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Briefs

N-K concerts set for Feb. 24, 28

Northwood-Kensett students will share their talents with performances at the end of February.

The Northwood-Kensett Middle School will present its winter concert on Monday, February 24, with the band and choirs performing at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

The annual POPS concert will be held on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m.

POPS LVII (57) will once again include performances by the high school bands and choirs, along with other music, skits and performances of N-K student talents. POPS LVII will take place in the elementary gym.

Putting for fight against cancer set for March 1

Area putters will have a chance to travel a course with "greens" located throughout North Iowa and southern Minnesota, all to benefit the Relay For Life of Worth County and the fight against cancer. The event is set for Saturday, March 1.

The annual Putt Putt fundraiser invites teams of four putters and one designated driver caddy to travel to nine stops to test their putting skills, with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Registration is $50 per team.

Teams take scorecards to each stop, putt and then the scorekeeper initials their score. There will be a variety of prizes for the putters and teams.

All teams are asked to be at the Timbers by 7 p.m. with their scorecards.

Those that don't take part in the putting will also be welcome at the Timbers for a meal, silent auction and raffle.

Those interested may get more information and sign up by contacting Teresa at 641-390-1578.



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

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The Kenison Family. A love story.

By JoAnn Lower

Connie was born in Mason City, lived her first eight years in Cresco and then moved to California.

"My grandparents lived on a farm right outside the Northwood airport. Since my mother had grown up in Northwood, we came back often to visit my grandparents during my growing-up years. I was about 20 years old when I decided Northwood was where I wanted to live."

Shortly after moving here, Connie attended the University of Northern Iowa to finish her teaching degree, after which she taught for two years.

Brian grew up on the family farm east of Northwood, in "rural" Bolan.

Brian is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School. He was also a child of two N-K staff members. Many fondly remember his mother, Leona, for the meals she prepared and served as a cook at N-K. For many years, his father Keith worked as a custodian at the school.

It was one evening at the Circus Tap Bar (just west of the theater) that Connie, who was working at a farm store, met Brian, a gentleman who worked construction.

After a short time dating, they realized they had found the person they wanted to spend their life with.

They were married June 25, 1977, at First Lutheran Church. Amongst the many gathered friends and family were proud parents, Art and Jeanette Bickford and Keith and Leona Kenison.

After their wedding, they moved to the Kenison family farm.

The couple gave birth to three children – Kris, Lindsey and Jordan. Their grown family now includes four beautiful grandchildren. Lindsey and her husband Mike Severson have

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CONNIE AND BRIAN KENISON

Absentee voting underway for school tax elections

Absentee voting is underway for elections to decide whether two school districts with borders in Worth County should be allowed to adopt tax levies to pay for specific needs of the district.

The Central Springs and St. Ansgar school districts are seeking physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL) authority on Tuesday, March 4.

PPEL funds can be used to purchase, rent, lease and improve property, buildings, technology and equipment. PPEL funds can also be used to pay debt for those purpos-

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School calendar hearing tomorrow

At its regular meeting tomorrow Thursday, February 13, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

The next school year begins with registration on Wednesday, August 6. Teachers begin their school year with inservices, preparing for the school year, on August 13. For students,

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Worth's hazardoud liquid ordinance now in effect

Worth County's hazardous liquid pipeline ordinance officially went into effect with the publication of a notice in this week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal.

The ordinance has been in the works since the fall of 2024. A company, Summit Carbon Solutions, began a project to capture carbon dioxide from Iowa ethanol plants. The liquid carbon is pressurized and transported by pipeline to North Dakota, where it would be stored underground.

The process is meant to offset the carbon footprint of the ethanol process, for production credits that would allow the ethanol to be sold in more markets, or for more uses, such as sustainable jet fuel.

The POET ethanol plant near Hanlontown is one of the facilities included in Summit's plants. That would include the infrastructure to capture carbon dioxide at the plant, then pressurize and transport it in a pipeline that is proposed to be built between the southern county border and Highway 9.

When Summit could begin the process in Worth County in the fall, the Worth County Zoning Commission began developing an ordinance that would regulate liquid carbon and other hazardous liquid pipelines.

The ordinance regulates how liquid pipelines can be installed and operated in the county.

The zoning ordinance sets a number of regulations for where and how pipelines may be built.

Pipelines would have to be installed no less than six feet below the soil, outside of the blast, fatality and hazard zones, or 1/2 mile, whichever is greater, of city limits, churches, schools, nursing homes, health facilities, hospitals, public parks, sensitive areas and other occupied structures, as well as animal feeding facilities and electrical generating facilities.

Pipelines would be required to be built at least 200 feet from most water systems and supplies.

Pipeline companies would also be required to provide a variety of information on the landowners, facilities and resources it would pass near.

Carbon dioxide companies would also be required, for emergency response and hazard mitigation purposes, to provide maps and descriptions of its route, along with descriptions of health risks to people and

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Family Fun Night set for March 20

The Worth County Asset Team will hold a Family Fun Night event on Thursday, March 20.

WCAT is a group made up of representatives of area health, emergency and law agencies, groups and businesses, who work to support substance abuse and mental health in the communities.

The Family Fun Night will be held at the Kensett Community Center. It will include food, games, activities and inflatables.

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Celebrating 60 years of service

Last Thursday night the members of the North Fire & EMS department recognized Kenny Quam, who has served on the department for 60 years, joining in February 1965. Before their monthly meeting, the NFEMS crew celebrated Quam's 60 years of service with his family and honorary fire department members that have served with Quam over the years. Pictured above are (from left) Bob Hall, Russ Julseth, JC Dawald, Kenny Quam, Jim Hanson, Andy Grunhovd, Ellert Nodtvedt and Jackson Hertel.



Ausborn places 6th at State — See Sports Page 5



A gift of a good read

Students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary are continuing to expand their personal libraries of books. Each month during this and recent school years, every student at the elementary has been givena a book of their own to take home. The monthly gifts of reading material are made possible by donations for the program.

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es.

The Central Springs district will ask voters to approve a PPEL at a rate of $1.34 per $1,000 of taxable valuation.

The CS PPEL would go into effect June 30, 2026, and last up to 10 years.

The St. Ansgar school district will ask voters to approve a PPEL tax at a levy of 67 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation. That would begin on July 1, 2028, and may be asked for up to 10 years.

St. Ansgar district residents will also be asked to vote on whether the district residents will also be asked to vote on whether the district should have the authority to spend its share of Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) funds.

SAVE funds come from a state sales tax shared amongst Iowa school districts.

Absentee voting began on Wednesday, February 12. That includes those that would like to vote absentee in person in their county's auditor's office. It also includes those that request absentee ballots by mail.

The last day an absentee ballot will be mailed to voters is Tuesday, February 18.

Absentee voting in the county auditor's offices also began on February 12 and will continue until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3.

Absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The deadline for voter pre-registration is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18.

The special elections for each district will be held on Tuesday, March 4, with polling places up from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

More information about the elections is available at the Worth County elections website, online at elections.worthcountyiowa.gov. Information is also available on the schools' websites, online at centralsprings.net and www.stacsd.org.

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the school year will begin on Monday, August 25, the earliest weekday allowed by state law this year, as August 23 is a Saturday. Preschoolers will begin the following Tuesday, September 2.

The first quarter ends on October 24.

Thanksgiving break will be November 26-28.

The last day of school before winter break will be on Tuesday, December 23, 2025. The first day after the holiday break will be on Monday, January 5, 2026.

The first semester will end on January 13. The third quarter ends on March 25.

Spring break in 2026 will take place from March 9-13.

The class of 2026 will graduate on May 17.

The second semester and the school year will end on May 22, as currently planned.

The calendar includes 178 days with students in the classroom, with 1,119.96 hours. Iowa districts are required to offer 1,080 hours, meaning there is some space, 39.96 hours, in the calendar for snow days, late starts and early dismissals.

The meeting on February 13, which begins at 6 p.m. in the district administrative building, will include the public hearing on the school calendar, beginning at 6:02 p.m.

Comments can be given at the public hearing, submitted in writing or via email to mcrozier@nkvikings.com.

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animals.

That would include information that first responders would need to be prepared for and to respond to pipeline emergencies and disasters.

The ordinance also asks for a rupture dispersion modeling report, for how and where ruptures could impact people and places. The company has said it would not provide this information publicly, as it would provide a dangerous resource for terroristic activities.

All other hazardous liquid pipeline developers would only be required to provide an emergency response plan and a detailed description of how the company would work with law and emergency agencies in the event of pipeline emergencies and disasters.

The ordinance was developed and recommended to the supervisors.

After a public hearing at a supervisors meeting in December, the supervisors tabled action. At the time, the supervisors suspended action based on pending court action.

Two other Iowa counties had been sued and courts had ruled their versions of pipeline ordinances could not be enforced, as pipelines are regulated at the state and federal, not county levels. Those ordinances were less restrictive than Worth County's. Those counties are appealing the court decisions.

Depending on the ultimate result a precedent could be set that would make all county pipeline ordinances unenforceable.

At their January 27 meeting, the supervisors passed the ordinance. Supervisors Enos Loberg and AJ Stone said that they could modify the ordinance once the courts have decided on the appeals. Supervisor Mark Smeby had said that he wanted to wait to act on the ordinance until after the court decisions.

The ordinance was set to go into effect after being published, which takes place this week. A notice appears in this week's Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal. The ordinance and liquid pipeline changes can be found at the county's website, online at www.worthcounty.gov.

Plan now for how to use your tax refund

By Barb Wollan
ISU Extension
and Outreach



Iowans who are expecting a sizable income tax refund have choices about how to use that money, says Barb Wollan, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Keep in mind that how you use your refund will affect your household's financial wellbeing all year long. However, before you receive your refund, consider how much money to pay for tax preparation," said Wollan, who specializes in family wellbeing.

Wollan offers these suggestions.

• Maximize your refund by not overpaying for tax return preparation

If your income is below about $67,000 per year, you may be eligible for free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Some ISU Extension and Outreach county offices are also VITA sites and a list of these VITA sites is available online. If your income is below $84,000, you can use VITA's free do-it-yourself software. Learn more by sending an email to Central Iowa VITA, centraliowavita@gmail.com; an auto reply will provide you with the link and instructions.

• Plan for use of your refund

As with any type of income, you have three main choices for how to use your tax refund: spend, save or pay off debt.

"Careful thought can help you ensure that your family benefits all year long from the refund," Wollan said.

• Save your refund

Saving substantially from the tax refund may be overlooked when immediate needs and wants are always present. However, for many families, saving a large portion of the refund may be the best possible option.

"There are good reasons to save your income tax refund," Wollan explained.

Think back to the financial challenges you faced in the past year and think ahead to special needs you anticipate in the year ahead. In many cases, having money in savings prevents an unusual or unexpected expense from becoming a major crisis.

Without savings, any major repair, medical bill or large seasonal expense could disrupt your financial stability. For example, paying a car repair bill might leave you short on funds to pay your regular monthly bills on time, leading to late fees or additional interest charges.

Having savings reduces costs, prevents stress and helps you maintain positive relationships with your landlord and other regular vendors.

What seasonal expenses might you want to save for? What emergency expenses might arise? Consider setting saving goals for your tax refund to help prevent a financial crisis in the coming year.

• Pay off debt

Your first priority for your refund may be to pay off any problem debt. If you're behind on a bill, getting caught up is important. If you have high-interest credit card debt, paying it off will save a lot of interest expense, Wollan said.

• Make a special purchase

After paying off problem debt, though, it becomes a balancing act: saving for anticipated needs in the coming year versus making special purchases now.

"Keep in mind that spending the money is irreversible. However, if you save a large portion of your refund and no emergencies arise, you can always make purchases later, or next year," Wollan said.

