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Despite life-threatening accident, Lestruds are an inspiration in recovery

By JoAnn Lower

August 16 was a beautiful day, the start of a fun-filled, relaxing vacation for Scott and Lisa Lestrud. Together with friends Robin and Jim Hellman from Elmore, Minnesota, they set out on motorcycles for their annual Wisconsin trip to celebrate their shared September 21 wedding anniversary.

"This year we found a nice little cabin by Cornell, Wisconsin, overlooking the Chippewa River," Lisa said. "That evening we went to town to get groceries, and since it was drizzling decided to go back to the cabin, relax and enjoy the scenery. When the weather cleared, we left again and were gone only 20 minutes when the accident happened.

"Scott and I were on our bikes on the two-lane highway, our friends on their bikes behind us. The woman driving the car that hit us later admitted she did not see us.

"I don't remember anything except starting on the ride. Our friends saw me fly up in the air and come down on my stomach. Scott flew over his handlebars, through the windshield and rolled off the car. I feel almost worse for my friends who witnessed it all.

"My friend Robin stayed with me and Jim with Scott. The 30-year-old woman who hit us has never spoken to us, but we have no ill feelings towards her because it was an accident. We have all done that kind of thing. She didn't see us and thought she had enough time to turn."

Both Scott and Lisa were flown by helicopter to the ICU at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Lisa suffered a ruptured spleen, multiple broken ribs, a pelvic injury, crushed left elbow, broken left wrist, broken right pinky and broken right ankle. She had lost three liters of blood and was not expected to live.

Scott suffered crushed vertebrae in his back, a broken leg, contusions to his head and collarbone and severe bruising to his pelvic area.

"We were wearing leathers but no helmets."

Scott was put into a turtle shell back brace. His leg surgery had to be postponed for two weeks until the severe road rash cleared up.



Lisa and Scott Lestrud

From Eau Claire the couple was transferred to a Mayo therapy hospital in New Prague, Minnesota, close to Lisa's parents.

After two surgeries on Lisa's badly shattered elbow,

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Briefs

WC Fair Board holds annual meeting

The Worth County Fair Board will holds its annual meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Worth County Fair Grounds in Northwood.

Townships up for election are Deer Creek, Hartland, Grove and Silver Lake.

Carpenter Community Club presents 'Fall Fling'

The Carpenter Community Club will present a "Fall Fling" featuring DJ Anthony Walk on Saturday, November 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Doors open at 6 p.m., serving burgers, brats and beverages for $6.

All ages are welcome.



The Week's WEATHER
by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

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Burst pipe affects water service at I-35 interchange

On Sunday, November 3, a pipe burst open at the county water treatment facility west of the Interstate 35 overpass on Highway 105, draining the 100,000 gallon water tank, damaging an electrical panel and leading to a loss of water for businesses, including Kum and Go and the Diamond Jo casino.

Once water pressure was restored, the area was under a boil advisory as a mandatory procedural precaution. Several businesses were affected, including the Holiday Inn Express, Kum and Go, Jo Stop, Diamond Jo Casino and the Country Inn and Suites.

The plant had been having problems prior to the incident. The ongoing problems came under discussion at the October 28 county supervisors meeting. A representative from People's Service, the

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Narcotic detection and tracking are specialities of new member of WCSO force



Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Luther and Titan

By Erin McCord
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There's a new face at the Worth County Sheriff's Office. He's handsome, athletic, intelligent- and he hates cats.

That might be because he is a three year old Dutch Shepherd dog named Titan. He has been on the job with his handler, Worth County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jesse Luther, for about four weeks now.

Titan came from Dogs For Law Enforcement in Texas, purchased with a $12,500 grant from the WCDA. He is the first dog the sheriff's department has had since the retirement of the previous dog, Buck, four years ago.

Before hitting the streets and roads of Worth County, Luther and Titan went through a rigorous five-week training course in Forest City with Dogs for Law Enforcement Master Trainer and Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Andy Klein.

Titan came to Iowa already trained, so during the course, it was up to Luther to learn what to look for when Titan is tracking people or narcotics, as well as the obedience commands Titan had learned in his

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NVFC trains to rescue those caught in farm machinery

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company recently got a chance to learn and test skills that will help them in a variety of potential agricultural rescue scenarios.

Following their monthly meeting last Thursday, members of the NVFC gathered at their headquarters, where instructors Jerry Eslick and Don Ashenfelter from Professional Rescue Innovators had set up a variety of equipment that present dangers on the farm.

That included a pair of parallel rollers, in which a fake arm was stuck. Using a combination of webbing (a thick flat nylon cord), wedges, halogens (a bar with a variety of tools on either end) and airbags, the firefighters learned and practiced ways to secure the rollers before safely separating them to

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A few new faces in city, school board positions after election

Eight hundred and twenty eight of 5,187 registered voters headed to the polls in last week's city and school district elections.

In the Northwood City election, three open seats were filled by three candidates- incumbents Dan Reeder and Dave Tenold, and Gary Nerlien, who will take Doug Helgeland's place.

The Northwood-Kensett school board will see three incumbents returning. Cindy Pangburn garnered the most votes at 271 (27.10%), John Anderson with 269 votes (26.90%) and Larry Hovey with 259 votes (25.90%). Challenger Blake Severson received 187 votes (18.7%).

In the Central Springs school district, incumbents Amber Nuehring, (214 votes, 99.53%) and Lori Meacham Ginapp (206 votes, 99.04%) went unchallenged in their respective districts. Jason Blickenderfer (190 votes, 89.62%) will take the seat left vacant by Mark Frandle.

The one Central Springs school board position that featured a challenger went to incumbent Dave Luett with 127 votes, 62.56%, to Martin Coleman's 76 votes (37.44%).

There will be one new face in the Manly city council chambers as Richard Dean Baird (112 votes, 48.70%) will be filling Joe Ryan's seat. Regan Banks (98 votes 80.33%) was unchallenged as mayor. Scott Heagel (112 votes, 48.70%) returns to his seat and Mary Northway Durner (99

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votes, 44.59%) and Pete Andera (117 votes, 52.70%) were elected to their to-fill-vacancy (TFV) appointed seats.

In the Kensett city council, four candidates vied for three seats, with David Heiken taking the most votes with 42 (30.43%), followed by Kris Woltzen (41 votes, 29.71%) and the last seat taken by LaRue Douglas with 28 votes (20.29%). The other contender, Herb Thompson got 27 votes (19.57%).

In Fertile, 19-year incumbent mayor Joyce Russell lost to Nick Bailey 44 to 52 votes (45.83% to 54.17%). No new faces will be seen on Fertile City Council as incumbents Ronald Rachut and Cynthia Peters each took 76 votes, over newcomer Deena Biretz's 27 votes (14.92%).

Hanlontown will keep it's long-time mayor Richard Scholbrock, who got 31 votes to challenger Linda K. McMullin's 12 votes (23.08%) and Andrew Althof's 8 votes (15.38%).

Two new faces will be on the Hanlontown city council as Samuel Fellin (36 votes, 15.32%) and Julie Lossee (42 votes, 17.87%) will join incumbents Janet Fellin (37 votes, 15.74%), Linda Fulton (37 votes, 15.74%) and Scott Hakes (31 votes, 13.19%).

In Grafton, several positions went to write-in candidates.

That included the office of mayor, where incumbent John Bork appeared on ballots unopposed, and received 21 votes. However, Gregg Urbatsch received 29 votes to be elected mayor.

Grafton also had five city council seats up for election, with three names on ballots. Tom Kruger received 47 votes, 20.61%, Randy Hulshizer got 39 votes, 17.11% and Jane Dalluge 55 votes, 24.12%. Michael Schaub received 34 write-in votes and John Duval received 10.

Public measures pass in Fertile and Hanlontown

By Erin McCord
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Public measures in Fertile and Hanlontown were voted on and passed in the recent election.

Public measure A in the City of Fertile asked voters to decide whether to authorize a change in the use of the one percent local sales and service tax in the city, effective on January 1, 2020.

The approved change means that as of January 1, 100% of revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated for any lawful purpose of the City of Fertile. Previously, sales taxes could only be used towards improvements in infrastructure.

Public measure B for the City of Hanlontown asked residents to decide whether to change the terms of office for members of the city council from two to four year staggered terms pursuant to Iowa Code 376.2(3), effective on January 1, 2022.

What this means is that of the five city council members elected in Hanlontown in 2021, who take office on January 1, 2022, the three highest vote getters will be elected to four year terms, and the bottom two vote getters will be elected to two year terms.

The Fertile measure passed 72 to 20, garnering 78.26% of the vote.

In Hanlontown, the measure passed with 65.38% of the vote, 34 to 18.

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she developed a severe infection for which she received antibiotic infusions every 12 hours. She is now wearing an external fixator on the elbow, taking oral antibiotics every 12 hours, and has more elbow surgeries in her future.

Lisa's first three days in the hospital were spent in an overhead hoist. After that she decided she had to get up herself and was put into another hoist where she could get herself up. "A huge accomplishment."

"Being positive has been the best medicine for me. I've had days when I've been depressed but knew if I wasn't positive I wouldn't survive. I was the only one who could make me better."

Until Scott went home on September 12, he and Lisa had been together in the hospital every day. Always each other's cheerleaders, it was hard for them to be separated.

In the meantime, the couple's son Ryder stayed with his grandma. "Ryder has been such a trooper through everything," said his mom. "He's still a child, but he had to become a man. We put a lot of responsibility on him. Luckily he's strong enough to handle it."

Ryder, a finalist in the Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration Competition, recently traveled to Indianapolis with his dad for the final competition.

Scott, now with plates and screws in his back, has been weaning himself off the back brace, walking a lot more, and getting stronger every day.

With all her hospitalizations, surgeries, antibiotics and recovery work, the broken ankle that was pushed into the background now has a wound vacuum. Three times a week she goes to the doctor for dressing changes.

She calls the wound vacuum on her elbow George. The wound vacuum on her ankle she calls Georgette. "Got to have a little humor in it," she smiles.

Throughout this incredibly difficult time, Lisa has been an inspiration to everyone around her, even boosting the morale of the nurses.

