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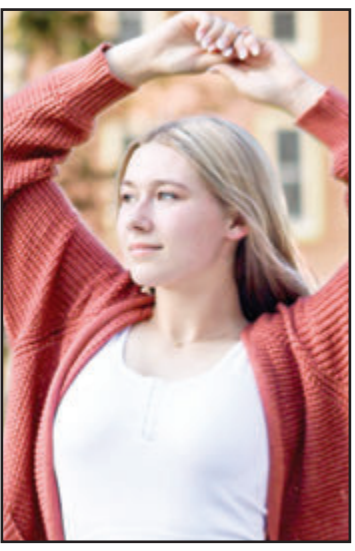
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2024 Northwood-Kensett grads awarded $627,052.40 in college scholarships

Northwood-Kensett's class of 2024 graduated this past Sunday. During the commencement ceremony, scholarships and scholarly recognitions were announced.

This year's graduating class received $455,152.40 for their first year of college and $627,052.40 in support of their full college careers from scholarships announced on Sunday.

Of the scholarship money going to this year's graduating class, $226,400 went to 15 students from local scholarships. A total of $400,652.40 went to graduating seniors from the Worth County Development Authority's education funds.

Kenny Conlin earned the highest academic honor in his class, as the N-K Class of 2024 valedictorian. Madalynn Hanson earned salutatorian honors.

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Candidates vie for county office

Starting on May 15, the absentee voting process began for the June 4 primary. The candidates for contested county office were sent questions by the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal.

Three county offices will be up for election in the November general election. Before that, on June 4, the primary election will be held to decide who will represent political parties.

County offices on ballots this year include supervisor representing District 2, auditor and sheriff.

Appearing on ballots in the primary will be candidates for the Repbulican party. No Democrats filed for county office for the primary election.

Auditor Jacki A. Backhaus filed to represent the Republican party for re-election, and will appear unopposed.

Current deputies Jesse Luther and Chad Wurtzel filed to appear on primary ballots to be the Republican candidate for Sheriff.

Current supervisor Mark Smeby and current Hanlontown mayor Rick Scholbrock will appear on ballots to represent the Republican party as the candidate for supervisor representing District 2.

State and federal offices

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A walk down the halls of memory

Before they bid farewell to the halls of Northwood-Kensett High School, the graduating seniors paid a visit to Northwood-Kensett Elementary. Not only was it a trip down memory lane for the seniors, but the younger students had a chance to see what lies in their future.

City reminds residents to inventory water lines by June 1

Northwood residents and property owners received a letter earlier this year asking them to identify if their home plumbing includes lead pipes.

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is requiring that all community water suppliers, including the City of Northwood, develop an inventory of lead service lines. The inventory will be submitted to the Iowa DNR.

To complete the inventory, the City will need to identify the type of service line for all properties that are connected to the City's public water supply.

The City is stressing that this process will not involve replacing any service line, only identifying if they contain lead. Specifically, the lines will need to be classified as lead, galvanized requiring replacement, non-

Water lines, see Page 2

The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service inforrmation

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. May 7	75	48	0.72
Wed. May 8	72	47	0.01
Thurs. May 9	75	47	1.68
Fri. May 10	60	42	0.25
Sat. May 11	75	44	T
Sun. May 12	76	48	
Mon. May 13	85	58	T

N-K offers free summer lunch meals

The Northwood-Kensett Community School District will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program. This continues to be an opportunity for the district to provide a variety of meals during the summer for young people, who

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Students earn recognition at Senior Awards Night

The annual Senior Awards Night was held on May 8, with the soon-to-be graduates receiving scholarships and athletic and academic recognitions.

Scholarships awarded that night totaled $65,800.

Following are the awards given to members of the class of 2024 last Wednesday:

Bernie Saggau Award -- Madalynn Hanson

Worth County Farm Bureau ($500) 2 year renewable -- Jackson Foss and Lindsey Moore

Coloff Media Scholarship ($500)-- Damon Reyerson

Wrestling Boosters Scholarship ($400) -- Noah Woltzen

Polly Schiltz Memorial Scholarship ($500) --Lindsey Moore

Northern Prairie Pheasants Forever Scholarship ($500): Chloe Costello, Haddie Hanson and Justin Mills

Esther E. Losee Memorial Scholarship ($1,500) -- Nyx Mayberry

Ernie & Erma Hanson Heritage Farm Scholarship ($1,000)-- Jackson Foss, Morgan Wallin, Justin Mills and Lacy Yates

Mason City Area Retired School Personnel Association ($500) Merit Award - Lindsey Moore

P.E.O. Chapter ES ($150) -- Madalynn Hanson

Hixson Opportunity Award, Iowa State ($20,000)-- Madalynn Hanson and Megan Ocel

Lions Award ($1,500)--Madalynn Hanson

Glenn VanSabben Memorial Scholarship ($500)-- Ben Yezek

Margaret Sigmond Music Scholarship ($1000 renewable 4 years) -- Nyx Mayberry

Gilbert Charles Stevens Music Scholarship ($2,000 renewable 4 years) -- Kenny Conlin

Governor's Scholar Recognition Program --Kenny Conlin

Des Moines Register Academic All State -- Madalynn Hanson

KIMT Scholastic All Stars--Madalynn Hanson and Kenny Conlin.

Top of Iowa Conference All-Academic Team- (seniors who have participated in four years of a sport during one season and who have a cumulative 3.25 GPA at the end of the first semester of their senior year) - Chloe Costello, Marisa Halbach, Haddie Hanson, Madalynn Hanson, Emma Hengesteg, Ella Leonard, Lindsey Moore, Damaris Peterson, Mallory Rheingans, Morgan Wallin and Peyton Wilder

Top of Iowa Conference Academic Excellence Award- Junior or Senior who is enrolled in their home district, and has one of the top 5 ACT scores - Kenny Conlin, Madalynn Hanson, Nyx Mayberry, Lindsey Moore and Mallory Rheingans

Top of Iowa Conference Academic All Conference-Language Arts--Morgan Wallin; Mathematics--Madalynn Hanson; Science--Chloe Costello; Social Science--Lindsey Moore; Vocational Education--Justin Mills; Business--Christopher Madsen; Music--Kenny Conlin; Speech and Drama--Nyx Mayberry; and Visual Arts--Marisa Halbach.

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Kenny Conlin was also presented with the Iowa Bar Association's American Citizenship Award. The American Citizenship Award is voted on by faculty, with qualities that include being a leader, a serious student, having an informed education and being reliable.

A total of 30 students each received a scholarship for $13,355.08 from the WCDA's education funds.

The WCDA scholarship money is given to students who live in Worth County for their junior and senior years. The funds are given to the colleges where seniors attend, to be used in four years.

Northwood High School graduate and successful businessman Sidney Swensrud established the Swensrud Scholarship in 1953.

This year's Swensrud scholarship recipients include Kenny Conlin, Lindsey Moore and Lacy Yates.

The Swensrud Foundation also awarded the Sadie Boysen Scholarship this year. The scholarship is named for Swensrud's high school English teacher. The award is given to a student with outstanding accomplishments and promise in English/language arts. Madalynn Hanson received the scholarship this year.

This year's Swensrud and Boysen scholarship recipients will each receive $2,000 for the coming school year. They will receive $10,000 in their second, third and fourth years of college, for a total of $32,000. This year's Swensrud scholars will receive a toal of $128,000 in their college careers. In the history of the Swensrud Scholarship, 413 recipients have been awarded.

Jackson Foss was named this year's recipient of the Hellen K. Holstad Scholarship. The award is a four year renewable scholarship. Foss will receive $2,000 for his freshman year, $2,100 for his sophomore year, $2,300 for his junior year and $2,500 for his senior year in college, for a total of $8,800.

The Janssen Family Scholarship was established by the estate of 1954 Northwood High School graduate Don Janssen. Jackson Foss, Kelsi Liddle, Justin Mills, Megan Ocel, Damon Reyerson and Reese Wahl received the scholarship, for $2,500 for each of their first four years of college.

Chloe Costello, Haddie Hanson, Ella Leonard and Megal Ocel received the Richard Moen Aviation Scholarship, which is a one year award given to graduates pursuing a career in aviation, education or medicine. This year's recipients will each receive $5,000.

The Truman and Lorraine Julseth Scholarship was established in memory of avid N-K supporters Truman and Lorraine Julseth.

Jackson Foss and Justin Mills were awarded the scholarship this year, receiving $2,500 towards their college education.

Justin Mills, Mallory Rheingans and Peyton Wilder were named the recipients of the Oren and Carrie Igou Scholarship. They will each receive $1,500 for their first year of college.

Local churches invites families to get ready for 'SCUBA, diving into friendship with God!'



Vacation Bible School will have an out-of-this-world theme, held in Bolan on Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, the week before the Worth County Fair.

A free-will supper and program will be held on Friday, June 14, at 6 p.m.

At SCUBA VBS, kids dive into friendship with God. SCUBA is filled with Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear and touch. Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids will also participate in a mission project.

VBS is for preschoolers through completion of fifth grade. Anyone older is welcome to participate as a volunteer.

"While this is free, we still need all participants to pre-register, so we know amounts to order for supplies, materials and food, plus how to organize the crews." Transportation can be made available, contact one of the churches or Lori.

To be a part of all the SCUBA fun, contact the United Methodist churches in Bolan, Manly, Northwood, Plymouth, Rock Falls, Rudd or Nora Springs, or the Lutheran churches in Manly or Hanlontown for registration forms and information, or call Lori Willert at 641-903-9472, email at lwillert@wctatel.net or visit http://www.bolaniowa.com.

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perhaps rely on their school the rest of the year for their best source of healthy food.

The district will provide free lunches to any child ages 1-18. There are no family income requirements, and those participating do not have to live in the district to receive lunch.

Children enrolled in daycare, or participating in youth and community activities and groups are welcome. Adults may also participate in the program for a cost of $4.85 per person.

Lunch meals will be served at the N-K elementary cafeteria, Monday through Friday, beginning May 28 and ending July 26, with the exception of July 4-5. Serving time is 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Those taking part in the meal should enter the elementary cafeteria through the entrance off of the playground, or at the elementary bus drop-off door.

Anyone with questions about the program and participation, may contact N-K Nutrition Director Amy Hennigar at 641-324-2021, ext. 306.

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lead or unknown.

To help manage resources and costs, the City asked residents to identify their property's private service line by Saturday, June 1, 2024.