Most families will make some purchases with their tax refund. Consider purchases that will pay benefits for a long time, so that even six to eight months from now your family will still enjoy what you purchased and feel like it has made your life better.

As you look ahead to tax season, Wollan suggests planning for how you will use your tax refund. Without a carefully thought out plan, it can be easy to spend your refund on the first few good ideas that you encounter, rather than in the ways that will benefit your family the most. Paying debt may be inevitable, but prioritizing substantial savings can set the stage for a year without financial ups and downs.

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WCAT and other community groups and agencies will also provide information and resources at the event.

Families are invited to attend. Their is no cost to take part.

The Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, March 20, from 4-7 p.m.

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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 Kellan. My favorite class is Basecamp. My favorite teacher is Mr. Miller. My favorite things to do outside of school are ride my dirt bike and take care of pigs. My favorite thing about my school is spending time in the ag room.

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Connie and Brian are pictured above with their children and grandchildren, including (in front, from left) Keeghan, Zander, Bryn, Huxley, (back row) Lindsey, Mike, Kris, Brian, Connie, Curt, Jordan and Boone.



Pictured with the grandchildren (and favored family pet) are (from left) Keeghan, Huxley, Connie, Bryn, Brian, Boone and Zander.

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two sons – Keeghan and Zander. Jordan and her husband Curt Smalley, married 39 years later on the family farm on the same day on as Connie and Brian, have a daughter Bryn and a son Boone.

Another important Kenison family member is Brian's "therapy dog," Huxley, a 10-year-old labradoodle. Brian also enjoys putting corn out for the squirrels, to make sure they have something to eat.

In 1993, after many years working with local contractors, Brian and Connie started his company, Kenison Construction. In addition, Connie had also worked for 30 years as the director of the Northwood Public Library.

Now retired, the couple is having a wonderful time with their family.

"Eleven years ago we all went to Disney World in Florida, and we're all going again this year. A special thing Brian and I did last February was to purchase a condo in Waterville, Minnesota. All 11 of us spend weekends there, fishing off our dock, visiting little towns and going out to eat together."

The Kenison farm was purchased by Brian's great-grandfather and has been in the family since 1891. The grandchildren are sixth generation Kenisons.

"We put up a big red barn because I've always wanted one," Connie said. "In the barn is a small apartment where my mom stays when she visits. We usually have Sunday supper here at the farm, sometimes up to twenty of us. Our family is important. Our family is our lifeline."

Connie and Brian's love for each other, together with their faith in God, has brought them through good times and bad. They've delighted at the births of babies. Grieved the losses of loved ones. Faced the unease of medical issues and surgeries. Comforted each other through illness. Always coming out on the other side with hope.

Now after nearly 48 years of marriage, three children and four grandchildren, they speak about what's most important in their lives. "Faith, Family, Farm."









100 days to love

As they prepared for two milestones, students in the first grade classes at Northwood-Kensett Elementary took part in some crafting activities. That included making some Valentine's baskets. The students also prepared for 100 days with another heart-made craft. Starting with a wooden heart, the students were tasked with glueing 10 piles of 10 puzzle pieces to the heart, to celebrate their 100th day of school on February 3.

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U of I announces 2024 fall semester dean's list

More than 8,700 students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2024 fall semester.

Local students on the dean's list include Ella Leonard and Evelyn Ocel of Northwood, Braedon Appel and Kaysee Miller of Fertile and Emma Hicken of Grafton.

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Applications open for scholarships from Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) is excited to announce the opening of its 2025 scholarship application process, offering students the opportunity to receive a share of over $700,000 in scholarships. The deadline to apply is 8 p.m. on March 12.

The CFNEIA scholarship program supports high school, college and adult students in pursuing higher education. In 2024, CFNEIA awarded 253 scholarships, averaging over $3,000 per recipient. Scholarship notifications for 2025 will be sent in June, with selections finalized in May.

Students interested in applying should visit www.cfneia.org/scholarships to view the eligibility checklist and access the application. The common application requires the following:

- Basic personal and academic information
- Transcript of academic record
- Summary of extracurricular activities
- Essay portion
- Letter of recommendation

Some scholarships may require additional materials, which will be outlined in the application. All required materials must be submitted through CFNEIA's online system by the March 12 deadline.

CFNEIA scholarships cater to a variety of students, with awards based on factors such as financial need, academic performance, field of study, and community involvement.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, contact Staci Mueller, Director of Scholarship Impact at 319-243-1359 or smueller@cfneia.org. Information and applications are also available online at www.cfneia.org/scholarships.

On track with Alexandria Hanson-Brandsoy

By Troy Einertson
Girls track coach

Our last track athlete to jump to the college level this year is Alexandria. Lexi has taken her mid and long distance talents to Simpson College, where she is not only running track in the late winter and spring, but cross country in the fall. While in high school Lexi enjoyed success not only on the track, but also in cross country. She started running 400s and a few 800s while a freshman and finished her career here at Northwood-Kensett as one of the best distance runners we have had. So when she told me she was signing at Simpson, I knew they were getting not only a determined runner, but an amazing student and kid as well.

When I talked with Lexi about running in college she said that college is vastly different from high school in many aspects. The competition level is much higher, and you are often running against top performers from different states and even internationally. Training intensity also increases, with higher mileage and multiple workouts per day, including strength training and conditioning programs.

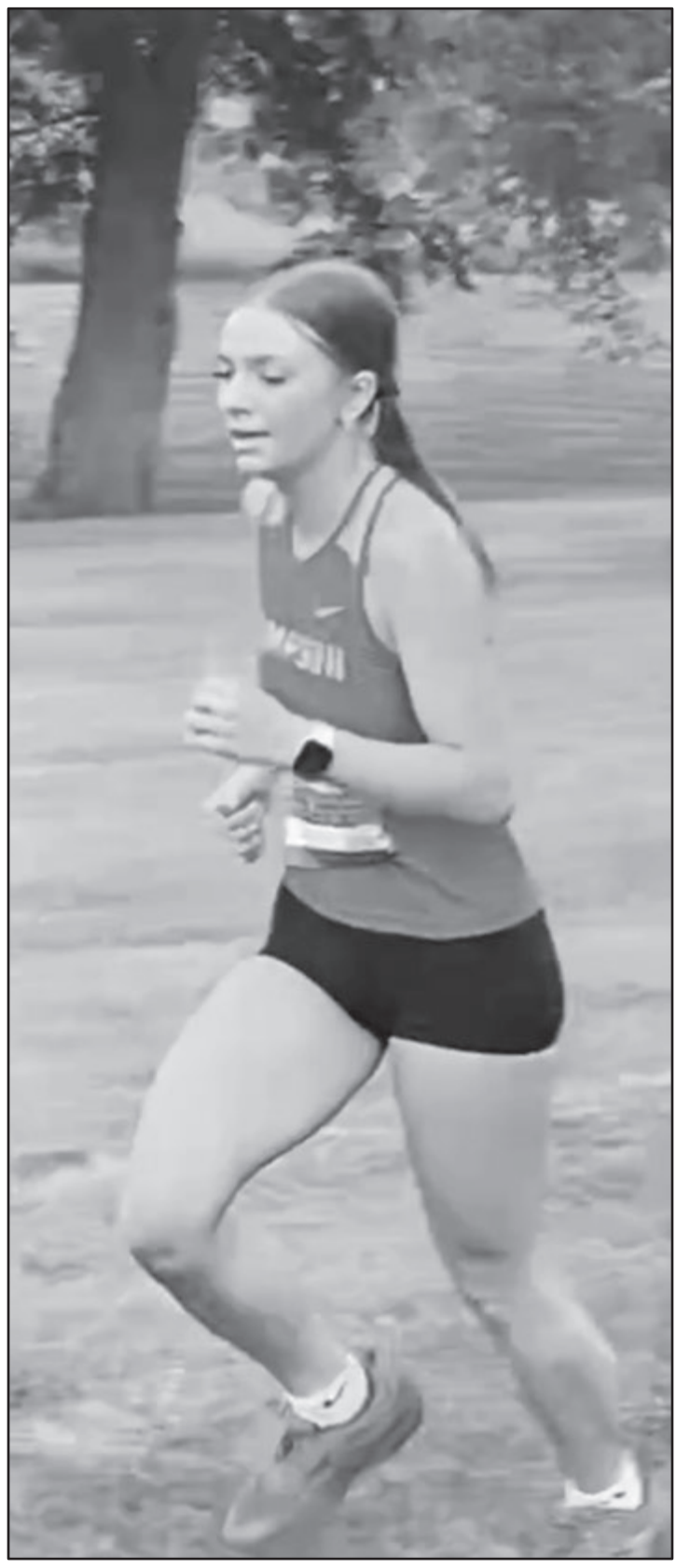
I also asked her if she had any advice for anyone who planned on competing in college and she said, "If you're looking to compete at the college level, my best advice is to start by setting clear goals for yourself—whether in academics, race times, or strength training. For me, staying disciplined helps me stay on top of everything. Always maintain a positive attitude and work hard for what you want. Never give up on your goals, because nothing is impossible.

We also talked about any goals she had set for herself this year and she told me that she does have a few goals this year, with a main focus on improvement. "I want to work on my weaknesses, stay consistent in both the gym and my running, improve my recovery by eating well and getting plenty of sleep, stay on top of my academics, and develop a strong mindset. These are all crucial to becoming a better athlete, and that's where I want to be throughout my running career."

Again, like Morgan and Lindsey, Lexi is one of those rare athletes that you get as a coach. They all worked extremely hard on the track and in the classroom, and as their successes both on and off the track show, hard work always pays off! They should be an inspiration to all of the kids coming up through the ranks to always have a dream, and try to make that dream a reality!

All of us are very proud of Lexi and wish her the best this year! If you would like to follow Lexi and her team this year at Simpson, go to www.simpsonathletics.com/sports/wtrack/2024-25/roster and click on their schedule.

Thanks everyone, and I look forward to seeing all of you out at the track this year supporting all of our wonderful high school track athletes that I get the pleasure of coaching!



ALEXANDRIA HANSON-BRANDSOY

Recognizing a stand out student

By Troy Einertson
N-K fourth grade teacher

In every classroom, there are students who stand out not only for their academic achievements but also for the way they improve on their character in and outside of the classroom. This article is dedicated to one such remarkable student, Victoria Madden, whose journey through fourth grade has been nothing short of inspiring.

From the very beginning of the school year, Victoria has shown an unwavering commitment to making herself not only a better student, but a better kid as well. Her excitement for learning new things is infectious, turning even the most challenging lessons into exciting opportunities to explore and understand.

Whether it's mastering her multiplication and division facts to learning about the different regions of our country Victoria is always up to the challenge. As a class we have talked about goals and getting better every day.

One of the goals that Victoria and I talked about was improving on all of her state required assessments. Not only did she accomplish her goals, but she surpassed them! Now she has set new goals for the next time we test, and I have no doubt in my mind she will surpass these as well.

Beyond the classroom Victoria has also shown a rare kindness and empathy that radiates throughout the classroom. This has not always been easy for her, but again we talked about some things at the beginning of the year that we needed to work on and to say that she has done a much better job in and out of the classroom would be an understatement.

Victoria is always lending a helping hand to me and her classmates, and if she is not helping she is offering words of encouragement to others in the classroom. Victoria has not always embraced this part of school either, but this year she has a genuine concern for others' well-being and tries to create a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and included.

It has been a pleasure having Victoria in my room this year. She has worked extremely hard at becoming a better student and classmate and I cannot wait to see what she can accomplish in the years to come. So thank you Vic, and keep up the good work!



