of its job — two small bridges midway between Northwood and Lake Mills— and then to work towards Northwood. The biggest job in its contract is the 120 foot long, 26 foot wide, 3-span bridge just outside the Northwood city limits.

50 years ago

May 9, 1974

Julie Berge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Berge, rural Northwood, has been elected Viking Band Queen and will represent the N-K marching band at the annual band festival in Mason City. A senior at N-K school she is active in vocal music and band, serving as vice-president of the mixed chorus, sings in the girls chorus and plays clarinet in the band.

The town of Northwood has been added to the priority list for fiscal year 1975 Municipal Waste Water Treatment Construction Grants, according to mayor Guy Olson. The list includes about 140 municipalities of which Northwood is ranked about number 80. The grant under consideration is for $190,650, which is about 30 percent of the cost of the proposed Northwood sewer system.

Forty five percent of this year's corn crop has been planted in north central Iowa, according to state-federal agricultural officials earlier this week. The officials said farmers planted more than 4.5 million acres of Iowa farmland corn last week — a period generally acknowledged as the best time to plant to achieve optimum grain yields.

Patricia Fretty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fretty, Kensett, received her bachelors of arts degree in religion and business education at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., Sunday, May 5. Dr. Joseph Knutson, president gave the baccalaureate address.

Forest City won the girls track district meet Monday scoring 71 points. Lake Mills was second with 52; Northwood-Kensett third with 46; and Ventura and Garner tied at 44. Qualifying for the state meet May 17 and 18 in Des Moines were Terry Arendts in the long jump, 14-9 and the 220 yards dash at :27. She was also a member of the qualifying 440 relay team along with Colleen Otis, Julie Verge and LuAnn Knudtson. The girls appear in the Belmond relays Friday and the NIC relays at Lake Mills Monday.

25 years ago

May 12, 1999

Despite recent reports to the contrary, April 1999 was not wetter than the average April. At least it wasn't wetter than normal around here. Indeed, 6.7 inches of April showers fell in Northwood, according to National Weather Service observer John Podgorniak. Three downpours provided the bulk of that precipitation, as the 1.21 inches that fell on April 6, the 1.48 inches that fell on April 9 and the 1.35 inches that fell on April 22 added up to 4.04 inches.

Maegan Zimmerman, daughter of Doreen Zimmerman, Northwood, and Scott and Charlotta Zimmerman of St. Louis was selected as a 4-H State Project Award Winner in Communications, an honor given 4-H participants who have been outstanding in the communications project area. She will be attending Waldorf College's BA program in communication and will begin a future degree in Political Science.

The Northwood-Kensett girls track traveled to Parkersburg to compete in the Class 1A District meet. N-K's biggest hopes for State competition, according to coach Mike Reindl, include junior Theresa Stotts in the discus; the Viking shuttle hurdle relay team, and the Vikings 4x100 and 4x200 teams.

Northwood-Kensett High School freshman Josh Reindl won the Iowa State Cadet freestyle championship at 220 pounds in Runnells. The championship qualified Reindl to be one of 12 Iowa 15- and 16-year-olds who will travel to New Zealand June 14-24 to compete in a pair of international tournaments.

After inspiring their coach in Nora Springs, the Northwood-Kensett Vikings justified Chris Quisley's faith by placing fourth in the North Iowa Conference girls golf meet at Rice Lake. N-K junior Anneke Reeder covered 18 holes in 102 strokes to place sixth in the individual standings and win a spot on the All-NIC girls golf team. The fourth place finish was N-K's highest at the NIC in this decade.

10 years ago

May 7, 2014

Northwood-Kensett fourth graders are learning about the hatching of chickens in Mrs. Vansteenberg's elementary classroom this spring. So far over 20 incubated eggs have hatched, giving the students the hands on experience of raising chickens from eggs.

Northwood-Kensett graduate and Veterans Affairs Police Officer Chris Peterson was recognized on April 25 for his part in preventing a veteran from leaping from the top level of a parking garage. The veteran had attempted to leap from the top of the Denver VA Medical Center's parking garage. Peterson was able to grab the veteran's collar as he went over the edge. Peterson hung on until fellow officers Seasn Midgley and Greg Branam could help pull the veteran back. Peterson is a 1989 graduate of N-K High School.