What comes next for this loving couple? Scott will go back to work for Worth County when his therapy is finished.

Lisa, who celebrated her 50th birthday on November 12, just wants to get back to normal life with her family, her schnauzer Tucker and her work at the Shade Tree with Teresa.

She also wants to volunteer more. "I'd like to talk with people who are down. I want to speak to kids getting their drivers licenses and show them pictures in my album to make them more aware of their driving. I have been given a second chance and will focus on and listen to what God wants me to do."

The Lestruds shared their appreciation for all the people who have helped them, including Brad Logeman, who made their bathroom handicap accessible; Scott's coworkers, who've installed outside railings; and the friend who donated a hospital bed for Lisa.

"We are so thankful for good friends and family who were there for us during our time of need and continue to be. Obviously God has reasons for us still to be here. We are so grateful."

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previous training.

Luther will continue working with Titan three days a week in three areas- narcotics, obedience and tracking. Titan will accompany Luther at all times when he is on duty, and they will be on call the rest of the time, should Titan's expertise be required.

When those calls come in, Luther will not have far to go to get his canine compadre, as Titan and Luther not only work together, they live together, too.

Luther said that at home, Titan is very friendly and good with his children, though not so much the aforementioned felines. As a good K-9 should be, he is also a good listener, according to Luther.

Titan was called upon four times in his first two weeks on the beat. Once, they received calls to two different places at one time. One deputy needed him to search a vehicle, another needed help with a person lost in a corn field. With a schedule like that, it appears Titan will not be lacking for work to do.

When asked how he ended up with the role of K-9 handler, Luther said he had been wanting to have a dog since he started at the Worth County Sheriff's Department 13 years ago, so when Sheriff Dan Fank asked him if he wanted to do it, he had no trouble saying yes.

Cats and alleged criminals beware, all others- rest easier knowing Worth County has this new duo on patrol.

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company contracted to maintain the facility, spoke to the supervisors about rust issues at the three-year old facility.

After draining and replacing a mixer in the water tower, the extra water going through the system caused excess rust to settle at the bottom of the tower. The filter could not handle the extra rust, resulting in rust colored water coming out of consumers' taps.

The ongoing issues with the plant raise questions about how to proceed with the lots that are being developed on the south side of Wheelerwood and Highway 105.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that he believes the plant has had problems since it was built. He believes there may be design flaws and that upkeep and maintenance of the facility may have fallen behind, contributing to the recent issues.

The contract with People's Service is up in July.

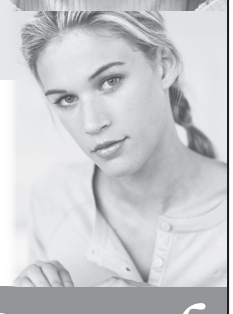
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remove the person's arm trapped therein.

Another piece of equipment used for the training was a section of a combine head. The firefighters used tools to secure, dismantle and separate the chains, gears and other pieces of the machine that would be necessary to save someone that may get tangled.

Before they could move on to the next pieces of equipment, a call came in, of a potential fire at a hog facility, which, fortunately, proved to be a false alarm. The call did however extend their training into later in the evening.

After they returned to the station, they resumed the learning experience.

That included practicing the steps they would need to safely secure and remove someone that had fallen onto exposed rebar, impaling themselves. The challenge in such a situation would come from the fact that the person would need to be kept still while using cutting equipment to cut the bar around the them. The person would also have to stay impaled, as removing the bar may cause a fatal loss of blood. Using a sander or cordless power saw, they cut through the bar above and below, and made sure the person was secure and protected from any sparks before lifting them away.

The remaining training focused on grain augers, and how the first responders could work to remove someone who had been drawn in after getting clothing caught in the machinery, or getting caught in some other manner.

They started by using saws to cut a hole above the spot where a person would be caught. They would then cut the auger, while making sure that it would not continue to spin, and would not collapse once cut.

The training was made possible locally by Worth County Farm Bureau, which provided $1,000 for the training. The Professional Rescue Innovations training is, in turn, made possible by the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau.

For the members of the NVFC, the training was especially valuable.

"We live in a rural community, so you never know what you'll encounter," said NVFC member Sawyer Schulz. "It's always valuable to have any kind of training we can."

Schulz said that the NVFC will be looking at ice rescue training with winter getting an early start. He also said that they hope to bring the Professional Rescue Innovators back for additional farm rescue training, shared with all the fire departments in Worth County.







Oh deer! Hunting season is here

The annual deer harvest is underway in Iowa. Bowhunters are up right now, with shotgun season starting soon.

Archery is open through December 6 and will resume from December 23 to January 1, 2020. Shotgun season will start on December 7 through December 11, and then again from December 14-22. Muzzleloader season will be open from December 23 through January 10, 2020. There is also a nonresident holiday from December 24 - January 2, 2020.

So far in Worth County (as of November 8) 10 does, 42 antlered bucks, two button bucks and one shed antler buck have already been harvested.

Hunting licenses in Iowa went on sale August 15 and are available at the Worth County Recorder's office, as well as more than 700 locations statewide.

According to the Department of Natural Resources websites, the price of an Iowa deer license is $28.50. Excluding fees for license vendors and the required $1 fee to fund Help Us Stop Hunger, the price of an Iowa deer license has remained the same since 1991.

Anyone born after January 1, 1972, is required to complete a hunter safety course before they can get a license in Iowa. If a resident is over 18, they may complete the course online. Youths 18 and under must complete the online work as well as field tests that include firearms handling.

Worth County Conservation Naturalists Dakota Popp and Dan Block teach hunter safety courses to seventh graders in the Central Springs and Northwood-Kensett schools, according to Block, affording local students the opportunity to take both the written and fields tests in school. According to Block, these school districts are among the last to offer such education.

For those who have all the formalities completed and are ready to head out into the field, Block also mentioned that a new cartridge being offered to deer hunters, the 350 Legend, might get some notice from the DNR. He said that the cartridge is the regulation .357 size, but the name is misleading. Block recommends hunters carry the cartridge box with the size printed on it with them to show to conservation officers, and to contact the local DNR office with any questions.

After hunters bag their quarry, they are asked to make sure they report it. Reports can be submitted online at gooutdoorsiowa.com. Licenses may be purchased online at license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx.

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Doug Moehle
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Let Us Talk

I hope most of you saw the notice about Snow Emergencies in Northwood. As a result of the accumulating snow fall last year the City of Northwood has decided to enforce ordinance 69.10 of the Northwood codes. This ordinance has been on the books for many years.

69.10 Snow Emergency:

No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or City-owned off-street parking area during snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the 48-hour period after cessation of the storm except as above provided upon streets that have been fully opened.

I would also remind everyone of ordinance 69.01 of the Northwood codes. It states that parking adjacent to the curb must be parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of traffic and eighteen (18) inches from the curb or edge of the roadway.

It is very important that our streets are readily available to the free movement of normal traffic and emergency vehicles.

Congratulations to our elected city council members and a big Thank You to Doug Helgeland for his years of service.

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better.

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, IA



Veterans Day at N-K

Northwood-Kensett Junior/Senior High School held its annual Veterans Day program on Monday. Faculty member and veteran Mike Reindl guided the Veterans Day activities, introducing the color guard of the VFW Our Buddies Post #6779, who presented the flag for the day. Leroy Bruns, of the VFW post awarded prizes to the winners of patriotic essay contests, including Patriot's Pen winner Madalynn Hanson and Voice of Democracy winner Lindsey Davidson. N-K high school band and junior high choir students also presented some patriotic music. The afternoon's speaker was retired Army Lt. Col. Brent Jennings, a teacher at Osage schools. Jennings spoke of his 22 years of service, first enlisted, then as an officer. Jennings also spoke of other types of service careers that his children are involved, including two in the military, one as a social worker and one in the medical field. With those examples in mind, Jennings challenged the N-K students to find ways to serve their community and their country, whether that be in the military or in other types of service careers or community involvement.

DCI warns of phone scam impersonating agents

The Iowa Department of Public Safety's Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is warning of a phone scam involving callers who target citizens by misrepresenting themselves as DCI staff.

The DCI has received reports from citizens that scammers are attempting to extort money related to the citizen's access to a website. The callers are misrepresenting themselves as DCI agents working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to collect money. Some callers are using false agent names and badge numbers. Citizens are also reporting that their caller ID devices display a number for the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

The DCI does not request payment over the phone. Anyone that receives a phone call similar to the one mentioned above is asked to contact local law enforcement and the Iowa Attorney General's Office Hotline at 515-281-5926 or 888-777-4590.

Listed below are some helpful tips to prevent being targeted by fraudulent calls:

Those that get a call from someone who claims they are collecting money on behalf of the DPS—even if a caller ID device shows the DPS— should hang up.

