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Briefs

N-K residents asked to survey

The Northwood-Kensett school district is asking the public to weigh in on the needs of the schools.

The district is working with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) to conduct a survey to assess the schools' strengths and needs for improvement, with a focus on improving student achievement.

The district is asking residents to respond to the anonymous survey. N-K parents, guardians, students and other residents are asked to take part.

The survey can be found online at the district's website, at www.nkvikings.com.

People invited to take part in lighted displays

Those that would like to share their lighted displays can do so during the annual lighted parade on December 7 and in the park in the weeks before Christmas.

Those that would like to place a display amongst the decorations in Swensrud Park for the holidays can contact Teresa George-Zenz for a location. There are outlets for the displays along the road in the park.

Those that would like to enter the lighted parade on December 7 can show up in time for the parade start at 6 p.m. Anyone with questions may contact Teresa Stehn at 641-390-1578.



Decking the downtown

The Northwood Public Works crew spent time last Friday getting downtown Northwood ready for the holidays. They placed some holiday greenery in the lamppost baskets and then surrounded them in lights.With Christmas just around the corn, look for more lights in the downtown and Swensrud Park areas soon.

Supervisors accept hazardous liquid ordinance

The Worth County supervisors recently received a recommended hazardous liquid pipeline ordinance, as a liquid carbon pipeline is in the works along the southern edge of the county.

Summit Carbon Solutions has been developing the pipeline and capture infrastructure, to remove carbon byproducts from the Halontown POET ethanol facility. As designed, the carbon would be transported via pipeline in a proposed path that would go east from the POET facility and largely travel a path between the southern county border and Highway 9.

The carbon dioxide from facilities in Iowa and neighboring areas in the Midwest would be pumped to North Dakota, to be stored underground.

The process is being pursued to offset the carbon footprint of the ethanol process, allowing it to be sold in more markets and for more uses, according to Summit representatives.

Worth County officials are working to have regulations in place before the pipeline path is set or construction begins.

The process began with the Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission. The group held several meetings and a public hearing to develop an ordinance regulating hazardous liquid pipeline construction and operations. The ordinance addresses all types of hazardous liquids, but does have specific regulations for liquid carbon pipelines.

The ordinance provides rules for where pipelines

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N-K increases wages to fill roles in kitchen, classroom, supports mental health option

The Northwood-Kensett school board recently passed an increase in wages with a goal to fill open jobs. They also discussed a new way to provide mental health services to students.

At the board's previous meeting, they had discussed ways to fill longtime open positions in the district, namely classroom aides and kitchen and nutrition staff.

At that meeting, the board had talked about what kind of funds they had and how they could best be used to support current staff and encourage others to apply.

Primary amongst the options were raises in hourly wages and offering insurance. With some State funding available to support the raises, the board agreed with a proposal to raise wages by $2 per hour.

At their meeting on November 13, the board officially approved the change.

With the change, associates base wage rates would start at $15.25 for associates with no experience. Wages would be higher, based on the number of years and whether or not they had experience working with children.

Regular cooking staff wages would start at $16.75.

The board approved the changes to the support staff pay schedule. They also approved back pay for the support staff for the hours they have worked this school year.

In other business at the meeting, principal Brian Costello discussed a new option for mental health support resources.

After schools returned to buildings following COVID, district staff recognized a need for more counseling options for students.

The district had received a grant that provided for a counselor from Prairie Ridge to come to the school one day a week to provide more intense counseling.

The grant funds are no longer in place, but Prairie Ridge has offered another

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Christmas kick off in Northwood set for Dec. 7

Northwood will kick off the holiday season with Christmas in Northwood on Saturday, December 7. The day will include a number of events and activities to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

The day begins with the Chapter ES PEO selling cookies and poinsettias from 9 a.m. to noon. in the Olson Community Room.

The Northwood Theatre will present the movie "Arthur Christmas," with free pop and popcorn at 3:15 p.m. the movie is sponsored by Shade Tree Liquors.

Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served at the Northwood Community Center at 5 p.m.

A candy cane hunt will be in Central Park at Santa's Village at 5:30 p.m.

The lighted parade begins at 6 p.m. People, family, groups and businesses are invited to take part in the parade. Entries need to be at the fairgrounds in time to leave at 6 p.m. The route will leave the fairgrounds and travel by Maple Court and the Northwood Pines on the way to downtown Northwood and then Swensrud Park.

Following the parade

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WCDA announces $1,227,692 in fall grants

The WCDA held its fall awards banquet last week, with grants announced for recipients in Worth County and throughout the area.

Grants awarded on November 14 totaled $1,227,692, given to 56 recipients.

There were 49 grants awarded to Worth County recipients, totaling $1,100,150.53.

The largest grant of the evening went to the City of Manly, which received $191,492 for street lights and sidewalk replacement.

The second largest grant of the evening went to the Worth County secondary roads department, which received $112,750 for a new tractor. The department also received a pallet fork and grapple equipment.

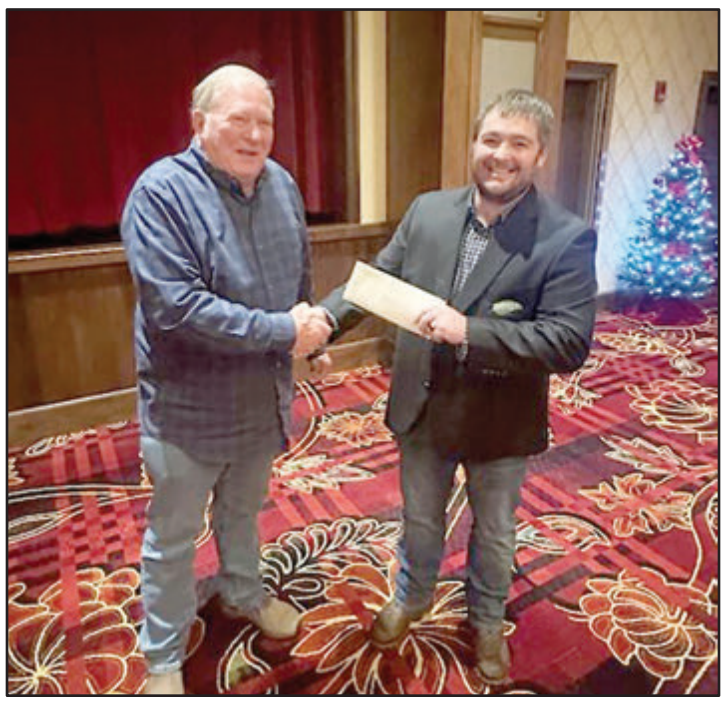
The City of Northwood continues with its next phase of solar infrastructure with the third largest grant of the evening for $95,960.

Other grants received by the City of Northwood include $13,036 for softball and baseball bleachers and $11,936.24 for lifeguard stands and chairs.

Waking Miss Winifred, the effort to restore Hotel Winifred into a boutique hotel received a total of $138,455.01 in grants. That includes funds for tuckpointing on the west and north sides and reglazing lights and window work.

Other grants in and around Northwood will provide railing repairs at the Timbers, paint for the Swensrud Schoolhouse museum, new flooring and handicap accessible doors at the senior center, office equipment and signs at Worth County Public Health, cement for the VFW parking areas, parking at the Masonic Lodge, restoration at the Shell Rock Cemetery, ceramics equipment at Art Farm Iowa, solar panels for the Northwood community center and upgrading air conditioning at the Northwood Theatre.

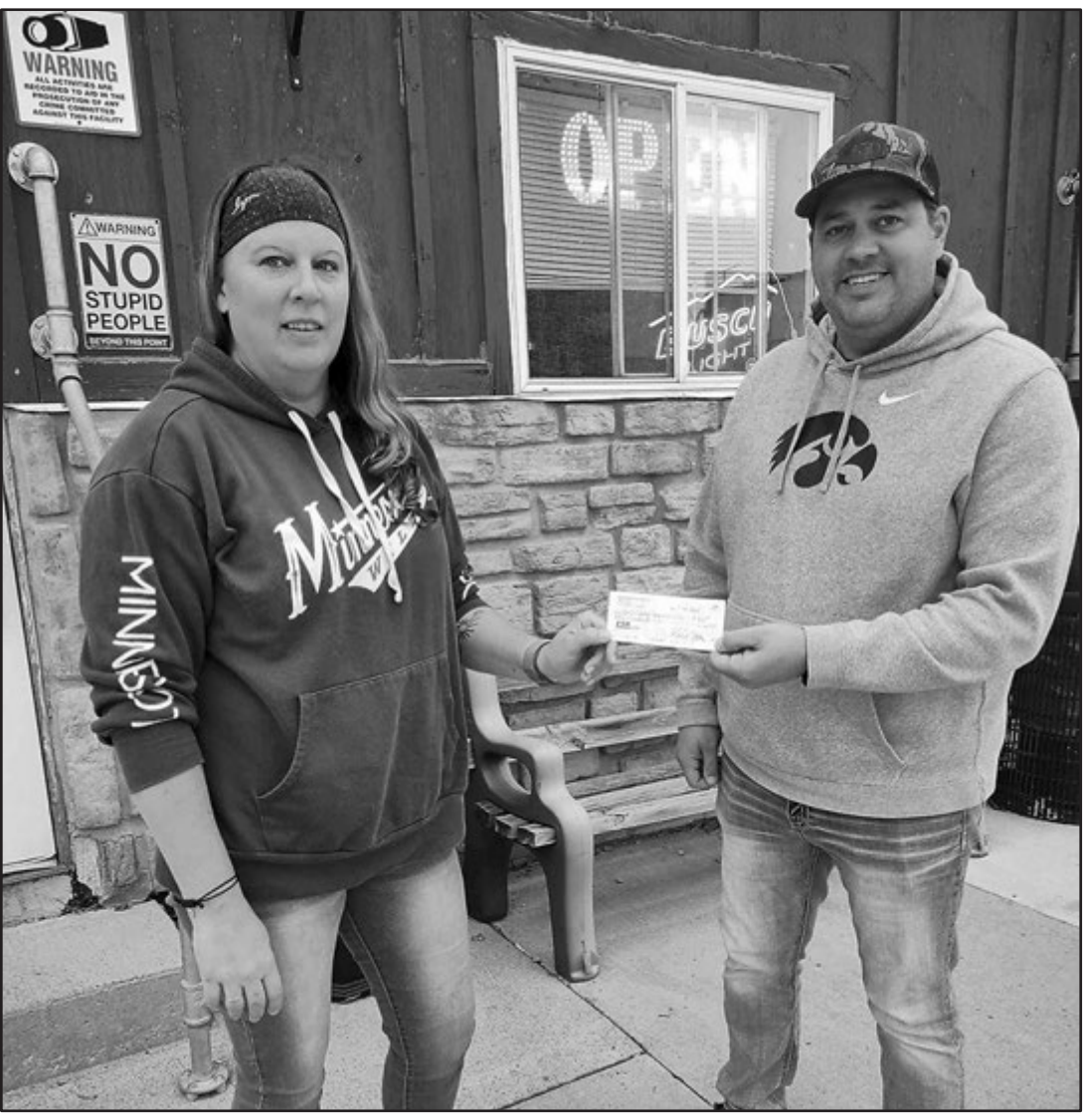
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Northwood mayor Doug Moehle is pictured accepted the City of Northwood's grant from WCDA president Sawyer Schulz.

The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Nov. 12	48	30	
Wed. Nov. 13	43	36	0.18
Thurs. Nov. 14	48	34	
Fri. Nov. 15	55	28	
Sat. Nov. 16	52	40	T
Sun. Nov. 17	51	29	
Mon. Nov. 18	53	47	0.73



Abby Blackstone of the Northwood Saloon is pictured presenting a check for the donations from tips during Jesse Luther's shift as a celebrity bartender.