In Ornithology class, at Northwood-Kensett High School, students learn about birds, including their habitat. The class also includes spending time adding to the habitat of local birds, bluebirds to be specific. Students in the class are Anne Erickson, Trey Srigley, Talon Krachmer, Danielle Metcalf and Joelle Shafer. The students made birdhouses and each took a bird house home with a few extra put up around the nature center near the school as well. There are now 15 bluebird houses in the nature center area.

No one can say that Keano Batton isn't doing his share for the N-K boys track team this season. The talented long distance runner put up 14 points last Monday afternoon at the Boys Viking Relays. Batton took home a second place medal in the 800 meter run and third place medals in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs.

Northwood-Kensett golfers Trevor Varner and Nathan Wilder both finished their round of nine holes with a score of 54 at Sheffield's Ridge Stone Golf and Country Club as the Vikings came away with a fourth place finish behind Central Springs, West Fork and RRMR.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

James Hamersly

James B. Hamersly, 71, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024, at his home in rural Glenville. A Celebration of Life will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Bayview Freeborn Funeral Home.

James was born on October 18, 1952, to Winston and Marjory (Luett) Hamersly in Mason City, Iowa. After graduating from high school, he began working as a maintenance man for Hormel for many years. He eventually joined the Army for several years.



JAMES HAMERSLY

He married Peggy Hamersly and together they had two beautiful children, Emily and James.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hamersly; mother, Marjory Hamersly; children, Emily (Jesse) Boren and James (Roxy Larson) Hamersly; grandchildren, Ayden and Ethan Boren; and sister, Carla (Leland) Johnson; and his beloved dog, Mya.

He is preceded in death by his father, Winston Hamersly.

The family appreciates St. Croix Hospice for the support and care of JB and his family.

Kay Reyerson

Kay J. Reyerson, 87, of Mason City and formerly Northwood passed away on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

A graveside service was held at 1:30 on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa.

Kay J. was born on November 17, 1936, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the daughter of Arnold and Ruth (Lomen) Talle. She grew up in Northwood, attending and graduating from Northwood High School.

In 1954 she married Roger Reyerson and together they were blessed with three children, Lauri, Alleen and Brian. In 1955, the couple moved to California. In 1970 they moved to Arkansas, before returning home to North Iowa in 1975, where Kay managed the motel.

Kay illuminated the world with her talent for working with leaded glass. With deft hands and a creative spirit, she crafted stunning pieces that captured the imagination and stirred the soul. Beyond her artistry, Kay's heart overflowed with love for animals, finding solace and joy in the company of her cherished dogs and the gentle creatures of the farm. Her days were filled with hard work, but it was the love for her family that fueled her every endeavor. With grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kay's legacy of warmth and devotion continues to shine bright.

She was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church, Northwood.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Brian Reyerson of Northwood and Allee (Michael) Laitinen of Hanlontown; her grandchildren, Brenda Reyerson, Brian Nichols and Zachary Laitinen; and her great-granddaughter, Aleigha Haase Reyerson; as well as many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Reyerson in 1993; daughter, Lauri; parents; brother, Dennis Vold; sister, Marilyn Hanson; and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

NFPA announces resources to educate consumers about safe electrical vehicle charging at home

As electric vehicles (EV) enter our roadways, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has introduced a series of free resources, guidelines, and information to help raise awareness about EV fires and safe EV charging practices at home.

According to the International Energy Agency, global sales of electric vehicles exceeded 10 million in 2022 and are expected to grow in the coming years. At the same time, consumer concerns about the fire safety risk of EVs are increasing. Lithium-ion batteries, the most widely used and reliable source of energy for electric vehicles, are central to questions about safety.

The new online resources from NFPA feature more detailed information about lithium-ion batteries, EV maintenance, and what tips consumers can follow to stay safe when charging their electric vehicle at home. Resources for safety educators and consumers, including a safety tip sheet and social media cards, are all free and downloadable. A free training course is also available to the public that helps address some of the common concerns and myths about owning an electrical vehicle, including safety features, charge types, and battery life.

NFPA recommends these tips when charging electric vehicles at home to help prevent fires:

Before charging an electric vehicle at home, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system to see if it can handle charging.