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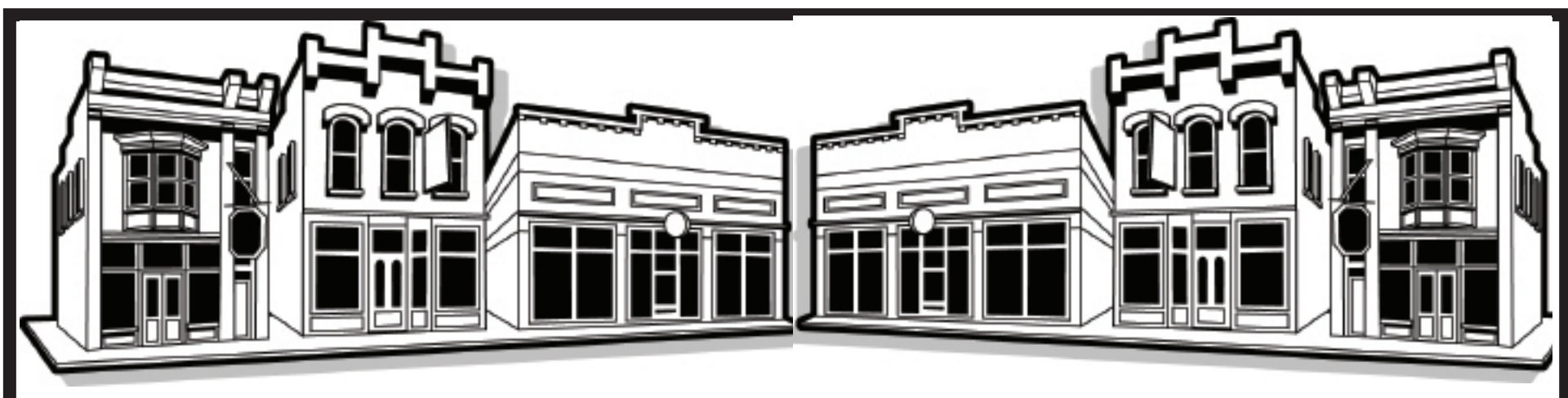
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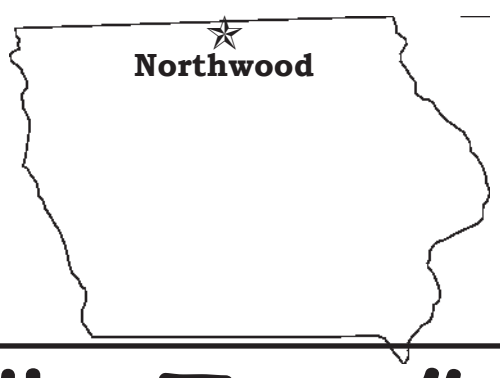
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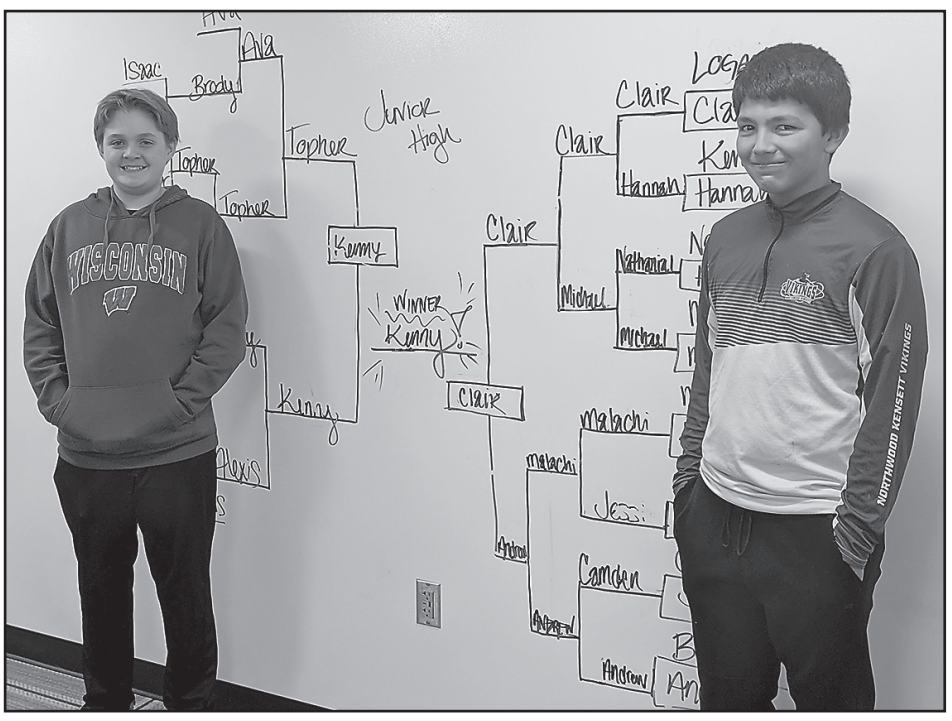


Northwood - "A Friendly Town"



N-K Math Club does the math with fifth graders

In October, 10 Northwood-Kensett High School Math Club members paid a visit to the 35 fifth graders, and let them know the club theme: "Life takes math and science and so should you!" The elementary students were shown the 2019 Rube Goldberg machine video coverage, were told what values "Pi" and "e" are numerically and then held a couple of multiplication and division practices. Everyone was given a sharpened pencil and Smarties candy. Those fifth graders who completed the multiplication and division accurately in the fastest times included (in front, from left) Liberty Paulson, Makia Gutierrez, Kale Bode, Sadey Mosher and Jackson Grunhovd. Math Club members visiting the fifth grade included (middle) President Lindsey Davidson, Secretary Nathan Hannemann, (back) Hayden Moore, Thomas Block, Emma Davidson, VP Mackenzie Davis, Jadyn Beland, Historian Marli Backhaus, Andrew Breitsprecher and Wyatt Willand.





Treading the boards

The N-KHS Math Club hosted its first chess tournament of the school year recently. Pictured are the winners. Pictured in the left picture are the middle school winners, winner Kenny Conlin and second place finisher Clair Sanchez. High school winners included Drake Tiedemann, first place, and Haydan Pestorious, second.

Closing the achievement gap for students with disabilities

By Brena Huber
School Psychologist with Central Rivers Area Education Agency

Historically across the state of Iowa, students with disabilities have not been making acceptable achievement gains. In fact, in a span of 12 years, Iowa went from 5th to 25th in national student reading performance. The gap in performance between Iowa's learners with and without disabilities is one of the nation's highest (ranking 48 out of the 50 states), pointing to a need for change. Implementing high quality Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) has been shown to reduce the achievement gap between students with disabilities and those without.

Specially Designed Instruction provides students with disabilities with explicit, systematic instructional supports and services. The process engages educators and families in diagnosing, designing, and delivering instruction based on the student's unique needs in order to remove barriers that result from the student's disability.

So what is so special about SDI?

- SDI encourages educators to utilize students' strengths, interests, and preferences to sustain learner engagement.
- SDI is designed through collaboration with families and highly qualified educators.
- SDI can be delivered in various settings across the school day.
- SDI supports learners to use tools, materials, or strategies to reach grade-level aligned goals.
- SDI is closely monitored to ensure that the intended results are being achieved (i.e., a reduction in the learning gap).
- SDI does not involve lowering standards or expectations for the student.



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Although SDI is good for all students, it is required for students with disabilities.

The Iowa Department of Education, in collaboration with all nine of Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs), has developed high quality professional learning packages focused on improving specially designed instruction for students with disabilities. The packages are intended to be fully implemented in every district in Iowa by 2023.

Central Rivers AEA has prioritized meeting the academic and behavioral needs of students with disabilities and provides numerous supports and services to schools, teachers, and students, including professional learning and coaching support. Currently, Central Rivers AEA is partnering with 12 districts and 29 schools to strengthen their implementation of high quality SDI practices. Questions about SDI and how it's making a difference in your school district? Contact Brena Huber, Central Rivers AEA School Psychologist at bhuber@centralriversaea.org.

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A leafy collection

With leafs dropping in increasing frequency, the City of Northwood once again instituted its voluntary burn ban once again. In order to encourage residents from burning leaves, the City offers curbside leaf collection using the equipment pictured above, in use before last week's snowfall, which consists of a tractor pulling a modified bailer. Those living in Northwood are asked to pile leaves in the street in rows no wider than four feet and no taller than three feet, to be collected early in the week.

Free event held locally and Internationally for suicide loss survivors

Unfortunately, many in our area have experience the challenge and ache that occurs following the loss of a loved one to suicide. International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (Survivor Day or ISOSLD) is the one day a year when people affected by suicide loss gather in their local communities to find comfort and gain understanding as they share stories of healing and hope.

Survivor Day was created by an act of Congress in 1999 and since then has been sponsored and supported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFPS). In 2018 there were 370 total events, including 32 international sites in 19 countries.

For many loss survivors, attending a Survivor Day event is an opportunity to discover that they are not alone in their experience of losing someone they know and love to suicide.

This is the sixth year a Survivors of Suicide Loss event will be offered at Bonnerup Funeral Service. The event will be held on Saturday, November 23, from 1-5 p.m. at the Bonnerup Funeral Service, 2210 E. Main Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

People who have attended in the past have found connections to others and comfort by being in the company of those who truly understand what it means to lose someone to suicide. The afternoon provides a safe and supportive space of being in the same room with other survivors.

Frequently, those who have experienced a loss to suicide blame themselves and may replay for many years what they might have done differently. For some the loss occurred many years ago and was kept secret. There had not been an opportunity to speak of the death, to process feelings and to experience of healing on this very painful grief journey.

This event is an opportunity to learn and find resources. It enables participants the opportunity to help others as well as themselves. Those with recent losses along with those who experienced the loss many years ago support each other in recognizing that although the pain and grief remain healing can occur, and you can live a rich and meaningful life.

There is no charge for the local event. Those interested may register to attend the event at Bonnerup Funeral Service by calling 507-373-2461 or emailing judy@bonnerupfuneralservice.com. For those who are unable to attend a Survivor Day event in person, AFSP hosts a Survivor Day program online at afsp.org/SurvivorDay.