An email account has been set up for residents to send their information, which would include the address, the property owner, a phone number, the year the home was built, what material the service line is made of and a picture of the water meter.

According to an image on the City's letter, lead pipes are shiny and silver, if scratched to remove outside material; are not magnetic; and make a dull noice when tapped with a coin.

Copper pipes reveal a copper color like a penny when scratched, are not magnetic and make a metallic ringing sound when tapped with a coin.

Galvanized lines are a dull gray when scratched, are magnetic and make a metallic ringing sound when tapped.

The letter sent to homes included images and more guidance to determine what the service line may be made of and what should be in the water meter picture.

The information and picture should be emailed to northwood.waterdept@gmail.com.

Anyone with questions can refer to the letter or call the city public works department, Logan Butler at 641-390-1902 or Dirk Van Ryswyk at 641-390-0684.

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RICK SCHOLBROCK



MARK SMEBY



JESSE LUTHER



CHAD WURTZEL

will also appear in the primary election.

The voter pre-registration deadline is Monday, May 20. The county auditor must receive all registration forms no later than 5 p.m. unless postmarked on or before Monday, May 20.

Voters may request an absentee ballot at the Auditor's Office at any time. If the ballots are not at the office at the time of request, they will be mailed to the voter as soon as they are available. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Voters may request and vote ballots at the auditor's office until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 3.

The 2024 primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 4. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More information, including sample ballots, can be found at the Auditor's Election Website at https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov or by contacting the Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

The Anchor and Signal sent questions for the candidates for sheriff and supervisor. Their answers appear below:

Supervisor

Rick Scholbrock

Richard Scholbrock lives in Hanlontown with his wife Sandra. He has a daughter, Crystal, son-in-law Tony, and daughter, Katie. He has two granddaughters, Bailey and Brinly Bower.

Scholbrock has worked as a welder at Winnebago Industries for 36 years and as owner of Kid Power Pedal Tractor Pulls for 18 years.

cholbrock went to high school at Crestwood and Cresco, Iowa.

Scholbrock has been the mayor of Hanlontown for 30 years and was on the city council for 2 years. He has also served as an original member of Winn-Worth Betco member for 30 years; as an EMS board member; and as an 911 Board member.

Anchor: Why are you running for supervisor?

Scholbrock: Visibility. People need to know their supervisor.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Scholbrock: The CO2 pipeline.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Scholbrock: Listen, find all the info I can, and make a good decision.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to represent them?

Scholbrock: I have given 30 years of my life to the city of Hanlontown, I plan on being a strong advocate for the western half of Worth County, I know candidates promise to fix everything, but I am only going to promise one thing I know I can follow through with. I will do everything in my power to do the best job I can.

Mark Smeby

Mark Smeby lives in rural Joice with his wife Lori. He has a daughter Joa and Andy Koeneke and grandchildren, Ida and Rex Koeneke, of Minneapolis; and son, Brandon and Lauren Smeby and grandchildren, Clara and Holden of Joice.

Smeby is the current District 2 supervisor. He has been a full time farmer for over 40 years.

Smeby graduated from Lake Mills, attended the Winter Quarter Farm Op program at lowa State University is a part of the ISAC certified Supervisor program.

Smeby has severed on church council and co-op boards. As a supervisor he currently serves on boards for Central Iowa Juvenal Detention, Iowa Work Force Development, Hazmat and Transportation boards snd Winn Worth Betco.

Anchor: Why are you running for supervisor?

Smeby: I would like to see Worth County grow. We need to continue to try and bring more young people and people in general to Worth County. We need housing and workforce for this to happen. As a current supervisor we have been working on developing the I-35 exchange area and I would like the opportunity to continue to be part of this. I'm also concerned about property taxes and the cost of government. And I will continue to work on controlling costs but yet still providing services that Worth County needs.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County?

Smeby: Growth is a big issue. We need to see business growth to help add to our tax base. Without growth cost of services fall on the residents. By having growth we can spread the cost of services over a larger tax base.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Smeby: We need to be open to all types of business, and work with those that have shown interest and not against in coming to Worth County.

Anchor: Why are you running for supervisor?

Smeby: I have served Worth for eight years and will continue to work at bringing business and people to Worth County. I will also continue to try and bring your tax levies down as your assessed values rise.

Worth County Sheriff

Jesse Luther

Jesse Luther lives in Fertile with his wife, Brook, a Hancock County deputy and former Worth County deputy. Luther has three children, Chloe Luther, 22, Julian Luther, 17, and Piper Luther, 15. His parents are Emilie and Ward Willand, Northwood, and the late Gary Luther. He has two sisters, Erin Luther and Sue Varner.

Luther started as a dispatcher/jailer for the Worth County Sheriff's Office when he was 21. He started as a Northwood police officer three years later. In 2006, he began as a full time deputy with the Worth County Sheriff's Office. In 2013, he was promoted to Sergeant for the department. He was appointed to his present position as the Chief Deputy in 2016. He has served as the K-9 handler of Titan for the past 4 1/2 years.

Luther is a 1999 Northwood-Kensett High School graduate, and attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in 2005, obtaining certification as a law enforcement officer. He has received additional certifications as a building search instructor and traffic stop instructor, training new officers throughout the state of Iowa through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and Worth County Sheriff's Office. He also attended LEIN school, a two week school to provide resources for fighting drug crimes on a federal, state and local level; and training at a class called ARIDE, which trains officers to detect alcohol and drug impairment; in addition to other training.

Luther is a member of Families of the Fallen, a non-profit organization started by his wife's sister and her husband, which honors heroes that have lost their life in the line of duty by supporting family members and loved ones left behind and those injured in the line of duty. Luther has also served as a Captain for the Fertile Fire Department and as a member of other fire departments in Worth County, including Kensett and Northwood. He is also a member of the Worth County Pheasants Forever committee and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Anchor: Why are you running for sheriff?

Luther: I am running for Sheriff because I possess the experience, training, knowledge, work ethic and personality characteristics that are essential for this role in leading the group at the Worth County Sheriff's Office. I take pride in being an approachable person-being easy to talk to. I enjoy the people I have met in Worth County during my career here. I have formed several friendships with many of you who have come to know me as a Worth County deputy.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County and law enforcement in the community?

Luther: Some of the challenges we are facing in our careers as law enforcement officers is the drug crime rate and mental health issues. Drug crimes are often the root of many other crimes. Officer safety has also been at the top of a concern for us. We are seeing a trend in officer deaths and injuries that is quickly rising.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Luther: Training is a must in order to fight these issues which are present in Worth County. First of all, officer safety is big priority for me. I always want to be on the winning side of this fight and we can get there with training. These crimes can often present a dangerous situation to the deputies and the officers we work with. Training is vital because the tactics of drug crimes are always changing. In general, the way crimes are committed are always changing and we have to keep our head in the game. I feel like I have some good ideas on how I can effectively provide training to the deputies that will benefit the citizens of Worth County.

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to be sheriff?

Luther: I started my career in law enforcement by taking an oath to serve and protect the community. I have shown in the past 22 years that I take pride in my job by following up with leads in the cases that I have worked. I have had success in my career with federal, state and local investigations that have resulted in convictions, jail and prison sentences for suspects involved in burglaries, thefts, drug crimes and other criminal activity. My wife is assigned to monitor the sex offender registry in her county and often provides a lot of insight to me in this area. I am a pro-active deputy, meaning I look for something to do every day. This demonstrates my work ethic I was raised with and I plan to continue with this routine. I will also offer any guidance I can to assist the deputies to be successful here.

I would be proud to be the next Worth County Sheriff. I would appreciate your vote on June 4 as well as your vote in the general election on November 5!

Chad Wurtzel

Chad Wurtzel lives in Northwood with his wife Alli. He has twin girls, Parker and Ava.

Wurtzel started his law enforcement career as a reserve police office for the City of Manly before working for the Manly Police Department from October 2004 – May 2008. Wurtzel has worked for the Worth County Sheriff's Office since May 2008.

Wurtzel completed the Iowa Law Enforcement academy in 2005. He graduated from NIACC in 2023 when he gained certification as an EMT. Wurtzel is presently attending Kirkwood Community College and working towards an Advanced EMT certification.

Wurtzel has been a volunteer with the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company for two years, where he is an EMS captain.

Anchor: Why are you running for sheriff?

Wurtzel: My goal is to build morale in the Sheriff's Office to help with employee retention that has fallen with the previous command staff. It is important that the community trusts the elected officials to follow through with promises made. Additionally, I would like to have the Sheriff's office more involved with the community. I plan to build on the relationships not only with local agencies but those in neighboring counties as well.

Anchor: What issue or issues do you see as the most important ones for Worth County and law enforcement in the community?

Wurtzel: The issues facing Worth County and law enforcement generally are recruitment/retention issues, rural thefts that hurt our small communities and local farms. Unfortunately, human trafficking is a growing issue worldwide and is moving closer and closer to home.

Anchor: How would you address those issues?

Wurtzel: I intend to work with the county supervisors on ideas to not only attract new employees but keep the talented employees we already have. I would offer more hands on training to assist the deputies we have to do their jobs to the best of their ability. Deputies need to be given the resources and education so they are prepared to handle any emergency facing our residents. Finally, I think it is important for our office to be more proactive in preventing human trafficking

Anchor: Why should Worth County voters choose you to be sheriff?

Wurtzel: Worth County voters should choose me because I will not make promises I don't intend to keep. I am hard working and dedicated to protecting and serving the community. I have the experience and dedication to lead. I have worked hard to gain the respect of my colleagues and will work just as hard to gain the respect of the community. I value the support I have received so far and look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate why I am the best choice for Worth County Sheriff.



Cycling safely

Students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary received some preparation for their summer activities recently. Kyle Lucas with Wayne's Ski and Cycle visted the school with a bike and safety equipment. Lucas taught them about safely riding on roads, hand turn signals, wearing helmets and everything else they would need to ride safely this summer.



Asset of the Week

Students in Worth County schools and 4-H clubs will highlight one of the 40 Developmental Assets each week. The Assets are ways to help create healthy, educated, ethical and productive citizens.

My name is Lilyana. My favorite class is art. My favorite teacher is Mr. Severson. My favorite thing about school is being able to see my friends. My favorite thing to do outside of school is to draw and play video games. If I had $1 million, I would save it until I have more, then buy cats.