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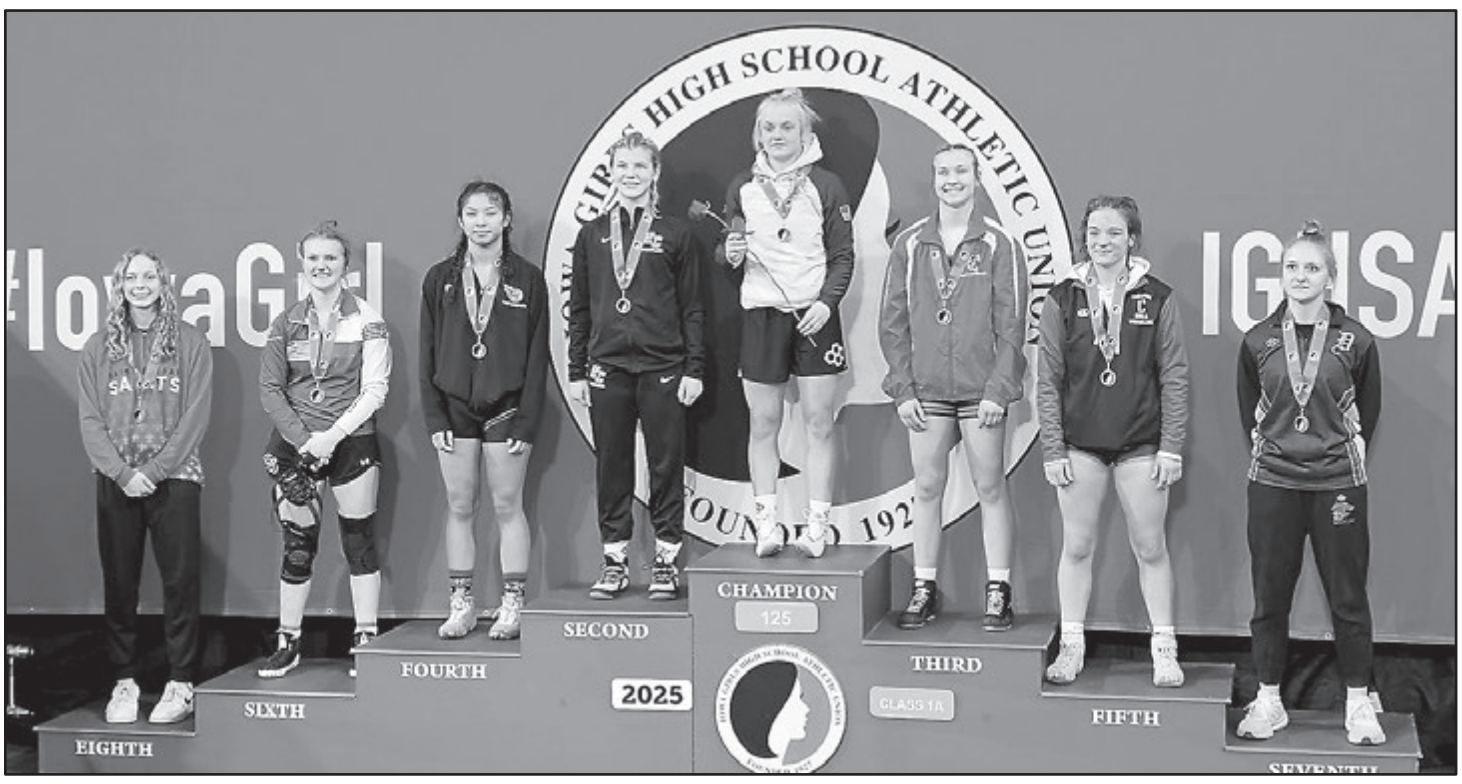
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Placed 6th at State



Northwood-Kensett senior Jessi Ausborn (second from left) stands in sixth place at the Iowa High School Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

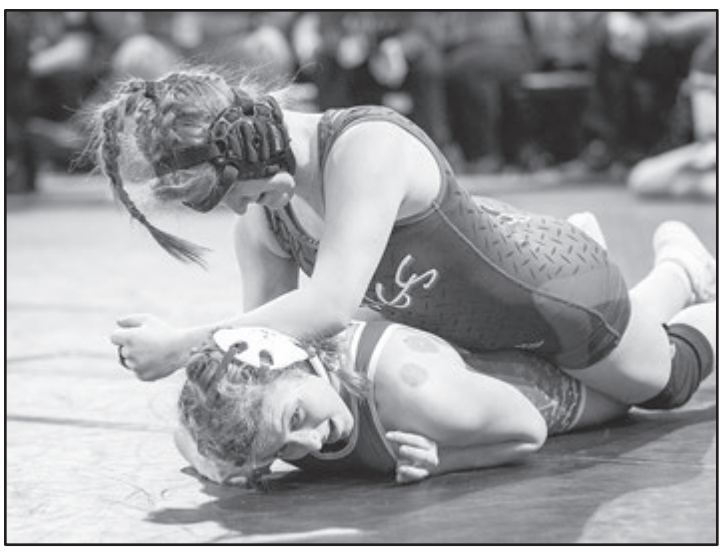




Viking Jessi Ausborn, sixth in the state

By Julie Salisbury

Northwood-Kensett Viking senior Jessi Ausborn has made school history by becoming the first female wrestler to place at the Iowa Girls High School State Wrestling Tournament.



Ausborn wrestling at 125 pounds entered the tournament with a record of 31-12.

In the first round Ausborn faced sophomore Michelene Sedam (19-6) of Central Lyon-Georgia Little Rock and defeated her with a fall in 2:32.

In the quarterfinals, Ausborn faced senior Molly Allen (31-0) of Riverside, Oakland and fell by a technical fall 17-2 in 0:51. Allen went on to be the 125 pound champion.

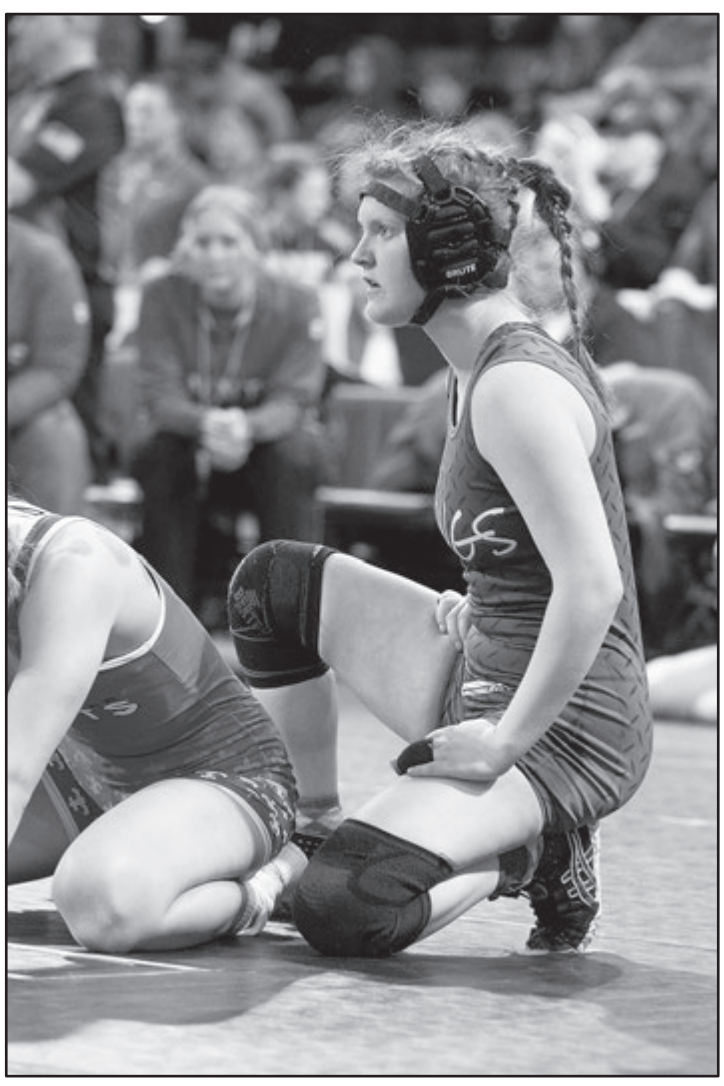
In the consolation round two, Ausborn faced senior Olivia Rupe (23-13) of Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont and defeated her with a fall in 2:48.

In the consolation round three, Ausborn wrestled freshman Amelia Walk (25-10) from St. Ansgar and won by a fall in 5:25.

In the consolation semis, Ausborn took on senior Reese Berns (48-8) of Central Elkader and lost by a fall in 1:16.

In the fifth place match, Ausborn faced off with freshman Karlie Kruse (37-13) of Creston and lost by a 9-3 decision.





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Bloomingdale Legislative Newsletter



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 60

WEEK FOUR

On January 31, we lost a friend and colleague, Representative Martin Graber. Representative Graber served in the Iowa House from 2021-2025 for House District 100. He was active in the Iowa National Guard, served our country for over three decades and retired as a decorated brigadier general. His wife Coni served as his clerk in the Iowa Legislature and our deepest condolences go out to her and all Representative Graber's family. On Tuesday, our legislative activities were canceled and many of us attended his funeral in Fort Madison.

This week the State Government Committee passed another handful of bills unanimously and we are working on amendments to bills that have been assigned, passed subcommittees but needed slight changes to make them better bills.

HSB 78 provides state employees paid parental leave under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act following the birth or adoption of a child. Vote 23-0

HF 26 requires employers to treat employees who choose adoption the same as biological parents for purposes of employment policies and leave. Vote 23-0

HSB 75 clarifies public meeting notices, ensuring they are distributed to the news media, posted in a conspicuous and prominent spot and posted on the internet. The same notices will be given for a canceled meeting. Vote 23-0

Entire bills can be looked up at www.legis.iowa.gov Next week, we have rescheduled the Department of Management for a discussion on realignment and plan to schedule the Department of Corrections, DIALS and DAS over the next few weeks. I assigned another 12 bills for subcommittee and several bills will be ready for committee debate next week.

School Supplemental Aid conversations continue as the House looks to put together their SSA bill. The House proposal would increase funding by $149.2 million. Key points in the House proposal include:

2.25 % SSA increase + second phase of teacher salary plan- $114.5 million

Increase in District Cost Per Pupil Equity by $10-$5.8 million

School Transportation for schools over the state average- $5.3 million

Increase in Operational Sharing- $1.0 million

One-time .6% SSA payment- $22.6 million

For several sessions, Iowa House Republicans have been interested in taking action to protect our local pharmacies facing unfair practices from Pharmacy Benefit Managers, the middlemen known as PBMs. We are seeing rural pharmacies close at an alarming rate. Twenty-nine pharmacies closed in 2024. HSB 99 includes eight new additional regulations on PBMs in Iowa. This bill passed subcommittee in the House this week; however, this bill is not in its final form, and we will continue to seek input as this bill progress through the House.

Our floor debate this week was limited to a few bills. We passed joint rules governing lobbyists, rules for the House and Senate, code of ethics, and definitions for permanent rules for the Iowa House of Representatives for the 91st General Assembly. Comprises the Joint Rules Governing Lobbyists for the 91st General Assembly.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov



Senator Rowley, Senator Campbell and I were able to meet with Chiropractors Lucas Nelson, St. Ansgar, and Lane Krause, Clear Lake

To The Point



Doug Campbell
State Senator
District 30

Hey friends,

It's been another busy and productive week at the Capitol, but we started on a somber note.