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Sunday, Worship, 8:30 a.m. at Lake Mills
David Emmons, Pastor

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Sunday, Worship service, 10:45 a.m.
David Emmons, Pastor

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Glenville, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Myrtle, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - London Independent
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Followed by Coffee Hour.
Pastor Kent Otterman

Mona Lutheran Church
Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Summit School, 4 p.m., Communion 1st & 2nd Sundays.
Lydia J. Mittag, Pastor

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Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Confirmation, 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m., Choir Practice, Sr. High Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., Annual Meeting, 10:15 a.m., Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Library Remodel Meeting, 9 a.m., Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
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Fertile Lutheran Church
Thursday, FLCW Meeting, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Confirmation Hanlontown, 5:45 p.m.; Thursday, WELCA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, Lestrud Benefit, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Bergerson/Holstad Wedding, Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Bethany, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Bethany Council Meeting, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Manly Care Center, 10 a.m.
Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, P&N and Grace Circle Rye's, 10 a.m., Confirmation and WAGS at Grace with Supper, 5:30 p.m., Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - G, Bible Study - B, 9 a.m., Sunday School - B, 9:15 a.m., Worship - B, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Choir at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Food Prep at Grace, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Altar Guild, 1 p.m., Grace Council Newsletter Deadline, 6:30 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Food 4 Thought at Bean & Bistro, 8 a.m.; Sunday, Northwood Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.
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Pastor Wolfe

Otranto Community Church
Worship Service, 9:30 p.m.
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Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter
Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m.
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Controlling our Tongues



From listening comes wisdom; from speaking, remorse often follows. Silence is rarely punished, whereas we are often chastened for what we say. Of course, there are times when it takes moral courage to speak up in the face of injustice, but even then, it is wise to consider carefully what we should say. We have all had the experience of speaking too hastily and then regretting it, but only rarely do we regret holding our tongues. We simply cannot take back our words. Once spoken, they are there forever. But we can, if we hold our tongues and decide later that the thing really needs to be said, decide to say it, and to say it with caution, tact, and charity. There is an old adage which says that before speaking we should consider if the thing is true, if it is necessary, and if it is done for the benefit of the other person, and if you can answer yes to all three, then say it, but consider carefully how best to do that. Of all the parts of the body, surely our tongues are the most unruly and difficult to control. A well-controlled tongue is a sign of a disciplined mind and keeping silent is often rewarded with the added benefit of learning something new. Resolve to be a better listener and a quiet observer rather than a loquacious babbler, a gossipmonger, or the person who feels that every silence must be filled with words. –Christopher Simon

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." – Ephesians 4:29 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

There are lots of single subject cookbooks such as pies, stews, cookies and so forth. Then there are single appliance cookbooks such as food processors, blenders, air fryers etc. A single event cookbook has all the components of a successful dinner with many choices of courses, serving styles and menus. "The Thanksgiving Table: Recipes and Ideas To Create Your Own Holiday Tradition" (2001, Chronicle Books, LLC, San Francisco) is the ambitious work of Diane Morgan. Starting with the history of the Thanksgiving feast and including menus and timetables, this book will guide the reader/cook through any possible scenario. The recipes below have been adapted from Ms. Morgan's work.

Spinach, Pear and Shaved Parmesan Salad

8 cups lightly packed baby spinach leaves, stemmed, rinsed and dried OR purchase the packaged baby spinach all ready to eat.
2 large, ripe Bosc pears
1/2 cup coarsely grated or shaved Parmesan cheese. Buy the best you can afford for this salad as it is front and center, not an afterthought as in some dishes.
Dressing:
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, again the best you can find
2 teaspoons whole-grain mustard
1 teaspoon white sugar
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Quarter the washed but unpeeled pears, lengthwise. Scoop out the core and cut into long thin slices. Place the spinach and pear slices in a large serving bowl. Scatter the Parmesan shreds or slices on top. Make the dressing by combining all the ingredients in a shaker or jar with a tight-fitting lid. Shake vigorously to blend the ingredients, then adjust the seasonings with additional salt and/or pepper. When you are ready to serve, give the dressing a last-minute shake and pour over the salad. Toss gently to keep the pear slices from breaking and serve immediately.

Herbed Buttermilk Biscuits

2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 tablespoons unsalted real butter (no margarine, please) ice-cold
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
1 tablespoon fresh sage
3/4 cup PLUS 2 tablespoons buttermilk
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil for brushing the tops

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients. Cut the cold butter into slivers and scatter them over the flour. Using a pastry cutter, work the butter into the flour until the butter pieces are no larger than peas. Add the herbs and buttermilk, stirring just to blend well. Turn the dough out onto a lightly flowered work surface and using your fingertips, press the dough into a circle, about 1/2-inch thick. Cut the dough into 2-inch rounds with a biscuit cutter or rim of a drinking glass. Regroup scraps into a larger piece and cut more biscuits. Place the biscuits on an ungreased cookie sheet. Brush the tops of each biscuit with olive oil. Bake until golden brown, 18-20 minutes. Serve warm OR make ahead and re-warm them just before serving.

Cranberry-Blueberry Pie

Pastry dough enough for a 10-inch double crust pie. Use your favorite recipe or purchase a good quality prepared, refrigerated dough.
1/2 small orange, including peel, seeded and quartered
1 package (12 oz.) fresh cranberries, washed, picked over and stemmed
4 cups (about 1 1/4 pounds) fresh blueberries, washed and dried.
1 2/3 cups white sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons corn starch

Coarsely grind the orange in a food processor. In a large saucepan, combine the rest of the filling ingredients. Stir to combine; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring constantly, until thickened and the sugar has completely dissolved, about 4 minutes. Set aside to cool. Place pastry crust into a 10-inch pie pan. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. and place a rack in the center position. Fill the bottom crust with cooled filling and cover with the top crust. Cut vents into the top crust. If desired, brush the crust with butter and sprinkle with sugar. Place the pie on the center rack and a baking sheet on the rack below to catch drips. Bake until the crust is golden brown, about 50 minutes. Cool on a wire rack or serve warm with ice cream or real whipped cream.

Thanksgiving gives us all the opportunity to count our blessings be they large or small. The blessing of food is one we can't ignore; we simply couldn't exist without sustenance. Good food that we've made ourselves is the crowning glory. And….that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



A day learning of STEM careers

Eleven 9th and 10th grade Northwood-Kensett girls went to Iowa State University's Program for Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) on November 7. The students enjoyed engaging and educational group presentations and signed up for four individual sessions to attend throughout the day, which were about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) careers. The trip was made possible by the N-K Community Education Foundation. Pictured are (bottom row, from left) Rachel Hill, Addy Bachtle, Teagan Johnson, (middle) Alexis Hakes, Emma Logeman, Marli Backhaus, Emma Davidson, Hayley Wallin, (top) Sam Tindall, Kennedy Christianson and Carly Hengesteg. Chaperones were math teachers Kim Borowczyk and Lori Willert.

ACT announces auditions for 'Irena's Vow' on Dec. 9 and 10

Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) has announced auditions that will be held on Monday and Tuesday, December 9-10, at 7 p.m., for the drama "Irena's Vow" at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in Albert Lea.

Based on a true story, this play exemplifies the triumphs of the human spirit over devastating tragedy.

Irena Gut Opdyke is a 19-year-old housekeeper in the home of a Nazi officer when she finds out that the Jewish ghetto is about to be liquidated. Determined to help 12 Jewish workers, she shelters them in the basement of the German commandant's house. Over the next two years, Irena hides her friends until the end of the German occupation — concealing them in the midst of countless Nazi parties, a blackmail scheme and even the birth of a child.

Eight performances of this play are scheduled for February 13-22. This drama contains some scenes that are not suitable for young children. At least four women and six men of various ages will be cast for this play. There are no roles for children. Those auditioning should be prepared to read from the script. Rehearsals will be scheduled weeknights, with some weekend involvement closer to the performance dates.

More information regarding auditions and ticket purchasing are available by visiting actonbroadway.com.

Mayo hospitals receive 'A' grades for patient safety

Eight Mayo Clinic hospitals scored high marks for safety — earning an "A" for patient safety from The Leapfrog Group, an independent, national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits.

"Congratulations to the eight Mayo Clinic hospitals that received 'A' grades for patient safety," said Henry Ting, M.D., chief value officer, Mayo Clinic. "These scores reflect Mayo Clinic's commitment to patient care and the remarkable dedication of each and every Mayo Clinic employee. Mayo Clinic strives to be the safest organization to receive care and deliver care."

Mayo Clinic hospitals that received an "A" grade include Mayo Clinic Hospital, Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea and Austin, Minnesota.

MercyOne Internal Medicine welcomes Kern

Erin Kern, PA-C has joined MercyOne North Iowa Internal Medicine.

Kern received her Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Kern joins MercyOne North Iowa with over two years' experience as an Urgent Care Physician Assistant. Kern's clinical interest are health promotion, disease prevention and patient education. Outside of work Kern enjoys hiking, cycling and traveling.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Letter to the Editor

Concerned Citizens,

An application for a variance to the zoning ordinance 165.16 (2) was submitted to the Zoning Administrator from Viafield. The property is situated in the 1-2 Heavy Industry District and is located at 500-600 16th St. N in Northwood. The request, if approved, would authorize a new fertilizer and chemical plant, a one-million gallon liquid fertilizer storage tank, (with the possibility of another in the future), and a shed addition to be built on the north side of the existing storage building. The fertilizer tank will take over 200 semi loads to fill it.

The Administrative Officer was required, under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, to deny a Zoning Compliance Certificate because a fertilizer plant is not a principal permitted use. However, the Board of Adjustment, under certain conditions and safeguards, may have the authority to grant the request as it is listed as a conditional use.

There will also be a run-off pond located on the east side of the road for any snow, rain, or run-off from the site. It is piped under the road. This is located only 2/l0ths of a mile north of the city water tower. The ground water flows to the south, in the direction of the city tower. There will also be a new well with this project which is capable of pumping 650 gallons of water a minute.

In the past, there have been 3 events that have done damage in that area. One was from a tornado that flattened the chemical building on the east side of the road and rolled a chemical storage bin across the field into a fence line. The second was lightning striking a tower on the elevator which caused chunks of cement from the elevator to fly to the fair grounds and to the fertilizer site. The last incident wa; the fire and explosion by the airport of a chemical storage bin that caused the evacuation of the town. This facility is much closer than the one that exploded. How can we get the kids out of the grade school and the people from their homes that are nearby? We believe this facility should be built outside the city limits so that it is not a hazard to the community.

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustment on Monday, November 25 at 12PM at the City Hall of Northwood, at which time you may submit your views on the matter in person, by writing, or by representative.

Steve Thofson,
Northwood



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

What do you want out of life?

To make a difference.

That's nice.

Yeah, but I'd settle for a new car instead.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Mark Twain said, "Nothing helps scenery like bacon and eggs.

"Whale! Whale!" I cried in an excited duplication when spotting a humpack whale, a cold-blooded killer. It and others were feeding frenziedly on krill and small fish — up to 3000 pounds each per day. It was an early morning boat trip in Crescent Harbor in Sitka. I felt like Tarzan of the whales as whale tails (flukes) sliced the water's surface. The weather wasn't perfect. That was fine. If it had been, I'd expect it all the time.