Install charging equipment in safe locations. Keep away from busy areas and things that could catch fire.

Use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

Read and follow all manufacturer directions.

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Do not use more than one plug or extension cords with the charger.

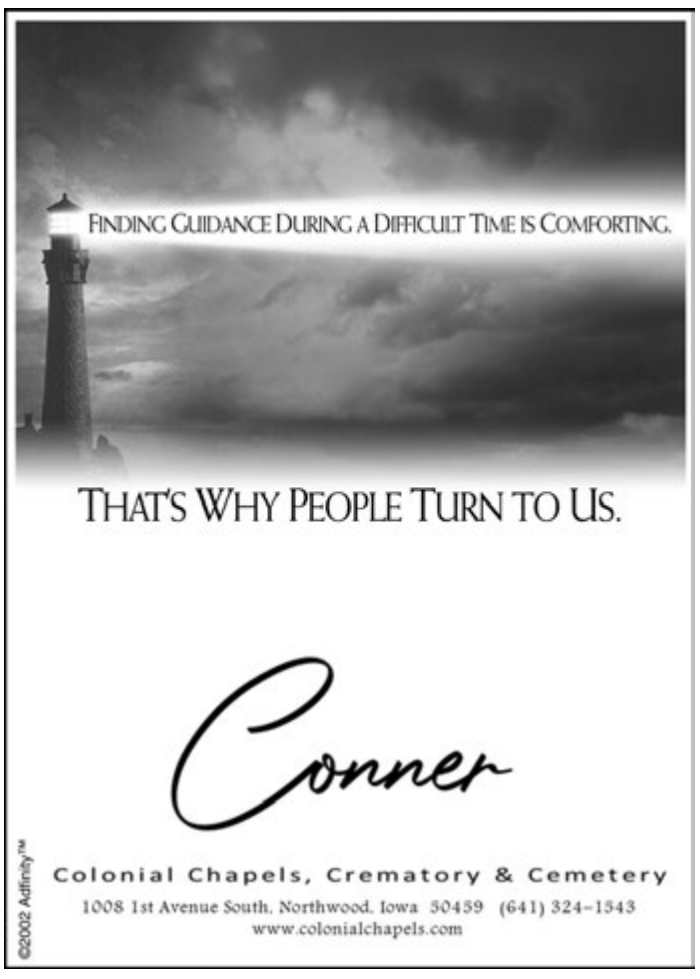
Keep charging items out of reach of children and animals when not in use.

Cover charging station outlet to keep water out.

Learn more about electric vehicle fire safety, find training information, and download the free safety tip sheet at nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo.

Information on the safe use of smaller devices that use lithium-ion batteries such as computers, smart phones, e-bikes and e-scooters, can be found at nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety and nfpa.org/ebikes.

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Savvy Senior

How to find a good doctor

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good resources to help me locate some quality doctors in my area? I'm looking for an orthopedic doctor for my 77-year-old mother and a new internist for me, since my doctor retired last year.

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

Finding and researching doctors is a lot easier than it used to be. Today, there are variety of websites you can turn to that provide databases of U.S. doctors, their professional medical histories, and ratings and reviews from past patients on a number of criteria. Here are some good sites to help you get started, along with a few additional tips that can help you find the right doctors.

Searching Tips

To help you locate some good doctors in your area, a good first step is to get referrals from trusted friends, along with any doctors, nurses or other healthcare professionals you know.

You also need to check your insurance provider. Call your insurer for a list of approved doctors or ask whether the doctor you're considering is in-network.

If your mother is enrolled in original Medicare, you can use the care compare tool at Medicare.gov/care-compare – click on "Doctors & Clinicians." This will let you find doctors by name, medical specialty or by geographic location that accept original Medicare. If she's enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, call or visit the plan website to get a list of approved candidates.

Once you find a few doctors, you need to call their office to verify that they still accept your insurance, and if they are accepting new patients.

You should also consider hospital affiliation. Your choice of doctor can determine which hospital you go to, if needed, so find out where the doctor has admitting privileges. Then use some hospital ratings services like Medicare.gov/care-compare (click on "Hospitals") to see how it compares with other hospitals in the area.