Remembering Representative Martin Graber

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Representative Martin Graber last week. Many of us attended his visitation and funeral on Monday and Tuesday, paying our respects to a valued member of the Iowa Legislature. He will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

Strengthening Education in Iowa

Governor Reynolds introduced a new education bill focused on improving math proficiency and civics education. The plan provides targeted support for students struggling to meet proficiency standards and equips teachers with the resources needed for success. Additionally, high school students will be required to score at least 60% on a U.S. civics test to graduate. Raising the bar in education is critical for preparing Iowa students for their futures, and I look forward to more discussions on how we can continue to strengthen our schools.

Keeping Iowa's Energy Reliable and Affordable

Another big initiative from Governor Reynolds this week was a comprehensive energy bill aimed at keeping electricity prices low and our grid strong. Iowa already ranks high in power grid reliability while maintaining affordability for consumers, but as energy demand increases, we must be proactive in ensuring Iowans continue to have access to affordable, reliable energy.

Supporting Local Pharmacies

Good news for small-town pharmacies! A bill addressing pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) passed out of subcommittee in both the House and Senate this week. This bill reduces unnecessary regulations on PBMs, which will help increase reimbursement rates for independent pharmacies. Small-town pharmacies play a critical role in their communities, and this bill is a step in the right direction to level the playing field and ensure Iowans can continue to access affordable medications locally.

Protecting Iowa's Agriculture

We also continued discussions on Senate Study Bill 1051, which deals with "duty to warn" labels on pesticide products. Out-of-state trial lawyers have been targeting agriculture companies over label regulations—even when they follow federal guidelines. Farmers depend on these essential tools to grow the food that feeds the world, and we need to protect them from unnecessary legal attacks that drive up costs for everyone.

Election Integrity Measures Showing Results

Since 2017, Senate Republicans have been working to protect the integrity of Iowa's elections. Measures like voter ID, absentee ballot protections, election audits, and uniform procedures have helped strengthen our system. This week, the Secretary of State reported that over 180,000 voter registrations were canceled after years of inactivity, ensuring our voter rolls remain accurate and secure.

Despite claims that these laws would suppress voter turnout, the opposite has happened—Iowans have more confidence in our elections than ever before. In 2024, voter turnout reached 74.17%, up from 72.77% in 2016. We remain committed to making it easy to vote and hard to cheat in Iowa.

Hitting the Ground Running!

As your senator, I'm not just here to sit on the sidelines—I'm here to get things done. This week, I officially chaired several subcommittees, diving into important legislation and keeping the process moving forward. There's a lot of work to do, and I'm honored to lead these discussions to deliver real results for the people of District 30.

We have our first town hall Saturday morning at the Mason City Library in the Mason City Room from 10 a.m. to noon. We also have a town hall in Osage on March 29 at 9 a.m. at the fire station, 432 Main St. Come on out! We would love to meet you and hear your concerns.

There's a lot more work ahead, but I'm proud to be fighting for YOU. As always, my office is open—don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, concerns, or ideas.

Until next time,

Doug Campbell
Iowa Senator, District 30

Bolan

The Bolan Trinity UM Church Family will do some musical selections, hymn sing-a-longs and provide refreshments at the St. Ansgar Good Samaritan Center on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 2:30 pm.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, WAGS, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Bethlehem Quilting, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, Grace Worship, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10: 30 a.m.; Tuesday, Manly Care Center, 10 a.m., BLC Altar Guild, 1 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Conf. at Bethlehem; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Bethany Worship, 9 a.m., Elk Creek Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Elk Creek Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, B Council, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open, 10 a.m. - Noon
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Services, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m., Good Sam Center in St. Ansgar Sing-a-long program, 2:30 p.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., Wonderful Wednesday, K-3rd Grade, 3 p.m., Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., 4th-8th & Confirmation, 5:30 p.m., Meal, 6:15 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6 p.m., HS Youth Group, Adult Choir, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship, 9:10 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship, 10:30 a.m., Trinity at St. Ansgar Care Center, 2:30 p.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church
Thursday, Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service at Northwood, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m., Confirmation, 5 p.m., Youth Group, 6 p.m.
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One In Christ Lutheran Parish
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First Lutheran Church, Northwood
Wednesday, 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., Pub Theology, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with H.C. with S.S. Singing, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., DCV with H.C., 10:30 a.m., LRH, 3 p.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Manna Truck, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Trust Fund Meeting, 4 p.m., Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
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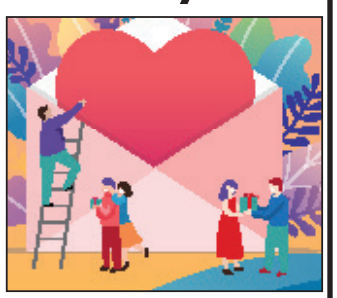
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A Valentine for Everyone



When I was in grammar school it was common practice for the kids to give a valentine to everyone in their class. Our parents would buy packages of Valentine cards that had a bunch of small valentines with preprinted messages such as "Be My Valentine" or "Won't you be my Valentine?" on them and then the kids would fill in the names in the spaces for "To:" and "From:" and hand them out to their classmates on Valentines Day. And what a beautiful way to teach kids that they should be kind and loving to everyone. No one was left out and everyone went home with a pile of valentines. And of course, if there was someone special in your class who you had a crush on you could write an extra note to him or her. Maybe we should do something similar this year on Valentine's Day. There are a million ways you can show others that you love them, from a nice personal note to something you baked or made yourself. The only limit is your imagination and the love you have for those around you. –Christopher Simon

Do everything in love.
–1 Corinthians 16:14 NIV

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

Whatchagot Stew by Patrick F. McManus and Patricia "The Troll" McManus Gass is an interesting read. The cover declares it is "The Best-selling Memoir of an Idaho Childhood, with Recipes and Commentaries". Published in 1989 by Henry Holt and Company, NYC, it was compiled by brother and sister relating the food and adventures of their childhood. The name comes from Patrick's hunting experiences where each man in the hunting party contributed something to the stew pot, depending on the answer to "Whatchagot?" Patricia's nickname is taken from her childhood fun identity as Grendel the Troll. These were unique siblings. The recipes below are adapted from a "normal" chapter on "Cakes, Cookies and Candies" because no matter hunter or troll, most people like desserts.

Apple Cake

2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons real vanilla extract
4 cups peeled and chopped apples
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup vegetable oil (not olive oil)
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 large eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, combine the chopped apples and sugar. In a small bowl, combing the oil, nuts, egg and vanilla. Add this to the apples, mixing well. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt and add to the apple mixture. Stir this to combine well. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch baking pan and pour the batter into it. Bale for about 60 minutes or until it tests as done with a wooden tooth pick or cake tester. This is a moist cake and keeps well. It's delicious served with real whipped cream (not C'Whip!) on top or with vanilla ice cream on the side. Makes 15 servings.

Chocolate Sauerkraut Cake
SANDY'S NOTE: Don't grimace, this is delicious and not sour!

2/3 cup real butter
1 teaspoon baking powder
3 large eggs
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
1 teaspoon salt
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup water
½ cup unsweetened cocoa
1 ½ cups sugar
2/3 cups sauerkraut, rinsed, drained and finely chopped. The kind in a can or jar is best but not the kind with caraway seeds.

In a large mixing bowl with an electric mixer, cream the butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla until creamy. Sift together the flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to the creamed mixture, 1/3 at a time, beating on low to combine well. Stir in the sauerkraut and water, mixing well. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch baking pan and pour in the batter. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until it tests done with a wooden pick or cake tester. This is a moist chocolate cake that is great with vanilla ice cream; no icing needed. Serves 15

Hard-Time Cookies

1 cup sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup bacon grease, room temp.
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 large egg
1 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons light corn syrup
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon real vanilla extract
More sugar for rolling

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl, mixing well. Roll into balls about the size of a walnut, then roll each ball in sugar. Place far apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen cookies. SANDY'S NOTE: don't omit the bacon grease or try to use butter or shortening. It gives the cookies a unique flavor and people won't even know it is left-over drippings they taste. Use room temperature drippings, not hot and not ice cold from the fridge.

The use of bacon drippings (although we've all been warned that they will clog our arteries) is an age-old way to avoid waste. I keep a jar of them in the fridge for several uses such as frying potatoes, onions or as an ingredient such as in these cookies. As long as you didn't burn the bacon, the flavor is delicious. And… that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Lucky, in love

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce once again held a Valentines Day contest with a variety of prizes that the winner would love. A drawing was held last week and Rachel Davis was chosen as the winner. Rachel entered the contest at Knudtson Auto. Pictured above are Tim and Rachel Davis. Their prizes included a stay at the Holiday Inn & Suites, dinner at Tequila's, movie tickets and concession stand tickets at the Northwood Theatre, flowers from the Flower Forager, a bottle of champagne from Shade Tree Liquors, a date night at Liquid Library, a gift certificate for Carpenter Coffee Company and Valentines candy from Fallgatters.

Iowa conifers struggling with winter burn

Iowa Department of Natural Resource (DNR) foresters are anticipating reports of moderate to severe winter burn damage to arborvitae and white pine trees across Iowa.

"The ground remains frozen, but the ambient temperatures have been above freezing," explains Tivon Feeley, DNR forest health forester. "The tree is forced to use their water reserves in the needles, but can't absorb new water from the frozen soil. The lack of water causes the trees to dry out."

Winter burn is common on conifers planted in open, unprotected locations exposed to severe winter weather. Symptoms include browning or bleaching of the needles, trees losing needles, and tree death. These symptoms become more apparent as the day becomes warmer in late spring and tend to be worse on the side of the tree exposed to sunlight or wind during the winter months.

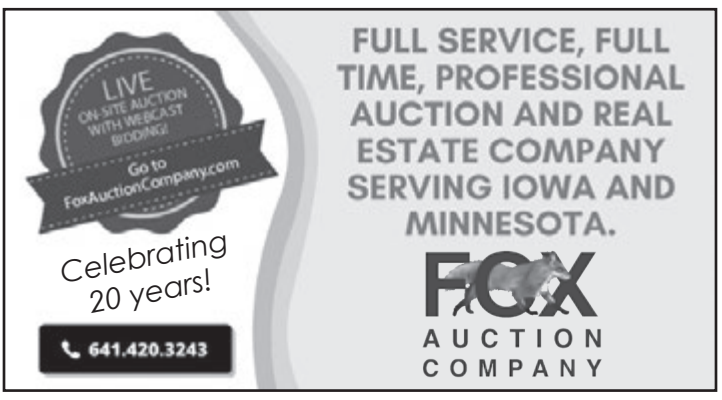
If needles on the tree are dead but buds are alive, new plant foliage will regrow to replace the winter burned foliage. If both the buds and needles are dead, the tree will not recover. The tree will need to be removed.