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Anderson graduates from MSU

Minnesota State University, Mankato awarded 2,373 degrees to 2,133 students at the end of the spring 2024 semester.

Of those Briar Anderson of Northwood graduated with an AA, Liberal Studies.

Commencement ceremonies were held on Friday, May 3, at 3 p.m. for the College of Business and at 6 p.m. for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Commencement ceremonies were held Saturday, on May 4 at 9 a.m. for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, at 12 p.m. for the College of Education and at 3 p.m. for the College of Allied Health and Nursing.

More information about the Minnesota State Mankato spring commencement is at http://www.mnsu.edu/commencement.









Northwood-Kensett student musicians take part in Large Group Music Festival

On Friday, May 3, the Northwood-Kensett High School Band and Choir traveled to Decorah to participate in the Iowa High School Music Association's Large Group Music Festival.

Band and choirs are adjudicated by a panel of three judges using a 40-point scale. Choirs must present at least 6 minutes of music, and bands must present at least 8 minutes worth of music. All ensembles must also perform at least one piece of music from a state-approved list of "tried-and-true," quality literature.

The choir, directed by Mr. Aaron Mathahs, and accompanied by Mr. Ryan Hulshizer, received a Division II, Excellent rating.

The band, directed by Mr. Jared Barnes, received a sixth-consecutive Division I, Superior rating. The band also received a personal-best set of scores, with two of the judges awarding 39/40 points, and the third judge awarding 38/40 points.



School boards celebrated in May

May is School Board Recognition Month, sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Boards, to celebrate the contributions of board members to Iowa public education. The Northwood-Kensett School District is celebrating the work of school board members, who are Propelling Students to New Heights, in partnership with the school community, families and citizens.

"School board members serve to make a difference for students and help ensure the sky's the limit for their future success. They devote their time to monthly meetings, reviewing board materials, communicating with citizens and parents, exploring learning opportunities, and attending school functions and activities," said Michael Crozier, superintendent.

The Northwood-Kensett School District School Board is charged with charting the course for our school district and our students. They oversee the budget, develop policies, set the culture for the district and make decisions that impact the entire community to construct a solid foundation toward their commitment to student achievement. Each year they reexamine this foundation, carefully connecting each piece to make practical, concrete decisions in the present with the never-ending goal of developing Iowa's future teachers, doctors, business leaders—and school board members!

"Our school board keeps the district on the right path, tightly focused on ensuring high and equitable learning for all students. They serve 610 students Preschool through 12th grade and 92 employees and are responsible for an annual budget of $10,000,000," said Crozier.

The Northwood-Kensett School District shined a spotlight on the local school board at the regular monthly meeting on May 9.

Board members were presented with a certificate of appreciation, recognizing their service to the community.

The board members serving Northwood-Kensett School District and their years of service are:

Bradley Christensen, President, 3 years

Cindy Panburn, Vice President, 19 years

Susan Kliment, 15 years

Jamie Nelson, 1st year

Shana Brunsvold, 1st year







A Chick Party

After a little over three weeks, students in Northwood-Kensett's kindergarten classes celebrated their special visitors. Each classroom hosted an incubator with six eggs in them. Over the course of their roughly 21 day incubation period, the students learned about the hatching process, and prepared for the chicks with some artwork. Then the chicks hatched and Teresa Stehn with Worth County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom helped them celebrated with a party, including a story, treat and one more chance to hold the baby birds.

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Macy Thorson – Shuttle Hurdle



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Students recognized for artistic achievement

Northwood-Kensett High School held its annual Fine Arts Awards and Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 7. The high school band and choir performed, and students were recognized for their accomplishments in Art, Speech, Drama, Choir and Band.

Emily Abbas presented four awards for Art. The Distinguished Draftsman award was presented to Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy for her excellent drawing skills, especially in portraiture. The Driven, Dedicated, & Detailed award was presented to Marisa Halbach for her hard work on all her projects (there were many) and her attention to detail and design with her contributions to the yearbook. The Van Gogh Award was presented to Mallory Rheingans because she is not afraid to use vibrant colors and it's clear that she makes art for herself and not to please others like Vincent van Gogh. And the Classical Creator award was presented to Peyton Wilder because the influence of classical art shines through her own work and she displays giftedness in both drawing and painting.

Students were selected by Mrs. Abbas to attend the Top of Iowa Conference Art Show in Forest City at Waldorf for their hard work and exceptional artwork. Students will have the opportunity to earn awards for their work at the Art Show, though we have not received the results yet. The following students had artwork in the show: Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy, Olivia Willsher, Reese Wahl, Mallory Rheingans, Ethan Franck, Marisa Halbach, Paige Dolphin, Kelsi Liddle, Levi Wood, Merrin Hanson, Peyton Wilder, Olivia Panfilova, and Isaac Ludington.

Sarah Yezek presented awards for Speech. In Speech, five students were recognized for their performance in individual speech this year. Students earning both a Division I and Division II medal include: Nyx Mayberry, Zach Heiken, Isaac Ludington, and Addyson Runde. Skylar Williamson received a Division II medal. Additionally, Nyx Mayberry and Addyson Runder earned a Speech letter.

Beth Butler presented awards for Drama. Students participating in the spring play Arsenic and Old Lace were recognized, and include: Kenny Conlin, Topher Madsen, Nyx Mayberry, Mallory Rheingans, Jayla Rudolph, Weston Willand, Sophia Butler, Jamya Lipscomb, Maci Smith, Quinn Schroeder, Keagen Lau, Atticus Ludington, Maggie Rye, Hailey Smith, and Piper Brunsvold. Earning their drama letter this year were Topher Madsen and Sophia Butler while Mallory Rheingans and Nyx Mayberry earned bronze medals.

Aaron Mathahs presented awards for Choir. He first recognized students who participated in Solo and Ensemble this spring. The students worked to prepare a piece as an ensemble, which they then went to North Butler in Greene, Iowa to get comments only. The following students participated as a trio: Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy, Kelsi Liddle and Sophia Butler. The following students earned a choir letter and pin in 2023-2024: Kelsi Liddle and Lexis McHenry. Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy and Sophia Butler earned a choir bar.

Jared Barnes presented awards for Band. The following Band students earned a letter for the 2023-2024 school year: Jessika Ausborn, Kamryn Backhaus, Alex Bewley, Ayden Clark, Kenny Conlin, Chloe Costello, Topanga Hackenmiller, Madalynn Hanson, Merrin Hanson, Zach Heiken, Christopher Madsen, Logan Manning, Lindsey Moore, Lexy Mosher, Dagen Peterson, Damaris Peterson, Damon Reyerson, Addyson Runde, Sophie Rye, Linca Scarlett, Alex Tiedemann, MacKensy Tomlinson, and Weston Willand.

Several Band students participated in the Iowa High School Music Association's Solo and Ensemble Festival in Greene. The following students received Division II, Excellent ratings: Zach Heiken, horn solo; Kamryn Backhaus, Kenny Conlin, and Lindsey Moore, trombone trio. Finally, Kenny Conlin earned a Division I, Superior rating for his trombone solo. Kenny was named as the outstanding performer out of all of the soloists and ensembles that performed in his center. (photo from solo and ensemble - Zach, Kenny, Lindsey, Kamryn.)

The final Band award presented was the John Philip Sousa Award. This award is presented to a senior in recognition of their outstanding achievements and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and for displaying those high qualities of conduct that school instrumental music requires. The 2024 John Philip Sousa Award was awarded to Kenny Conlin.















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Is Everything Permitted?



One clear message from the New Testament is that we are under a new covenant, that Jesus has changed the rules of the game. There is clearly a debate of sorts going on amongst the writers of the New Testament about adherence to the rules and laws of the Old Testament. This debate continues to rage even in our own times. Some churches advise strict adherence to dietary strictures and the rules of morality while some are a lot looser. It may be the case that everything under the sun has its proper use and thus that nothing is inherently "unclean" and yet common sense tells us that not everything is good for us. Many foods and drugs have their appropriate uses but are unhealthy or even deadly if misused. Perhaps everything is permitted in the narrow sense that nothing created by God is inherently bad, but it does not follow that its unrestricted use is advisable. Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should. Bacon may be okay in small amounts, just like morphine, but it will kill you if you consume too much of it. So we should consider carefully how we use nature's bounty.
– Christopher Simon

I have the right to do anything, you say, but not everything is beneficial. – 1 Corinthians 6:12

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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

Attending church definitely feeds your soul. It can also feed your body if you have a group of parishioners who love to bake…often known as "church ladies." Now that is not to say men aren't willing and able cooks but "The Church Ladies' Divine Desserts" by Brenda Rhodes Miller (2001, Ellen Rolfes Books, Inc, New York, NY) highlights sweets served by a group of ladies known for such things. Alongside the recipes submitted by various women are pages of history and pictures. It's a good read even if you never cook a thing! The following are adapted from this very interesting collection.

Raisin Bundt Cake
(Mrs. Flora Moore)

1/2 cup PLUS 1 teaspoon real butter, softened
1 1/4 cups white sugar
3 large eggs, room temperature, separated
3 1/4 cups cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup raisins
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
3/4 cup PLUS 1 1/2 tablespoons whole milk

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Cream together the butter and sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer. Gradually add the egg yolks and beat well. Sift together the flour and baking powder in another large bowl. Add the raisins and lemon rind and combine well. Add the milk and the flour mixture, alternately, to the butter mixture, beating to combine after each addition. Beat the egg whites in a medium bowl until soft peaks form, then fold them into the batter. Grease and flour a bundt or angel food pan. Pour the batter into this pan and bake for 30-40 minutes or until the cake tests done. Cool for 8 minutes then turn out onto a cake rack. Place on a serving plate and piece several times with a skewer. Pour warm lemon glaze over the top and let it soak in. The glaze recipe follows.

Lemon Glaze

1 cup sifted powdered sugar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon neutral vegetable oil

NOTE: don't use olive oil or any other strong-tasting oil for this recipe

Combine all the ingredients in a small glass bowl and microwave on HIGH for 30 seconds. Mix well and drizzle while still warm over the cake.

Easy Buttery Cookies
(Mrs. Luevenia Combest)

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 pound real butter, softened

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Combine the flour and sugar in a large bowl; combine well. Add the butter and mix well with an electric mixer on low speed. Place dough on a floured surface and pat out to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes and place on a parchment-covered baking sheet. Bake for 20-25 minutes until light golden brown. Cool in wire racks and store in an airtight container when completely cool. Makes about 5 dozen. These are wonderful with coffee after the Sunday service.