Researching Doctors

After you find a few doctors you're interested in, there are various websites you can consult, to help you evaluate them. For example, the Federation of State Medical Boards offers a tool at DocInfo.org that will let you find out doctor's board certifications, education, states with active licenses, and whether or not a physician has been disciplined by a state medical board.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS Data) is also a good source for researching doctors. For example, it will help you find out how many times a doctor did a particular procedure and what they charge for it – go to Data.CMS.gov/tools and click on "Medicare Physician & Other Practitioner Look-up Tool." And to learn about the financial relationship that doctors have with drug and medical device companies, visit OpenPaymentsData.CMS.gov.

Some other good sites for finding and researching healthcare professionals include Healthgrades (healthgrades.com) and Vitals (vitals.com).

Both sites provide substantial doctor's information on education and training, hospital affiliations, board certification, awards and recognitions, professional misconduct, disciplinary action, office locations and accepted insurance plans.

They also offer 5-star ratings scales from past patients on issues such as communication and listening skills, wait time, time spent with the patient, office friendliness and more. But be aware that while physician rating websites can be helpful, they can also be misleading and unreliable.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I sent my brother a "get better" card.

I'm sorry to hear he's ailing.

Oh, he isn't sick, but I know he could get better.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I saw a pickup pulling a trailer containing five mattresses to the landfill. Sometimes, in the course of human events, a man has to take mattresses into his own hands.

It had rained cats and dogs. I know because I stepped into a poodle. I waited quietly in the dim shadows of a waiting room. I wondered how many people die in a waiting room each year. I'm sure it's not as many as those who die in living rooms.

I had a green rental car in Texas. It was really green. I don't know if I'd ever had a green one before. No one asked me what kind of rental car I was driving, but if they had, I'd have told them, "Green."

A woman at the venue where I spoke told me that her husband sits around the house all day with no clothes on. "I tell him to put on some clothes, but he tells me to go slap flies. He says that as long as we're not having any company, who cares? I ask him, 'Then why are you wearing your cowboy hat?' He replied, 'Well, you never know.'"

I wish I'd have hugged my mother more

I'll give my wife some macaroni art I'd made for Mother's Day. She'll be surprised.

My mother wasn't vertically enhanced. I teased her that she was so short her feet could be seen on her driver's license photo. I knew if I put my heart on the table, my mother would never step on it. She bragged about me. "Allen has always been smart. He was a toddler when he grabbed that electric fence. No one had to tell him to let go." She nearly cried when I gave her a painted rock and some dandelions for Mother's Day. I think it was because I had given her a painted rock and some dandelions for Mother's Day. I'm proud to be Lucille's boy. I wish I'd have hugged Mom more.

Bad jokes department

Are Madonna and Cher on a first-name basis?

What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic? Sanka.

Why do ducks have flat feet? To stomp out fires. Why do elephants have flat feet? To stomp out burning ducks.

If you get shingles a second time, is it a case of the doubles?

Have you heard about the man who regained his sight and lost his job as an NFL referee?

My cousin moved from Nacogdoches to LA because LA was easier to spell.

Who said, "Coming are British the"? Paul Reverse.

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know 'y.'

I'm slowly getting over my fear of speed bumps.

Nature notes

On an unseasonably seasonable day, critters act as cheerleaders. The white-throated sparrows whistled, "Old Sven Peterson, Peterson, Peterson" and chorus frogs sounded like a thumbnail running down the teeth of a comb.

A Cooper's hawk hunted the yard. Birds flee or freeze in place when this happens. The first bird to return to the feeders when the coast is clear is almost always a chickadee.

I watched American white pelicans flying low enough that the nuptial tubercles on the upper mandibles of both males and females were exceptionally evident. Above them, a red-tailed hawk circled. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology says the pelican's wingspan reaches 114 inches and the hawk's stretches to only 52 inches. I love being astonished.

Chipping sparrows, brown thrashers and song sparrows kept me company as I looked at anthills in sidewalk cracks. I used to wonder while wandering what it'd be like to fall into an anthill. It would have been a tight fit, no doubt. I listened to Canada geese playing their vuvuzelas. I love this time of the year when the blue-winged teal bloom wherever there is a puddle, and the drakes entertain me with their enthusiastic peeping. The joy of being a birder is immeasurable.