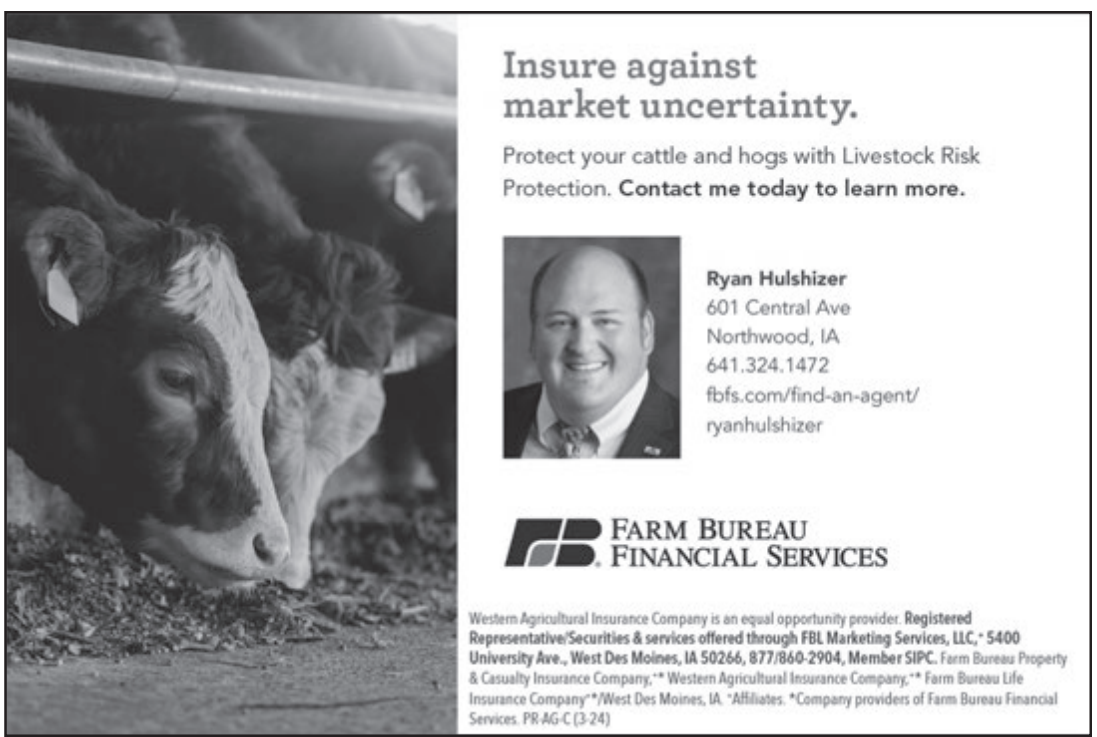
There is no way to prevent winter burn. You can reduce the risks by properly mulching around your conifers and making sure the tree is well-hydrated before it goes dormant in the fall. Watering is especially important in drought years.

The DNR cautions planting certain conifers in newly planted windbreaks. Deciduous trees generally grow faster, have fewer disease and insect problems, and provide faster protection. Contact your local district forester for further assistance.

Valentine's Day Specials









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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to choose and use a home blood pressure monitor

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer me any tips on choosing and using a home blood pressure monitor? I just found out I have high blood pressure and my doctor recommended I get a home monitor so I can keep tabs on it.

Just Turned 63

Dear 63,

Everyone with high blood pressure (130/80 or higher) should have a home blood pressure monitor. Home monitoring can help you keep tabs on your blood pressure in a comfortable setting. Plus, if you're taking medication it will make certain it's working, and alert you to a health problem if it arises.

Here are some top-rated blood pressure monitors to consider along with some tips to help ensure you take an accurate reading.

Best Monitors

The most accurate and easiest to use home blood pressure monitors today are electric/battery powered automatic arm monitors, which are more reliable than wrist or fingertip monitors. With an automatic arm monitor, you simply wrap the cuff around your bicep and with the push of one button the cuff inflates and deflates automatically giving you your blood pressure reading on the display window in a matter of seconds.

Many automatic monitors also come with additional features such as irregular heartbeat detection that checks for arrhythmias and other abnormalities; a risk category indicator that tells you whether your blood pressure is in the high range; a data-averaging function that allows you to take multiple readings and get an overall average; multiple user memory that allows two or more users to save their readings; and downloadable memory that lets you transmit your data to your smartphone or computer.

The top five automatic arm monitors as recommended by Consumer Reports for 2025 are the Omron Platinum BP5450 ($90), Omron 10 Series BP7450 ($70), Omron Evolv BP7000 ($70), A&D Medical UA767F ($55), and Omron 3 Series BP7100 ($55). And the top wrist monitors are the Omron 7 Series BP6350 ($55) and the Equate (Walmart) 4500 Series ($40).

You can purchase these blood pressure monitors at pharmacies, medical supply stores or online and you don't need a prescription to buy one. Prices, however, will vary slightly depending on where you buy.

How to Measure

After you buy your monitor, it's a good idea to take it to your doctor's office so they can check its accuracy and make sure you're using it properly. Here are some additional steps to follow to ensure you get accurate measurements at home.

Be still: Don't exercise, smoke or drink caffeinated drinks or alcohol for at least 30 minutes before measuring. Empty your bladder and ensure at least 5 minutes of quiet rest before measurements.

Sit correctly: Sit with your back straight and supported (on a dining chair, rather than a sofa). Your feet should be flat on the floor and your legs should not be crossed. Your arm should be supported on a flat surface (such as a table) with the upper arm at heart level. Make sure the middle of the cuff is placed directly above the bend of the elbow. Check your monitor's instructions for an illustration.

Don't measure over cloths: Put the cuff directly on your bare skin. Putting it over clothes can raise your systolic (upper) number by up to 40 mmHg.

Measure at the same time: It's important to take the readings at the same time each day, such as in the morning before taking medications, or evening before dinner.

Take multiple readings: Each time you measure, take at least two readings one minute apart and record the results.

For more information on high blood pressure numbers and how to accurately measure it at home, visit Heart.org/HBP.

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

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I love Worcestershire sauce.
What's so good about it?
It's hard to say.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The radio sang, "Everybody was Kung Fu fighting. Those cats were fast as lightning. In fact, it was a little bit frightening." Farmers' Almanac says the spring outlook for the Midwest is very cold and wet. That was more frightening.

I saw a road-killed raccoon. Its tail whipped around in a fierce wind. That's where the wind goes. I thought of Fess Parker. Someone had sent me a video of 6'6" tall Fess Parker, who was featured in "Davy Crockett: King of the Wild Frontier" on TV in 1955, which presented three episodes about the famous explorer, congressman and heroic figure from the Alamo. It was a colossal hit, and kids sported coonskin caps just like their hero. Later, still wearing buckskins and a coonskin cap, Parker starred in "Daniel Boone," a highly rated TV series (1964-1970) set during the American Revolution. Buddy Ebsen played Georgie Russell, Davy Crockett's loyal and humorous sidekick. Ebsen's career continued to flourish in "The Beverly Hillbillies" and "Barnaby Jones." Nathan Boone said that his father despised raccoon fur caps and didn't wear one, wearing a wide-brimmed felt or beaver hat instead. There were comic books, bubble gum and a #1 hit song called "The Ballad of Davy Crockett." Neither Crockett, Boone, Parker or Ebsen did any Kung Fu fighting.

Now U-turn

False rumors claim that my hometown is getting a stoplight, with a committee supposedly formed to select the colors. A woman made a U-turn on the highway and stopped at the gas station. She waved her cellphone about and said, "I can't find Hartland on the map and I'm in it!"

Stoplights would have only confused her. When I was a new driver, a U-turn, either done legally or illegally, was called hanging a U-ie. A left turn was sometimes called a Louis (pronounced "Louie") and a right turn was hanging a Ralph or a Ralphie.

I've learned

Whereas most birds have three to four toes on each foot, ostriches are unique in that they have only two.

Nearly all cigarette filters are made of plastic fibers. The plastic, cellulose acetate, degrades only under severe biological circumstances, such as when filters collect in sewage. Cigarette butts are the most commonly littered item.

I had the hiccups for three weeks. I found a way to cure them. Keep saying "pineapple" until they go away. It works, but it takes three weeks.

Ask Al

"How do you decide which breakfast cereal to buy?" I read the nutrition label and avoid any box that carries a funeral home advertisement.

"Why are the deceased's arms crossed in a casket?" The practice of crossing arms in a casket is a tradition that dates back to ancient cultures that believed there would be waterslides in the afterlife.

"Who said, 'The way to a man's heart is through his stomach'?" An inept surgeon.

Nature notes

As quick as a hiccup, the birds glided into the conspicuous and vibrant red veins of spring, the red-osier dogwood. The many-stemmed shrub is a favorite nest site of goldfinches and is also called red twig dogwood, red willow and redstem dogwood. Red-osier dogwood has pliable stems used in wicker baskets and furniture. Why is a dogwood tree called a dogwood? The possible origins are many and varied. In the 1500s, the trees were known in Europe as the dagwood because the small stems were used for daggers, arrows or skewers. It might have been referred to as a dag or dagge in old English. It could have originated in colonial times because its fruit was edible but not fit for dogs. Another belief is that it's called dogwood because a medicine concocted from its bark was used to treat dogs plagued with mange. Others suggest the name dogwood is a derivation of the word "daggerwood." Daggerwood sticks were sharpened and used to skewer meat for cooking.

European starlings attacked the suet with a fierce hunger. They were introduced into the U.S., reaching southeastern Minnesota in 1929. Within a decade, they were distributed statewide.

T. S. Roberts first observed a flock of house sparrows in Minneapolis in 1876. A resident had a dozen sparrows brought from New York and released in a garden in 1875. By 1877, the house sparrow was established as a breeding bird in the Twin Cities.

Meeting adjourned

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."—Edith Wharton.

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Fit to print...

The Valentine Box

By JoAnn Lower



An old shoebox, rescued from a dingy basement, had taken on a new life. Shiny red paper, a few decorations, a role of tape, and the dusty cardboard was transformed into a Valentine Box.

Exchanging valentines at our Valentine's Day party was something we looked forward to every year, but this year was more exciting. This year we chose our own valentines without help from our moms. After all, we were sixth graders. Not kids any more. We were in love.

Every day that week we brought our valentines to school and dropped them through the wide slit at the top of the box. Every day our Valentine Box and its secrets grew fuller and fuller.

Friday finally came. Plates of our mother's sugar cookies, homemade candies and half-pint cartons of chocolate milk sat on a small wooden table beside Mrs. Norman's desk. Our Valentine's Day party was about to begin, the box about to be opened.

Mrs. Norman, wearing a big smile and a bright red sweater, would be handing out the valentines. To save time, she had wrapped each student's valentines into a little bundle, each bundle wrapped with a rubber band.

Nervous whispers and tense pencil tapping filled the room as she walked up and down each row, calling our names one by one.

As Mrs. Norman said the names, my mind secretly described each classmate: Keith was the shy guy; then there was Janice the basketball player; Jerome the trickster; Dee the prettiest; Glenda with the clear complexion; Ruby and her gold front tooth; Bonnie with the stiffest can-cans and whitest polished tennis shoes; Mary Lou the lovely red head; Esther the pianist with perfect pitch; Janet's long hair; Jimmy's bright freckles…

By the time she got to my name, I had turned a bright shade of crimson, wondering if there were any valentines in that box for me.

"And, JoAnn, here are your valentines." At last, I could breathe.

Removing the rubber band, I opened the largest envelope first. Inside was a big red heart that said, "I love you, JoAnn. From Denny." I couldn't believe it. Denny loved me? I was head over heels.

All that was left by 3:00 that afternoon were cookie crumbs, candy wrappers and little puddles of chocolate milk. The party was over. Time to go home.

My best friend Ruby climbed on the bus and slid into the seat beside me. "I am so excited," she smiled, her gold tooth shining. She pulled a large white envelope from her pocket. "You gotta see the valentine I got." Inside was a big red heart with the words, "I love you, Ruby. From Denny."

Saving my tears until I got off the bus, I knew a hug from Mom, a glass of milk and a chocolate chip cookie would make things better. Well, maybe just a little bit better.

"Don't worry," Mom said, trying to comfort me. "There will be another Valentine Box in 7th grade."

Northwood Anchor **Early Files**

100 years ago

February 12, 2025

The farm sale of Harry L. Peterson, southeast of Kensett, drew a crowd of 750 persons Tuesday, which is probably the largest attendance of any farm sale for some time.

Joyce Rustad, who for some time has been the tank wagon man for the Standard Oil Co. in the Northwood district, has been promoted by the company to the field management of their business at Odebolt, Iowa, which will be his headquarters. He will by succeeded here by J.C. Kimm.

Mrs. M.D. Johnson was a passenger Friday for Marshalltown, where she is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Scott.