Southeast Alaska, known as the Panhandle, is a long, narrow strip of coastline and 1,000 islands. Most communities have no roads connecting them, so residents depend heavily on ferries. The Alaska Marine Highway System that connects 35 communities. Routes stretch for 3,500 miles, from Bellingham, Wash. to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, in the Aleutian Island chain. It includes the Inside Passage, a spectacular cruise ship destination featuring mountains, glaciers and fjords. The ferry is the lifeline for the smallest communities. It brings things, carries people to hospitals and clinics, sports teams to games. Alaska has a budget deficit due to declining oil production. As a result, ferries have been removed from operation, ports cut, and staff reduced. Angoon, Tenakee, Pelican and Gustavus aren't receiving any ferry service at the present. Pelican, population under 100, had been getting one ferry a month, year round. Haines and Skagway receive service once per week and Hoonah twice a month. Many residents of these communities travel to Juneau to shop Costco and/or Fred Meyer. A visitor stopped at the visitors center in Haines. It seemed appropriate. He was driving to Anchorage and wanted a map. He was given a free map and departed. He returned not much later and asked if he could get a map with all the roads. Alaska doesn't have that many.

Putting my one cent in

A good friend, Julie Shook of Haines, told me that for her 60th birthday, her sister had given her 60 pens, 60 bandaids and 60 coin wrappers for pennies. At a gas station, a young man tossed a pocketful of coins into the air. I picked them up. A man told me he'd hurt his back picking up a penny. I can't stop picking up pennies. Find a penny, pick it up. All day long, you'll have good luck.

Pothole Park

One of my favorite places on earth is Chilkoot Lake in Haines, Alaska. I see bears, eagles, ravens, magpies, Steller's jays and dippers there. The park road to the lake is laden with potholes. Not small potholes. I walked around one. It wasn't the biggest pothole. I found that task too daunting. I walked around a medium-sized pothole four times and I'd made a mile.

It's a small world unless you have to paint it

I was at a banquet in Sitka, Alaska, visiting with a woman from Barrow. She asked me if I'd ever heard of a small town in Minnesota. I had. It was where I'd gone to high school.

Nature notes

November isn't the favorite color of many. We have an average of 39% of possible sunshine in November, our cloudiest month. December, the second cloudiest month, gives us 42%. Those two months save us money on sunscreen.

There is the Farmers' Almanac (since 1818) from Lewiston, Maine, and there is the Old Farmer's Almanac (established in 1792) from Dublin, New Hampshire. The two publications are useful and entertaining, and make great gifts. They serve as reminders to get out there and enjoy nature.

Canada geese like lawns for two reason: goose food and safety. The grass provides the food and a lawn makes it easy to detect predators. They provide fertilizer in return.

The eastern chipmunk is about 10 inches long including its tail. Its cheeks can stretch to three times larger than the chipmunk's head. I'm often told that its name came from the sound that the animal makes. However, the common name may have been "chitmunk" from the Odawa word jidmoonh or the Ojibwe ajidamoo. A male chipmunk is called a buck; a female is a doe; a baby is called kit, kitten or pup; and a group of chipmunks is a scurry.

Meeting adjourned

Be kind and wave at people you don't know. They will spend the rest of the day trying to figure out who you were.

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Fit to print...

The Armistice Day blizzard of 1940

The recent weather has left many discussing winter's early arrival. It has happened before, and with disastrous results...

By Lowell Washburn, from the September/October 2008 issue of Iowa Outdoors magazine

Call it a Weather Bomb, Perfect Storm, whatever. By any name, it was the recipe for disaster. Picture this: a powerful weather system swept over the Rocky Mountains, charging eastward. Meanwhile, a Canadian cold air mass was sliding down from the north, while warm moist air pulled up from the south. Any way you looked at it, the developing atmospheric brew spelled trouble.

But no one was looking. The year was 1940. Primitive by contemporary standards, weather forecasting was something many folks put little stock in. According to National Weather Service data, no one was even in the building at Chicago's Midwest Weather Headquarters during the late night hours of Nov. 10.

As the massive system organized during the wee hours of the following morning, its combined energy triggered a storm of fury. Barometric pressures plunged to among the lowest recorded in Iowa, reaching a then record low for November. By then, the storm began to cut its thousand- mile-wide path of death and destruction. Within 24 hours, the system would rank among the most infamous and disastrous blizzards in U.S. history.

These are the tales of those who were there . . .

For Midwestern duck hunters, the fall of 1940 was warm and uneventful. As the waterfowl doldrums continued into the second week of November, hunters grew increasingly impatient. But the unseasonable weather could not hold out forever, they reasoned.

Cocking an eye to the north, waterfowlers watched, waited and hoped. Sooner or later, the inevitable cold fronts would arrive. Ducks would move south. For those willing to stick to their marshes, the annual Big Push would be a sweet dream.

On Nov. 11, 1940, sportsmen got their wish. The weather changed dramatically; and with that change came the most infamous duck hunt in American history.

But the day was not what gunners had anticipated. Instead of realizing their sweet dream, hundreds of waterfowlers were suddenly plunged into a horrific, Stephen King-grade nightmare. Although nearly 70 years have passed, the storm stories are still too terrible for some survivors to recount.

Known now as the Armistice Day Snowstorm, the event remains among the deadliest of blizzards to cut its way through the Heartland. By the time it concluded, the storm dropped more than 2 feet of snow, buried vehicles and roadways beneath 20-foot drifts, killed thousands of Iowa cattle, and destroyed incalculable amounts of poultry—including more than a million Thanksgiving turkeys. It gave a yet unrecovered blow to Iowa's apple industry.

All told, the storm claimed 160 lives across the Midwest. Hundreds more suffered severe frostbite or frozen limbs. On Lake Michigan, three commercial freighters and more than 60 sailors were lost. Along the Mississippi River in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, hundreds of duck hunters lost boats, guns and gear as 15-foot swells near Dubuque and 70 to 80 mile per hour winds swept down channels and across marshy backwaters.

Due to abnormally warm weather and fair skies, most hunters took to the field carrying little more than a light jacket. But as the fronts arrived, the scene changed. Temperatures plummeted from near 60 degrees to below freezing, and then into the single digits—all within hours.

What began as a holiday duck hunt quickly became the storm of the century. Panic reigned on the Mississippi that day as boats, equipment and human lives were lost. Stranded atop mud bars and islands, scores of hunters were forced to endure the most horribly excruciating night of their lives. Huddled beneath overturned boats or beside makeshift piles of driftwood, survivors used cigarette papers to ignite meager fires that would save their lives.

Wet and afraid, dozens more perished during the black night. At Winona, Minn., the city bus barn became a temporary morgue as, one by one, the bodies of frozen hunters were retrieved. Since many duck hunters were from out of town, identification was delayed until bodies thawed and pockets could be searched.

On an island near Harpers Ferry, 16-year-old Jack Meggers was one hunter who fought for his life. A retired Iowa game warden currently living in Mason City, Meggers has spent a lifetime in the out-of-doors. At 84, Jack remains a gifted storyteller with a knack for detail. His best loved tales recount outdoor adventure in strong winds, rough water and portray the vanished spectacle of storm-tossed wildfowl in a bygone era.

But mention the words Armistice Day Snowstorm, and Megger's demeanor immediately takes a quieter, reverent, tone. You can see it in his face as the mind's eye turns back to one of the most incredible events in American weather history.

"It was Armistice Day, now called Veterans Day, and we were out of school," Meggers begins.

"Me, my dad, and two brothers headed out to an island at Harpers Ferry. It was warm for that late in the fall and we were dressed light. One of the things I remember most is that, just before the storm hit, the sky turned all orange. It's hard to explain, but I remember thinking that it was really strange."

The winds came suddenly, recalls Meggers. Fierce and chilling, the initial blast was a spearhead for the advancing storm.

And then the ducks arrived. Not just a flock here or a flock there, but rather hundreds, then thousands, then tens of thousands. It was a scene seldom witnessed, and in sheer magnitude, never to repeat.

"We'd never seen anything like it," says Meggers. "When the ducks arrived, they came in unending waves and they came in all species.

"Those ducks were all flying about this high off the water," he says, motioning to his waist. "And they were all doing about 90 miles an hour with that wind."

The crew lost no time taking advantage of the astonishing flight. Although waterfowl continued to pour down in unending supply, connecting with the wind-driven birds presented a major challenge, recalls Meggers. The boys concentrated so hard on the task, that none seemed to notice as the winds increased.

"All of a sudden, Dad said, 'Grab the decoys—we're getting out of here.' But we were throwing an awful lot of ammunition into the air, and none of us wanted to quit. The sky was just full of ducks," says Meggers. "Finally Dad said, 'Grab the decoys now or we're leaving without them.' That's when we began to see how bad it was getting."

Meggers' dad made a good call. In addition to raging winds and unfathomable legions of ducks, the storm began to deliver pelting rain, which quickly turned to sleet, then heavy snow. Visibility dropped to near zero as hunters all up and down the Great River struggled—many unsuccessfully—to return to shore.

"It was really rough. By the time we finally made it to the shoreline, you couldn't even see the shoreline," Meggers recalls. "By then, the combination of snow and wind was just incredible. Our group made it back. But not everyone did."

An island away from where the Meggers party hunted, a father and two sons were equally mesmerized by the arriving swarms of waterfowl. Lured into staying beyond the point of no return, their shallow draft duck boat proved no match for the wind and waves. As visibility and daylight faded, the hunters found themselves stranded.

"The oldest son was a college athlete," Meggers says. "When things started getting tough he told his younger brother to jump to stay warm," as a rain soaking and hours of exposure to wind and snow led to hypothermia. "Every time the younger kid quit jumping, his brother would punch him. The dad and older brother died on that island. The younger brother just kept on jumping through the night. They rescued him the next day. His legs were frozen hard as wood below both knees and he lost them. He was the sole survivor of his group and he credited his brother with saving his life. The kid said, 'I knew my brother and dad were dead—but I just kept on jumping. My older brother

Blizzard, see Page 11

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

November 12, 1919

The Northwood High School News is a new publication for Northwood, the first number having been printed on the Anchor presses on November 1. The paper is a neat four-page four column sheet, well filled with interesting school news and advertisements of local merchants.