I watched grackles and red-winged blackbirds mob a crow in the air, forcing the bigger bird to the ground. As the crowd dispersed, the crow flew into a spruce tree. Poor decision. The tree was filled with blackbirds, most of whom joined the fray and chased the crow from the scene.

Meeting adjourned

"Non nobis solum nati sumus." (Not for ourselves alone are we born.)—Marcus Tullius Cicero. Be kind.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In 1860, my family used a land grant acquired from a Revolutionary soldier's widow for ground on the Shell Rock River.

The idea that this farm ground, or any other family farm, could be subject to eminent domain for a private company's profitable enterprise is against the principles of the founding of our country.

This is not just boarding soldiers for a distant despot: this is actually taking your property for corporate profits. Does anyone know who all the investors are in this company enjoying Federal subsidies?

The CO2 pipeline project will slice through fields, tile lines, and fences, leaving a scar where crops will be noticeably poorer than in surrounding undisturbed soil.

And how will drainage be affected? Out of state pipefitters and corporate engineers have little understanding of tiled ground.

Where are the plume studies and the hazardous materials plans? On a cold, still day a burst pipeline will pour out CO2 that lays like a deadly fog on the ground: cars can't run, people and animals can't breathe. The area can only be cordoned off from entry. Will your insurance cover your losses, your neighbor's losses?

Please join me in voting for Doug Campbell for Iowa Senate District 30. The primary is June 4. We must vote for a man willing to stand up against the forces of Big Business and against the use of eminent domain for private gain. Vote for Doug Campbell. He will support land rights and fight against the misuse of eminent domain.

Fit to print...

Mothers Day traditions from around the world

From Iowa PBS:
By Karimah Henry

Here are some fun and sKarihmple Mother's Day traditions from around the world.

Japan

Mother's Day (Haha-no-hi) is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. The day is symbolized with beautiful carnations, especially red. Have your child paint a red carnation on a canvas panel to give to their mom, aunt or grandmother.

Italy

Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. It is known as La Festa della Mamma. The mother is not allowed to do chores or cook on her special day. She is offered special homemade gifts and fresh pastries. Make a cupcake liner flower craft to gift mom for Mother's Day. Using a cupcake liner, paper, scissors, child's photo and glue, they can create a beautiful flower. Your child can add a special message on the back of the flower.

Brazil

Mother's Day is a very important holiday in Brazil, coming second to Christmas. It's often a multi-generational celebration including grandmas and aunts. Desserts are a must for Mother's Day and also flowers. Together, visit your local farmer's market and pick out some beautiful flowers for your mom. You can also spend the day at a farm that offers u-pick flowers. Take plenty of pictures then create your own bouquet.

Peru

Peruvians have similar traditions as Americans for Mother's Day like buying gifts and cards for their mothers. However, the most important way many celebrate this holiday is by visiting the cemetery to honor those who have passed away. Peruvians decorate the graves of their loved ones then host a celebration. Mother's Day can be hard for those who have lost a loved one. This is a great time to normalize grief and cherish the memories of those who are no longer with us. Together, make homemade decorations or write a poem to take to the gravesite.

Nepal

In Nepal, many people honor the dead by visiting Mata Tirtha Pond for Mother's Day. Mothers are also presented with gifts and food. Have your child make handprint flowers for the special woman in their life. You will need colored cardstock, glue, scissors, pencil and colored craft stick for this art project. It's easy to make and the perfect keepsake for Mother's Day.

Ethiopia

Mother's Day is a three day celebration in Ethiopia. It usually takes place when the rainy season ends. There's usually a large feast and men sing while the women dance. Have your child help out in the kitchen to make their mother's favorite meal. You can also play her favorite music while having a dance party.

What are the Mother's Day traditions in your family?





Character Counts one more time

Throughout the school year, monthly assemblies have been held to celebrate a positive character trait. A group of students was selected for their positive character. They then played games as their classmates cheered them on. The last Character Counts assembly of the year was held last week.

Bolan

On Thursday Joe and Linda Nydegger hosted the Manly High School Class of 1959 reunion at their home. This class was the last to graduate as the "Railroaders" from Manly, as the next year it became North Central. It was a great day with so many memories being shared through visiting and all the photos from the past that were brought.