Aunt Emma's White Potato Pie!
(Ms. Daisy A. Voigt)

2 large white potatoes
1/4 pound real butter, softened
3/4 cup white sugar
2 large eggs, beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon pure lemon extract
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1 9-inch prepared pie crust, homemade or not

Wash then boil the potatoes in their skins in a saucepan until very soft. Let cool slightly and peel. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mash the potatoes with the butter in a large bowl using an electric mixer. Add the sugar, eggs and milk. Add the extracts and all spice, mixing thoroughly. Pour into the pie crust and bake for 40 minutes or until the top of the pie begins to crack. Serve in small slices topped with whipped cream. NOTE: the book tells us the story is that this pie was created when "Aunt Emma" needed to bake a pie but found she had no sweet potatoes in the house. She improvised and created one with regular white potatoes to everyone's surprise.

Making a dessert from scratch is a dying art but those who can and will do it have the undying admiration of all who enjoy it….at church or otherwise. And… that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Conlin recognized by Governor Reynolds for academic excellence

Kenneth Conlin, a student at Northwood-Kensett High School, was recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg for outstanding academic achievement at the 22nd Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony on April 28 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

The statewide program, sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and its title sponsor the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honored 424 high school seniors from across Iowa.

"Iowa Farm Bureau members know that today's students are tomorrow's leaders, and our organization and members are proud to support youth and education in many ways, including more than a half-million dollars in annual scholarships," said IFBF President Brent Johnson. "Our 22-year title sponsorship of the Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony is just one way we honor and celebrate Iowa's exceptional high school students who will continue moving Iowa forward."

Each high school was invited to select a senior student with the highest academic ranking for their first seven semesters. Students selected for the award also had the opportunity to recognize their favorite/most influential teacher and will receive a photo plaque of their meeting with Governor Reynolds and Lt. Governor Gregg.



Lt. Governor Adam Gregg, Kenneth Conlin and Gov. Kim Reynolds.

"The principles learned through academic success, like those learned from participation in education-based activities, help develop outstanding leaders and citizens," said IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating. "The partnership between the IHSAA and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with the great cooperation of the Governor's Office has made this event possible for many years."

Ninety-seven percent of those recognized participate in extra-curricular school activities, with more than 75 percent participating in at least one interscholastic sport. More than 64 percent of the group plan to continue their education in Iowa.



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

Let Us Talk

Last week we had a dog bite in town; this experience is very traumatic for everyone involved. With summer coming and everyone enjoying the outdoors it is very important that ALL dog owners be aware of their responsibilities.

The following Northwood ordinances apply:

55.06 AT LARGE PROHIBITED

It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the city.

55.07 DAMAGE OR INTERFERENCE

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55.09 RABIES VACCINATION

Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies. Dogs kept in State or federally licensed kennels and not allowed to run at large are not subject to these vaccination requirements. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.33)

55.10 OWNERS DUTY

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Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, IA

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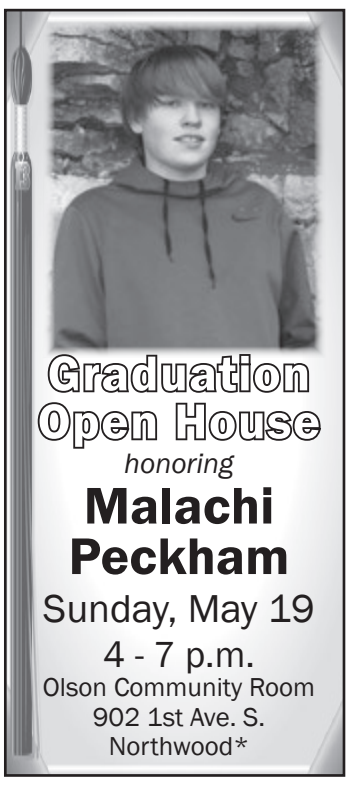
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Iowa youth impress judges during State 4-H Recognition Day

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. Worth County 4-H'ers were once again chosen for 4-H leadership roles, trips and recognition.

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.

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.

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.

Worth County 4-H was very successful again at this year's State 4-H Recognition Day with 11 Worth County 4-H members submitting 26 applications.

"Each year Senior High School 4-H'ers organize and submit applications and resumes as well as being interviewed at the State 4-H level to be recognized with opportunities to pursue state and national leadership experiences that include trips and monetary awards," said Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist.

The following Worth County 4-H members were interviewed at this year's Iowa State University State 4-H Recognition day on the ISU campus with Worth County 4-H winning the most awards of any county in Iowa:

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.

Jessika Ausborn *
Beniah Meier *
Addyson Runde
Lauren Petznick *
Camryn Rheingans
Madison Edwards
Kamryn Backhaus *
Weston Willand *
*Awardees

National 4-H Congress Atlanta, Georgia Trip

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

Weston Willand *
Beniah Meier
Adylyn Petersen
Kamryn Backhaus *
Landen Nelson *
*Awardees

National 4-H Conference Washington D.C. Trip

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.

Weston Willand
Adylyn Petersen *
Jessika Ausborn
Addyson Runde, 1st Alt.
Beniah Meier
*Awardees

State 4-H Project Awards

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.

Jessika Ausborn, Dairy Cattle*
Adylyn Petersen, Poultry*
Addyson Runde, Horse and Pony*
Beniah Meier, Communications *
Kelsi Liddle, Horticulture and Gardening *

Healthy Living Ambassador Washington D.C. Trip

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.
Beniah Meier *
Addyson Runde *
*Awardees

Iowa 4-H Reporter at Iowa State Fair

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 *
*Awardee

The Worth County Extension Office shared their appreciation for all the 4-H volunteers, 4-H Community Club Leaders, Extension Staff and 4-H parents for their contribution and support of this extremely successful set of 4-H members who competed at the State 4-H Recognition Day event on the ISU Campus in Ames recently.

The 4-H'ers that took partin Recognition Day are pictured here with comments about their time in 4-H and the recognitions they earned.



JESSIKA AUSBORN
State 4-H Council, Dairy Cattle State Project Award
"Being in 4-H has helped me create better leadership, citizenship and communication skills because I have been able to engage more in my community, so now I'm more fluent with my peers and elders."



BENAIAH MEIER
State 4-H Council, Communications project, Healthy Living Ambassador
"I'm honored to be a Healthy Living Ambassador and State 4-H Council Member this year. I hope to grow and learn how to become more healthy and develop Leadership skills that I can bring back to my community."



LAUREN PETZNICK
State 4-H Council
"I have found my life long friends in 4-H. We get to have fun, volunteer and learn skills we will use for a lifetime."



KAMRYN BACKHAUS
State 4-H Council, National 4-H Congress
"4-H has taught me so much about what it takes to be a good leader, a good citizen, and how to grow in communication skills, and if I could go back in time I would not change a thing, because 4-H has done so many positive things for me, and I have made so many great friendships along the way."

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WESTON WILLAND
State 4-H Council, National 4-H Congress
"4-H has helped me gain many leadership and communication skills in many different ways, through workshops, trips, volunteering, club meetings, county council, 4-H on the state level, and many more. All of the adults in 4-H have also played an important role in teaching me so many life skills, communication and responsibility."



ADYLYN PETERSEN
National 4-H Conference, Horse and Pony Project, Healthy Living Ambassador
"4h has helped me many ways from trying to learn what I want to do with my future all the way to social skills and workplace knowledge. This helps me in my everyday life from getting to have the opportunity of these wonderful events all the way to being more involved and outgoing. Without 4-H I'm not sure where I would be in my life or what I would be doing in the future of it."



KELSI LIDDLE
Horticulture and Gardening Project
"4-H has played a very important role in helping me develop my communication and leadership skills by keeping me engaged with my community in volunteer work and different project areas. It has also helped me develop many meaningful relationships with others."



LANDEN NELSON
National 4-H Congress
"4-H has helped me improve my leadership skills by working in larger groups and becoming an officer in 4-H."



CAMRYN RHEINGANS
"4-H has meant so much to me over these past few years! It's taught me how to be a leader, how to give back to my community, and how to push myself to be a better person. Being on county council, helping in the food stand, going on plenty of trips, and doing my 4-H projects have all helped build me into the person I am today."



ADYLYN PETERSEN
National 4-H Conference, Poultry Project
"4-H has helped develop my soft skills and showed me what it means to be a leader. This organization has opened so many doors for me and will continue to inspire me to be the best person I can be."



MADISON EDWARDS
"4-H has given me such great opportunities through being an officer in my club, being on county council, working the food stand at the fair, having my projects judged, traveling to the capital and going to Washington, D.C. I have gained leadership and communication skills through jumping outside of my comfort zone and having great experiences."

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Ways to make gardening easier as you age

Dear Savvy Senior,

What gardening tips can you offer to older seniors? I love to putter around and work in the garden, but my back and knees have caused me to curtail my gardening activities, which I miss greatly.

Older Gardner

Dear Older,

There's no doubt that gardening can be hard on an aging body. Joints stiffen up, kneeling for prolonged periods hurts, and bending and reaching can strain muscles. But that doesn't mean you have to give up your hobby. You just need to garden differently, add some special tools and know your limits. Here are some tips that may help you.

Limber Up

With gardening, good form is very important as well as not overdoing any one activity. A common problem is that gardeners often kneel or squat, putting extra pressure on their knees. Then, to spare their knees, they might stand and bend over for long stretches to weed, dig and plant, straining their back and spine.

To help protect your body, you need to warm up before beginning. Start by stretching, focusing on the legs and lower back. And keep changing positions and activities. Don't spend hours weeding a flowerbed. After 15 minutes of weeding, you should stand up, stretch, and switch to another activity like pruning the bushes or just take a break.

It's also important that you recognize your physical limitations and don't try to do too much all at once. And, when lifting heavier objects, remember to use your legs to preserve your back. You can do this by keeping the item close to your body and squatting to keep your back as vertical as possible.

Get Better Tools

The right gardening equipment can help too. Kneeling pads can protect knees, and garden seats or stools are both back and knee savers. Lightweight garden carts can make hauling bags of mulch, dirt, plants or other heavy objects much easier. And long-handled gardening and weeding tools can help ease the strain on the back by keeping you in a standing upright position versus bent over.