Complimentary to her daughter, Miss Ruth, a Thanksgiving bride, Mrs. W.W. Hunter entertained the members of the P.E.O. sisterhood at a five o'clock dinner. After a splendid dinner the participants spent a social evening with the guest of honor.

A number of the lady friends of Mrs. W.G. Olson went to her home and gave her a pleasant surprise, the occasion being her birthday. In addition to taking along refreshments, the ladies presented Mrs. Olson with a purse of money.

The Albert Lea Daily Tribune of Saturday says that Bert Youmans, of Northwood, and Miss Edith Remund, of that city, were married there that day. Bert is an overseas soldier who returned some months ago and is a well known and well-liked Northwood boy.

At the Myron S. Perkins home on North Eighth Street a family reunion was held. The occasion was the visit of Henry Perkins of Velva, N.D., who with his wife and daughter was on the way to Merron, Colo., where he will engage in the garage business. Spencer, Warren and Arthur and their families came in from their homes in Silver Lake Township and spent the day at the home of MR. and Mrs. M.S. Perkins, father and mother of the boys.

75 years ago

November 16, 1944

On Thursday of next week, November 22, will be observed official in Iowa as Thanksgiving Day, the proclamation of Gov. Hickenlooper naming that date in accordance with national legislation that designed the fourth Thursday as the day for nationwide observance.

A memorial service for Pfc. Harland H. Mittag, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Mittage, seven miles northeast of Northwood, will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, south of Myrtle, next Sunday at 2 p.m. The Rev. O.C. Staehling, pastor of Bethlehem church, of which Harland was a lifelong member, will be in charge of the service.

Pfc. Dean A. Schultz, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schultz of Grafton, has been awarded the crossbar infantryman badge for valor in combat service against the Japanese, according to word received by his parents.

Miss Alma Thorson and Leslie B. Sanders, both of Northwood, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Hegg in Mason City. Mrs. Hegg is a sister of Mr. Sanders. The Rev. A.N. Rognes, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church of Mason City, read the marriage vows.

Truly Ellington became the bride of Morris Levorson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levorson, at eight o'clock. The marriage took place at the Bristol Lutheran Church with the Rev. Chrstan Notsund reading the double ring ceremony.

50 years ago

November 13, 1969

Members of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company have had a busier than normal week. They were called to the Dick Senne farm northwest of Northwood to fight an equipment fire. A tractor belonging to Ed Senne and a dryer, a trailer and 400 bushels of corn belonging to Dick Sense were destroyed before the blaze was brought under control.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Olson, Northwood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marilyn Kay, to Edward Douglas Dahlby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dahlby, Emmons, Minnesota. Miss Olson, graduate of Northwood-Kensett Community high school, is presently attending Hamilton College. Mr. Dahlby was graduated from Lake Mills High School and Iowa State University's Technical Institute, Ames. He is presently employed by the Milwaukee Railroad at Austin. A June wedding is planned.

Roger Rustad, 170-pound senior, and David Halland, 190-pound junior, were selected to the first team of the North Iowa Conference at a meeting in Forest City. Knudtson, 160-pound senior, was selected as second team quarterback. Honorable mention went to Harold Hickman, Clair Severson and John Anderson.

The University of Iowa's new president, Willard L. Boyd, has four earned degrees, all in the field of law. They are a doctor juridical science, a master of law, a bachelor of law and a bachelor of science in law.

25 years ago

November 16, 1994

The Northwood-Kensett school board agreed to work with the N-K Booster Club on a $70,000 lighting project for the junior-senior high school baseball-softball complex. As proposed by Booster Club president Ken Estes, the project will involve a partnership between the school district, the Boosters, and Northwoods State Bank, with the Boosters raising $20,000 in private donations, the bank providing $20,000 in matching funds, and the school district to pick up the remaining $30,000.

Roz Brown, daughter of Gene and Beulah Bohl, Northwood, and Patrick Grundmeier, son of Grant and Pat Grundmeier, Northwood, were married on October 29 at First Lutheran Church by Pastor Mark Bents. Amy Brown was maid of honor and Dale Dahlby was best man. Music was provided by Pat Cordle.

Worth County voters returned incumbents to the courthouse in Tuesday's general election and gave State Rep. Dennis May the winning edge over challenger Bill Schickel in the statehouse District 20 race. When election workers finally wrapped up the courthouse ballot count at 12:30 a.m., the computer print-out showed Republican incumbent Bev Pangburn winning by 415 votes over challenger Earl Citurs in the District 3 supervisor race, and the Republican incumbent Doug Krull winning by 587 votes over Democratic challenger Barry Boline in the county attorney race.

10 years ago

November 11, 2009

Voters throughout Worth County went to the polls to decide who would fill elected positions in their city governments. With four candidates for two city councils seats, it's no surprise that the Northwood election has one of the highest voter turnouts sen for Northwood city election. A total of 655 of 1,498 registered voters, or 43.72 percent, cast ballots.

Racheal D. Etnier, D.O., has accepted the position of full-time physician of Mercy Family Clinic-Northwood, beginning on November 9. Dr. Etnier became familiar with the Northwood community during the past several months while helping provide medical care to area residents.

When emergencies and other dire situations arise, those involved can often benefit from even the littlest distractions. That is especially true for children. That's the thought behind unique donations the Northwood Lions Club recently made to area emergency response agencies. Several bags of teddy bears were donated to the Worth County Sheriff's Office, the Northwood Police Department and the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company.

Kevin Braun of Braun Show Cattle and 4-H'er Chasey Hull of Poteau, Oklahoma, were pictured at the American Royal Livestock Exhibition in Kansas City, Missouri. Kevin raised the show heifer "Why Not" that was shown by Chasey, that was named division champion in the open and junior divisions maintainer heifer show at the American Royal.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Norman Davis

Funeral services for Norman Davis, 89, of Northwood, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019 at Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church, rural Glenville. The Rev. Josh Blair will officiate.

Interment will be at London Deer Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Norman died on Sunday, November 10, at Lake Mills Care Center, Lake Mills, Iowa.

Norman Franz Davis was born on December 23, 1929, on his parents' farm in London Township, Freeborn County, Minnesota. He was the only child of Jason and Anna (Hoines) Davis. Even though he was an only child, he grew up side-by-side with many first cousins who were close to him throughout his life.

Norman was baptized and confirmed at Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church. He attended a rural, one-room grade school and Northwood High School. He was a lifelong member at the church and was very active, serving on the church board, playing on the church softball teams and dart leagues and completing many construction projects for the church.

Norman was the epitome of a kind and gentle soul. He worked hard his whole life,



NORMAN DAVIS

farming and then as a contractor. He built and remodeled many homes in the Northwood and surrounding areas. He was known for his honesty and integrity.

On June 20, 1948, Norman married Margie Frances Bratrud in Northwood. They met in high school where Norman played football, baseball and basketball. They married shortly after Norman's graduation and lived on his parent's farm where they built a new home where they raised their family. Norman loved hunting and went to northern Minnesota for many years to hunt with his uncles. He also enjoyed attending all of the athletic events for his children and grandchildren.

They moved to an acreage on the state line in 1982 when their son Gene took over the family farm. In 1986, Norman fell at a construction site and received a severe head injury. He was given little chance of survival but overcame great odds to fully recover and continue in all of his work and life activities. In 2006 they moved to Northwood. Norman and Margie were married for 71 years. He loved to play cards and throughout his life enjoyed watching western movies.

Norman is survived by his wife, Margie; four children, Glen (Janet) Davis, Susan (Steve) Steele, Gene (Cindy) Davis and Sandra (Luis) Gonzalez; 12 grandchildren, Jason (Sarah), Kip (Sarah), Gaven (Taya) Davis, Matthew (Shari), Mikkel (Kristin) Schmidt, Rachel (Tyson) Pederson, Justin (Jaime), Garrett (Sydney) Davis, Kailey (Garret) Weber, Lauren, Kelvin and Amado Gonzalez; three step-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Drew (Kylie) Steele and Jessica (Mitch) Hanson; 22 great-grandchildren; and three step-great grandchildren.

His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of great pride and joy. The legacy of his kind and gentle spirit and his faith will live on through them.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Jason and Anna; one grandson, Adam Davis; and one great-granddaughter, Rae Ann Davis.

Despite Alzheimer's robbing him of memories in his later years, Norman didn't falter in displaying his calm and thoughtful spirit to his many friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the London Deer Creek Cemetery Association.

Kerma Hammer

Kerma Ione Grosland Hammer, 85, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

Kerma was born on August 11, 1934, in Northwood, the fifth of seven children, to the late Oscar and Inah Hanson Grosland. She moved to High Point in 2004 and became a member of Archdale United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Friendship Class.

Kerma enjoyed volunteering at her church, reading and spending time with her family. She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend and will be dearly missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, LaVon Grosland, Virgil Grosland and Paul Grosland; her sister-in-law, Kathy Grosland; her brother-in-law, Richard Nelson; and her son-in-law, Scott Cherry.



KERMA HAMMER

She is survived by her daughters, Debra Sherman and her husband, Jeff, Joy Cherry and Michelle Johnson and her husband, Roger; her sisters, Mavis Nelson and Jo Ann Villa and her husband, Jim; her brother, David Grosland and his wife, Diane; and her grandchildren, Jason Sherman, Trent Sherman and his wife, Sara, Tara Cartier Sorelle, Jeremy Johnson and his wife, Brandi-Jo, and Ryan Johnson. Also surviving are her great-grandchildren, Aiden Sorelle, Addison Sorelle, Audrey Johnson, Logan Johnson, Amelia Johnson, Savanna Sherman and Greyson Sherman and a number of nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Kerma's life was held on Monday, October 28, at 11 a.m. at Archdale United Methodist Church, with Reverend Harold Shives officiating.

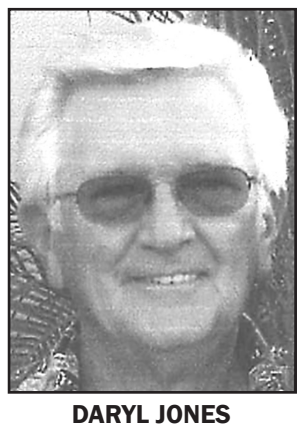
A memorial will be held on Friday, November 22, at 2 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Northwood.*

Daryl Jones

Daryl W. Jones passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at his home on November 8, 2019.