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Worth County
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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.
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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.
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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR0009407
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
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Executor of Estate

Douglas A. Krull
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Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
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Attorney for Executor
Date of second publication the 8th day of May, 2024.
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Supervisors

April 29, 2024
Eighteenth 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 22, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-21 Approval of the Dogwood Avenue Paving Project and County Engineer Authorization to Sign Contract Document in Doc Express. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution in auditor's office).
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve drainage claims in the amount of $18,584.00 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Andrew & Rebecca Anderson, DD-72, Assessment Refund.$34.00
Annette O'Donnell, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$200.00
Barak T Brakke, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$172.00
Betty Mae Waddington, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$77.00
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Christopher & Beth M Hagen, DD-72, Assessment Refund.$37.00
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Matthew Jennings, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$400.00
Matthew Olson, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$677.00
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Ricky H Niehaus, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$37.00
Robert A & Brenda S Jones, DD-72, Assessment Refund.$18.00
Ruth F Rovang, Revocable Trust, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$7.00
Sara Lou Innes Trust, DD-72, Assessment Refund.....$1,102.00
Worth County Engineer, DD-72, Assessment Refund...$1,180.00
Grand Total.....$18,584.00
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve work orders requested by Paul Tenold for DD 18 Main and Rob Nelson for DD 46/Lat 14. Motion carried.
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve a transfer in the amount of $19,460.00 from the Conservation Reserve Fund to the General Fund to pay the difference between what was budgeted and spent on a $36,960.00 vehicle purchase. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-22 Resolution of Authorization to Transfer Worth County Deferred Compensation Plans. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution in auditor's office).
Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 8:44 A.M.
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing regarding Plans, Specifications, Estimate of Cost and Form of Contract at 8:44 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. Jason Petersburg, P.E, Veenstra & Kimm updated the board on the Top of Iowa Water Main extension project in regard to plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract. There was no public comment.
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to close the public hearing at 8:46 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried.
Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 8:46 A.M.
Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-23 Resolution Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Nay; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution in auditor's office).
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve Resolution #2024-24 Resolution Making Award of Construction Contract. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution in auditor's office).
Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve changing time to 8:45 A.M. for the FY24 Budget Amendment Public Hearing on May 13. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg /Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:27 A.M. Motion carried.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
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The Vikings' Hayzin Jacobson takes his turn at the long jump last Thursday afternoon at the Top of Iowa Conference East Meet in Saint Ansgar.



N-K's Landen Nelson makes the final turn of his leg in the sprint medley relay last Thursday afternoon at the Top of Iowa Conference East Meet.



Lady Viking Logan Manning throws the shot in last Thursday afternoon's Top of Iowa Conference East Track and Field Meet. Final results were not available at press time.

N-K boys track place seventh at G-H/V and TIC East meets

By Mike Simmons

Battling low numbers and injuries throughout this season the Northwood-Kensett boys' track team has overcome a lot, yet they still go out every day and give their best for the team. The Vikings had two track meets last week at Garner-Hayfield/Ventura and the Top of Iowa Conference East Meet last Thursday in Saint Ansgar.

With the mostly younger and still inexperienced team the Vikings placed seventh in Garner last Monday afternoon with 26 team points. Top performers for the boys in Garner were Kooper Julseth in the 800-meter dash (3rd) and the high jump where the talented junior placed seventh and Justin Mills in the discus (6th).

Top relays for the Vikings were the 4x400 (5th), the 4x800 (3rd) and the distance medley team of Mills, Aden Bice, Evan Lorenzen and Julseth, who earned eight team points with their second-place finish.

The Vikings took their talents to Saint Ansgar last Thursday afternoon for the TIC East Meet and scored 37 team points, good enough for a seventh-place finish in the nine-team conference.

Results and times for the TIC East Meet were unavailable at press time. The Vikings, after a Tuesday meet at Central Springs, will compete in the state qualifying meet in Saint Ansgar on Thursday.



The Vikings' Caden Helgeson prepares to sink this putt last Thursday against Glenville-Emmons. Helgeson led all golfers on this day, earning medalist honors with a six over par 42.



N-K senior Ella Leonard hits the tee shot last Monday afternoon in Northwood. Leonard shot a very respectable 62 to help the Lady Vikings score 244 team points, good for a third-place finish.