Mrs. A.S. Lund and Mrs. A.O. Rye entertained a company of lady friends yesterday afternoon at the Rye home on North Ninth Street, "comic dress-up costumes" worn by the hostesses and guests furnishing much amusement. Some novel costumes were produced, it is said. The afternoon was one of much pleasure to all.

The end of the world, which was predicted as coming last Friday did not materialize, although now it is said by some of the so-called prophets that they meant that day was the beginning of the end.

Iver Bidne and Iver Nelson have purchased Gabriel Hardware and will take possession March 15.

The funeral of Andrew M. Hanson, prominent farmer, who died from apoplexy at his home seven miles east of Northwood, was held at the Deer Creek Lutheran Church south of Meltonville. He leaves to mourn the loss of a devoted father and husband, his wife and nine children, Andrea, Myron, Ethel, Carl, Hazel, Elmer, Harvey, Maynard and Delbert.

75 years ago

February 16, 1950

Northwood, Hanlontown and St. Ansgar each took home a share of first and second place awards Wednesday night. Winners for Radio speaking were Firsts, Gerald Groe and Glenn Nelson, both of Northwood; second, Donna Eckhardt and Marvel Platts, both of Hanlontown, and Donna Mandt of Northwood.

Erling K. Sheimo of Fertile is the first Worth County resident who has taken out nomination papers for county office, County Auditor W.R. Christiansen said today. Mr. Sheimo has announced his candidacy for sheriff, and is seeking the Republican nomination for that office. His nomination papers are now out for signatures.

Worth County Farmers Unions members who have spent the past week in Washington lobbying for the Brannan farm plan are shown above together with other North Iowa members of the delegation at Mason City just before they boarded their special bus, chartered for the trip.

Worth County's corn acreage allotment for 1950 is 62,129 acres, Harold Mueller, county AAA chairman, announced today. This is a cut of between 23 and 24 percent from the county's average corn acreage in the last three years. Word of the county allotment was received from H.E. Hazen, state PMA chairman, late Wednesday.

Gordon Tanner, butter-maker for the Grafton creamery for the past three years, has accepted a position as butter maker for the Farmers Butter and Cheese association of the Northwood creamery, announced this week. Mr. Tanner will succeed George Jorgenson, who leaves March 1 to take a position as butter maker at the Sibley creamery.

Hanlontown- The local girls and boys basketball teams defeated the Grafton teams in games here on Tuesday evening. The girls score was 69-47, which gives the local girls clear title to the north six conference championship trophy. Betty Winkleman scored 43 of the Hanlontown 69 points. The boys score was 50-32 with Duane Bakken making 24 points for the winners.

50 years ago

February 13, 1975

Members of the Northwood-Kensett chapter FFA won the Premier Exhibit Award at the Minnesota State Spring Barrow Show at Albert Lea Saturday. This is the 11th Premier Award in 16 years of the show. Albert Adams is advisor to the chapter.

Open house will be held at Northwood's new city hall and community center Sunday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Hosting the event will be mayor Guy Olson, council members, Drs. Stilaf Anderson and Kenneth Block, Einar Lunde, Lee Swenson and George Kesler, also city clerk Mrs. Wayne Lawhorn and superintendent Lee Severson. The structure consists of about 1,700 square feet on each of two levels, and was especially designed for the lot that changed 37 feet in elevation from the sidewalk on Central Avenue to the Shell Rock River.

The Viking boys finally subdued the Garner Cardinals Tuesday night to win 59-54 in overtime. N-K led at the half 25-22 but Garner tied the score in the third quarter at 39-39, the fourth quarter was evenly played with Garner having a four point lead for a few minutes. Score at the end of regulation play was tied at 49. Jeff Sietsema was high for the Vikings with 17 points.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bauers, Glenville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Martha, to Larry Dean Struck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Struck, Northwood. An August wedding is planned.

This eight horsepower Thiokol Trackster was recently purchased by the Worth County Conservation Commission to pull a snow groomer over 100 miles of trails in Worth County.

The Viking wrestlers lost the final two matches of the season last week, 36-18 to St. Ansgar Thursday night and 33-24 to Nora Springs Friday night. The Vikings are now participating in the sectional wrestling tournament in Riceville.

25 years ago

February 16, 2000

The Northwood-Kensett school board approved the purchase of 15 new I-Mac computers. The board tabled the action last month after directors Mike Dierenfeld and Kate Midtgaard advocated the purchase of IBM-compatible computers.

Three Northwood-Kensett High School musicians have won positions in three upcoming honor bands. Senior Cliff Julseth will play in the University of Northern Iowa, the University of Iowa honor band and the Luther College honor band. Junior Ashley Dierenfeld will play alongside Julseth in the UNI honor band and sophomore Jeff Schmidt will join Julseth in the Luther College honor band.

Army National Guard Pvt. Sarah M. Berge has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Virginia. Berge is the daughter of Barb and Mike Berge of Kensett and a 1999 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, Northwood.

Linda and Dave Waters are the happy winners of flowers, chocolates and a free lunch for two at Garden Gate Gourmet & Gifts. They won those prizes when their name was pulled from the hat in the Northwood Chamber of Commerce's annual "Sweethearts Giveaway" drawing at the Anchor office.

Northwood-Kensett Elementary School students Marissa Nitcher, Katrina Kranda, Amanda Olson, Lauren Hartman, Rochelle Carlson and Shelby Harris put their best (well, at least their most comfortable) footwear forward during "slipper day" in Vada Myli's fourth-grade classroom.

The Northwood-Kensett girls varsity basketball team bowed out of Class 1A District tournament action following a 56-40 loss at Ventura. "We moved the ball well and got a lot of good looks at the basket, but we just couldn't get our shots to fall in the first half," coach Reeder said. The Vikings close the season with a 2-18 overall record.

10 years ago

February 11, 2015

When it comes to fighting fires, in the past 50 years, much has changed. One thing that has remained the same in the Northwood area is the dedication of Kenny Quam to his community and his fellow members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire company. Quam jointed the NVFC in February 1965 and has served consistently for the past 50 years, with no plans to quit any time soon.

Sometimes the stat of the week isn't about stats at all, every now and then we see that, as far as being a teammate, one kid goes above and beyond the call of duty, despite a lack of playing time. This basketball season the one that comes to mind is Aliyah Creger, who according to head coach Daryl Love, is everything a good teammate should be, never complaining about playing time, but just thrilled to be a part of the team.

The Vikings' Brandon Severson gets a takedown in his 5-2 decision over West Hancock's Dawson Goodrich last Saturday in the consolation semifinals at the Lake Mills sectional. Severson finished in sixth place and had a record of 8-20 this season.

After sitting out his junior year with a nagging football injury. N-K's Justin Read was ready to make the most of his senior season on the hardwood. Mission accomplished. Read was third on the team this season with 9.2 points per game, fourth with 3.6 rebounds and fourth with 17 steals.

Junior guard Mason Olson drops in a layup last Thursday night in the Vikings' 60-41 district quarterfinal loss to RRMR. Olson is now no. 4 all-time at N-K with 261 assists after dishing out 7.04 dimes per game this season.

UNI's area students named to Fall 2014 semester Dean's list include, of Northwood Jami Dahlby, Samantha Hagen, Laura Tempus and Taryn VanRyswyk.

Northwood Anchor **Legal**

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 46 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

TO: ARNESON, DOUGLAS & DONICA; HARMON FAMILY TRUST; KVAM, LEE & DARLENE; LARSON, JOSHUA J; KLUVER, BOBBIE J; LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST; MITTAG, LYDIA J; NELSON, DONNA; NELSON, JEAN; BRACKEY, KIMBERLY; NELSON, BRADLEY; NELSON, BRIAN L; NELSON, KEVIN R; OSMUNDSON, TIMOTHY J; REYERSON, DENNIS L; FRANK, DIANE; HELGESON, SHARON; HELGESON, STEVEN; KLIMENT, SUSAN A; PERRY, MICHELLE A; REYERSON, DAVID; REYERSON, JASON; RUGLAND, ARLOW A C & JULIE A TRUST; SANDERSON, DEREK; WALLIN, LINDA F TRUST; WILLIAMS PIPELINE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORP; STATE OF IOWA, owners owning lands described below which are the subject matter of this annexation procedure, lien holders of record, and actual occupants of said lands and to all other persons whom it may concern.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa, acting in behalf of Drainage District No. 46 Worth County, Iowa, have adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the annexation of additional lands to Drainage District No. 46 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Bolton & Menk a qualified engineer, to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No. 46 and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits received. Said report provides as follows:

PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR ANNEXATION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 46
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
2025

DEEDHOLDER	SEC.	TWP.	RNG.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PARCEL NUMBER	BENEFITED ACRES
ARNESON, DOUGLAS & DONICA / HARMON FAMILY TRUST	16	100	21	SW NE	0216200003	6.1
KVAM, LEE & DARLENE	07	100	21	NE NW FRL EX PAR	0207100003	6.6
KVAM, LEE & DARLENE	07	100	21	PAR IN NE NW FRL	0207100004	7.1
KVAM, LEE & DARLENE	07	100	21	SE NW FRL EX PAR	0207100006	16
KVAM, LEE & DARLENE	07	100	21	NW NE FRL	0207200001	21.7
KVAM, LEE & DARLENE	07	100	21	NE NE FRL	0207200002	23.2
LARSON, JOSHUA J & KLUVER, BOBBIE J	08	100	21	PAR "A" NE NE	02083200008	.3
LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST	16	100	21	NW NW	0216100002	36.8
LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST	16	100	21	SW NW	0216100003	6
LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST	16	100	21	SE NW	0216100004	11.4
MITTAG, LYDIA J	09	100	21	W ½ SW SW	0209300003	19.8
MITTAG, LYDIA J	09	100	21	NW NE	0216200001	20.6
NELSON, DONNA	08	100	21	NW NW EX PAR	0208100002	22.9
NELSON, DONNA	08	100	21	NE NW EX PAR	0208100003	17.3
NELSON, JEAN / BRACKEY, KIMBERLY / NELSON, BRADLEY / NELSON, BRIAN L / NELSON, KEVIN R	09	100	21	NE SW	0209300002	3.1
OSMUNDSON, TIMOTHY J	08	100	21	PAR IN NE NE FRL	0208200005	5.9
REYERSON, DENNIS L / FRANK, DIANE / HELGESON, SHARON / HELGESON, STEVEN / KLIMENT, SUSAN A / PERRY, MICHELLE A / REYERSON, DAVID / REYERSON, JASON	17	100	21	SE NE	0217200004	16.2
RUGLAND, ARLOW A C & JULIE A TRUST	08	100	21	NE NE FRL EX PAR & PAR "A"	0208200007	16.1
RUGLAND, ARLOW A C & JULIE A TRUST	08	100	21	NE SE	0208400002	39.8
RUGLAND, ARLOW A C & JULIE A TRUST	09	100	21	SW NW FRL	0209100005	8.7
RUGLAND, ARLOW A C & JULIE A TRUST	09	100	21	NW SW	0209300001	38.3
SANDERSON, DEREK	09	100	21	E ½ SW SW	0209300004	19.7
WALLIN, LINDA F TRUST	09	100	21	SE SW	0209300005	29.3
WALLIN, LINDA F TRUST	16	100	21	NE NW	0216100002	36.9
WILLIAMS PIPELINE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORP	08	100	21	NW NW (50'X50')	0208100001	.1
STATE OF IOWA	14/15	100	22		DD00980025	315.3
					TOTAL RECOMMENDED ANNEXATION ACRES	745.2

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that said report has been filed with the County Auditor of Worth County, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for MARCH 17, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M. in the District Court room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No. 46 as provided by law. Reclassification hearing will follow at 9:30 A.M. If you are unable to attend the hearing in person you can join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719322526?pwd=l-HssTHgfa20xk5X8hjGJfUnnOCodOY.1

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

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements to DD 46, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 46. At the time fixed for hearing, the Board shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Annexation which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WORTH COUNTY
Probate No ESPR009433
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD LANG, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RONALD LANG, Deceased, who died on or about May 18, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November, 2024, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated this 7th day of February 2025.