He was born to Walter and Stella (Hendrikson) Jones on November 8, 1938, in Freeborn County, Minnesota. Daryl was a resident of Northwood from birth through high school graduation. He returned to Northwood in June 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl L. Jones; sister, Marian Crapser; daughters, Karri Strogatz of Las Vegas, Nevada, Kimberly Kerzie of Seal Beach, Calif., Lori Williams of Northwood, Iowa; son, Lance (Kimberly) Jones of Beaver Dam, Wis.; step sons, Kurt Tuttle of Sacramento, Calif., Marc (Vera) Tuttle of San Francisco, Calif., Brett (Marci) Tuttle and Daryl Tuttle of Menomonie, Wis.; 18 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



DARYL JONES

He is preceded in death by his father, Walter, and mother, Stella Jones, and sister, Marvel Martin.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, November 13, from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Signatures Restaurant in Northwood.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, November 15, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Boyceville, Wisconsin.

Bolan

On Saturday morning Linda Nydegger joined other relatives and friends of Kelly Steenhard at a baby shower in her honor at the E&R Church in Ledyard. Ryan and Kelly Steenhard are expecting their first child the first part of December.

Bowling

HAIRY/PICKLE LEAGUE

Perkins Farms	23	9
J & L Auto Body	20	12
Strike Zone	20	12
Gentz Labs	19	13
Quality Composites	19	13
Mason City Motors	14	18
Farm Bureau	11	21

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High Team Series & Game:
Gentz Labs 2,572 & 866
Mens High Series & Game:
Jake Gentz 675 & 236
Women's High Series & Game:
Eldora Stehn 502 & 194

Supervisors

November 4, 2019
Forty-fourth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J.Stone and Ken Abrams present.

Smeby led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Smeby called the Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Smeby, Stone and Abrams. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve the October 28, 2019 board minutes.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve the November 4, 2019 board agenda.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the 2020 Bridge Inspection, Rating and Maintenance Recommendations Professional Services Agreement and Engineering Services Base Agreement.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve Frank Stearns as Medical Examiner Investigator for Worth County at $175.00/call per the recommendation of Dr. Angela Konrad, D.O., Pathology Associates of Mason City.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the Worth County Zoning Board of Adjustment's recommendation for a variance request by John Tenold regarding separation of an acreage located at 4427 Wheelerwood Road which will be less than 10 acres.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the Worth County Zoning Board of Adjustment's recommendation of approval in the use of agricultural land in accordance to Section IX, Paragraph F of the Worth County Zoning Ordinance by Invenergy, LLC dba Worthwhile East Solar Farm LLC. The conditional use is both commercial and private battery storage systems as well as commercial and private solar generators. This variance will be in effect for the life of operations of the solar facility.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Tyler Cook at $46,987.20/year starting 11/18/2018 as submitted by the sheriff's department.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 8:51 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Mark Smeby
Chairperson

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 9/9/19 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Heiken, Pilkington, Parker, & Ehlenfeldt.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Melissa Michealis & Lexi Bodzioch – Winn-Worth BETCO, Ron Hengesteg – Activity Center Representative, Barbara Watchorn, Diana Parker, Reta Ulve, Phyllis Tilson, Tom Dakin, Art Kuennen, LaRue Douglas, Larry Larson, Dan Fank – Worth County Sheriff, Steve Peterson and Richard Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Heiken, 2nd by Ehlenfeldt, carried unanimously.

Maintenance discussed DNR visit, pot holes will be filled as time permits and general maintenance.

Clerk discussed insurance claim, rusty water, Plunketts pest report, time off, upcoming audit and junk cars/property. Motion to pursue non-compliant resident for mowing ordinance to the maximum allowed fine by Heiken, 2nd by Ehlenfeldt, carried unanimously.

Visitors: Ron Hengesteg representing the Viking Activity Center asked for support from Kensett. Nothing decided at this time except possibly a letter of support.

LaRue Douglas asked for permission to close 3rd Street between Elm and Walnut Streets, permission granted. Also will be allowed to borrow a couple tables. This is for a block party.

Old Business: Clerk reminded all of upcoming election on November 5th.

New Business: Motion to approve Resolution #578–Road Use Report for 2018-2019 made by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: August Revenues by Fund: General 10,353.60, Proprietary 5,299.46, Special 3,152.03. Total Revenues: 18,805.09. Stands approved as read.

Motion to pay bills by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 2,428.63, WCTA 271.98, B. Luckason 700.19 (net), R. Bauer 952.94 (net), L. McNally 1391.82 (net), Ipers 684.44 (payroll), Federal & SS 1,198.94 (payroll), S. Stumo 100.00 (cc deposit refund – general), T. Rollene 1,203.13 (mowing cemetery – general), KCAP 1,600.00 (raffle tickets – general), VISA 284.95 (conference – general), post office 37.80 (certified letters – general), Ag Source 25.50 (water test), Kensett Water 98.75 (sewer fees), T. Dakin 140.00 (cleaning – general), L. McNally 84.10 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1,355.97 (garbage & recycling – general), C. Pulju 184.70 (payroll – net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection – general), Tractor Loan Payment #7 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), A. Wilson 120.00 (mowing hearts 4x – general), Viafield 423.50 (chemicals – general), Tractor Supply 12.99 (supplies – water), C. Pulju 38.86 (mileage – general), T. McCoy 370.00 (mowing – general), A. Kuennen 2,660.00 mowing – general 1,620.00, sewer 1,040.00) .

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Disbursements by Fund: General 9,813.35, Special 1,151.26, Utilities 1,546.42, Payroll 5,113.03 (gross).

Total Disbursements: 17,624.06.

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

Lori J. McNally, CMC,
City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A petition for a variance and/or special exception to the zoning regulations as applied to the property described as 500-600 16th St N., Northwood, IA.

The petition asks property listed above for approval of a variance to the I-2 Heavy Industry District of the zoning ordinance 165.16 (2).

The Administrative Officer was required, under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, to deny a Zoning Compliance Certificate because a fertilizer plant is not a principal permitted use.

However, the Board of Adjustment under certain conditions and safeguards may have the authority to grant the request as a fertilizer plant is listed permitted as a conditional use.

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustment on Monday November 25, 2019 at 12 pm, at City Hall, Northwood, at which time you may appear, if you so desire, either in person or by agent or attorney in opposition to or support of the proposed variance from/or special exception to the zoning regulations. The hearing of this appeal is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who, for any reason, has not received a copy, please inform him/her of this public hearing.

Respectfully,
/s/Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk
Secretary,
Board of Adjustment

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Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009188

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Landon L. Beresford, Deceased, who died on or about August 24, 2019:

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Blizzard
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told me to keep jumping so I knew it must be important.'

"That kid was 16, same as me," says Meggers. "I'll never forget what happened that day on the river."

A short distance downstream, four more hunters died during the night on an island near Marquette. In a duck blind at Guttenburg, Earl Butler and Wayne Reynolds narrowly escaped death as they spent the night huddled around a small fire. At Burlington, at least three more hunters perished from exposure or drowning. Unable to stand against wind and waves, several permanent duck blinds were uprooted and blown downstream.

The wrath of the Armistice Day Snowstorm was not limited to the Mississippi River. The early morning hours of November 11, 1940, found Orville Kinsel heading out to hunt ducks on Wright County's Elm Lake, near Clarion, where he owned a duck shack. His story, recounted in the Hampton Chronicle by Ray Baltes, is no less intriguing than of those who hunted larger waters.

"I got up in the morning and it wasn't too bad," recalled Kinsel. "I looked to the west and the sky was green. I started out and that lake was just full of ducks—just swarming with them."

As the winds increased, things began to get wild. With rush beds already flattened by rising winds, lead anchor weights were no longer able to hold his decoys in place. A final clue that it was time to quit occurred as muskrat houses blew off the marsh. Kinsel returned to his shack carrying a coat load of mallards.

"By then it was snowing," he noted. "The ducks couldn't see anything. They were blind. It came so fast. By that time the wind was so strong I could barely walk in it."

For as long as he can remember, Cerro Gordo County's Max Christensen has been an avid waterfowler. Today, it seems somewhat ironic that Christensen nearly missed out on history's greatest duck hunt.

"I still remember nearly every detail from that day," Christensen begins. "I was a high school senior when the November 11 snowstorm arrived in Ventura. I lived on a farm and we hadn't even had a frost yet. The livestock was still in the fields and all the poultry was still outside.

"I got on the bus at eight o'clock, wearing just a light jacket. The bus driver was Max Millhouse, and I always sat right behind him because he liked to talk about hunting. As we got closer to Ventura, every cornfield had little cyclones of feeding ducks. The closer we got to the lake, the more we saw. There were so many ducks that it was almost eerie.

"By the time we arrived at Ventura, I already decided to head back home. There were just too many ducks in the air to be in school. Max decided to go with me.

"When I got back home, the storm was coming up fast and my folks were trying to get the chickens inside. We helped, and so instead of being in trouble for skipping school, I was a hero.

"With that finished, we went to a place I called 'My Slough.' It was a 30-acre marsh that might have up to 500 muskrat houses on it—a perfect place for ducks," says Christensen. "It was already snowing when we got there, and at first we didn't see anything on the slough. I thought, 'Oh no, the ducks left.' Then we saw something move, and suddenly realized what was happening. That slough was completely covered in ducks—so many that you couldn't see any water or make out individual birds. We started shooting then, and it was something. Every duck on that slough was a mallard. We didn't see anything else. You can't even imagine what it was like."

The storm picked up and Max announced he would head back while he still could. "I went to a different marsh closer to home and kept hunting. I don't think it would have mattered where you went that day, every place was full of ducks. They were everywhere.

"The snow finally got so bad that I had to take my ducks and leave. The walk home was a little over a mile," says Christensen. "The wind was around 40 miles per hour and the snow was blowing straight sideways. A school bus came down the road, but it couldn't make it in the snow and had to turn back. Before leaving, it dropped off 17 school kids at our house. They had to stay the night."