Luther goes behind bar to benefit Shop with a Cop

Worth County's next sheriff Jesse Luther recently spent some time behind bar, or one bar in particular, as part of an effort to raise funds to support the sheriff office's program to support young people and their families.

On Thursday, November 13, Luther was behind the bar at the Northwood Saloon, acting as the latest "celebrity bartender."

Northwood Saloon invites local "celebrities" to work behind the bar, with their tips going to a charity of their choice.

During his shift as bartender, Luther raised $900, which will go to the Worth County Sheriff Office's Shop with a Cop program.

The Shop with a Cop program connects WCSO deputies and officers with young people in the community.

The WCSO staff go shopping with young people and help them buy gifts for their families and a gift for themselves.

New this year is the Back a Teen program, which provides pre-teens and teenagers with a brand new outfit and hygiene supplies.

The WCSO works with school staff in the county to select the young people that can best benefit from the programs.



The Shop with a Cop and Back a Teen programs are made possible entirely through donations.

Those that would like to contribute may drop off a tax deductible donation at the WCSO offices or may mail a donation, with Shop with a Cop or Back a Teen in the memo, to:

WCSO: Shop with a Cop
1000 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459

Anyone with questions about the programs may also call 641-324-2481.

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will be the Swensrud Park after glow, which will include a visit from Santa Claus, sloppy joes and cookies, hot chocolate, a bonfire and a chance to see the lighted displays in the park.

The first annual Christmas with Cousin Eddie Party will be held that night after the parade in the Beehive Ballroom above Worth Brewing Company. The party will include food, games, bingo, a raffle, silent auction and more. The party is organized by the Relay For Life of Worth County, Women of Worth and Worth Brewing Company.

Ordinance
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can be built, based on proximity to communities, homes, schools, medical facilities and other types of buildings and facilities.

The zoning commission recently approved the zoning ordinance and presented it as a recommendation to the Worth Count supervisors.

At their meeting on November 12, the supervisors accepted the ordinance officially and asked the county attorney's office to review it.

The next step will be to hold a public hearing on the zoning ordinance, which has been set for the December 16 supervisors meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The supervisors can then consider whether or not to adopt the ordinance.

A similar ordinance was passed in Shelby County. However, a court ruled that the ordinance could not be enforced, as it is outside of the authority of county regulation. The court said that counties can't pass regulations that contradict or supersede the permitting and regulation process at the state and federal levels.

Summit more recently sued Bremer County after it passed a pipeline ordinance in September of this year.

WCDA
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A total of $127,541.47 went to seven recipients outside of Worth County.

The largest regional grant went to the Buffalo Center Friends of Fireman, which received $36,530.22 for an air compressor and fill station.

The second largest grant, $30,000, will support an immersive museum at the Surf Ballroom.

The third largest area grant, $23,663.25, will provide for repairs to the floor at the Carpenter Community Center.

WCDA grants fall 2024

WORTH COUNTY
American Legion Manly Riders
Kitchen Equipment Upgrades $1,772.81
Bethany Lutheran Church
Automated Ex Defibrillator $1,829.13
Paws
Feline Rescue Equipment $1,971.75
WC Beautification
JD Farming Simulator $2,100.00
City of Manly/Public Library
Free Little Library/Computers $2,567.67
City of Kensett
Office Furniture $3,047.00
City of Joice
Library Awning..... $4,639.54
TUNE
Repair/Raise/Recoat Railing ... $5,200.00
WC Historical/Kensett Museum
Gutter Project $5,554.81
American Legion Manly Auxillary
Grave Markers/DJ Equipment $5,746.39
WC Historical Society
Swensrud Schoolhouse Paint.. $5,995.00
Northwood Senior Center/Reconnect 720
Front Vinyl Flooring..... $6,067.74
WC/Public Health
Office Equipment/Signs..... $6,248.06
City of Manly/Fire Department
Emergency Rescue Kit $6,431.84
VFW Post 6779
Cement Parking Area..... $6,572.00
American Legion Post 110
Event PA System..... $6,579.00
Worth County Extension
Wall of Fame Board/Signs $6,920.93
City of Fertile/Lighting Committee
Christmas Lights/Rhodes Park$7,037.40
City of Kensett
Gutter Project Comm Center.. $7,262.35
WC Historical/Waking Miss Winifred
Reglazing Lights/2 Windows... $7,312.00
WC/Engineer/Secondary Roads
Pallet Fork/Grapple..... $7,540.00
Northern Light Lodge #266
Rear Parking Area..... $7,590.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Chursh
Sanctuary Carpet $7,622.19
Grafton Community Action
Comm Center Upgrades..... $7,944.12
WC Beautification
S. Shell Rock Cemetery Restor $8,500.00
City of Kensett
Solar Panel Speed Signs $8,525.00
Art Farm Iowa
Ceramics Equipment..... $8,915.24
City of Joice
Lawn Mower $9,500.00
City of Fertile/Public Library
Bathroom Remodel $9,840.00
Art Farm Iowa
Ceramics Kiln $9,851.60
City of Kensett
Roof Over Freedom Rock..... $9,887.00
City of Northwood
Pool Lifeguards Stands/Chairs $11,936.24
Northwood Senior Center/Reconnect 720
Handicap Accessible Doors ... $12,649.53
City of Northwood
Softball/Baseball Bleachers .. $13,036.00
Izaak Walton League
Solar Power Project $13,525.10
Grafton Community Action
City Vending Machines $16,627.86
City of Grafton
Lawnmower..... $20,970.00
WC Community of Promise
Solar Panell/Phase 2 ..... $21,250.00
TUNE
Upgrade AC Units/Theatre... $24,068.00
WC / Emergency Management
Vehicle Upgrade $35,000.00
American Legion Post 110
Parade Vehicle..... $37,950.00
WC Historical/Waking Miss Winifred
Tuckpointing West Side $44,773.01
Silver Lake Lutheran Church
Window Replacement..... $49,091.00
City of Hanlontown/Kinney Library
Shelving Update $51,322.00
City of Joice
Wheel Loader..... $64,809.22
WC Historical/Waking Miss Winifred
Tuckpointing North Side..... $86,370.00
City of Northwood
Solar Power Wastewater III . $95,960.00
WC/Engineer/Secondary Roads
JD Tractor..... $112,750.00
City of Manly
Street Lights/Sidewalk Replacem..... $191,492.00
WORTH COUNTY TOTAL
..... $1,100,150.53

REGIONAL GRANTS
City of Plymouth
Safety Speed Notification..... $5,284.50
City of Thompson/Public Library
Shelving Project..... $6,739.50
Mitchell County Ag Society
Pens for Hog/Sheep/Goat Barn $10,000.00
Lake Mills Entertainment
Theater Projector..... $15,324.00
City of Carpenter
Comm Center Floor Repair... $23,663.25
North IA Cultural Center/Museum/Surf
Immersive Museum..... $30,000.00
Buffalo Center Friends of Fireman/BC
Air Compressor/Fill Station.. $36,530.22
REGIONAL TOTAL..... $127,541.47

GRAND TOTAL $1,227,692.00

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option.

The organization is offering a new virtual counseling service.

The option helps students access mental health services without having to leave building during the school day or spend time traveling to access them.

Parents work directly with Prairie Ridge to access services. They then work with Northwood-Kensett to arrange the space for students to meet with a Prairie Ridge counselor remotely during the school day.

Parents with questions may contact Prairie Ridge at 641-424-2391.

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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 Juan. My favorite class is Basecamp. My favorite teacher is Mr. Miller. My favorite things to do outside of school is play sports. My favorite about my school is the good people. If I had a million dollars, I'd go anywhere in the world.

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School performance ratings and federal designations released

The Iowa Department of Education recently released new Iowa School Performance Profiles for the 2023-24 school year, marking the first time new state school performance ratings and federal designations have been determined using an updated state plan for school accountability and support.

"Our performance profiles provide critical, transparent information for families, educators and communities on how our schools are serving all students," said Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow. "Built with the feedback of thousands of Iowans, our new, world-class accountability system celebrates school success and supports continuous improvement, focusing resources on the classroom and what has the greatest impact on student achievement and growth. The Department will continue to partner with schools in need of support to accelerate student learning through high-quality instructional materials and practices, evidence-based professional learning, leadership coaching, and learner engagement."

This is the first year of designations and ratings using Iowa's new accountability system, which includes a new set of core indicators including proficiency results in English language arts, mathematics and science, student academic growth, chronic absenteeism, graduation rates and postsecondary readiness.

The new Iowa School Performance Profiles website shows schools that have been identified for additional support and improvement based on their performance in 2023-24 to meet requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Thirty-five (35) schools are in need of comprehensive support and improvement, representing the lowest performing five percent of all Title 1 public schools, as well as schools with graduation rates lower than 66 percent.

Three hundred and seventy-seven (377) schools are in need of targeted support and improvement based on the performance of and achievement gaps experienced by a group of their students (students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, English learners, students with disabilities or students by racial/ethnic group).

Over 93%, or 351 schools, were identified in need of targeted support and improvement because students with disabilities at their school performed below the level of the lowest 5% of all schools.

In addition to the federal ESSA accountability designations, state school performance ratings provide an overall score and performance rating for all public schools across a number of updated performance measures, which include student proficiency, growth, chronic absenteeism and attendance growth during the 2023-24 school year.

High school ratings include two additional measures—graduation rates and a new postsecondary readiness indicator measuring college credit, work-based learning experiences, and industry-recognized credentials attained by high schoolers.

Rating categories include exceptional (highest performing), high performing, commendable, acceptable, needs improvement, and priority/comprehensive (lowest performing).

All but one Worth County school, including Northwood-Kensett Elementary School and Central Springs schools, fell in the commendable category. One, N-K Middle/High School, was in the needs improvement category.

As a district overall, the N-K school district was above the state average in several categories, including attendance growth, graduation rates, percent proficient in language arts and post-secondary readiness.

N-K fell below the state average in college credits, science proficiency and mathematics growth.

Other measures were at or near the same as the state, including language arts growth and mathematics proficiency.

N-KMHS had been in the Acceptable category in 2023, but fell to Needs Improvement due to a gap in the scores of students with disabilities, one of the 377 schools in that category this year, as mentioned above.

N-KMHS received 60.52% of the possible points on the assessment, with 544.68 out of 900 points.

N-KMHS fell into the "needs improvement" category due to the category of Students with Disabilities falling more than 20 points below the scores of students as a whole. In the assessment, students as a whole had an overal score of 60.52, compared to a score of 33.62 for students with disabilities.

That score disparity means that the district will qualify for some targeted support required or provided to help eliminate that difference.

N-KMHS met or exceeded the state in attendance growth, graduation rates, language arts proficiency, and post-secondary readiness and work-based learning. In that latter category, N-K scored more than double the state average.

N-KMHS fell below the state average in mathematics growth, language arts growth, science proficiency, math proficiency and college credit post-secondary courses.

N-K Elementary remained in the commendable range between 2023 and 2024. The district received 62.63% of the possible points on the assessment, 438.41 out of 700.

The elementary school met or exceeded the state average in attendance growth, mathematics growth, language arts growth, science proficiency and math proficiency.

The elementary fell below state averages in language arts proficiency and chronic absenteeism.

It should be noted that the figures are influenced by the resources available to a school, the school's population, the size of the student body and other measures.

The Iowa School Performance Profiles, launched in 2018, meets state and federal requirements to publish report cards reflecting the performance of all public schools.

For more information, visit iaschoolperformance.gov.

'Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.' is holiday message from Safety Bureau



The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is teaming up with law enforcement agencies across Iowa to promote road safety during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Drivers can expect to see increased police presence on Iowa roads through December 1, 2024.

As families travel near and far to celebrate, GTSB urges everyone to remember: Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time. Seat belts are not only the law, they are also your best defense against serious injury or death in a crash. Last year, during Thanksgiving week (November 19-26, 2023), 34 people died or suffered severe injuries on Iowa roads—tragically, 40% were not properly restrained. This heartbreak may have been prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

"The Thanksgiving holiday marks the beginning of a cherished season for many," says Marigrace Porcelli, GTSB Occupant Protection Program Coordinator. "Whether your journey is short or long, it's essential all drivers and passengers buckle up—Every Trip, Every Time. Ensure every passenger in your vehicle is secured, including children."

Additionally, GTSB reminds everyone that Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving and to plan for a sober driver before heading out.

GTSB collaborates with city, county, state, and local organizations to create and implement strategies aimed at reducing fatalities and injuries on Iowa roads through federally funded grants.

For more tips on safe travel this Thanksgiving, visit Drive Smart Iowa.

Summit one step closer to construction with ND permit

By Cami Koons
Iowa Capital Dispatch
www.iowacapitaldispatch.com

Summit Carbon Solutions' pipeline route was approved Friday morning in North Dakota, bringing the company one step closer to meeting conditions set by the Iowa Utilities Commission to begin construction.

The carbon pipeline would stretch across five states with over 2,000 miles of pipeline, to transport carbon dioxide from nearly 60 ethanol refineries to underground storage.

The Iowa Utilities Commission approved Summit's permit in June for over 600 miles of pipeline in the state, and granted the company eminent domain. The commission stipulated the company must secure permits in both North Dakota and South Dakota before it could begin construction in Iowa.

North Dakota's Public Service Commission had previously denied Summit's permits in the state, but after the company made some modifications to the plan, the commission unanimously approved the permit on Friday.

Summit Carbon Solutions is seeking an additional permit in its home state of Iowa for a second phase of the project that would connect to 17 more biorefineries in Iowa and bring the total Iowa pipeline footprint to over 1,000 miles.

One of those would include facilities at POET Biorefining in Hanlontown and a liquid carbon pipeline across the county.

The pipeline would carry liquid carbon-dioxide to underground storage west of Bismarck, North Dakota, for which Summit still needs a storage permit.

The commission in North Dakota approved the route for the Summit pipeline, but did not grant the company eminent domain. Common carrier status of the pipeline is still being disputed.

Supervisors appeal district court's wind project ruling

The Worth County supervisors hope to appeal a recent court ruling to the Iowa Supreme Court. The Worth officials hope to reverse a ruling that allows a wind development company to ignore zoning and wind turbine placement regulations.

Worthwhile Wind LLC had sued the Worth County supervisors, claiming that the company had spent three years and millions of dollars investing in a wind energy project. The company sued the Worth County Board of Supervisors for "arbitrarily, improperly and unfairly" changing county rules while they were in the midst of their project.

The lawsuit referenced the county's moratorium on wind projects, which was put in place in April 2021. The supervisors at the time said the moratorium was there to allow them time to determine if they would pursue wind regulation or an agreement with Worthwhile Wind developers.

After the county expanded zoning countywide, the supervisors, in June 2022, passed an ordinance that would add wind turbine regulations to the County's zoning rules.

The lawsuit accused the supervisors of specifically targeting the Worthwhile Wind project with its wind turbine moratorium and eventual wind ordinance. The company claimed that the County's wind regulations make it unable to proceed with wind development in their project area.

In the suit, the company asked that the County's zoning and wind regulations not apply to their project and that they should be allowed to proceed under County rules as they existed before April 2021.

There would be limited to no regulations in place to impact the company's wind project, if allowed to ignore the updated zoning rules.

In addition to the exemption from the County's wind regulation, the lawsuit also asked that the County pay costs and other relief be considered.

In response, attorneys for the County stated that the County's actions were not done to target any specific wind company or wind project, but to address potential impacts of any future wind development on county residents.

District Court judge Colleen Weiland ruled in favor of Worthwhile Wind, LLC. In the ruling, Weiland concluded that the company had made significant effort and financial investment in its project before the County had begun considering wind turbine regulation. Weiland ruled that the company has a right to complete its wind turbine development in accordance with the laws that were in place in April 2021. That would allow the company to ignore the moratorium and the ordinance passed to regulate wind energy construction and operations.

On November 9, Worth County filed an appeal to the Supreme Court of Iowa to reconsider the district judge's ruling.

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N-K chapter travels to take part in National FFA Convention

A group of Northwood-Kensett FFA chapter members recently made the trip to the National FFA Chapter for five days of education, celebration and interacting with other students from across the nation.

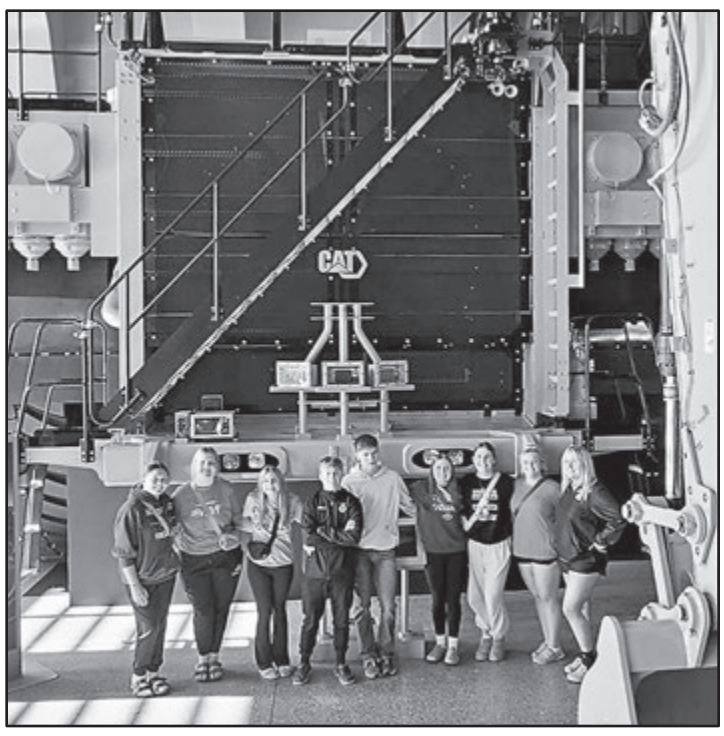
Emersyn Wahl and Taylor Foss joined FFA advisor Christian Miller at the November N-K school board meeting to share their memories and impressions of the trip.

There were nine students representing N-K FFA, including Wahl, Foss, Kenedie Berry, Sophia Butler, Loghan Nelson, Camryn Rheingans, MacKensy Tomlinson, Weston Willand and Ava Woltzen, along with Miller, at the convention.

Miller explained that the students invited to take part were those that were more actively involved in the chapter. He hoped to be able to keep them involved and have even more return next year.

The group from N-K joined over 70,000 FFA representatives from every state and U.S. territory taking part in the convention.

Amongst their stops on the trip was the Caterpillar welcome center in Indianapolis. The group viewed some enormous machinery, including one big enough to house a movie theater inside. They also learned about how a machinery factory supports the community around them.



The students visited the Indiapolis Zoo, where they learned about how the staff take on different approaches to animal care and animal husbandry, compared to the livestock care at Iowa facilities.

They went to see a rodeo, put on by Three Hills Rodeo Company, based out of Bernard, Iowa. Miller said the students appreciated seeing the Iowa connection.

On a forestry tour, they learned about how trees and brush are cleared and then repurposed for wood chips and other landscaping resources.

The group also had some bonding time, visiting a haunted house and Top Golf.

At the convention, the students at the Expo Center visited a number of stalls and vendors, and had a chance to talk to college representatives about places to further their education.

They also listened to speakers like Temple Grandin. Miller said that the students were impressed about her message that anyone can play a part in ag, no matter their challenges. When she was younger, Temple persevered at a time when women weren't as easily accepted and with disabilities that created even more challenges. She said that there are all kinds of different thinkers, and all have valuable ways of approaching things that help them contribute.



Miller said she was a brilliant mind and the students appreciated her message and inspiration.

The students also challenged each other to meet students from every other state and U.S. territory that was at the convention. One of the students met someone from every state but two, Alaska and Maine.

In the process, Miller said the students learned from each other and how they learn about the ag in their home states.

Miller also took every opportunity to meet with his colleagues from around the nation, learning about how their chapters support the mission of FFA, to educate about agriculture, natural resources

Miller spoke with the advisor from Hawaii, whose chapter focuses on the main natural resource of their state's beaches.

He talked with an advisor from Puerto Rico, who didn't speak English, but relied on a student to translate for their conversation.

Wahl and Foss said that they had a lot of fun and learned a lot.

Miller said that the students had a great time. He said that he learned a lot himself on his first time at the national event. He said he'll take some of what he learned to the classroom and looks forward to returning next year.



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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 11/11/2024 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Heiken, Douglas, Dakin and Kauffman.

Absent: N/A

Visitors: R. Bauer

Pulju called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Dakin, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Maintenance reported that he has put in the snow fence posts at the community center, the lagoon is now drained for the year, Well Pump #1 had a bad fuse, so he is getting Bice Electric to give us a bid on updating the fuse boxes, going to get bids for updating the HVAC system at the community center.

The Clerk reported that she will be having the porta pots removed at the park and CC, the Fall Grant Banquet is Thursday the 14th- Tom Dakin and the clerk will be attending, the new playground equipment will be installed on Thursday the 14th as well, T mobile will begin replacing their satellites next week and the clerk will be sending Larry Larsons Landlock information to our lawyer to get further information.

Visitors: N/A

Consent Agenda: Resolution #683- Special Assessment for delinquent water bills, motion by Dakin, 2nd by Douglas to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #684- Special Assessment for delinquent water bills, motion by Dakin, 2nd by Douglas to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #685- Special Assessment for delinquent water bills, motion by Dakin, 2nd by Douglas to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Old Business: Resolution #686- Sale of City Property, motion by Dakin, 2nd by Woltzen to approve, roll call vote taken. Woltzen, Douglas, Dakin and Heiken vote aye, Kauffman voted against, motion was carried.

Ideas for Spring grants were proposed- new HVAC for CC and City Hall, Sidewalks for the downtown area and getting new siding for the old fire station.

New Business: A budget amendment needs to be done, so raises for city employees was discussed. Motion made by Dakin, 2nd by Heiken to raise City Maintenance wages from $15.50 to $16.00/hr and raise water treatment payment from $600 to $700/hr, raise the current cemetery mowers to $16.00/hr and raise the City Clerk for $20.00, Roll call vote taken, all Ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: October 2024 Revenues by Fund: General 36,657.66, Utilities 5192.42, Special 6525.04 Total Revenues: $48,375.12. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 1956.15, WCTA 360.26, B. Luckason 527.11 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 700.23 (net) R. Bauer 1943.88 (net), K. Thompson 1,156.61 (net), Federal & SS 1335.30 (payroll), IPERS 890.67 (payroll), Water Service Tax 119.27 (water), Visa 627.77 (Library), League of Cities 386.00 (dues), Northwood Anchor 117.47 (publications), Ottercreek Orchard 75.00 (harvest fest), Petty Cash 250.00 (harvest fest), Ravensfire Band 500.00 (harvest fest), C. Pulju 76.94 (mileage), K. Thompson 286.09 (mileage), AgSource 166.00 (service-sewer-testing), C. Pulju 230.87 (payroll-net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Kensett Water Works 112.50 (sewer fees), Waste Management 1548.62 (garbage & recycling), Nelson Septic 250.00 (Portapot), Kelly Hardware 50.45 (supplies), R80 36.12 (gas), Menards 57.84 (supplies), NIACC 65.00 (water conference), Subtle Imagery 180.00 (website),-Fattys BBQ 1350.00 (harvest festival),IRW 305.00 (dues), Ruth Willier 175.00 (harvest festival),D & L 25.93 (oil), IMWCA 990.00 (work comp),ITRON 3033.72 (dues), L. Luskey-Lestrud 30.00 (reimbursement), Baker & Taylor 446.57 (supplies), Midwest Tapes 41.71 (supplies), Northwood Anchor 39.60 (publication), Culligan 11.77 (water), TLS 185.32 (supplies), Swank 400.00 (movie license), City of Kensett 410.47 (reimbursement), Arlys Bergdale 105.00 (cleaning).