Terry Lang
Administrator of the Estate
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Owatonna, MN 55060

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NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 48 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

To: ARCHIVES ARRANGEMENT ACCOMMODATION REVOCABLE TRUST / MATZEN, STEVE / MATZEN. DARYL / MATZEN, SCOTT / RICHEY, DARLA / BARTON WINDPOWER LLC C/O TAX DEPARTMENT / BENDICKSON, DREW / BERGE FARMS LLC / BERGE, JAMES / BLUESTEM TRUST / BRATRUD, DANIEL H & GERALDINE K / BRUNSVOLD, HAROLD N / BUTLER, HEATHER JO / FABER, BEVERLY / HANNA, RANDALL D / HELGESON, DAVID J & GLORIA TRUST / HELGESON, RONALD & MARION TRUST / HOLSTAD, MARK A & MARY L / IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION / ATTN: JENNIFER WADDELL / JOHNSON, LARRY & JEAN REVOCABLE TRUST / JOHNSON, SUSAN MARIE / KIEWIET FARMS LLLP / KING, RALEIGH S JR & SMITH, CONNIE P / LAWSON, JOHN D & MAGGIE A / LEERAR, JEFFREY & JENNIFER / LESTRUD, EDNA M / MAR-DAN ENTERPRISES INC / BRATRUD, MARVIN L & SHIRLEY A / MOHLER, G RUSSELL & JULIE A / MYLI, MARILYN / MYLI, ERLING REV TRUST / ANDERSON, AMY / MYLI, BRIAN / MYLI, JOEL / MYLI, KARI B / MYLI, SUZANNE / NATURE CONSERVANCY / PETERSON, MARLENE D TRUST / PLOW BACK LLC / REDSTEM TRUST ATTN: ANDREW UNDERWOOD / ROTHOVE, MELVIN F / ROTHOVE, PATRICIA H TRUST / ROTHOVE, TODD / SCHACHT, RONALD E & DENISE A / THOMPSON, ALLAN J / TWEETEN, BRIAN & JULIE / TWEETEN, ROGER / BERQUIST, ROGENE / SAUERBREI, JAN / TWEETEN, BRIAN / TWEETEN, ROGER L REVOCABLE TRUST / WORTH COUNTY FARMS ASSOC INC / HOGTY MANAGEMENT CORP / WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS, including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 48 Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 48 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 48 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for MARCH 17, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. in the District Court room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa.

YOU ARE RUTHER NOTIFIED that if you are unable to attend the hearing in person you can join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89359259103?pwd=SivfOJnIGM9ww1tEsdDaEikrzgvi8M.1

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

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

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

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 48.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ANNEXATION TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 26 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

TO: ARNESON, DOUGLAS & DONIC; HARMON FAMILY TRUST; LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST; MITTAG, LYDIA J; owners owning lands described below which are the subject matter of this annexation procedure, lien holders of record, and actual occupants of said lands and to all other persons whom it may concern.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa, acting in behalf of Drainage District No. 26 Worth County, Iowa, have adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the annexation of additional lands to Drainage District No. 26 as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Bolton & Menk a qualified engineer, to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing the relation, elevation and condition of drainage with reference to Drainage District No. 26 and to make and file with the County Auditor a report as provided by law. Said report to specify the character of benefits received. Said report provides as follows:

PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR ANNEXATION
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 26
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
2025

DEEDHOLDER	SEC.	TWP.	RNG.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PARCEL NUMBER	BENEFITED ACRES
ARNESON, DOUGLAS & DONICA / HARMON FAMILY TRUST	16	100	21	SW NE	0216200003	6.1
LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST	16	100	21	SE NW	0216100004	11.4
MITTAG, LYDIA J	16	100	21	NW NE	0216200001	20.6
					TOTAL RECOMMENDED ANNEXATION ACRES	38.1

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that said report has been filed with the County Auditor of Worth County, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors have set the time and place of hearing on said report for MARCH 17, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. in the District Court room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. At said hearing the Board of Supervisors shall consider such report, plats and profiles and if satisfied that any of such lands are materially benefited by the district and that such annexation is feasible, expedient, and for the public good, it shall proceed to annex said lands to Drainage District No. 26 as provided by law. Reclassification hearing will follow at 10:30 A.M. If you are unable to attend the hearing in person you can join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83545110492?pwd=wxiR4zACAEavkrHXwG24ecxM50mqX2.1

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

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

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to object, the Board of Supervisors can make a final decision to make repairs and/or improvements to DD 26, acquire additional right of way, annex additional lands and reclassify. As a consequence of your failure to object you lose your right to appeal the final decision within twenty (20) days to the Iowa District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 26. At the time fixed for hearing, the Board shall examine said report, and may hear evidence thereon, both for and against the annexation of said lands to said district.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Annexation which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009455
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Rebecca Arlene Loftis, Deceased, who died on or about December 28, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 27, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on January 28,2025.

Brandy Sue Choate
Administrator of the Estate

David A. Grooters
ICIS#: AT0003058
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen P.Cl
103 East State Street
Suite 800
P.O. Box 1588
Mason City, Iowa 50405-1588

Date of second publication is the 12th day of February, 20 25. 6-2t

Supervisors

February 3, 2025
Sixth Day

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

Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and minutes from January 27, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2025-05, Resolution for Use of County's UEI Number. Roll call vote: AYES: Stone, Loberg, Smeby. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in auditor's office).

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve DD28 work order submitted by Eliot Evans. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve salary change for David Reyerson to $84,843.20/year retroactive back to January 2, 2025 as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve salary change for Ryan Hansen to $65,977.60/year effective February 8, 2025 as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the Class C Retail Alcohol License for The Thirsty Dog. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement between the City of Grafton, Iowa and Worth County, Iowa and the City of Kensett, Iowa and Worth County, Iowa. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to accept bid from Iowa Wall Sawing Service for $10,421.00 for Water & Wastewater Services. Motion also includes accepting bid from WesTech in the amount of $6,509.00 for Water & Wastewater Services. Ayes: Smeby, Loberg, Stone. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 9:06 A.M. Motion carried.

Theresa Van Sabben
Payroll Clerk
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009456
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Brian H. Gaarder, Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Brian H. Gaarder, Deceased, who died on or about November 26, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 31, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Brian H. Gaarder, deceased, bearing date of December 11, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Scott Gaarder was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated February 4, 2025.

Scott Gaarder
Executor of Estate
1028 3rd Street NE
Sibley, IA 51249

Nathan J. Rockman,
ICIS#: AT0011966
Attorney for Executor
DeKoter, Thole, Dawson, Rockman & Krikke, P.L.C.
315 9th Street
P.O. Box 253
Sibley, IA 51249

Date of second publication the 19th day of February, 2025. 7-2t

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009453
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAY JOE MEJIA, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ray Joe Mejia, Deceased, who died on or about September 15, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 23, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Ray Joe Mejia, deceased, bearing date of April 24, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael Ray Mejia was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities re reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated January 23, 2025.

Michael Ray Mejia
Executor of Estate

David A. Grooters
ICIS#: AT0003058
Pappajohn, Shriver, Eide & Nielsen P.C.
103 East State Street
Suite 800
P.O. Box 1588
Mason City, Iowa 50402
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 12th day of February 2025. 6-2t

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council met in regular session 12/09/2024 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Corey Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Heiken, Dakin and Kauffman.

Absent: Woltzen & Douglas

Visitors: R. Bauer, Amy & Mike Wilson, Art Kuennen and Karen Erickson

Pulju called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Heiken, 2nd by Kauffman, carried unanimously.

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

Maintenance reported that he has not received quotes for the new HVAC/Heating systems at the Community Center and City Hall or for a new fuse box at Well House #1. Him and the City Clerk put together the new desk last Thursday.

The Clerk reported that she submitted the Annual Financial Report, talked about the issues that are being dealt with with the current financial systems-Gworks- and is looking into other financials systems, brought up the new snow plowing contract that will get voted on next month, stated that the new office furniture is in and assembled, the speed signs have arrived and the new gutters have been ordered. She also stated that she is waiting to hear back from the lawyer on the Larson Landlock situation.

Visitors: N/A

Old Business: Roll Call Vote was taken to approve the Building of Apartments. Heiken- Nay, Kauffman- Nay, Dakin- Aye. Apartment Buildings were not approved.

Ideas for Spring grants were proposed- new HVAC for CC and City Hall- no quote yet. Received a quote from Midwest Construction for the siding of the old fire station, will need a second bid. Had Ross Gatzke come out to do a bid on sidewalks for downtown, waiting on the bid. Received a bid for sandblasting the water tower, will need a second bid. Will need to get a second bid for finishing the CC parking lot. A request for a quote on security cameras around town was placed, still waiting on a bid.

New Business: Resolution #687- Street Finance Report, motion by Dakin, 2nd by Heiken to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution #688- Fund Transfer, motion by Kauffman, 2nd by Dakin to approve, roll call vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Replacing the Plexiglass at the bus stop was discussed. The next step is to find and buy the plexiglass.

The CO2 pipeline and the possibility of adopting an ordinance or sending a letter against the pipeline was discussed. Further discussion was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: November 2024 Revenues by Fund: General 24,126.01, Utilities 6039.47, Special 5194.39. Total Revenues: $39,700.24. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 2356.56, WCTA 360.45, B. Luckason 555.19 (net), L. Luskey-Lestrud 490.96 (net) R. Bauer 1306.42 (net), K. Thompson 1,156.61 (net), Federal & SS 1036.31 (payroll), IPERS 710.88 (payroll), Water Service Tax 135.68 (water), Visa 375.52 (supplies), 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), R80 350.62 (gas), Hawkins 829.27 (chemicals), GWorks 5400.00 (dues), National Business Furniture 3356.54 (desk),All Traffic Solutions 8525.68 (Speed Signs), Midwest Construction 7493.35 (Gutters), D. Reckner 651.00 (cemetery mowing), Peterson Excavating 835.00 (repairs), Baker & Taylor 124.95 (books), Midwest Tapes 449.35 (supplies), Culligan 11.77 (water), Arlys Bergdale 84.00 (cleaning), Petty Cash 200.00 (supplies).

Disbursements by Fund: General 31,949.17, Special 1228.56, Utilities 839.13, Payroll 5487.24 (gross)

Total Disbursements: $39,504.10.

Motion to adjourn by Dakin, 2nd by Kauffman, carried unanimously.

Krystal Thompson, City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Notice

ORDINANCE #01/27/25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF WORTH COUNTY, IOWA, ORDINANCE NO. 01/26/09, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF LAND IN THE COUNTY FOR THE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS LIQUID THROUGH A HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE

This is an ordinance amending the Worth County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted on 26 January 2009, and any amendments thereto; and enacting new definitions and a section on Hazardous Liquid Pipelines, that provides for a conditional use permit and the processes required to have the permit approved.

This is a summary of the ordinance and a copy of the ordinance is available at the office of Worth County Auditor or Worth County Engineer, 1000 Central Ave., Northwood, IA during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

The ordinance was adopted after the first reading on January 27, 2025, in which by unanimous vote the Board of Supervisors waived the 2nd and 3rd reading of the Ordinance and will be effective upon publication of this notice.