Lady Vikings earn second place finish at TIC East Meet

By Mike Simmons

As the season winds down and the weather warms up, the Northwood-Kensett girls track team is busy preparing for the district, state qualifying meet this Thursday in Saint Ansgar.

In preparation for the district meet the Lady Vikings traveled to Garner last Monday afternoon where Lindsey Moore and Macy Thorson took center stage, bringing home numerous first and second place medals to lead the team to 79 points and a solid fourth-place finish.

Moore and Thorson took home the team's only first and second place individual medals with Moore placing first in the 100 hurdles and 400 hurdles while Thorson brought home two second-place medals in the 100 and 200-meter dash.

Other Lady Viking individual standouts include Morgan Wallin in the 200 (4th), Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy in the 800 (3rd), Mallory Rheingans in the 800 (7th), Lexi McHenry in the long jump (6th) and Logan Manning in the shot (5th) and discus (6th).

Last Thursday on a cloudy but rainless day the Lady Vikings competed in the Top of Iowa Conference East Meet in Saint Ansgar where they scored 107 team points, good enough for a second-place finish behind the 2024 conference champions Saint Ansgar who blew away the competition with a staggering 177 team points.

Finishes and times for the TIC East Meet on Thursday were not available at press time.

The Lady Vikings will have a few days of practice before competing in this Thursday's state qualifying meet in Saint Ansgar. Athletes with the best chances of making it to state are Thorson in the 200 and 100-meter hurdles (13th, 9th), Wallin in the 100 hurdles (14th), and Moore in the 100 and 400 hurdles (2nd, 17th).

The girls shuttle hurdle team of Moore, Wallin, Thorson and Emma Hengesteg have posted the third best time in class 1A this season, 1:07.43, the new school record that the quartet broke at the Drake Relays just a few weeks ago.

Wilder and Helgeson earn medalist honors last week

By Mike Simmons

With the post season right around the corner, starting this week to be exact, the Northwood-Kensett boys' and girls' golf teams got in a few final rounds in preparation for what's to come.

Last Monday N-K faced off against Newman Catholic and North Butler at the Northwood-Country Club with the girls, led by Haddie Hanson's 59 and Peyton Wilder's 60, placed third with a team score of 244 while the boys, led by Bowen Behne (46), Helgeson (48) and Breyden Hoeppner (49) scored 98 team points and placed third for the day.

In an old tradition that has been restarted after a few years absence, N-K hosted Minnesota's Glenville-Emmons on the links last Thursday afternoon.

In the girl's competition, which GE was unable to field a complete team, the Lady Vikings, led by Wilder's 49, scored 216 team points and took the win by default.

The boys teams played a much more competitive match, ending with the Vikings overcoming GE by eight strokes, 182-190 with Helgeson taking home medalist honors with a six over par 42.

The boys and girls teams competed Monday in the Top of Iowa Conference East Championships – the boys played in Mason City, the girls in Nashua, and will start tournament play on Wednesday.