Disbursements by Fund: General 10,145.09, Special 1176.53, Utilities 3761.61, Payroll 6784.67 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $21,867.90.

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

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

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Bolan

Such a great group of people coming to Bolan Trinity UM Church's Drive In – Take Out Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday. We prepared more food this year, and we still pretty much ran out. A few potatoes and two steaks were left, plus a few cookies. The two cars that arrived right after 1 p.m. did not receive a dinner. Our church people didn't either! Thank you so much everyone who took time to come on over for a dinner.

The next thing for the Trinity Church Family on Sunday, November 24 is going to the Good Sam Center in St. Ansgar to share music with the residents and bring treats to share afterwards.

Northwood Anchor **Legal**

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH Fee $20.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $522.43
Iowa Dept of Revenue
WA Excise Wireless $1,300.71
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phones, router-tr,fd $107.03
Visa
Conference, supplies-cc,lib.....
..... $577.25
Principal, Insurance..... $1,540.19
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $7,146.31
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $695.70
Keith Jaeckels-The Slice Pizzeria
New Bus. Dev Grant/Loan.....
..... $25,000.00
Payroll, Wages..... $22,113.57
USPS, Mailing-cc $381.36
Alliant Energy
Utilities..... $11,321.90
Payroll, Wages..... $24,092.41
Ace Professional Cleaning
Window Cleaning-cc..... $50.00
Albert Lea Seed, Seed..... $300.00
Amber Julseth
Mileage-cc..... $236.51
Badger Meter
Hosting Service $57.18
Bryan Rock Products
Ball Diamond Fill..... $663.31
C Emery Nelson, Inc.
Supplies-pw $1,768.61
CarQuest, Supplies-pw $130.97
D & L Equipment
Repairs-pw..... $1,808.93
Dale Arhart
Tree Removal $1,400.00
Doug Moehle, Mileage $54.27
Enos Loberg, Repairs..... $97.15
Falkstone, Supplies..... $258.50
Geoff Leonard, Refund-cc $127.14
Hawkins, Supplies-pw $20.00
Heartland Asphalt, Inc.
Manhole Adjustments. $1,100.00
Holiday Inn Airport
Lodging-cc..... $282.24
Huber Supply, Supplies-cc. $60.45
IDALS, Lic.. Renewal-pw .. $30.00
IMWCA
Work Comp Prem. Adj $1,975.00
In-Control, Parts-pw..... $409.76
Iowa One Call, Services..... $20.90
Iowa Prison Industries
Golf Cart Tags..... $209.88
Iowa Rural Water Assoc
Membership Dues $355.00
John Deere Financial
Freight-pw..... $153.50
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Kelly Hardware, Supplies $364.37
Kevin Springer Const.
Curb Repairs $6,800.00
Knudtson Automotive
Repairs-pw..... $207.20
Knutson Oil, Fuel-pw,tr $2,942.50
Larry Pump, CPA
Tax Return Filing Services.....
..... $900.00
Larry Pump, CPA
FY 24 Audit $8,200.00
Luckason Tractor Repair
Services-pw..... $481.00
Menards, Supplies-pw $285.72
Metering Technology
Supplies-pw $4,036.52
Microbac Labs
Testing-pw..... $1,128.00
Nexus, Supplies-pw..... $768.50
NIACC
Fall Water Conference-pw.....
..... $65.00
NIACOG
Lease Fee/insurance FY25-tr .....
..... $8,791.46
Norma Gordon
Water Dep. Refund-cc..... $50.00
Northwood Anchor
Publications..... $254.03
Northwood Sanitation
Garbage Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Sanitation
Fall Clean-up Expenses.....
..... $6,135.21
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation $800.00
Proline, Supplies-pw..... $28.53
Quality Pump & Control
Repairs-pw..... $2,115.26
Simmering-Cory, Inc
Ordin. Supplement..... $79.00
Storey Kenworthy
Utility Bill Supplies-cc... $418.00
Tellma, Repairs-pw..... $327.00
Three Oaks Greenhouse
Trees $1,989.00
Trading Post
Supplies-pw $885.91
True North Companies
AD & D Plan-fd $332.50
Unity Point Clinic
DATA-pw $42.00
WCTA, Phone/Internet $651.06
Worth Co. Sheriff
28E Police Services ... $33,069.00
Library:
Alliant Energy, Utilities .. $245.22
Visa
Conference, supplies $195.29
Ace Professional Cleaning
Window Cleaning..... $60.00
Baker & Taylor
Materials $1,245.64
Center Point Large Print
Materials $132.45
Marco, Printer Service..... $66.50

Summary of October 2024 receipts by fund type: General - $319,781.33; Special Revenue-$124,809.10; Debt Service - $107,647.14; Capital Projects-$1,707.39; Enterprise-$99,366.81; Trust & Agency - $0.

Summary of October 2024 disbursements by fund type: General - $80,294.71; Special Revenue-$36,627.91; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$76,452.98; Trust & Agency - $0.

Roll was called and the following voted aye: George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber. Reeder.

Motion to approve the Minimum Assessment Agreement with Knudtson Automotive for tax abatement. Unam.

Motion to fully fund the 2025 Wellmark myBlue HDHP Silver health insurance plan premium including Blue Dental and Avesis vision with the city contributing $4,300 towards the employees HSA account. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Array
City of Northwood
Northwood, IA

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals. Sealed bids for solar improvements as stated below must be filed before 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2024 in the office of the City Clerk, City of Northwood, 627 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA. Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered. Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2024, in the office of the City Clerk, City of Northwood, for consideration by the City of Northwood to consider bids at its meeting at 6:00 P.M. on December 9, 2024. Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. All work under the Contract must be substantially complete on or before June 30, 2025. Contract Documents. Plans, specifications and proposal forms for the work may be seen and may be secured at the office of the City Clerk. Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Improvement. A public hearing will be held by the City of Northwood on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvement at its meeting at 6:00 P.M. on December 9, 2024, at 627 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA. Preference of Products and Labor. Preference shall be given to domestic construction materials by the contractor, subcontractors, material, men, and suppliers in performance of the contract and further, by virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes. Sales Tax Exemption Certificates. The bidder shall not include sales tax in the bid. The City of Northwood will distribute tax exemption certificates and authorization letters to the Contractor and all subcontractors who are identified. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of ~71 kW (DC) = ~60 kW (AC) solar array. Bid to include all (AC) electrical components for a total project of 396 kW (AC) for future solar. Interconnection application will be for a 396 kW (AC) array. City Of Northwood understands the DC size may be impacted to stay within budget for additional AC work for the future projects. Owner's Rights Reserved The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in a bid, to make awards in the interest of the OWNER.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Northwood

/S/ Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

November 13, 2024
Special Meeting

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 was called to order by Stone at 2:00 P.M.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to canvass the results of the votes of the 2024 General Election for the US President and Vice President, US Representative, District 2; State Senator, District 30; State House of Representative, District 60, one Supreme Court Justice, four Court of Appeals Judges and two District 2A Judges; one District 2A Associate Judge and two Constitutional Amendments were made and certified to the Secretary of State as provided by law. We hereby certify that 4,313 ballots were cast in Worth County at the General Election on November 5, 2024.

The vote for said offices and the County, Township, and Soil & Water Conservation District Commission, Agriculture Extension Council Member offices, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 50.24, were tabulated and the results were declared as set forth in the election records which, by this reference, is made part of these proceedings.

County officers were declared as follows:

County Supervisor, District 2 – Mark Smeby
County Auditor – Jacki A. Backhaus
County Sheriff – Jesse Luther

Township officers were declared as follows:

Barton Township:
Trustee – Curtis Bartz
Bristol Township:
Trustee – Gordon Hagen
Brookfield Township:
Trustee – Bill Imlau
Danville Township:
Trustee – Brett Backhaus
Deer Creek Township:
Trustee – Kimberly Olson
Fertile Township:
Trustee – Dwight Bruns
Grove Township:
Trustee – Lois C. Lawler
Grove Township:
Trustee To Fill a Vacancy – Annika Schreiber
Grove Township:
Clerk To Fill a Vacancy – Erin Ducommun
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Trustee – Larry S. Hovey
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Clerk To Fill a Vacancy – Carol J. Bergo
Kensett Township:
Trustee – Larry Foley
Lincoln Township:
Trustee – James Dobel
Silver Lake Township:
Trustee – Mike Thompson
Union Township:
Trustee – Ronald Balek

Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners declared as follows: Dennis Meyer, James Dobel and Harlan Helgeson.

Agriculture Extension Council Members were declared elected as follows: Jennifer Patterson, Brent Bjelland, Peter Julseth and Michelle Petznick.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 2:28 P.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Supervisors

November 12, 2024
Forty-fifth 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 November 4, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to accept the 2024 Weed Commissioner's report that is due on or before the first day of November of each year per Iowa Code 317.7. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve seeding in DD #4. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve engaging Bolton & Menk, Inc. to complete an engineer's report on DD #6. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve work order to remove beaver dam in DD #8. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $278,308.48. Motion carried.

Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 8,198.45
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.
Service-Sup..... 90.00
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies 1,744.03
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf..... 1,885.49
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 28.40
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr .. 149.87
Bice Electric Llc
Service-Con..... 90.00
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng 76.18
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 1,342.20
Brian M Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd 3,234.96
CJ Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng 300.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,654.44
Certified Laboratories
Supplies-Eng 905.85
Chrysler Of Forest City
Parts-Con..... 88.27
City Of Fertile, Service-Eng 78.30
City Of Grafton
Overpayment-Aud..... 51.74
City Of Hanlontown
Overpayment-Aud..... 3.02
City Of Joice, Service-Eng . 107.10
City Of Kensett
Service-Eng 34.27
City Of Manly
Service-Eng 88.51
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 421.57
Collin Day, Mileage-Aud..... 14.74
Crazy Clean
Service-Gsr 2,509.00
Croell, Inc.
Supplies-Eng 19,672.25
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 142.10
Dick's Place Body & Tow
Service-Shf..... 1,100.00
Electronic Engineering
Service-Eng 1,606.31
Falkstone Llc, Rock-Eng. 4,994.72
Fastenal Company
Parts-Eng..... 207.70
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng 87.74
Frank Stearns
Service-Mex 450.00
Gordy's Repair & Implement, Ltd
Equip-Eng..... 48,302.00
Government Forms & Supplies
Supplies-Aud 114.78
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 7,053.22
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt 2,702.69
Hogan Bremer Moore Col Chapels
Service-Mex 753.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 336.55
Ia Apco, Dues-Shf..... 108.00
Icit, Dues-It/Gis..... 50.00
Idda, Edu-Drng 75.00
Imwca, Audit-Ins..... 20,106.00
Iowa Communications Network
Service-Dap 678.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 119.50
Isac, Edu-Trs 280.00
Joel Rohne
Mileage-Aud 32.16
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Con 282.51
Lake Mills Pump Service
Service-Wat 63,710.00
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,661.85
Lexisnexis
Service-Aty 208.00
Mail Services Llc
Postage-Trs..... 374.08
Manly Fire Dept
Equip-911 ..... 2,838.00
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr..... 452.87
Megan Duenow
Mileage-Phd 68.34
Metal Culverts Inc
Supplies-Eng 10,619.00
Mid-American Research Chemical
Supplies-Eng 2,417.47
Mitchell Co Sheriff
Service-Shf..... 3,575.00
Napa Auto Parts
Parts-Eng..... 69.01
Nassco Inc.
Supplies-Gsr 476.56
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr & Eng 371.50
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City
Service-Con..... 2,032.80
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd..... 732.88
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Con..... 80.69
Powerplan
Service-Eng 701.17
Purchase Power
Postage-Trs..... 2,857.14
Quality Pump & Control Inc
Service-Wwt 3,822.70
Safety Solutions
Service-Eng 500.00
Shana Butler
Mileage-Phd 10.50
Singelstad's Hardware
Supplies-Eng 516.06
The Rustic Thread
Service-Shf..... 402.00
T-Mobile, Service-Phd..... 34.32
Tri-State Public Safety
Supplies-Eng 1,278.00
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Cap..... 18,653.62
Vestis, Service-Eng 83.10
Wex Bank, Service-Tra ... 2,823.10
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Gsr 3,779.64
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Con 1,315.64
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Eng 38.39
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng... 19,354.43
Grand Total 278,308.48

