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Reeders made their hotel a labor of love for themselves and their roomers

By JoAnn Lower

The Hotel Northwood was home to Arlys Reeder and her family for more than half a century. From her box of treasured memories, Arlys shares letters that have been tucked away for years.

From Mr. and Mrs. Orth:

"Molly and I thank you for the kindness and consideration you have shown us over many years. In so many ways the Hotel Northwood was our home in Northwood."

"We also wish to acknowledge your contribution to the many people who found shelter beneath your roof."

"I also do not forget that the hotel was not your choice, yet you stuck with it and persevered in business, honoring Harry and taking care of your family."

From Elizabeth Groe:

"Good Samaritans, You will truly be blest for what you are doing, more power to you. If there were more people like you, this would be a better world, such as our Lord wished it to be. May God bless and keep you."

From Charlotte Walker:

"I read the Des Moines Register story about your hotel. I am so interested to learn more about it and about the town. I would love to visit but doubt that a bus goes from Iowa City to Northwood. A small town is my idea of peace, and Northwood sounds very appealing."

Imagine renting a hotel room for $3 a

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Arlys Reeder



The late Harry Reeder and Arlys Reeder

Briefs



POPS 52 set for Feb. 28

Northwood-Kensett students are once again preparing for the annual talent and music show, with POPS 52.

This year's POPS features a theme of "Good vs. Evil," with music performed by the high school band and choir. It will feature songs of the heroes and villains from movies and TV shows, including "Star Wars," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid," "Robin Hood," "101 Dalmatians," "The Lion King" and a medley of songs from several Disney movies.

In addition to the choir and band performances, individuals and groups will present their talent acts.

POPS 52 will be held on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the elementary gym. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. N-K activity passes will also be accepted.

Public invited to Viking Cafe February 21

The regular meals served by Northwood-Kensett students as a part of the Viking Cafe class are continuing through the rest of the school year, with the next meal set for Friday, February 21.

The Viking Cafe is a class that provides students with experience in aspects of working in and managing a restaurant.

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

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Too late to change increase for Worth County attorney

By Erin McCord
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A meeting held last Friday, February 7, at the request of county supervisor A.J. Stone with the Worth County Compensation Board, regarding the requested salary increase made by County Attorney Jeff Greve, came to the conclusion that it was too late to revisit the issue, as the salary recommendations had already been approved.

Greve had requested a 37% increase in his salary to compensate for the impending departure of assistant county attorney Kelsey Beenken.

Stone and some members of the compensation board shared their concerns about Greve taking on the increasing caseload of the county by himself. Greve said that local county attorneys often assist on each other's cases, and he felt that for the most part, he would have no problem with the additional caseload.

He also explained upon questioning that having an assistant doesn't eliminate any conflict of interest that may arise from his private practice, because the assistant is also in conflict wherever Greve might be, as his employee. It is those

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Supervisors discuss plans for TIF funds

By Kris Kenison
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In recent weeks, the Worth County supervisors have discussed projects that the County may pursue using tax increment financing (TIF) on wind developments that are in the works in the county.

Joe Myhre, executive director of NIACOG (North Iowa Area Council of Governments), was at the January 20 supervisors' meeting to discuss the supervisors plans for capital projects that may be funded with TIF dollars that could be collected on the wind infrastructure in Worth County.

TIF is a method of funding that allows local governments to set a base tax value and then borrow against tax increases in a set area, to be used for designated projects. In the past, interstate interchange

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Dustin and Jaime Fricke

Valentines Day contest winners announced

And the winners are... Dustin and Jaime and Fricke! The Northwood Chamber of Commerce Valentine's Day contest winners were drawn on Friday, February 7.

The Frickes received a pair of lovely plants courtesy of the Flower Forager, a bottle of sparkling wine from Shade Tree Liquors, a night away courtesy of Country Inn & Suites,

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Mikesell pleads not guilty, trial set for April 1

Jennifer Mikesell, the Northwood woman charged with ongoing criminal conduct, second-degree theft, fraudulent practices and four counts of forgery, all related to false claims of living with cancer, pleaded not guilty to all charges on February 3.