There are also ergonomic gardening and pruning tools with fatter handles and other design features that can make lawn and garden activities a little easier. Fiskars and Felco make a number of specialty tools that you can buy online or at local retail stores that sell lawn and garden supplies. Also check out Gardeners.com and RadiusGarden.com, two online stores that sell specialized gardening tools and equipment that are very helpful to older gardeners.

Make Watering Easier

The chore of carrying water or handling a heavy, awkward hose can also be difficult for older gardeners. Some helpful options include lightweight fabric or expandable hoses instead of heavy rubber hoses; soaker or drip hoses that can be snaked throughout the garden; thin coil hoses that can be used on the patio or small areas; a hose caddy and reel for easier hose transport around the yard; and a self-winding hose chest that puts the hose up automatically. There are also a variety of ergonomic watering wands that are lightweight, easy to grip, and reach those hard to-get-to plants.

To find these types of watering aids check with your local lawn and garden supplies stores or visit Gardeners.com.

Bring the Garden to You

If your backyard garden has become too much to handle, you should consider elevated garden beds or container gardening – using big pots, window boxes, hanging baskets, barrels or tub planters. This is a much easier way to garden because it eliminates much of the bend and strain of gardening but still provides the pleasure of making things grow.

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

My father never hugged me as a child.

That's a shame.

He couldn't. I wasn't even born yet when he was a child.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. As I drove by workers employing their skills to the maintenance of wind turbines, I asked myself if working at a wind farm was a breeze. The breeze smells like lilacs. It's the time of the lilacs, which are native to Eastern Europe and Asia, and like other spring-blooming shrubs, develop flower buds for next year after blooming during the current year.

The brain cramp of the week

I've been told that the farther north I go in Florida, the farther south I get. I was in a hotel holding prom activities. I felt as if I were in Texas, where "crazy mom" and "prom" do more than rhyme. I hoped for a nice, quiet room away from everything, and I was away from everything except the ice machine and the vending machines. I spent the night listening to the rattling of ice cubes falling into a bucket and the thud of a vending machine completing a purchase. I didn't shine like the morning sun.

I wrote something about a granddaughter graduating from college summa cum laude. It's an outstanding achievement in a young life of shining moments. The problem was I spelled it suma cum laude. I knew better. It was a fumble on the goal line. My excuse was that I wrote late at night after a grueling workday. It's challenging to do things that need to be done if you don't get enough sleep. I'd been ridden hard and put up wet. The error dashed my hopes of ever graduating summa cum laude, but I might have a shot at graduating suma cum laude.

An exchange from a marriage's laundry room

Husband: What setting should I use on the washing machine for my sweatshirt?

Wife: It depends. What does it say on the shirt?

Husband: Minnesota State Mavericks.

Bad jokes department

What's made of brass and sounds like Tom Jones? Trombones.

Elon Musk has a twin who is much taller than he is. His name is Elongate Musk.

What did the farmer say when he couldn't find his tractor? "Where's my tractor?"

I've never picked my nose. I was born with it.

What has a bottom at the top? Legs.

Mark Twain died in 1910. Shania Twain was born in 1965. Never the Twain shall meet.

What does a giraffe have that no other animal has? Baby giraffes.

Nature notes

It rained pitchforks and angleworms. We weather storms. Birds help. I became a sunflower seed dispensary as I filled the feeders. Violets and dandelions bloomed profusely, and the flying flowers included indigo buntings, rose-breasted grosbeaks, red-headed woodpeckers, orchard orioles and Baltimore orioles. Palm warblers and house wrens foraged fetchingly. Yellow warblers provided the background music, singing about their sweetness. A mnemonic for their song is, "Sweet sweet sweet I'm so sweet." The yard was blessed with white-throated sparrows, white-crowned sparrows and Harris's sparrows. The Harris's sparrows dwarfed the Lincoln's sparrows. I felt birdified.

A Eurasian collared-dove male gave his distinctive koo-KOOOO-koo song to defend territories and attract mates. When excited or alarmed, they react with a loud hwaah, a call also given before alighting.

House sparrows have two or three broods a year and often reuse nests. They can build nests so close to others that the neighboring nests share walls.

Meeting adjourned

"I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say 'bless you' when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. 'Don't die,' we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other. We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pickup truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, 'Here, have my seat,' 'Go ahead—you first,' 'I like your hat.'"—Danusha Laméris. Be kind.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was reading an article in the May 1, 2024, edition of the Anchor about the recent salary approvals by the County Supervisors and was surprised and confused about a $7,500 stipend that was granted to the county Auditor, in addition to the 4% wage increase. Did anyone else notice? I was confused, and perhaps I'm missing something. Now, I don't begrudge anyone from seeking to earn as much as they can – I think we all do. But I do get concerned when others are spending my money, and all government expenses are our money, via the taxes we pay. So, when I see things that are confusing to me, I look into them.

The Iowa code related to county home rule, code 331.502, subsection 3 states that one of the duties of the Auditor is to "Carry out duties relating to the administration of local governmental budgets as provided in chapter 24 and section 384.19." The referenced chapter 24 is entirely about local budgets, and the section 384.19 that is referenced is related to budget protests. So, the 3rd duty listed (out of 37) by Iowa code for the Auditor is to manage the budget. In fact, the Iowa Association of County Auditors lists budget management for the Supervisors as the first duty for the Auditor.

If a primary duty of a county Auditor is to perform budget activities, why are we paying a stipend equal to 1 1/2 months of the normal salary for the position? What are we missing that justifies this added expense? Where does it end? Do we pay the Treasurer a stipend to keep records of receipts and disbursements, the Recorder for recording documents and instruments?

What am I missing that rationalizes and justifies an added stipend for what seems to be a primary function for which the salary is provided?

Jeff Gorball
Rural Northwood

Fit to print...

The impact of the 2024 session on AEAs: How will it impact services?

By Joel Pedersen
Chief Administrator
Central Rivers AEA

As Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs) approach their 50th anniversary of services to Iowans, they do so in the midst of significant change brought about by decisions made during the 2024 legislative session. These changes, most notably a reduction in nearly $75 million in funding, will have a profound impact on the work of the AEAs going forward and greatly alter the original mission of the AEA system, which was founded upon the principle of providing equitable access to high quality general and special education support for all Iowa students.

How will altering the funding for AEAs potentially affect the services they provide? Iowa's AEAs currently operate on an "economy of scale" model where funding is pooled to purchase services and personnel by the AEA that can be shared by all school districts in a region to serve children, families and educators. This model championed the idea that every child, from urban Waterloo to rural Montezuma, deserved equal access to resources. By pooling resources and expertise that all schools shared, AEAs efficiently delivered services that individual districts might find cost-prohibitive to offer independently.

Under the new funding system, which gradually reduces guaranteed funding for general education resources such as classroom materials and specialized teacher training (as well as 10% of special education funding), the agencies are now required to market these services to school districts who must purchase them with the funds previously earmarked for AEA support. Some districts may struggle to afford these services due to competing financial priorities. This has the potential to result in some schools having to make difficult decisions between funding basic needs (e.g. teacher salaries) and purchasing vital services that their students and teachers need. Reduced funding also means the potential for reduced services at a time when the demand for specialized support, including support for children with mental health concerns, is increasing. Ultimately, critics of the plan fear a sort of "zipcode lottery" where the quality of education and support a child receives is heavily influenced by their district's financial health, thus eroding the equity and efficiency once guaranteed by the AEA system. Rural schools likely stand to lose the most in this new approach.

Whether or not this change benefits students (as some in the legislature believe) will take time to understand. In the meantime, policymakers, educators and communities must continue meaningful conversations about what they value in terms of equity in Iowa's schools. As AEAs adapt to this new funding model, their success depends on both their capacity for innovation and ability to pivot to entrepreneurship. While innovation has never been a problem for the AEA system, entrepreneurship may be a greater challenge. Given the longstanding dedication AEA staff have to ensuring that no child is lost in a competition of resources, becoming a vendor, rather than partner to local schools, is not a role that most AEA staff will embrace easily. We are grateful for the support of our local school leaders as we navigate this process.

Thank you to every Iowan who raised their voice over the past few months and added to the discussion about the future of the Iowa AEA system. We appreciate you.

Joel Pedersen is the chief administrator for Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA). He can be reached at jpedersen@centralriversaea.org. Central Rivers AEA serves 53 public and over 20 accredited non-public school districts in an 18-county, 9,000 square mile territory of Iowa. Learn more at www.centralriversaea.org.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

May 7, 1924

Northwood students of the state university have nearly all been home during the past week to spend the spring vacation, but on account of its brevity had to return the first of this week. Those who came home were the Misses Goldie Heiny, Marie Skjeveland, Eleanor Bosserman and Messrs, Alton Madson, Ferris Hurd, William Finch, Lyn Lande and Harold Bolender. Wilbur Bolender was unable to get home because of duties at college.

Mrs. C.H. Thompson and children of Hanlontown came over to attend the entertainment at the Lutheran church Friday evening and to spend the Easter season with relatives. Mr. Thompson came up Sunday and all went back with him after enjoying an Easter dinner at the T.L. Ringham home. They also visited the Thompson and Groe families.

The annual business meeting of the Kensett Ladies' Cemetery Association was held at the home of Mrs. B.L. Knutson, the president, April 17. Officers elected were Mrs. C.C. Hildreth, president; Mrs. Andrew Linder, vice-president; Mrs. B.L. Knutson, secretary; and Mrs. Bert Jewett, treasurer.

Many Northwood people will be pleased with the announcement that the Mason City Glee club is coming here to give a free concert on April 29, at the Northwood Theatre. The purpose of the concert is for the purpose of cementing still firmer the friendly relations of the communities.

H.E. Wiley of Northwood, accompanied by one of the officials of the Lincoln Highway Grader Co., came over to Meltonville Saturday and demonstrated one of their patrol graders to the township trustees. It proved satisfactory and they purchased two. They have road foremen Peter Gaarder and Will Dorgeloh with the Huber tractor going over the roads and putting them in shape for travel.

75 years ago

May 19, 1949

Firemen were called last Thursday about 2:45 to the Mrs. Oletta Anderson residence in east Northwood to extinguish a fire in a davenport.

Duane Larson has been named winner for Northwood High School in the 1949 essay contest sponsored by the Flax Institute.

August Groth, 50, farmer four miles west of Carpenter, was killed by a bolt of lightning Friday afternoon while planting for on his 240 acre farm.