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to accept the Worth County Planning & Zoning ordinance recommendation regarding hazardous liquid pipelines. Following review by County Attorney, Jeff Greve, a public hearing date will be set to determine adoption of the ordinance. Motion carried.

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

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the LMR Datalogger Membership 28E Agreement between Winnebago County Public Safety Commission, Hancock County Communications and Worth County. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to approve the Vestis Cancellation of Contract. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Loberg to adjourn at 9:36 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

- PUBLIC NOTICE -
City of Kensett, Iowa

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Kensett, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on the proposal to approve the building of apartments in town. Said hearing will be held November 25th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center, Kensett, Iowa, at which time arguments for or against approving of said apartments will be heard and considered.

Comments, oral, or written may be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any written comments received will be included in the minutes of the public hearing as part of the permanent record.

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024 in the Administrative Office at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Bradley Christianson, Cindy Pangburn, Susan Kliment, Jamie Nelson and Shana Brunsvold

Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Mike Crozier; Board Secretary Kim Hengesteg; Elementary Principal Brian Costello; Secondary Principal Keith Fritz and Kris Kenison, Northwood Anchor

(5-0) Approve the Agenda for October 10, 2024 Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments: None

Reports:

Elementary Principal: 1) NK Elem Homecoming Dress Up Days 2) Military Vehicle Convoy 3) Fire Prevention week 4) Bus safety week 5) Individualized Reading Plans for any student who did not meet benchmark scores

Secondary Principal: 1) Adjustments and improvements in work-based learning 2) Special thanks to Cindy Pangburn and Samantha Hunt for Homecoming activities 3) Social-Emotional Learning Team has designed activities for students on Friday 4) NK's FCCLA was well represented at the FCCLA Fall Leadership rally in Ft. Dodge 5) National FFA Convention in Indianapolis October 22-26th

Superintendent: 1) Certified enrollment is almost complete. N-K is down 13.95 students 2) Compensation for Associates and Nutrition Staff 3) Beth and Kimberly have implemented Viking Victories to celebrate the good things people are doing in our district.

School Board: Next regular school board meeting on November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda

(5-0) approve the Consent Action Items which included the following:

- Minutes from the September 12, 2024 Regular Board meeting and September 19 Special Board Meeting
- October Bills for payment
- September 2024 Financial Report
- Dismissed employment Barbara Vinge
- Accept Resignation Michael Crozier Superintendent effective June 20, 2024
- Approve Jake Urbatsch – JH Girls Track Coach
- Approve Kate Hall – JH Boys Basketball Coach
- Approve Mike Reindl – Volunteer Wrestling Coach

New Business:

(5-0) approve the Certified Annual Report FY24 presented by Kim Hengesteg

(5-0) approve the first reading of policy revisions for policies 502.10, 603.01 and 700

(5-0) approve resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional support program and to schedule a public hearing for November 10th, 2024 at the Administrative offices, 1496 480th St., Northwood, IA at 6:00 pm

Roll Call Vote: Nelson-yes; Kliment-yes; Chistianson-yes; Brunsvold-yes; Pangburn-yes

(5-0) approve taking bids for the disposal of Bus #1

(5-0) enter into an agreement for a College and Career Transition Coach with NIACC (5-0) adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm

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Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount
95 Percent Group LLC
supplies..... 286.00
AGVANTAGE FS, INC
propane..... 1,423.55
AIRGAS USA, LLC
SUPPLIES..... 24.93
All Star Pest Control
pest control..... 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY..... 30,011.08
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 4,609.02
APPLE, INC.
SUPPLIES..... 299.00
BATTON, SHANE
Lawn Care..... 2,937.50
BLACKHAWK SPRINKLERS, INC., service..... 1,171.40
BLAZEK ELECTRIC
service..... 2,537.04
Butler, Steven
reimbursement chauffeurs 20.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS
SUPPLIES..... 108.11
CEMSTONE CONCRETE MATERIALS, LLC, SUPPLIES... 174.00
Central Rivers Area Education Agency, supplies..... 385.00
Cermanic Shop, The
supplies..... 145.78
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 1,007.62
Crozier, Michael
REIMBURSEMENT 77.72
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
..... 700.00
EILERTSON REPAIR
Auto Repair Shop..... 990.18
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 676.51
Farm and Home Publishers LTD
plat book 69.53
FASTENAL COMPANY
supplies..... 157.17
FormativeLoop, supplies ... 199.50
GOPHER, SUPPLIES..... 217.69
GREAT LAWN SERVICES
LAWN CARE..... 500.00
Hansen, Joleen
reimbursement..... 24.00
ICDA, fee 391.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
medicaid..... 1,389.48
Iowa Water Management Company, boiler service 225.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.
supplies..... 304.48
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 326.01
Krampitz, Marty
supplies..... 371.76
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., service..... 4,978.19
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs..... 4,773.23
Maroo, Mackensie
reimbursment 31.56
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies..... 1,870.55
Medical Enterprises, Inc.
supplies/fees 1,215.00
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp, supplies..... 353.44
MID-WEST 3D SOLUTIONS, LLC, supplies 1,795.00
MIDWEST BUS PARTS, INC
parts..... 545.95
Mix, Loraine
reimbursment chauffeurs .. 12.00
NASCO, SUPPLIES..... 2.79
NASSCO INC, supplies 844.41
Nexus Cooperative, salt..... 253.86
NIACC Continuing Ed Dpt
supplies..... 21.00
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION..... 822.21
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES .....
..... 1,650.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION
garbage 630.00
Obregon, Rosa, refund 25.00
One Source Background Check Company
background checks..... 93.50
Pangburn, Cindy
reimb supplies..... 37.69
Quality Bus & Truck Parts
parts..... 380.00
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY
supplies..... 438.11
SCHOLASTIC INC.
supplies..... 549.46
School Bus Sales
school bus 1,997.62
Staples Business Credit
supplies..... 1,562.31
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC
MEDICAID BILLING..... 143.50
TRADING POST, supplies .. 38.41
Trane US Inc, repairs 1,572.68
Ventris Learning LLC
supplies..... 90.00
VISA, supplies..... 3,597.70
WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELECOM ASSN
phone/internet service 775.76
WORTH COUNTY ENGINEER
diesel/gas 2,444.76
WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, transit 54.00
Worth Lumber Company
supplies..... 992.01
VISA..... 237.81
Fund Number 10..... 86,664.57
Agile Sports Technologies dba Hudl, software..... 8,500.00
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 261.97
Barnes, Jared
reimb supplies..... 158.90
Central Rivers Area Education Agency, supplies..... 736.00
DECKER SPORTING GOODS
supplies..... 2,149.00
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 17.71
Flower Forager, supplies ... 170.00
Foss, Eric, reimb meal 237.49
Fritz, Keith, reimb supplies 36.52
Game One, supplies 440.87
GO EARN IT, uniforms 879.15
Graffix Inc - Wall of Fame
supplies..... 1,724.00
Hulshizer, Ryan, service.... 240.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK COACHES, fee 60.00
Iowa FFA Association
fee..... 1,248.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.
supplies..... 102.99
JOSTENS, INC.
supplies..... 1,931.60
Miller, Christian
reimb supplies..... 40.00
NCIBA, fee..... 70.00
Nexus Cooperative, supplies . 6.56
Pangburn, Cindy
reimb supplies..... 117.60
Richard Mock Piano Service
service..... 270.00
SYNERGY PHYSICAL THERAPY AND SPORT
service..... 3,500.00
THREADS, supplies..... 560.00
Trackwrestling.com
web application 26.00
Whye's Choice Fundraising
supplies..... 5,454.00
Willand, Wade
reimb supplies..... 54.69
Fund Number 21..... 28,993.05
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC
copier lease..... 751.34
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS, machine 8,529.00
VISA, supplies..... 72.89
WESTERN WATERPROOFING COMPANY INC
CONTRACTOR 8,493.65
Fund Number 36..... 17,846.88
Amazon Capital Services
SUPPLIES..... 321.32
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY
MILK 4,087.60
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES
SUPPLIES..... 179.17
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
SUPPLIES..... 52.60
MARTIN BROTHERS .. 18,000.77
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION..... 52.80
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD 2,095.01
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Lesssons in adaptation

Worth County naturalist Heaven Walker paid a visit to the third graders at Northwood-Kensett recently. While there the students learned about how animals adapt to their environments. Groups of students wre then assigned a specific environment and challenged to create an animal with adaptions to help them survive that environment.

Annual drive through live nativity held at New Life Christian Church on Dec. 13 and 14

It is once again that time of year when the New Life Christian Church congregation gathers with other local churches to share the Christmas Gift to the surrounding area with the 29th annual live Drive Thru Nativity.

"Gather the entire family to drive through key scenes depicting the nativity story of Mary and Joseph as they journey to Bethlehem for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Witness shepherds, angels, roman soldiers, wisemen, animals and more as people travel thru the show from the comfort and warmth of the vehicle."

This year the Drive Thru Nativity is on Friday, December 13, and Saturday, December 14, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. both evenings at New Life Christian Church, 1705 SE Marshall St., Albert Lea, Minnesota, (between NAPA Auto Parts and Advanced Auto). This event is free to the public and appropriate for all ages to attend.

For more information on the event call 507-373-1533.

Operation Christmas Child drop-off locations now open

Children in need are being blessed this Christmas season through the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child.

Individuals, families and groups have the opportunity to pack a shoebox gift filled with fun toys, school supplies and personal care items and drop them off now during National Collection Week, November 18 – 25. There are more than 4,700 drop-off locations open around the country.

The drop offs for the area are at the Albert Lea, Minnesota Bridge Community Church, 2016 Bridge Ave., Albert Lea; Mason City First Covenant Church, 411 S. Ohio Ave., Mason City; Saint Ansgar Baptist Church, 111 E. First St., St. Ansgar; Forest City Pilot Knob Lutheran Church, 2391 330th St., Forest City and Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church, 1310 US Hwy 18, Clear Lake.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts to children worldwide for more than three decades. In 2024, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 12 million children. The project of Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

"Samaritan's Purse is committed to taking the Gospel to hard-to-reach places—whether its responding to a disaster or sharing God's love through the power of a simple shoebox," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "You can show kids in need the true meaning of Christmas this year through a shoebox gift."