Mikesell was charged after an investigation showed no records of her having received cancer treatment at Mayo Clinic. as she had been claiming. Mikesell also forged doctors notes, created a fraudulent email account claiming to belong to Mayo Clinic Oncology and accepted gifts and money from local residents and a bedroom makeover from My Happy Haven.

A jury trial is now scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, at 9 a.m. at the Worth County Courthouse.

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night, $10 a couple. That's what it would have cost you at the Hotel Northwood when its new owners were Harry and Arlys Reeder.

Harry was born and raised in Northwood, Arlys near Glenville. In 1957, four years after they met, the couple was married in an intimate ceremony at Nashua's Little Brown Church, with a reception that followed at First Lutheran Church in Northwood.

The newly married couple then moved to Glenville to take up farming. However, just a year later, Harry's back began to give him problems. Realizing he needed another livelihood, he started trucking with his brother Buck.

In 1962 Harry heard of a hotel for sale in Northwood. Arlys, however, was uncertain. "Harry told me if I was hesitant when we went to the bank, we wouldn't get the money."

"The next day as we sat at NSB, Mr. Paulson asked my thoughts about the venture. I put on my positive face, and we got the loan.

"Two months later we moved into the half-century-old hotel with much to do. We were greenhorns, but people were so nice.

"We bought beds, redid lobby chairs and went to Dan Low's auctions. We bought dressers from across the street that my mother and I carried up the steps. At Northwood's Ben Franklin I purchased nearly all the wall large pictures to decorate the rooms. From the hardware store I bought mirrors to hang over the sinks."

Harry's brother Buck passed away in 1965 and Harry went full time trucking, which left Arlys to run the hotel by herself.

"After 10 years we replaced all 50 windows, tuck pointed the building and in the span of 52 years had the roof redone a half dozen times.

"The first 20 years were spent with my kids, Kevin and Kim. Since I was needed at the hotel 24/7, relatives joined us to celebrate birthdays and holidays, our work crews and roomers joining in the festivities.

"Kim remembers the Midway Café, the old bakery and when the house across the street burned down, which turned the empty space into a parking lot so kids had a safe place to ride their bikes.

"The last 20 years were spent babysitting my grandchildren Laura, Kelly, Casey and Jordan. How I enjoyed them and how they loved being at the hotel."

With 10 rooms on each of the hotel's three floors, Arlys installed a desk buzzer that alerted her wherever she happened to be in the building, whether downstairs doing the wash, at midnight when she was asleep or in the wee hours of the morning.









The hotel had monthly roomers, weekly roomers, construction workers, salesmen and two gentlemen who made the hotel their home for more than 30 years. Arlys remembers each one. "I have so many happy memories, but a couple of sad ones, too."

"It was Easter time on a Saturday when I noticed one of the workers hadn't gone to work. On Sunday he came downstairs to use the lobby payphone but when I brought clean towels and bedding to his room on Monday, I found him lying over his gun."

"Another time a complete stranger checked in. Years went by. Sometimes we would sit watching the 10 o'clock news on the lobby TV, other times we'd sit on the front porch listening to the rhythmic repetition of an auctioneer down on creamery road. One evening as we sat talking, the man had a heart attack. Sadly, he had no family. He was buried in a Northwood cemetery."

At the top of her long list of happy memories is Lady, Arlys's beloved Pomeranian. "All the roomers loved Lady," she smiled. "One of my roomers took her for a walk every day."

Harry passed away on July 6, 2005. "Dr. Allison said the polio Harry had contracted as a 14-year-old shortened his life by at least 10 years.

"In the spring of 2014 I sold the hotel, the place we had called home for 52 years, the place called home by so many."