The Northwood Merchants trounced Emmons 15-7 Sunday on the Emmons' diamond for their second straight victory in the Iowa Borderline League race. Twenty-one hits rattled off Northwood bats as Northwood's Lowell Jaspers squared off against his brother Lee, who pitched all the way for Emmons.

Russell Schaub has been elected president of the Northwood high school chapter of Future Farmers of America, it was announced today. Joe Weaver is the new vice-president; Harland Williams secretary; Horace Hendrikson, treasurer; Duane Larson, reporter, and Robert Dierks, sentinel.

Mrs. Alta Karschner, Worth County public health nurse, was principal speaker at the Lions club meeting Monday night at the Baptist church. Mrs. Karschner told the members of visits to the county's 35 rural schools, making eye tests, and of visits to the homes of crippled children in preparation for the coming crippled children's clinic at Mason City.

Northwood high school's class of 1949 will don caps and gowns Friday night at 8 p.m. for the annual graduation exercises, to be held in the high school auditorium. The smallest class in years— there are only 30 members— will be presented diplomas by C.O. Christianson, chairman of the school board. The commencement speaker will be Bob Burlingame, commentator and news director of radio station KIOA, Des Moines.

50 years ago

May 16, 1974

Wet, cool conditions have slowed work on the new town hall at the entrance of Swensrud Park, but the framing is being completed ready to install the roof. B & K Builders, general contractors for the new building plan to complete the structure later this spring or early summer.

Lonnie Harris, town councilman since 1968, resigned at the April 23 meeting of the group, according to an announcement made at the regular May 14 council meeting. He cited the press of other business and plans to move to his farm southwest of Northwood as reason for the resignation.

Mrs. Lila Thompson, Americanism chairman of VFW Auxiliary, presented the Northwood-Kensett School with a new flag Tuesday afternoon. Accepting was high school principal James Tanner, and Gene Weitzel, whom raises and lowers the flag each school day.

The Northwood-Kensett girls golf team scored 238 and sixth place in the NIC tournament at Britt last week. Terri Angell was low for the local girls with 54 strokes.

Worth County Republican chairman Lawrence Gesme has announced the appointment of James Iverson as Grassroots '74 chairman. Iverson, a Northwood resident, will head the voter identification and turnout program which will rely on personal contact through door-to-door walking on election day.

"A Man Called Peter" will be presented by the Northwood-Kensett School drama department Thursday and Friday, 8 p.m. at the West Elementary auditorium. Some of the cast members gathered around the piano are Chad Sietsema, Rita Anderson, Jane Johnson, Calvin Anderson, and Steven Hanson. Steve Hanson and Rita Anderson play the lead parts of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Marshall.

25 years ago

May 19, 1999

Come Saturday, 18-year-old Jessica Vansteenburg major activity will consist of "sitting pretty," so to speak, because she'll be riding topside in a convertible as the Northwood-Kensett High School Marching band's candidate for the title of Miss North Iowa Band Festival. "It was really a big honor for the band to vote for me I think it'll be fun to represent my school and my band and my community," she said.

The 11 students in Steve Hartman's construction technology class at Northwood-Kensett High School are in the midst of some on-the-job training as they work to complete a 12-by-10-foot storage shed they're building for Ver Helst Snyder Drug and Steinmetz Coast of Coast. Student carpenters who turned their hands to shining recently included Brad Logeman, Nick Gordon, Travis Meyer, Scott Eilertson, Richie Davis and David Reyerson. Hartman expects the class to complete the project by early June.

Last week's rain-abbreviated track meet in Forest City pulled a number of Northwood-Kensett High School boys up short, but it didn't slow down Viking senior Nathan Buehrer. In fact, the wet weather agreed with Buehrer so well that he set a new N-K boys record in the 3,200 meter run. The N-K senior finished the race in 10:11.37.

Northwood-Kensett early childhood education program director Due Loken accepted a $500 donation recently from Northwood Men's Club treasurer Dave Irons, and vice-president Brian Klingfuss.

Eric Rowe of Northwood has earned the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Eric Rowe graduated with academic distinction for having maintained a high grade average throughout four years of study in the College of Veterinary. He has accepted a veterinary position with a mixed animal practice in North Dakota.

10 years ago

May 14, 2014

This Sunday 36 Northwood-Kensett students will leave behind their high school days as they go through graduation ceremonies. The class of 2014 have chosen blue and red as their class colors, the fire ice rose as their class flower and "On Top of the World" by Imagine Dragons as their class song. Their class motto is "The tased is worth the hassle."

Jayde Hapgood, a student at Northwood-Kensett High School, was recognized by Governor Terry Branstad and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds for outstanding academic achievement at the Eleventh Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, April, 2014, at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Monies.

N-K's Timen Moretz was just one shot shy of perfect last Saturday morning at a trap meet in Osage. The sharp-eyed Viking hit 49 out of 50 clays, a personal best for the season.

Worth County 4-H recently held a livestock workshop at the Lynn and Shana Butler farm with nearly 60 4-H members and parents in attendance. Mason and Ashlie Kolbet of Rudd, who covered the sheep information. The field day provided information to 4-H members about health, nutrition, showmanship, fitting and grooming, selection and purchasing of their 4-H lamb and swine projects for the Worth County Fair.

Northwood-Kensett sophomore Tom Yezek, a 2014 Drake Relays qualifier, continued his assault on the area's record books last Monday afternoon in Garner when he broke the Don Hoppel Co-ed Relays record in the discus with a throw of 151 feet and 3 inches. Yezek is now fourth in class 1A and is ranked first in the district 7 standing with a throw 11 feet and 1 inch better than the next competitor.

N-K's Hayden Halbach sinks a putt last Friday afternoon at Manly's Pioneer Town and Country Club. Halbach shot a 55 on the day.

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

Donald 'Donnie' Pangburn

Donald "Donnie" Paul Pangburn, 68, of Northwood, Iowa, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024, at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, Saint Marys Campus. Donald was born to Milo "Buck" and Beverly (Hicks) Pangburn on December 30, 1955, in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

He was raised in Northwood, Iowa and graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School, where he was a great athlete and made it to State in his junior year for wrestling. He later graduated from NIACC with an associate degree in farm management.

Donnie and Bryn Bestul rekindled their young love and became partners in all their future ventures together. They were married on December 29, 1984, at First Lutheran Church in Northwood. Donnie was a giver and a worker. Throughout his life he gave all he had to many jobs and ventures, including farming with his parents, and using his genealogy to breed pigs and cattle as their family had clients from all over the world that would come in. Donnie also worked with Custom Swathing of Hay and Custom AI for cattle. Together with his wife, they managed several businesses, including DP's Lounge from 1984-1989, Northstar Car and Truck Wash for 30 years, Kraft Foods in Mason City, Northstar Corn Maze for 10 years, Northstar Xpress for 8.5 years, and Northstar Garden Center for 13 years. Currently, he was running Red Boar Ridge Vacation Rentals with his daughter, Paige. Donnie was also a school bus driver and sub for the Northwood-Kensett School District for 35 years. Aside from his extensive work history, his giving spirit found time to serve on the Northwood Country Club Board, Northwood-Kensett School Board, and as a dedicated 4-H leader for many years. Donnie was also a member of the Aristicrats Car Club where he enjoyed showing his 1948 Anglia and his Dodge A100. He could fix anything and was a self-taught mechanic from an early age. This led to a career in dirt track racing starting in 1986, when he was named the IMCA rookie of the year. He made countless friends as he traveled around to local tracks racing sprint cars and modifieds. Donnie found great joy in the time spent with his family, particularly in mentoring his children and numerous area children in showing pigs and cattle, which was a great bonding experience with his children. "Well, I got that green light baby I got to keep moving on." – Lynard Skynard



DONALD PANGBURN

Donnie is survived by his wife, Bryn Pangburn; children, Dr. Nigel (Lindsay) Millard and their children, Cael, Asher and Halle, Grayson Pangburn, Paige (Kevin) McClure, Peyton Pangburn; cousins, Suzie Pangburn, Jim Steiman and many aunts, uncles, relatives, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and his cousin Gary Pangburn.

As a true giver he donated his body for research to help someone out he may have never known. The family will be planning a Celebration of Life at a later time. Details will be updated as they are planned. Schroeder-Hoff Funeral Homes, Northwood are assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials and cards may be sent to the funeral home at P.O. Box 164, Northwood, IA 50459.

"Well, now they call me the breeze I keep blowing down the road Well, now they call me the breeze I keep blowing down the road I ain't got me nobody I don't carry me no load Ooh-ooh Mr. Breeze" -Lynard Skynard.

Marilyn Myli

Marilyn J. Myli, 87 of Kensett died on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at her home.

Funeral Services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Killdeer Ave., Kensett, with Pastor Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating.

She will be laid to rest at Elk Creek Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Marilyn Joann Myli was born on November 9, 1936, in Kensett, the daughter of Rudolph and Mabel (Redalen) Myli. Her roots were firmly planted in the Elk Creek Lutheran Church, where she was both baptized and confirmed. Marilyn's education began at Brookfield Township #8, where she spent her formative years before graduating from Kensett High School in 1954.

Driven by a passion for art, Marilyn pursued higher education at Luther College and later transferred to Iowa State University, earning her teaching degree in Art Education in 1958. Her career as an art educator took her to Mapleton, Minnesota, Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Clear Lake, Iowa, leaving behind a lineage of inspired students and creative endeavors. Whether she was sketching with pencil, painting with acrylics, or manipulating watercolors, Marilyn's artistic talent was evident in every stroke. Her musical talents were equally impressive, cultivated through piano lessons during her time at Luther College.



MARILY MYLI

Upon retirement, she stayed on the family farm, where she dutifully cared for her mother and brother Harlan until their passing.

Active in the community, Marilyn dedicated herself to Elk Creek Lutheran Church, contributing her time to various activities including the Rachel Circle, WELCA, and serving on the church council. Her warm spirit shone through as she organized programs for WELCA and served coffee after services. She looked forward to the regular gatherings with her retired colleagues.

Family held a special place in Marilyn's heart, particularly her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. She cherished their company, always eager to hear about their lives and adventures. During the summers and falls, Marilyn found joy at the cottage on Moose Lake near Hayward, Wisconsin, shared alongside her sister Ruth and dear friend Louise Koch. Surrounded by nature, she found peace watching deer and wild turkeys roam, while delighting in the company of various birds that frequented the farm.