Participants can use the online lookup tool to find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. It is searchable by city or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop off.

More information is available by calling 630-474-9478, or visiting samaritanspurse.org/occ. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

"Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories."

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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Quilting at Elk Creek, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Bethany Worship, 9 a.m., Elk Creek Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Elk Creek Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon.
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Friday, UW in F at Sue Cowell's, 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, Decorate for Advent/Lunch Afterwards, 10 a.m., Sing at Good Sam in St. Ansgar, 2:30 p.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, M. Court Chapel, 2 p.m., Confirmation, 4 p.m., Inspire, 6:15 p.m., Choir, SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Joint Polka Service with Brunch & Fellowship, All are Welcome, 10 a.m., No Sunday School; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
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Sacred Heart Church, Manly
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Fr. Ben Valentine, Associate Pastor
www.sacredheartmanly.org

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Following the Spirit within

The Chinese word ÒTao,Ó which is often translated into English as Òway,Ó is actually much more meaningful than the single word Òway.Ó The Chinese character for Tao contains two symbols, a symbol of a person running forward and a symbol for the head (or mind). Thus, the word Tao literally means to run forward mindfully, or to follow the path. The figure running forward can also be interpreted to mean oneÕs true self (i.e., oneÕs head or mind is oneÕs true self). Thus the Chinese character for Tao can be interpreted to mean diligently following the path of the true self. This is the deeper meaning of the Tao, in much the same way that Christians consider following the Spirit within them to be the true Way. All true religions tell us that we must diligently seek to follow the Spirit within us. Unfortunately, our true selves are obscured by our bodies, our desires, our past experiences, and the physical world. It requires diligent, concentrated effort to see the true path. Our true self always knows the path of wisdom, if only we can see and hear the Spirit within us. We should listen to the Spirit within us and diligently strive to follow the true and righteous path.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you...
– R.S.V. Philippians 2:12-13

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Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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

Chelsey, Iowa is a tiny town. With a population of 229 people according to the 2020 census, they must all know one another well. This year it celebrated 150 years of togetherness although the town was not incorporated until 1878. They are very proud of their history and one building that has stood the test of time is the Community Building. Known by several names over the years, it was built in 1885. In 2008, a group of history buffs compiled a fund-raiser cookbook. The "Chelsea Community Building Cookbook" (Jumbo Jacks Cookbooks, Audubon, Iowa) is filled with tried-and-true recipes. It also features the artwork of Jack Esty although there is no information about him included in the text. The following are adapted from this collection.

Arizona Sunset Corn
(Joan G.)

6 strips good bacon
Paprika
1/2 cup minced yellow onion
1/2 cup diced green pepper
2 cups whole kernel corn
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
2 large eggs, beaten
2 cups milk
Salt and pepper to taste
NOTE: the corn can be canned, frozen or
fresh.

Cook the bacon until crisp. Remove from skillet and crumble. Reserve 1 tablespoon of the drippings. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a small saucepan, sauté the green pepper and onion in the bacon drippings until the onion is transparent. In a large mixing bowl, combine the milk and the eggs, mixing well. Add the cooked onion and green pepper plus the corn, crumbled bacon, salt and pepper. Pour this into a greased 1 1/2-quart casserole dish. Top with the bread crumbs and sprinkle with some paprika. Bake for 40 minutes or until the dish tests as done when a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings as a side dish.

Pizza Meat Loaf Cups
(Heidi Groenenboom)

2 large eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 cup canned pizza sauce
1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
4 tablespoon seasoned bread crumbs
1 1/2 cups shredded Mozzarella

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a large bowl, mix the egg, pizza sauce, bread crumbs and Italian seasoning. Crumble the meat over this mixture and combine gently but well with clean or gloved hands. Press into the sides and bottom of 12 regular-size muffin cups. Fill the inside of each with the Mozzarella cheese. Bake for 20 minutes, until the meat is no longer pink. Serve with additional warmed pizza sauce on the side.

Applesauce Raisin Cookies
(Martha E.)

3/4 cup shortening
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup applesauce
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1 large egg
1/2 cup raisins
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Combine the shortening, brown sugar, applesauce and egg. Mix until smooth. In a separate bowl combine the dry ingredients. Stir these into the applesauce mixture. Cover and chill for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Drop the cookie dough in heaping tablespoonsful onto ungreased cookie sheets, making 24 piles. Flatten each a bit and top with some walnuts and raisins; press them down. Sprinkle with some brown sugar. Bake 10-12 minutes. Makes 2 dozen.

One of the reasons I very much enjoy community-style cookbooks is because real cooks submit real recipes when the book is being created. And, those proud cooks add their names to their recipes because they know the results will be good. In this particular book there are several people who only use their first name and last initial to claim the recipe. I wonder why that was….in a town so small everyone would know who you were! And… that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





A good day for some basketball

Northwood-Kensett sixth graders recently took a special field trip. The students, teachers and a few chaperones traveled to Hilton Colliseum at ISU on November 4. They were there to take in a women's basketball game. They left with some souvenirs, many of which were signed by Cyclone Audi Crooks, who they met at the game. The trip was organized by sixth trader teacher Lisa Patterson.





Making mummy-ries

Before Halloween arrived, students in the kindergarten classes at Northwood-Kensett practiced making monsters. The students used a classic costuming method to wrap each other in toilet paper. The result were some not that monstrous mummies.

North Iowa Concert Band to present fall concert 'Sound of Emotion' on Nov. 26

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) invites the community to experience an evening of music at the North Iowa Concert Band's annual fall concert, Sound of Emotion. This free event will take place on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the NIACC Auditorium.

Under the direction of Derrick Snead, NIACC's new Director of Bands, the program will feature a dynamic selection of works by celebrated composers, each exploring unique aspects of emotional expression through music. The concert will showcase pieces by renowned composers James Curnow, Chandler Wilson, Randall D. Standridge, Karl King, Katahj Copley, and Darren W. Jenkins. Audiences can look forward to a powerful collection that promises to move, inspire, and engage listeners of all ages.

Members of the North Iowa Concert Band represent communities from Iowa and southern Minnesota, including the towns of Charles City, Clear Lake, Dougherty, Forest City, Garner, Greene, Hampton, Manly, Marble Rock, Mason City, Nora Springs, Osage, Rockford, Ventura, Waverly, and Austin, Minnesota.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to choose a memory care unit for a loved one with dementia

Dear Savvy Senior,

My dad has dementia and has gotten to the point that he can't live at home any longer. I need to find a good memory care residential facility for him but don't know where to turn. Any suggestions?

Only Daughter

Dear Only,

Choosing a good memory care residential unit for a loved one with dementia is a very important decision that requires careful evaluation and some homework.

Most memory care units, sometimes called special care units, are housed within assisted living or nursing home facilities. At their best, they offer staff extensively trained in caring for people with dementia, individualized care that minimizes the use of dangerous psychotropic drugs, a home-like environment and activities that improve resident's quality of life. But at their worst, they can offer little more than a locked door. Here are some steps that can help you find a good facility and avoid a bad one.

Make a list: To identify some good memory care residential units in your area ask your dad's doctor for a referral or use an online search tool like Caring.com. Make sure the facilities on your list are close to family members and friends who can visit often, because residents with frequent visitors usually get better care.

Research your options: Once you've made a list, call your local long-term care ombudsman (see LTCombudsman.org for contact information). This is a government official who investigates assisted living and nursing home complaints and can tell you which facilities have had problems in the past.

If you're looking at a memory care unit within a nursing home facility, use Medicare's nursing home compare tool (Medicare.gov/care-compare), which provides a 5-star rating system.

Call the facilities: Once you've identified a few good facilities, call them to find out if they have any vacancies, if they provide the types of services your father needs, what they charge and if they accept Medicaid.

Tour your top choices: During your tour, notice the cleanness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Also be sure to taste the food, and talk to the current resident's family members, if available.

Also, ask about staff screening and training procedures, their turnover rate, and their staff-to-resident ratio. Make sure they provide quality activities to keep your dad engaged and find out how they respond to residents who may wander or become aggressive.

Because transitions can be unsettling for dementia suffers, make sure that your dad will be able to remain at the facility for the foreseeable future. And find out what, if any, health conditions might require him to leave the facility or move to a higher and more expansive level of care.

It's also a good idea to make multiple visits to the facility including an unscheduled visit in the evening or weekend when the staff is more likely to be stretched thin.

To help you choose a good facility, the Alzheimer's Association offers a list of questions to ask at CommunityResourceFinder.org/Alz/Tips – click on "Tips for choosing a residential care facility" under Housing Options.

Paying for care: The national average costs for memory care within an assisted living facility is over $6,000 per month, and over $8,500/month for nursing home care, but costs can vary widely depending on location and services.

Since Medicare does not cover long-term care, most residents pay for care from either personal savings, a long-term care insurance policy or through Medicaid (if available) once their savings are depleted. Or, if your dad is a veteran, he may be able to get funds through the VA's Aid and Attendance benefit. To learn more, ask the facility director or contact the regional VA benefit office at 800–827–1000.

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

Are you coming to our place for Thanksgiving?

I'm not sure.

Well, let me know as soon as you can. I want to know how thankful I should be.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Some friends have headed south to a place where they hope the snow will be unable to find them.

I talked to people who were returning to their home in Hawaii. I made a weak wisecrack and received a low ha in return.

I try not to be dumber than necessary and rarely get low in the mind, but for a vertically enhanced individual, I have my shortcomings. I don't like chocolate, coffee or watching NFL games, but I've put my foot down and stopped acting like a flamingo.

Heard here and there

I was trying to be better than I was yesterday. It was a good day to have a good day, so I stopped at the local gas station to buy a pizza. It was there that I bumped into Tim Sibilrud, a former schoolmate. He told me he was leaving to go to his home in Florida. I said he shouldn't go to Florida because they have too much bad weather. Tim replied, "Al, you've lived in Minnesota too long," and, goodbye, cold world, he left for the Sunshine State.

Virgil Thofson, as retired as a farmer ever becomes (once a farmer, always a farmer), received a write-in vote for president of the United States. Virgil said he would have paid off the national debt if he had been elected. I asked him if he'd have had to take out a personal loan to do it. We'll circle back around to that.

I visited a fellow in his assisted living residence, interrupting his horse opera (an old Clint Eastwood cowboy movie on TV). He gave me a Werther's. Maybe it was because it was his 68th birthday. I gave him the Werther's back as his birthday present.

"Just ten more years and I'll be old enough to be president of this country," he said with a smile.

Bad jokes department

"Why are chickens so lovable?" Just buc bucause.

There is a coin shortage in this country. We lack common cents.

Casper the Friendly Ghost had a to-boo list.

"How do you cut a sea in half?" With a seesaw.

A golf ball is still a golf ball no matter where you putt it.

I've learned

I was visited by a man who came from the future. He came from next Thursday, so he was unable to give me much useful information.

A TV is a bright, shiny object.

Less than 1% of all X users post 80% of the misinformation. Shame on them.

When I had my first colonoscopy years ago, my wife hoped it'd locate my head.

Maybe a Sasquatch, Bigfoot, Yeti and Abominable Snowman are invisible.

I'm a member of the Clean Plate Club because there are hippos who are hungry, hungry.

An ice cream cone is the ultimate in biodegradable food containers.

Why was I eating a dill pickle with mustard in a hot dog bun over the sink? It was because I'm not a good cook.

I don't like looking in the shopping carts of others. It's too much like snooping in someone's medicine cabinet.