When Christensen entered the farmstead, he learned that a Garner dentist, Doc Hayes had parked in the yard and walked to a nearby marsh. Since he hadn't returned, the hunter was feared lost.

"I knew I had to try and find him," relates Christensen. "I was young and didn't think of the danger. I had a good idea of where he would have been hunting and started up a fenceline that led from the buildings. I don't think I could see more than 15 feet in front of me, that's how bad it was.

"I found Doc Hayes on that fenceline. He was just standing there, stuck in a drift. He couldn't move. When I got up to him, he just started crying. 'I thought I was dead,' he said to me. I took his gun and a big bunch of ducks and we started back. I told him to step in my tracks. I broke the trail, and our tracks would disappear almost instantly.

"When we got home, my dad and all those school kids were already in the basement picking my ducks. I don't know how many mallards were down there, but it was a lot. It was really something. We still had fresh tomatoes from the garden, all those ducks, and snow drifts piling up outside," says Christensen.

The next day they shoveled out Doc's Cadillac, which was buried in the yard. "When we reached the road, something moved in the snow. I had shoveled out a live coot. That bird had lit on the road and become buried in a drift. The coot was just fine and flew away."

Although Armistice Day, 1940 remains best known for its memorable, often tragic, duck hunts—not all wildlife accounts focus on waterfowl.

Wayne Miller, a 16-year-old at the time, rode out the storm's fury on the family farm located in northwest Iowa's Emmet County, near Ringsted. What he remembers most are the pheasants.

"The day started out warm, then suddenly turned cold and began to snow. Our farm had a good thick grove. Pheasants were soon piling into that cover and they even sought shelter in the straw piles—anything to get out of that weather.

"When the storm was over there were big drifts and lots of dead pheasants. People gathered up a lot of those birds and brought them over to our farm," says Miller. "We stacked them in the hay mow above the barn. It was warmer up there and the pheasants began to thaw out. Anyway, a bunch of them came back to life. When we went back up there, they were flying all over the place. We opened the big [hay loft] door and released around 50 of them. It was quite a sight when all those pheasants flew out of the barn.

"It was an incredible storm and everyone thought the pheasants would be wiped out. But there was lots and lots of habitat back then and the pheasants came back in a hurry."

While hardships are etched in the survivor's minds forever, severe storms—many stronger than the Armistice Day Blizzard—continue to pummel the land. But modern weather forecasting and rapid communication now prevent much of the human catastrophes. And for that, survivors and all outdoor lovers are thankful.

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NATALIE CORDLE



BRYLEE HOEPPNER

Cordle, Hoeppner named to all-conference volleyball teams

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

After a hardfought volleyball season the coaches of the Top of Iowa Conference East have made their all-conference selections. Earning those honors from Northwood-Kensett this year were senior Natalie Cordle and junior Brylee Hoeppner.

Cordle collected a team high 88 kills for the 6-16 Lady Vikings this season, along with 34 blocks. Moving away from the net Cordle was also deadly at the service line this year, going 91-113 with seven aces.

Cordle is a three year varsity starter who accumulated 232 kills, 160 blocks and 20 service aces and was 229-292 at the line, for a career service percentage of .784.

Hoeppner is a two year varsity starter for the Lady Vikings, who collected 72 kills this season. Hoeppner also had 107 digs and five blocks for the stingy N-K defense. The talented junior was one of the team's best at the service line this season, going 182-194 for a .938 serving percentage. For her two-year career Hoeppner now has 100 kills, 9 blocks, 170 digs, 20 aces and she's 228-241 from the service line for an incredible .946 service percentage.

2019 Top of Iowa Conference East Division Volleyball All-Conference Teams

First Team

Ashley Howe	Central Springs	12
Sydney Eiklenborg	North Butler	11
Brooke Trees	North Butler	11
Ellie Bobinet	Osage	11
Danielle Johnson	Osage	11
Paige Kisley	Osage	11
Kaebre Sullivan	Osage	10
Kayla Carroll	Rockford	12
Brooklyn Hackbart	Saint Ansgar	11

Second Team

Ellacyn Coleman	Central Springs	11
Liberty Fisher	Nashua-Plainfield	12
Brynn Salge	North Butler	11
Cassidy Staudt	North Butler	12
Natalie Cordle	**Northwood-Kensett**	**12**
Merideth Stree	Osage	10
Blayne Koster	Saint Ansgar	11
Hannah Patterson	Saint Ansgar	12
Emily Caspers	West Fork	12

Honorable Mention

Kayley Kelley	Central Springs	12
Mackenzie Foelske	Nashua-Plainfield	10
Hailey Worman	Newman Catholic	12
Kristin Dralle	North Butler	12
Brylee Hoeppner	**Northwood-Kensett**	**11**
Claudia Aschenbrenner	Osage	9
Emma Ramon	Rockford	12
Hali Anderson	Saint Ansgar	11
Allison Rice	West Fork	12

Player of the Year .Danielle Johnson, Osage

Coach of the Year Laura Schwickerath, North Butler

Club Notes

DAR

The Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter DAR held a meeting on October 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Evans. Four local members of the chapter and two prospective members were in attendance.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sharlene Stoddard. The Pledge of Allegiance, the Daughter's Pledge, and the American's Creed were recited. Becky Johnston read the President General's message from the American Spirit magazine. Short historical minutes were read.

Kay Day was inducted as a member of the chapter at this meeting. She was admitted as a DAR member in September but was not able to attend the September meeting. She has been helping other applicants with their research and application preparation.

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Green Thumb

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on October 28th at Maple Court with ten members answering roll call with the name of a favorite tree.

Jean VanVeldhuizen, president, presided.

Penny Robb gave a report on the 2020 Standard Flower Show theme and various categories. These plans are progressing nicely.

The program was presented by Nancy Amundson. She based her talk on the book by Amy Stewart called Wicked Plants. Selected for discussion were ten different shrubs and plants including Monkshood, Wisteria, Poison hemlock, Nightshade, Castor bean and others. Along with the information, pictures of these plants were passed around so members could identify them. Thanks were extended to Dan Robb, Penny Robb and Nancy Amundson for delivering Meals on Wheels in October representing the Garden Club. Angie Wilkins was the hostess.

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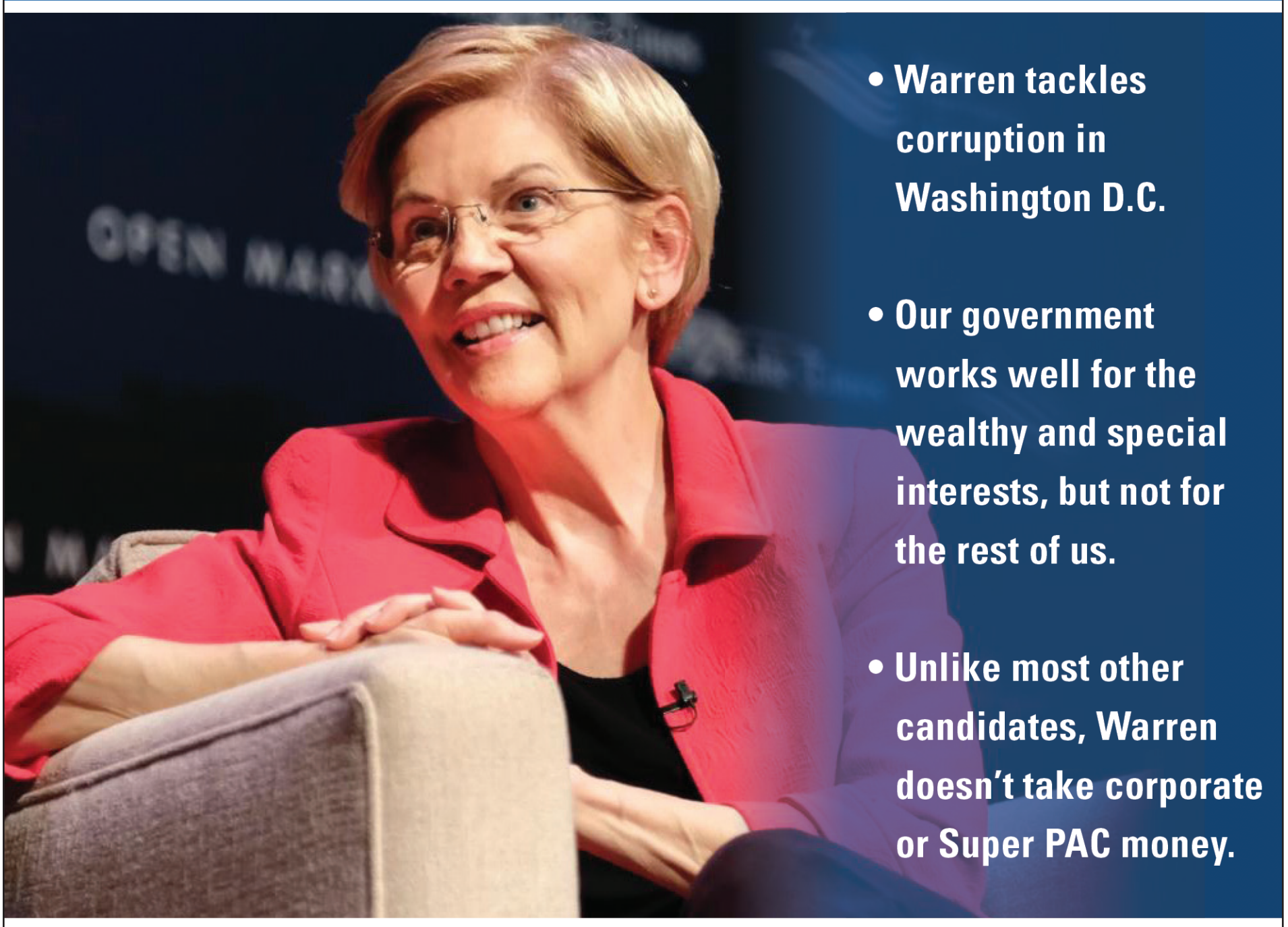
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