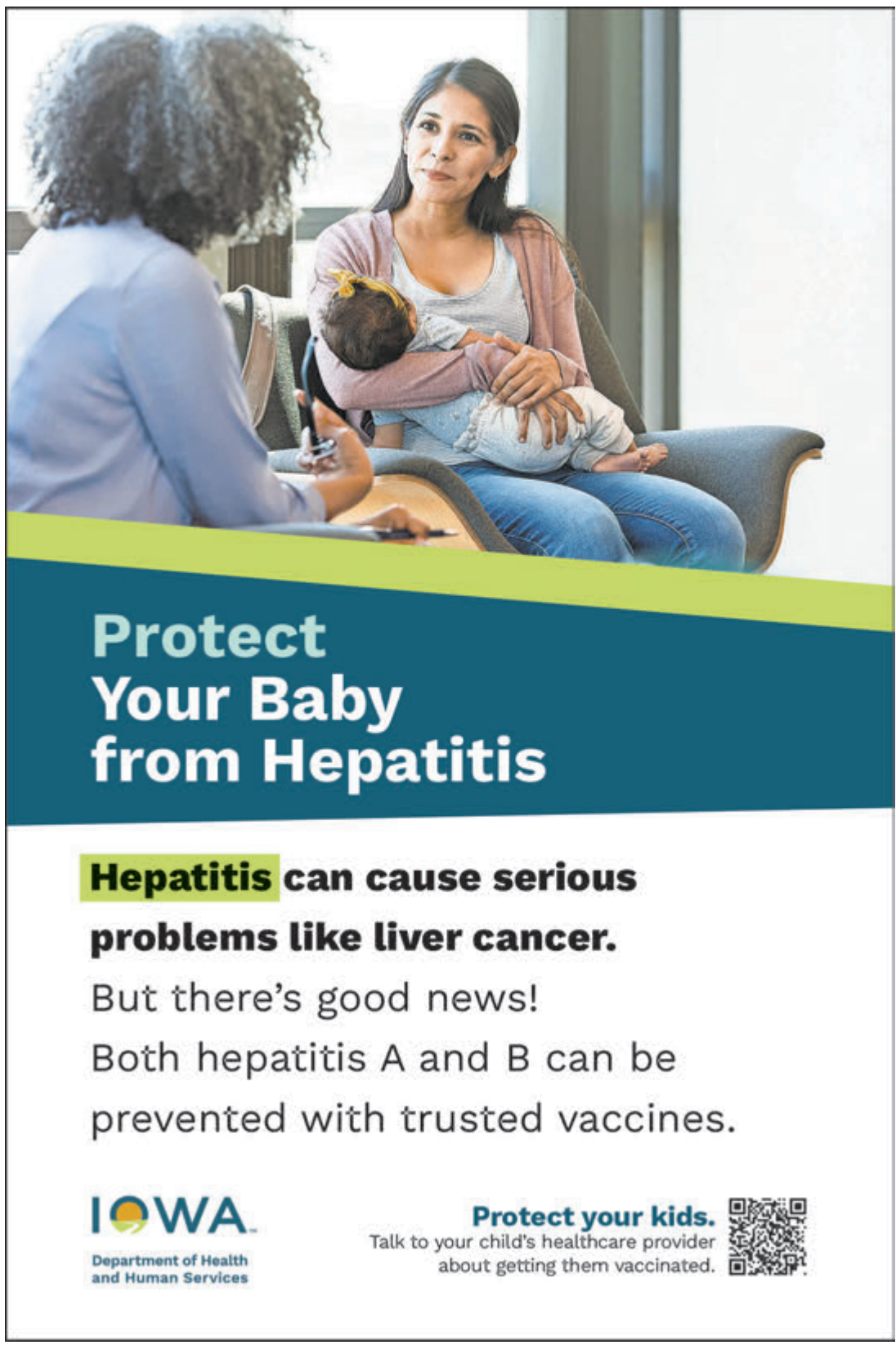
Girls Team Scores at Northwood CC – Newman Catholic 201, North Butler 212, Northwood-Kensett 244

Boys Team Scores at Northwood CC – North Butler 190, Newman Catholic 193, Northwood-Kensett 198

Girls Team Scores at Northwood CC – Northwood-Kensett 216, Glenville-Emmons

Boys Team Scores at Northwood CC – Northwood-Kensett 182, Glenville-Emmons 190

Anchor Sports



Amazing Spring Sales



$5,950 with 1.99% 60 Months

KIOTI

New Kioti ZXR60
60" Fab Deck, 27hp Briggs & Stratton, Hydro Gear ZT-3200, 9 MPH



$6,950 with 1.99% 60 Months

New Kioti ZXC60SE
60" Fab Deck, 25hp Kohler, Hydro Gear ZT-3400, Mechanical Suspension Seat, 10 MPH



$6,100

Cub Cadet

New Cub Cadet ZT360
60" Fab Deck, 24hp Kawasaki, Front suspension, Tuff Torq ZT450 7.5mph



$7,700

New Woods DS8.30
8ft pull type mower, 540 pto, 35-75hp, 1.5" cutting capacity, 2"-12" cutting range



$4,000

WOODS

New Woods BB84.40
7ft Rotary Mower, Cat 1 or 2 3pt, 540 pto, 2" Cutting Capacity, 35-90 hp, 1,100 lbs



$3,250

WOODS

New Woods RTR60.40
3pt Cat 1 Tiller, 5ft Wide, Reverse Rotation, Cat 1 hitch, 540 pto Slip clutch

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