Nature notes

In John James Audubon's day, the northern cardinal was considered a southern bird and rarely seen as far north as Philadelphia. It's the northern cardinal because it's the most northerly representative of its genus, Cardinalis. The first Minnesota record was in Minneapolis in the fall of 1875. Many of the first arrivals were lone males seen in southern Minnesota. Redbirds appeared in Sherburne County (1887), Kandiyohi County (1894), Fillmore County (1898) and Martin County (1913). The state's first confirmed nesting was a nest with eggs found in Steele County in 1925. Nesting was later documented in Hennepin County in 1927 and Goodhue County in 1930.

The Virginia opossum is the only marsupial in North America and has an average litter size between six and 20 babies (called joeys) that weigh less than a penny at birth. The joeys are carried and nursed in a pouch after birth like kangaroos and koalas. Newborn opossums remain attached to their mother's nipples for 60 to 70 days before leaving the pouch, but continue to cling to their mother's fur. Reaching mouse-size, they ride on their mother's back. They're approximately four months old when they become independent.

Meeting adjourned

"One kind word can warm three winter months."—Japanese Proverb.

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Fit to print...

Puzzling behavior

Do you know what's really puzzling? Crosswords, word finds, Wordles and many many more.

For many, myself included, a puzzle and word game are a daily routine.

I play games from the New York Times website and app, including Wordle, Connections, the Crosswords, Tiles and Strands.

I thought I would share a puzzle on this page, for those puzzlers like myself.

First a little history of what is most likely the most popular newspaper puzzle, the crossword:

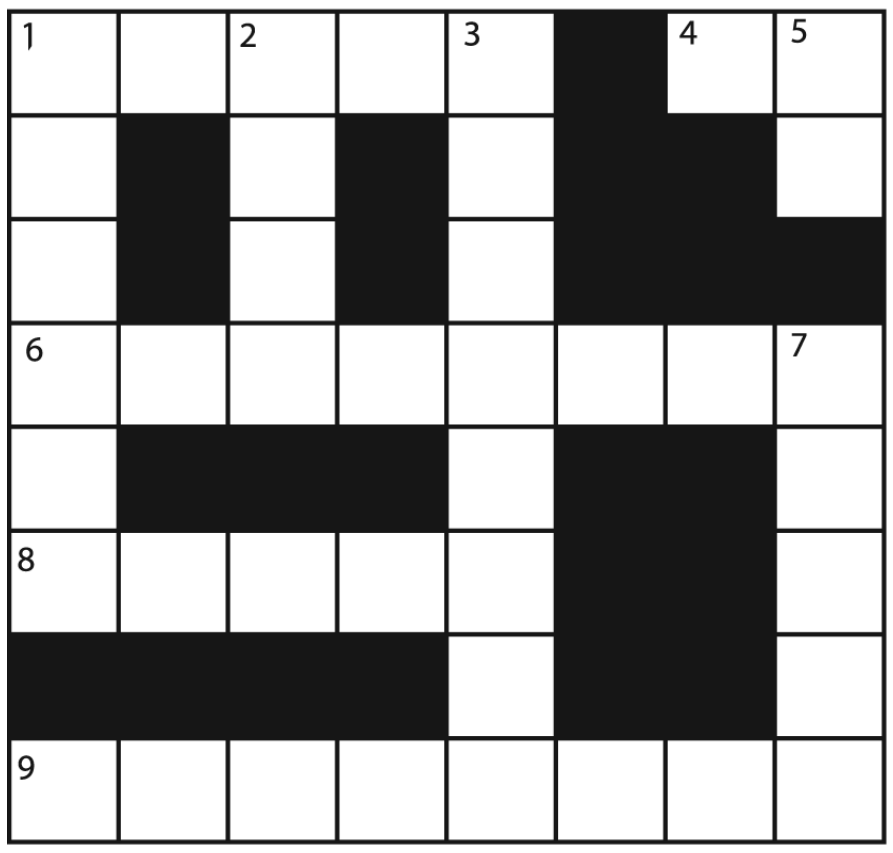
Crossword puzzles have been enjoyed for years and years. Arthur Wynne, a journalist from Liverpool, England, is usually credited as the inventor of crossword puzzles. The first such puzzle appeared in the Sunday newspaper the New York World on December 12, 1913. Wynne's crosswords differed from modern ones in that the crossword was diamond-shaped and contained no internal black squares.

Over time, additional publications recognized the popularity of crossword puzzles and started including them in their papers. Typically, the standard for crossword puzzles is a 15-by-15 square. The puzzle may have a theme that the words share in common. Another tradition in puzzle design is that the grid should have 180-degree rotational symmetry, so that the pattern appears the same if the paper is turned upside down. Grids appearing in North American newspapers and magazines consist mainly of solid regions of uninterrupted white squares, separated sparsely by shaded squares. Elsewhere around the world the grids feature a greater percentage of shaded squares.

Crossword puzzles are not only a popular pastime. Researchers continue to study how doing puzzles like crosswords strengthens cognitive health. Starting out with easier puzzles and building up in difficulty can make them easier to solve. Also, over time, avid crossword enthusiasts often learn repeated patterns and words that appear frequently in these puzzles.

And now, here's a starter puzzle for the week. Let us know if this is something you would like to see again occasionally in this space.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Collection of writings
4. Movie rating
6. Timing of events
8. Jewish religious leader
9. Newspapers or magazines

DOWN

1. One who creates a written piece
2. A space in a home
3. Green onion
5. Start to move
7. Corrections

Answers:
Across
1. Works 4. Pg 6. Timeline 8. Rabbi 9. Journals
Down
1. Writer 2. Room 3. Scallion 5. Go 7. Edits

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

November 12, 1924

The new Shell Rock Synod church on East Central avenue was the scene of quite a large gathering last Sunday when corner stone exercises were held. A number of visitors were present from a distance. The members of the congregation are justly proud of their new church. They have been holding services for some time previous in the city building known as the old high school.

The Northwood Theatre was crowded to capacity Wednesday and Thursday evenings when the Grove Township Farm Bureau play, "an Old-Fashioned Mother," was presented. Mrs. H.H. Douglass supervised the play and portrayed the leading part. Others taking part were Mr. and Mrs. B.I. Carey, Mrs. C.L. Olson, Mrs. John McQuatters, Mrs. Albert Linter, Arnold Bliton, A.L. Smith, B.W. Lodwick, H.H. Douglass, and little miss Esther Sandman. Music between the acts was by Heiny's orchestra.

Among the Northwood football fans who attended the Minnesota-Ames game at Minneapolis last Saturday were L.T. Dillon, B.W. Lodwick, Selmer Anderson and H.J. Williams. Mr. Dillon combined business with pleasure by purchasing new goods for his jewelry and gift shop while in the city.

Members of the Northwood lodge of Odd Fellows with their wives, sweethearts and other ladies enjoyed a dancing party at I.O.O.F. hall Monday evening. This was the first of the season's dances which re held every two weeks during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Finch were called to Iowa City the first of last week by the illness of their son William, student at the state university.

For the first time in the history of the state, Iowa has elected a solid dry delegation to Congress, according to a complete survey of final election returns prepared today by the Iowa Anti-Saloon League.

75 years ago

November 24, 1949

Musical instruments valued at approximately $1,400 were stolen from the band room at Northwood high school. Local law enforcement officers are investigating, but as yet no clues as to the identity of the bandits have been discovered. This was the second theft of musical instruments at the local high school in less than a year.

Leon S. Barnes, publisher of The Anchor and member of the board of directors of Newspaper Advertising service, was unanimously elected secretary of that body at its annual meeting in Chicago. Mr. Barnes was elected in absentia; during the convention he was at sea in the north Atlantic, a guest of the U.S. Navy on its winter maneuvers.

In a special meeting the Northwood town council took dual action aimed at protecting the health of local residents, Mayor John M. Slosson announced today. After hearing reports from Dr. L.M. Forland, veterinarian, that rabies is on the increase in the area with several cases reported recently, the council voted to urge citizens to keep their dogs tied, leaded, and under control.

The annual AAA elections in Worth County will be held in each township next week, choosing three committee men, two alternates, and one delegate to the county meeting for each township, Harold Mueller, county AAA chairman, announced this week.

Sunday evening at 6:30 a truck and two automobiles were involved in a crash 3 ½ miles south of Northwood on highway 65. Nobody was injured, but the automobiles were considerably damaged. The truck, driven by Eldon Ellis Wooten of Melbourne, and a car driven by Levi Showalter of Kensett were both traveling south. They collided with a northbound car driven by Frank Eenhuis of Hayfield. The pavement, icy and slick, was blamed for the accident.

50 years ago

November 21, 1974

Members of the Northwood-Kensett board of education are, clockwise around the table; William Lepley, superintendent; Eldren Brunsvold, member; Mrs. Beverly Pangburn, member; Olger Tenold, president; Otto Ostby, member; Richard (Bud) Johnson, member; and Mrs. Alice Whitcome, secretary. The board meets the second Monday of each month at the board room in the east elementary building.

Elmer Harmon, former proprietor of Harmon Super Market, Lake Mills, is now employed at Fallgatters Super Valu in Northwood, according to Carroll Fallgatter, owner. Fallgatter also announced that his son Doug will join him in the business sometime before the first of January. Doug Fallgatter has a 10-state sales area with Texas Instruments and lives in Schaumburg, Ill. He and his wife plant o move to Northwood as soon as housing can be arranged.

Howard A. Rupert, who served as vocational agriculture teacher in the Northwood-Kensett schools for 26 years, died in a Mason City hospital after a terminal illness of cancer. He had been admitted to the hospital earlier that day.

All Northwood-Kensett football teams, the cross-country team coaches and cheerleaders will be honored at the annual fall sports banquet at the high school gymnasium. President Lee Swenson said that those attending will vote for the outstanding lineman and backfield man on the varsity football team.

Lake Mills defeated the Viking girls 70-54 at Northwood. The local girls led at the half 29-27 but were unable to maintain the lead. Carol Hogen was high scorer with 21 points followed by Deanna Johnson with 18 and Colleen Otis with 15. Coach Bogess said the team played very well in the first half but were beat badly on the boards in the second half.

25 years ago

November 24, 1999

Northwood-Kensett first-grader Tori Harris concentrated on her Thanksgiving list while classmate Kelsey Tenold fought off the temptation to sample the fare before it was time to eat the Thanksgiving feast N-K teachers Linda Myhre and Pat Rothove prepare at a first-grade tradition every November. Their respective parents are Dedra and Tony Harris and Dan and Suzie Tenold, all of Northwood.

The one-half inch of rain Northwood received provided welcome relief after 22 days of bone-dry weather. "A lot of streams have reached what we call 'base level,' which is the point where the stream surface reaches the same level as the surrounding water table. That's pretty low, but on the bright side it means that those streams should drop slowly from here on out."

A portion of the Shell Rock River damn in Swensrud Park sat high and relatively dry as water levels declined due to dry conditions that have deposited less than three-quarters of an inch of rain here in the last 30 days. The city received .73 of an inch of October 30-31, but has received no measurable precipitation during the month of November, according to National Weather Service observer John Podgorniak.

I get my turkey from Fallgeters. I put it in the frigerator to get thowed I cut it. I put it in a pan and then in the oven for 1 hour. Jacob Richard Gordon

We buy it at Fallgeters. We cut it. We bake for 40 dagreas. For 16 minutes. It will be delicious. Marlee Butler.

The Brookefield Boosters 4-H Club was a recent recipient of $500 from the Iowa Network Services (INS) Charity Grant Program. The grant will be used for playground equipment for Kensett's Centennial Park. INS makes this award in conjunction with Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA) and its General Manager, Terry Wegener.