Marilyn's affection for animals, particularly cats, was well-known. She cared for her mother's cat, Inga, and her sister Ruth's cat, Pumpkin, after Ruth's passing. She lavished attention on Erling's cat, Lucky, and eagerly looked forward to visiting and feeding Lucky while Erling and Vada were away. Through her kindness and compassion, Marilyn created a haven for both humans and animals alike, leaving behind a legacy of love and creativity that will be cherished by those that loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her brother, Erling Myli of Kensett, Iowa; sister-in-law, Sue Myli of Lake Mills; nephew, Brian Myli of Las Vegas, NV, Joel (Lisa) Myli of Clinton, Iowa; nieces, Amy (Troy) Anderson of Las Vegas, NV, and Kari Myli (Richard) Arndt of Sauk City, Wis.; great-nieces and nephew, Kali (Phillip) PatzKowsky, Sara (Claire) Myli, Lexi Myli, and Bret Myli; great-great nephew, Paxton Myli (son of Sara and Claire Myli); as well as other extended family members, countless students and cherished friends.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Rudolph and Mabel Myli; sister, Ruth Myli, who died in 2006; brothers, Harlan Myli, who died in 2014 and Russell who died in 2019; and her sister-in-law, Vada Myli, who died in 2023.

Adrian Crooks

A celebration of life will be held for Adrian Crooks on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. prior to the service at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett, Iowa.

He was born on August 22, 1945, to Henry and Alfrieda (Pagel) Crooks, and passed away unexpectedly at the age of 78 at a care facility in Stratford, Iowa on December 23, 2023. He resided in Ames, Iowa where he'd retired after 30 years at ISU.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Rosalie and Mary; a niece, Lisa; and a grand nephew, Josef.

He is survived by his daughter, Kristina (Mark); granddaughter, Grace; grandson, Grady; five sisters, Carolyn, Glenita, Marjorie, Cynthia and Ramona; and one brother, Randy. He also has many nieces and nephews and a few grand nieces and nephews.*



ADRIAN CROOKS



The first beef winner

The first T-bone Tuesday winner sponsored by Worth County Farm Bureau and Worth County Cattlemen is Ryan Williamson. A drawing box has been placed at Fallgatter's Market for customers to sign up for a drawing each Tuesday in May in honor of National Beef Month. Customers have a chance at winning $50 in beef certificates. Winners will be announced on WCFB and WC Cattlemen's Facebook pages, Northwood Announcement page and will be individually contacted.

A wiggly Wildlife Wednesday



Worth County Conservation shares pictures and information with its Wildlife Wednesday posts on Facebook. One of the latest posts showed this tiny snake. While some may think it is a baby, it is actually an adult of the smallest snake species in Iowa, the Redbelly Snake.

Bolan

On Friday afternoon a group of bicyclers that had been on the Iowa 150 Bike Ride Across America in 1995, and others who have biked with the group since then, met at the Waverly Rail Trailhead where there is bench that was made in memory of Frank Smith who rode the 150 Ride. His wife, Betty Smith, met the group at the bench before they rode on the trail. After the group finished biking, they met at a local restaurant for a bite to eat before returning home. Lori Willert and Sue Cowell rode down with Joe and Linda Nydegger. Ben Nydegger, who attends Wartburg College in Waverly, took time to join them for a while at the restaurant.

Saturday morning the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center Board had their Annual Meeting at the school.

On Saturday, Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the Track and Field Conference Meet of which NRHEG high school is part of held at Mapleton, Minnesota. Evelyn, the daughter of Larry and Michele Nydegger, was sixth in the triple jump, third in the 100 hurdles, second in the 300 hurdles and fifth in the 200 meter dash doing her personal best.

Notice

The Annual Report of the Esther E. Losee Scholarship Fund is available at the ad-dress noted below for inspec-tion during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Esther E. Losee Scholar-ship Fund

714 Central A venue Northwood, IA 50459. The Principal Manager is: Douglas A. Krull, Trustee. Telephone: 641-324-1981.

Notice

The Annual Report of the Carrie and Oren Igou Scholar-ship Fund is available at the address noted below for in-spection during normal busi-ness hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Carrie and Oren Igou Scholarship Fund. Douglas A. Krull, Trustee. 714 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA 50459. Telephone: 641-324-1981. The Principal Manager is Tom Watts. 641-324-2122

Supervisors

May 6, 2024
Nineteenth 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 29, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve drainage claims in the amount of $6,967.58 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Winnebago County Auditor, DD #2-3/Lat 3, Spraying.$2,307.11
Winnebago County Auditor, DD #2-3, Prof Services....$3,728.01
Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, DD#2-3, Prof Servic es.....$932.46
Grand Total.....$6,967.58

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the sheriff's monthly report. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve salary changes for Chad Wurtzel at $67,475.20/year effective May 12, 2024; Dennis Paulson at $64,292.80/year effective June 3, 2024; Jesse Luther at $80,891.20/year effective June 5, 2024; Dawn Knudtson at $20.71/hour effective June 8, 2024; John Smith at $78,062.40/year effective June 15, 2024; Teri Dorsey at $28.89/hour effective July 14,2024; Zachary Schrupp at $68,764.80/year effective July 15, 2024 as submitted by the sheriff and Randy Majewski at $17.50/hour and Gary Brunsvold at $18.50/hour as submitted by secondary roads. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve the Iowa Retail Permit Application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor for Diamond Jo Casino and The Jo Stop. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan updates for Nate and Melissa Moretz #69342 and Steve Wyborny – Grafton Site #69466. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve contract for jail services between Mitchell County and Worth County. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-25 – Resolution to Set Room and Board Fees. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution is available in the auditor's office).

Bids for courthouse mowing were opened. This item was tabled to get more information.

Chairperson Stone recessed the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to open Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into an Urban Renewal Loan Agreement at 9:00 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. Auditor Backhaus explained why the hearing was being held. Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities (present via Zoom) also answered questions. There was no public comment.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to close the public hearing at 9:04 A.M. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Stone reconvened the regular session at 9:04 A.M.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Resolution #2024-26 – Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement. Roll call vote – Loberg – Aye; Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution is available in the auditor's office).

Motion Smeby /Second Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:13 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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: 6/3/2024 08:45 AM | **Contact:** Jacki A. Backhaus | **Phone:** (641) 324-2316

Meeting Location: Worth County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors' Room

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	1,890,965	0	1,890,965
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	16,395,992	0	16,395,992
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,196,573	30,000	3,226,573
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,288,498	0	1,288,498
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,143,228	0	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	3,066,939	0	3,066,939
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	1,167,423	0	1,167,423
Capital Projects	27	5,812,322	0	5,812,322
Subtotal Expenditures	28	21,715,652	30,000	21,745,652
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,890,965	0	1,890,965
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	23,606,617	30,000	23,636,617
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-7,210,625	-30,000	-7,240,625
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	8,532,820	0	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	0	-30,000	-30,000
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024	40	9,844,235	-30,000	9,814,235

Explanation of Changes: Expense - Donation of ARPA Funds to EMS providers in the County

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WORTH COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, THAT THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024.

The polls for said election will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. If you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the auditor's office at 641-324-2316. You may also verify the voting location for your address at: https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx.

PRECINCT #1– Grafton Community Center-202 6th Avenue
Deer Creek, Barton, Union, part of Grove Township and City of Grafton
PRECINCT #2 – Manly City Hall-106 South Broadway Street
Lincoln Township and the City of Manly
PRECINCT #3 – Joice Community Center-106 Main Street
Bristol, Silver Lake, part of Hartland Township and the City of Joice
PRECINCT #4 – Kensett Community Center-300 Willow Street
Brookfield and Kensett Townships and the City of Kensett
PRECINCT #5 – Hanlontown Community Center-214 Main Street
Danville Township and the City of Hanlontown
PRECINCT #6 – Fertile City Hall-3494 Eagle Avenue
Fertile Township and the City of Fertile
PRECINCT #7 –*PLEASE NOTE PERMANENT POLLING LOCATION CHANGE*
The Timbers-500 Central Ave
Part of both Grove and Hartland Townships and the City of Northwood

VOTER ID

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered such as voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may have voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County auditor's Office by June 10, 2024, at noon. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voter id or phone 641-324-2316. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.

VOTER ACCESSIBILITY

The voting site is fully accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Each precinct has an FVT machine, which is a voter assist terminal for anyone who has a visual impairment or any difficulty in reading the ballot. Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. Curb-side voting is available at the site for voters unable to leave their vehicle. Voters may also choose another person to assist them to vote, except their employer, employer's agent or an officer or agent of the voter's union. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at the telephone number or E-mail address listed below. Telephone: 641-324-2316 Email address: auditor@worthcountyiowa.gov.

ABSENTEE VOTING

All absentee voters must complete an absentee ballot request from which is available by request, on our website https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/ or our office, 641-324-2316.

In-person: Starting May 15, 2024, voters may cast an absentee ballot in the Worth County auditor's office during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until June 3, 2024. Curbside voting is available at this time, voters shall contact our office on arrival, 641-324-2316.

By mail: Absentee ballot request forms must be received in our office by Monday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m. (deadline to mail absentee ballots). ***Absentee ballots must be received in the auditor's office by the time polls close on election day at 8:00 p.m.

EXTENDED HOURS

Monday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m./Friday, May 31, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m./Saturday, June 1, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTER EQUIPMENT

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in this election will begin on Friday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the County auditor's Office. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration. This is in compliance with 52.35-Code of Iowa.

POST-ELECTION AUDIT

The Post-Election Audit for this election will be Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the County auditor's Office. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration.