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009454
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH L. NITCHER, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kenneth L. Nitcher, Deceased, who died on or about October 12, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 24, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Kenneth L. Nitcher, deceased, bearing date of March 28, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kent A. Nitcher was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated January 29, 2025.

Kent A. Nitcher
1478 500th Street
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0004489
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459-0200
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication is the 12th day of February, 2025. 6-2t

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

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

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

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

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

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

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

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

Notice

NOTICE OF RECLASSIFICATION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 46 WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

To: ABRAHAMSON, TIMOTHY DONALD; ADAMS, JOHN C & HOLLY M; ALLISON, STEPHEN B; ARNESON, DOUGLAS & DONICA; HARMON FAMILY TRUST; BAILEY, KATHY ANN; BEAL, CALVIN G & BROOK K; BEATY, DAVID L TRUST; BLUE BIRD ONE LLC; ROBIN HANSON; BRUNSVOLD, MICHAEL; CHRISTIAN, MICHAEL B & MARLENE A; CUNDIFF, VIOLA B & MILLER CHARLES A; DRESS FAMILY INVESTMENTS; ERICKSON, PERRY JON & LISA KAYE; FLATNESS, DAVID & BRENDA; GASKILL, MICHAEL & DEBRA JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST; GROE, AMOS T & MARNA L; HALVORSON, RONALD K & ESTHER S REVOCABLE TRUST; HARIED, GARY W TRUST; HAUGEN, DONNA M; HAUGO, JON & PAMELA S; HENGESTEG, CLAIR D & DE LYNNE K TRUST; HENGESTEG, STEVEN C & CAROL M TRUST; HRUBETZ, JEAN; IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; JENNIFER WADDELL; JOHNSON, ROBERT HALE & RAMONA M; JULSETH, PETER; KNUTSON, DENISE R & RONALD P TRUST; KOEPPEN, JACOB P & JACLYN E; KRULL, CHAD A & ALLYSON J; KVAM, LEE & DARLENE; LARSON, JOSHUA J & KLUVER, BOBBIE J; LARSON, LARRY & KARLA; LEEGAARD, ROSE V; LOBERG, WILLIAM C & CAROL J TRUST; LOKEN, RONALD M & LINDA M REVOCABLE TRUST; MARPE, TODD M & ROXIE ANN; MITTAG, LYDIA J; NELSON, DONNA; NELSON, JEAN; BRACKEY, KIMBERLY; NELSON, ROB M; NELSON, BRADLEY; NELSON, BRIAN L; NELSON, KEVIN R; NELSON, JUDY; BARRETT, DEBBIE SUE; BUTLER, TAMMY D; COX, TRACY L; HAGEN, DIANE K; NELSON, ROB M; NELSON, JEAN; BRACKEY, KIMBERLY; NELSON, BRADLEY; NELSON, BRIAN L; NELSON, KEVIN R; HELGESON, BRUCE; OLSON, SHARRY G FAMILY TRUST; HELGESON FAMILY TRUST; OLSON, CURTIS G; OLSON, SHARRY G FAMILY TRUST; HELGESON FAMILY TRUST; OSMUNDSON, TIMOTHY J; REESE, ALAN P; REYERSON, DENNIS L; FRANK, DIANE; HELGESON, SHARON; HELGESON, STEVEN; KLIMENT, SUSAN A; PERRY, MICHELLE A; REYERSON, DAVID; REYERSON, JASON; REYERSON, MACE; REYERSON, MICHAEL; REYERSON, WARREN; ROCHE, CHAD; RUGLAND, ARLOW A C & JULIE A TRUST; RUGLAND, KRISTOFFER M & ADDIE B; SANDERSON, DEREK; SATHER, LAURIE & DEBRA; SHUPE, RONALD G & KANDIE J; SCHUPE, BRADLEY W; SCHUPE, BRYAN R; KREUSCHER, KATHY; SILVER LAKE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION; SINGLESTAD, CURTIS M & CHELSEA H; SINGLESTAD, KERMIT; SMITH, AMANDA A & ABNER H; STATE OF IOWA; SWANSON, DEREK; TASKER, JONAH E; TERHUNE, SARA; THOMPSON, JASON L & LAURA L; THOMPSON, SCOTT M; TINDALL, DANIEL R; VORLAND, JOAN K & THOMAS L; WALLIN, LINDA F TRUST; WILLIAMS PIPELINE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORP; WORTH COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD; WORTH COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS; YOST, DONALD A & JULIE J; including all owners, encumbrancers, lien holders, unknown heirs and claimants by will, and to all others to whom it may concern, including actual occupants of all the lands within Drainage District No. 46 Worth County, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 46 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 46 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for MARCH 17, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M. in the District Court room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. This meeting will follow the Annexation meeting which will take place at 9:00 A.M.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you are unable to attend the hearing in person you can join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719322526?pwd=lHssTHgfa20xk5X8hjGJfUnnOCodOY.1

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

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

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

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No. 46.

FOR A COMPLETE REPORT you are referred to the Engineer's Report of Reclassification which is available online at https://worthcountyiowa.gov/auditor/drainage or you may contact the Worth County Auditor's Office at 641-324-2316.

Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

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YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 26 appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of the Drainage District No. 26 Worth County, Iowa. The classification commission has filed its report with the Worth County Auditor, Northwood, Iowa. The report fixes the percentage of actual benefits and makes an equitable apportionment of costs and expenses of the repairs or improvements required in this District.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Worth County Board of Supervisors has tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for MARCH 17, 2025, AT 10:30 A.M.. in the District Court room at the Worth County Courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. This meeting will follow the Annexation meeting which will take place at 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you are unable to attend the hearing in person you can join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83545110492?pwd=wxiR4zACAEavkrHXwG24ecxM50mqX2.1

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Valerie Paulson,
Worth County Drainage Clerk

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N-K Vikings lose crucial conference games

By Julie Salisbury

The Vikings boys basketball team controlled their own destiny regarding the Top of Iowa Conference race, but stumbled over the last week with crucial conference losses to Newman and Osage.

On Friday, January 31, the Vikings hosted Newman in a TIC game and fell 72-61 after leading 31-26 at the half.

Colby Eskildsen led the team with 28 points, nine rebounds, four assists, one steal and two blocks. Kooper Julseth had 12 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three steals and one block. Evan Lorenzen had eight points, four rebounds, seven assists and one steal. Carter Anderson had seven points, three rebounds, one assist, two steals and two blocks. Landen Nelson had four points and two assists. Bowan Behne had two points, one rebound and two assists.

As a team, the Vikings were 26-56 shooting, 2-14 from three point range and 7-10 from the free throw line. They had 25 rebounds, 19 assists, seven steals, five blocks, 12 turnovers and nine fouls.

On Tuesday, February 4, the Vikings hosted St. Ansgar in a TIC game and won 61-26 after leading 36-10 at the half.

Eskildsen had 26 points, 13 rebounds, six assists, three steals and two blocks. Lorenzen had 20 points, seven rebounds, four assists and one steal. Julseth had six points, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and six blocks. La. Nelson had four points, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Loghan Nelson had three points, one rebound, three assists and two steals. Hunter Janssen had two points. Anderson had six rebounds and three assists. Caysen Chodur had one block. Gavin Halbach had three rebounds.



Viking senior Evan Lorenzen looks to pass the ball to an open teammate.

As a team, Northwood was 27-50 shooting, 4-10 from three point range and 3-3 from the free throw line. They had 37 rebounds, 20 assists, nine steals, nine blocks, 14 turnovers and nine fouls.

On Thursday, February 6, the Vikings hosted Belmond-Klemme in a non-conference game and won 60-55.

Julseth led the team with 20 points, five rebounds, two assists, three steals and two blocks. Anderson had 13 points, two rebounds, five assists, four steals and one block. Lorenzen had 13 points, three rebounds, three assists and one block. Eskildsen had 10 points, 10 boards, seven assists and two steals, La. Nelson had four points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Lo. Nelson had one rebound.

The Vikings were 23-48 shooting, 3-9 from three point range and 11-15 from the free throw line. They had 26 rebounds, 18 assists, 10 steals, four blocks, 16 turnovers and nine fouls.

On Friday, February 7, the Vikings traveled to Osage for a must win TIC game and fell 78-50 after trailing 40-22 at the half. No other information was available at the time of this story Sunday night.

The Vikings are 18-3 overall and 11-2 in the TIC, tied with Osage for first with one game remaining. The Vikings were scheduled to travel to Central Springs on Monday, February 10, and Osage has one game remaining against West Fork before the conference title is decided.



Viking Kooper Julseth with a dunk on senior night in Northwood.

Northwood girls basketball results

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team hosted Newman in a Top of Iowa Conference game on Friday, January 31, falling 64-22.

Bailey Thorson led the team with six points, two rebounds, four steals and one block. Hallie Hanson had four points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. True Hackenmiller had four points, three rebounds and two steals. Mia Fierova had three points, five rebounds, two assists and one block. Kamryn Backhaus had three points. Topanga Hackenmiller had two points and three steals. Ashlyn Skellenger had two rebounds and two steals. Logan Manning had one rebound.

The Vikings were 8-31 shooting, 1-4 from three point range and 5-10 from the free throw line. They grabbed 17 rebounds, had three assists, 12 steals, two blocks, 33 turnovers and 17 fouls.

On Tuesday, February 4, the Vikings hosted St. Ansgar in a TIC game and lost 66-38 after trailing 34-19 at the half.

Hanson, Thorson and To. Hackenmiller led the team with eight points each. Thorson had eight rebounds, two assists and one block, Hanson had seven rebounds and three assists. Hackenmiller had five rebounds and one steal. Backhaus had seven points and six rebounds. Fierova had six points, four rebounds, one assist, two steals and two blocks. Skellenger had three rebounds, two assists and two blocks, Tr. Hackenmiller had one point. Manning had one rebound and one steal.

The Vikings were 14-44 shooting, 6-11 from three point range and 4-11 from the free throw line. They had 34 rebounds, eight assists, four steals, five blocks, 38 turnovers and nine fouls.

On Thursday, February 6, the Vikings hosted Belmond-Klemme in a non-conference game and lost 53-19.

To. Hackenmiller led the team with six points, three rebounds, three steals and one block. Thorson had five points, seven rebounds, one assist and three steals. Skellenger had three points, six rebounds, one assist and one block. Tr. Hackenmiller had three points, five rebounds, one assist, one steal and two blocks. Hanson had two points, 12 boards, two assists and three steals. Hailey Krambeer had one rebound. Backhaus had three rebounds, Fierova had four rebounds, one assist and two blocks. Manning had one rebound.



Viking Mia Fierova shoots a free throw during conference action against St. Ansgar.



Viking Kamryn Backhaus goes up for two points during Friday night's game against Osage.

The Vikings were 7-54 shooting, 4-14 from three point range and 1-12 from the free throw line. They had 42 rebounds, six assists, 10 steals, six blocks, 26 turnovers and nine fouls.

On Friday, February 7, the Vikings traveled to Osage for a TIC game and lost 65-22.

Thorson led the team with nine points, four rebounds, one assist and two steals. To. Hackenmiller had three points, one rebound and two steals. Hanson had three points and eight rebounds. Manning had three points. Skellenger had two points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Backhaus had two points, one rebound and one steal. Tr. Hackenmiller had one rebound, one assist and one steal. Fierova had two rebounds. Chloe Leonard had one rebound and one assist.

The Vikings were 9-35 shooting, 3-15 from three point range and 1-4 from the free throw line. They had 22 rebounds, five assists, eight steals, 33 turnovers and 12 fouls.

Northwood is 0-12 in the TIC and 0-20 overall.



Viking Landen Nelson plays defense during action at home last week.



Viking Ashlyn Skellenger plays tight defense against St. Ansgar.