10 years ago

November 19, 2014

After more than a half century of serving the communities, he's lived in, as a volunteer and a professional, Marty Martin has decided it's time to step down as an emergency responder. "I've turned in my stethoscope," said Martin of his decision to retire as an emergency medical technician (EMT), most recently with the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. "It's time. They've got some good young people that are getting medic training, and they're a lot more energetic than me."

Gracing the home of Dale and Chirley Meyer of rural Northwood this Thanksgiving is their 10-year-old Christmas cactus. "It started out as just a small piece of our neighbor's cactus – what was left after a deer got into it," said Shirley. "I just tuck it into a pot of dirt, and it's been growing ever since." Shirley and her husband Dale set this three-foot-wide cactus outside every summer and bring it into the house before freezing weather sets in/ "It's a carefree plant," smiles Shirley. "It blooms once a year about this time for five-six weeks.

The annual Meals on Wheels Soup and Pie Supper will be held on Sunday, November 30, at the VFW Post in Northwood. The supper will be served from 4:30-6:30 p.m., or until the soup and pie are gone.

POET of Hanlontown employees are in the spirit of the holidays as they display POET's food drive sign. Food donations may be dropped off at the POET plant in Hanlontown. Any contributions made through the POET business office in Hanlontown, towards a local food bank, will be matched.

Jim and Becky Hanson welcomed the birth of their daughter, Ruby Anne Elizabeth Hanson, on October 29, 2014, at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City, Iowa. Ruby was six pounds, 12 ounces. She joins Merrin, age seven, and Henry, age four.

Availability of online and in-person pesticide applicator testing options announced

It was recently announced that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is again offering in-person and online pesticide applicator testing options for commercial and private applicators this fall.

The Department encourages commercial and private pesticide applicators to test and apply for 2025 licensing and certification starting to avoid delays.

"To maintain the productivity of Iowa agriculture, it is crucial that crop protection products are applied safely, precisely, and effectively," said Secretary Naig. "Iowa's nearly 33,000 private and commercial pesticide applicators are essential to this effort, and we provide various online and in-person testing options to help meet the licensing and certification requirements."

In-Person Testing

The Department partners with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to host free in-person private and commercial applicator testing sessions monthly from September through May. The Department's in-person testing sites are in Black Hawk, Cerro Gordo, Dallas, Dubuque, Fayette, Marshall, Johnson, Sioux, Scott, and Woodbury Counties. Preregistration is required. Applicators can visit the Department's website to reserve a spot. In person testing is also available through college test partners for a fee and locations and contact information are available on the Department's website. Those interested should contact the testing center directly to register and inquire about costs.

Online Private Pesticide Applicator Testing

Private pesticide applicators who want to obtain or renew their certifications can register to take the private certification exam online. Presently, there is no cost to the online private pesticide applicator testing. To register for the online exam, visit the Department's website. Links for the private applicator exam and instructions are provided under the Pesticide Applicator Testing Online section.

Online Commercial Pesticide Applicator Testing

Commercial pesticide applicators can register and pay to take the online exam on the Department's website. The online exams are monitored, recorded and reviewed by a third-party proctoring service. A web camera, high-speed internet connection, and government-issued photo ID card are required for online testing. There is a $25 fee for each commercial pesticide applicator test completed online, payable directly to the third-party online testing service. Commercial pesticide applicators will receive a preliminary pass/fail test result as soon as they complete the online exam, and these preliminary results cannot be used to apply for pesticide applicator certification. The third-party proctoring service will certify the test results and send the final scores to the email address used to register for the exam. Feedback on test results is only available at in-person paper-based testing sites hosted by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and will not be provided for online or computer-based exams. For information about the commercial pesticide applicator online exam, visit the Department's website.

Apply for Pesticide Applicator Licenses Online

Once applicators pass the online or in-person exam, they should use their certification number to register and log-in to the Department's pesticide self-service portal to submit their application, test results and payment. After the application is approved and the payment is processed by the Department, the licenses and certifications will appear on the individual's online account within 1-2 business days under "My Licenses" and "My Certifications" respectively. Help guides for most types of online applications are available on the Department's website.

For more information, call the Department at 515-281-8591 or email pesticides@iowaagriculture.gov.

Seed laboratory offers cover crop seed testing services

One of the most important factors that can determine the success of a cover crop is the quality of the seed itself.

Farmers and the seed industry need to know what they're putting into the planter will germinate, and that the seed is pure.

Terry Basol, a field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, encourages those who plant or sell cover crop seed to take advantage of the testing services offered by the Seed Laboratory at Iowa State University.

The lab provides a wide array of seed testing services, including those required by federal cover crop programs, and for selling cover crop seed.

Samples can be submitted in bags issued by the lab, or in quart-size plastic bags, with the type of seed and date of harvest clearly marked. The lab will send out up to 10 sample bags free of charge upon request.

Kim North, a seed analyst at the lab, said the harvest date is important because recently harvested seeds – those harvested within the past 6-9 months, require a prechilling period to break the seed's dormancy.

When information is missing, the lab contacts whoever sent the seed, and the testing process can be delayed by several days. The prechilling process itself takes five days or more to complete.

The Seed Lab provides a Cover Crop submission form for producers to complete on their website, which includes the test options, the date of harvest and the contact information.

Costs for testing vary depending on the type and quantity of tests the producer wants.

Basol said farmers who are planning to save and replant cover crop seed that they're harvesting should double-check to make sure it's not patented and/or licensed, as this would cause them to be in violation of patent rights and seed agreements of the seed company, and risk a patent infringement lawsuit. Although many cover crops can legally be replanted, it's important to check with the supplier or seed company to be certain.

Information about how to package seed samples and send them to the lab is available on the Seed Lab Website. Seed can be mailed to the lab, or dropped off in person during business hours, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The lab also has a drop box, available for 24-7 delivery.

For more information, the Seed Lab can be reached at 515-294-6826 or email seedlab@iastate.edu.

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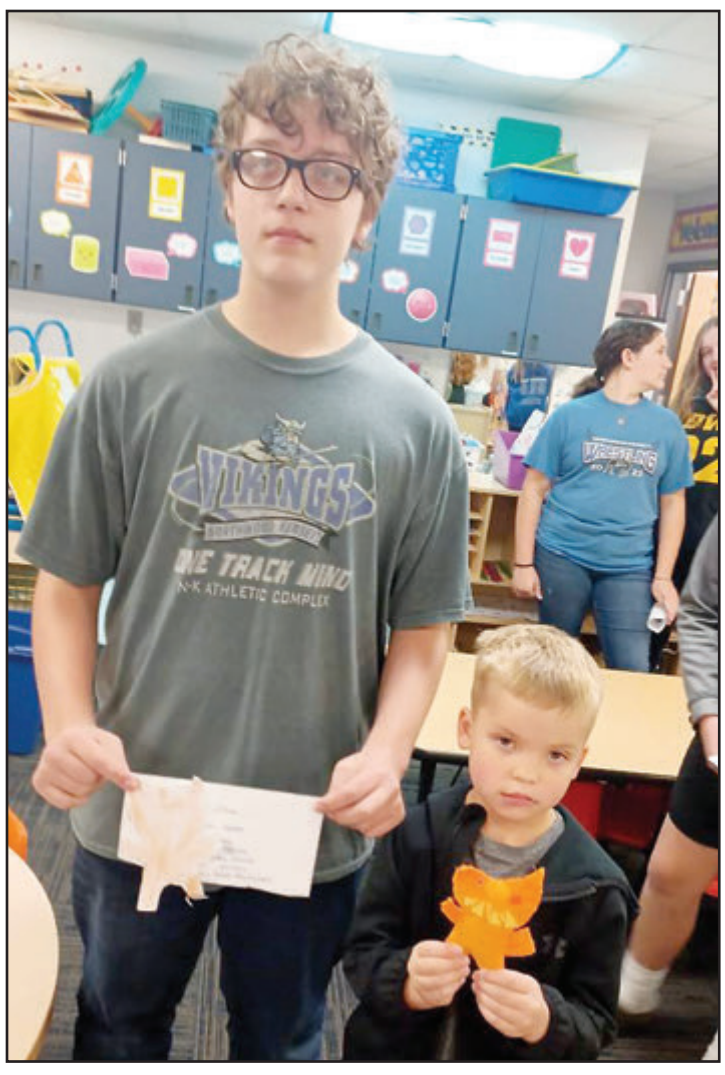
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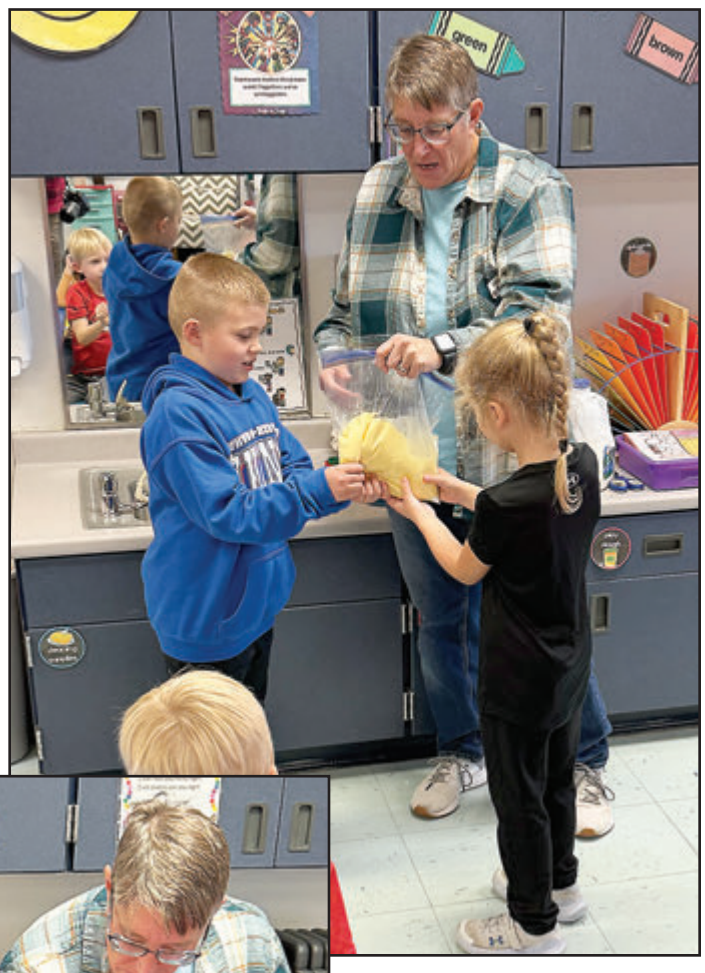


Crafting creatures

A unique collabaration between studets at Northwood-Kensett has been underway recently, with the result being some cuddly monsters. The project began with preschoolers drawing and coloring some unique monsters, along with writing about their monsters. The drawings and information were then shared with eighth graders in the family and consumer sciences classroom, who learned and put their hand sewing skills to work. The end result was a stuffed recreation of the preschoolers' drawings.

It's in the bag

Teresa Stehn, with Worth County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program recently visited the kindergarten classrooms at Northwood-Kensett with a lesson about agriculture and a preview of a holiday treat. Stehn taught them how to make pumpkin pie in a bag. In the process, she talked about how farmers grow pumpkins for food or for decorations. She talked about the dairy farmers that produce the milk that is also an ingredient in the recipe. In a bag with the milk and canned pumpkin and some spices and pudding mix, Stehn had the students squeeze and mix until the pie was ready to be poured into cups with crushed graham crackers and whipped cream, to be enjoyed by the students, teachers and a few lucky classroom visitors.









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