CANDIDATE LISTING

Sample ballots are available on our Elections Website at the following link: https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/

Democratic Ballot	Libertarian Ballot	Republican Ballot
Federal	Federal	Federal
U.S. Representative-District 2	**U.S. Representative-District 2**	**U.S. Representative-District 2**
Sarah Corkery	No Candidate	Ashley Hinson
State	State	State
State Senator-District 30	**State Senator-District 30**	**State Senator-District 30**
Richard Lorence	No Candidate	Waylon Brown Doug Campbell
State Representative-District	**State Representative-District**	**State Representative-District**
No Candidate	No Candidate	Jane E. Bloomingdale John Rosenfeld
County	County	County
Board of Supervisors-District	**Board of Supervisors-District**	**Board of Supervisors-District**
No Candidate	No Candidate	Richard Scholbrock Mark Smeby
County Auditor	**County Auditor**	**County Auditor**
No Candidate	No Candidate	Jacki A. Backhaus
County Sheriff	**County Sheriff**	**County Sheriff**
No Candidate	No Candidate	Jesse Luther Chad Wurtzel

I, Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, do hereby certify that the above races and candidates will appear on the ballots in specific jurisdictions to be voted upon in the PRIMARY Election on June 4, 2024.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor &
Commissioner of Elections
Worth County, Iowa

Northwood Anchor

Legal

Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Steven M. Molstad, Deceased
Probate No. ESPR009411

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Steven M. Molstad, Deceased, who died on or about April 13, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of May, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Steven M. Molstad, deceased, bearing date of the 10th day of December, 1998, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Janet K. Molstad was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2024

Janet K. Molstad
1545 368th Street
Manly, Iowa 50456
Executor of Estate

Collin M. Davison
ICIS Pin No. AT0010905
Laird Law Firm
11 Fourth Street NE
P.O. Box 1567
Mason City, IA 50402-1567
Attorneys for Executor

Date of second publication is the 22nd day of May, 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

N-K girls shuttle hurdle team earns No. 1 seed at state tournament

N-K's Moore and Thorson lead Lady Vikings to seven events in Des Moines

By Mike Simmons

The Northwood-Kensett girls track team had one heck of a day on the oval last Thursday in Saint Ansgar at the state qualifying district meet, earning spots in seven different events, including the No. 1 seed in the shuttle hurdle relay.

If you remember last season, the team of Macy Thorson, Emma Hengesteg, Morgan Wallin and Lindsey Moore placed second in class 1A with the top three teams crossing the finish line within less than a second of each other, with Stanton 1:07.26 taking the title with N-K 1:07.46 and Freemont-Mills 1:07.54 breathing down the champions' necks.

As you can see, in an event where a couple tenths of a second can mean the difference between first and third, the Lady Vikings, boasting the same lineup as last season, has trimmed a whole second off of last year's second-place time, earning the No. 1 seed at this season's state tournament with Fremont-Mills (1:06.86) and Stanton (1:07.47) earning the second and fourth seeds respectively.

The Lady Vikings qualified in other events as well, including Thorson in the 100 and 200-meter dash, Moore in the 100 and 400-meter hurdles and Wallin in the 100-meter hurdles.

N-K did squeeze one last relay in the state field when the 4x100 team of Moore, Thorson, Chloe Costello and Wallin qualified as the 15th seed with a district time of 52.75.

The Iowa High School State Track and field Championships begin this Thursday and run through Saturday at Drake's famous Blue Oval in downtown Des Moines.

Girls Team Scores at Saint Ansgar District – Saint Ansgar 128, Lake Mills 93, Northwood-Kensett 90, South Winneshiek 75, Nashua-Plainfield 65, West Fork 58, West Hancock 57, North Iowa 54, North Butler 42, Riceville 37, Belmond-Klemme 14, Turkey Valley 12, Newman catholic 8, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock 2

Boys' Team Scores at Saint Ansgar District – West Hancock 144, Saint Ansgar 98, North Butler 82.5, North Iowa 73, Lake Mills 71, South Winneshiek 64.5, Belmond-Klemme 44, Nashua-Plainfield 43, Riceville 23, Northwood-Kensett 19, Turkey Valley 12, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock 11, Newman catholic 9



N-K senior Chloe Costello takes her turn in the sprint medley relay at last Thursday's state qualifying meet in Saint Ansgar.



N-K junior Kooper Julseth clears the bar in the high jump competition last Thursday in Saint Ansgar at the state qualifying meet. Julseth placed sixth in the event.



Viking Weston Willand keeps the lead pack in his sights while competing in the 3,200-meter run last Thursday afternoon at Saint Ansgar's state qualifying meet.

N-K's Helgeson plays on after fourth place finish in regional play

By Mike Simmons

After a week full of golf with the Top of Iowa Conference Meet, regional and district play, the season has now come to an end for most players that hit the links this season, but for the fortunate and talented few, the season lives.

One of those with new life is the Vikings' Caden Helgeson, who placed fourth at the regional tournament and will move on to play in the district tournament on Tuesday in Mason City.

For all the others, the spring season comes to an end with the lady Vikings taking sixth in the Top of Iowa Conference Meet and the boys earning a seventh-place finish.

Girls' Team Scores at TIC East – Newman catholic 406, Nashua-Plainfield 416, Osage 427, North Butler 428, West Fork 443, Northwood-Kensett 451, Central Springs 498

Boys' Team Scores at TIC East – Osage 311, West Fork 352, North Butler 359, Newman Catholic 363, Saint Ansgar 377, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock 394, Northwood-Kensett 400, Central Springs 401, Nashua-Plainfield 413

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N-K 7th grade hosts bake/craft fundraiser to honor classmate's memory



The seventh grade class from Northwood-Kensett Middle School hosted a Bake & Craft Sale Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 30.

This fundraiser was held by the seventh graders to raise funds in honor of their classmate, Cristal Sanchez-Nava, who passed away on March 13, 2024.

While the event was originally to be hosted during the Middle School Track Meet, mother nature had other plans and the meet was cancelled. The fundraiser still took place.

Despite the stormy weather, the fundraiser event was a success in the middle/high school cafeteria. Contributions of baked goods, snacks and a variety of craft items were received from seventh grade students/parents, Northwood-Kensett staff and members of the community. Without their generous contributions, this event would not have been possible.

In total, over $1,500 was raised for the parents of Cristal Sanchez-Nava.

"The gratitude we feel towards everyone involved in this project is unending, and we cannot share our appreciation enough for supporting the Sanchez-Nava family during this difficult time," said teachers Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Johnson.

"We would like to specifically acknowledge: Northwood-Kensett CSD Staff, Jenny Skellenger, Emily Tufte, Heather Heims, Valerie Abrams, Amy Hunt, Carolyn Goeders, Amber Helgeson, Addie Rugland, Sarah Wubben, Merrin and Becky Hanson, Kathy Hanson, Annette Orvedal, Beth Butler, Kimberly Odegaard, Tiffany Tiedemann, Anneke Urbatsch, Carolyn Reeder, Wanda Love, Caitlyn Maki, Jodie Hansen, Natalie Henkel, Jessica Paulsen, Jessie Reyerson, Nancy Schrupp, Hailey Smith, Gina Solberg, Lindsey Severson, Ashley Duvall, each person who attended the sale and anyone else who may have contributed."



Cristal Sanchez-Nava fundraiser



Moore signs with Wartburg

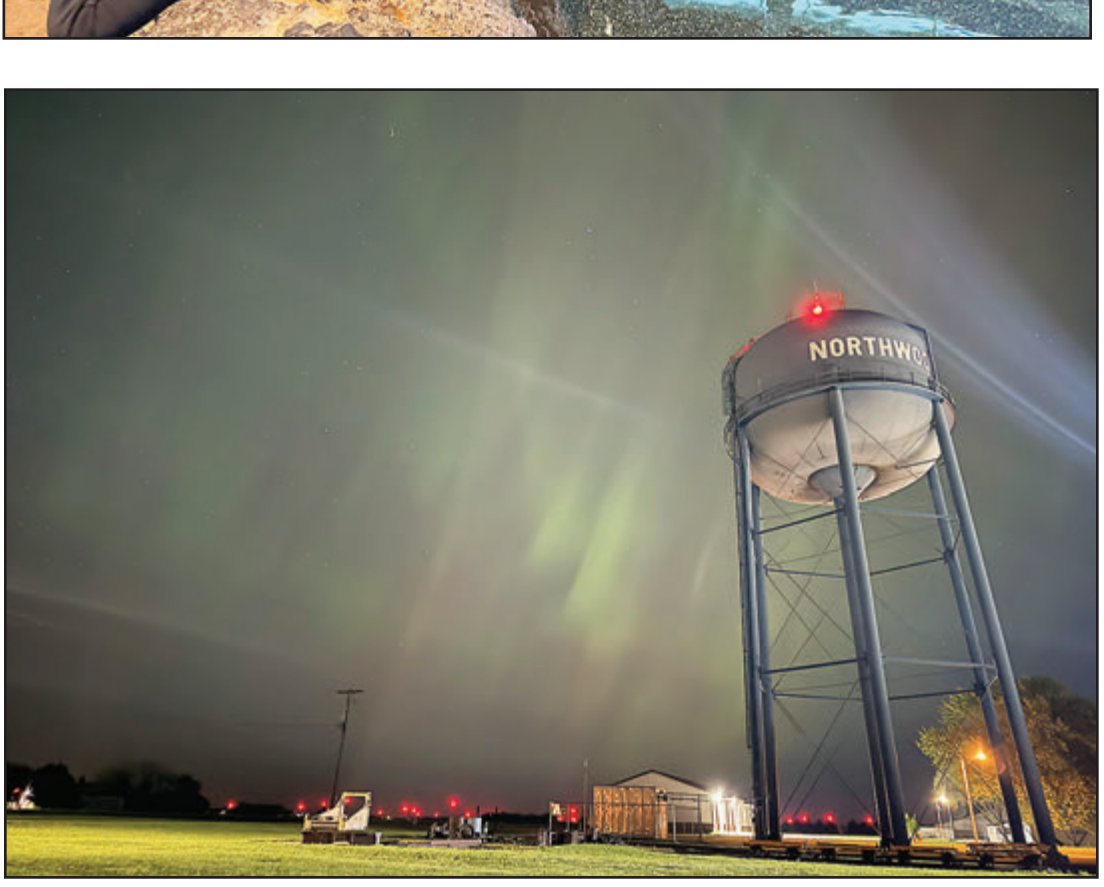
Northwood-Kensett athlete Lindsey Moore recently made it official as she signed on to run track at Wartburg College. Moore is pictured above with her family, fellow N-K track athletes and coaches as she makes the decision official.





Visiting the animals

Students in Mr. Urbatsch's second grade class at Northwood-Kensett Elementary spent their last field trip of the year with a trip to the Minnesota Zoo. The students enjoyed seeing and learning about the variety of the animals.



Northern lights in Northwood

This past Friday, a particular strong round of solar activity reacted in the atmosphere for a Northern Lights display of rare strength. Many enjoyed pleasant weather and clear skies to view and photograph the show on Friday night, including the Anchor photographer.

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