Asked what she most misses about the Hotel Northwood, Arlys replies, "Being around so many interesting and wonderful people."

"We didn't make much money. Our wealth was measured by the love we felt for our roomers. Our roomers were family."

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cases that are "traded out" to other county attorneys.

Greve also explained that the choice of hiring an assistant attorney was his, not the supervisors'.

"It's done," Greve said, "The position is eliminated. It's not coming back. I'll be doing everything as of July 1."

Looking forward, Greve said that as of 2023, he will no longer seek the role of county attorney, and the supervisors can reset the salary at the next election.

Members of the board of compensation, who make salary recommendations to the board of supervisors, said they had felt a little blindsided by the request, as it had been made directly prior to a meeting, to which some members had not been able to attend.

"We would have liked a little more time to go over this before we had to send it over to the supervisors," said board member Dennis Meyer.

Despite the questions that arose from the request, the supervisors had approved the compensation board's recommendations, and so cannot make any changes at this time.

WCHS to meet Feb. 18

The Worth County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m. at the Northwood Museum.

Everyone is welcome.

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Students choose the menu, learn how to cook the food and then take part as hosts, servers, chefs and other aspects of a restaurant service for those that join them for the meal served out of the classroom.

The meal chosen for February 21 includes lasagna roll-ups, garlic bread, lettuce salad, cannoli and a beverage.

The Viking Cafe meal is served during the class period, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom at the high school.

Those planning to attend are asked to order the Thursday before (tomorrow, February 13), by noon.

Those interested in taking part may call Viking Cafe teacher Mrs. Thorson at 641-324-2412, ext. 138 or email mthorson@nkvikings.com.

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chocolates from Ver Helst Drug Center and tickets to a showing at the Northwood Theatre.

The Frickes have been sweethearts for 11 years now, and married for three. In a twist on tradition, it was Jaime that proposed to Dustin, with the help of their dog. Dustin woke up one morning to find a note and two rings tied to the collar with a note reading "Papa will you marry my mama?" After making sure Jaime was serious Dustin said yes, of course!

All the businesses of Northwood wish the Frickes and everyone else a very happy Valentine's Day.

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Republicans caucus for Trump, discuss political platforms

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On Monday, February 3, Iowans participated in the first in the nation caucuses. And while difficulties and delays were the headlines for those choosing Democratic candidates, the Republican side, with an incumbent president running for re-election, brought a more decisive return.

While the Democrat caucus involves a process of apportionment, realignment and an eventual count to determine the amount of support for a candidate, the Republican process is a simple vote in each precinct.

But before the vote could take place, all the Republicans and several young observers gathered in the small gym at Central Springs in Manly.

They elected officers for the caucus and then read a list of candidates for federal, state and county office.

Each candidate was given a chance for themselves or someone representing them to speak.

Letters were read from President Donald Trump; Senator Joni Ernst; Ashley Hinson and Tom Hansen, who are running to be the Republican candidate for Representative from Iowa's District 1; Iowa Senator Waylon Brown; and county auditor Jacki Backhaus.

Candidates speaking on their own behalf, and participating in the caucus, included Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale, county supervisor Mark Smeby and sheriff Dan Fank.

Following the messages from the candidates, the group broke into precincts, meeting in classrooms nearby.

That included the precinct representing Northwood, which undertook the same business as the other precincts statewide.

They began with the vote for the presidential candidate. The floor was opened for anyone that wanted to speak for the other candidates seeking the Republican nomination. It was decided that all those in the room would support Trump.

After votes were taken, volunteers were sought to represent the precinct at the County Convention, set for Saturday, March 14.

Next, there was a call for platform planks, or policies, to be submitted for the Republican Party.

That included support for the electoral college, support for keeping a candidate's political party on ballots and expanding that to city and school elections, keeping marijuana illegal unless medically prescribed, calling laws regarding abortion to be set by the legislature instead of the courts, restricting electroshock therapy for those under 18 to instances where a medical doctor is present and a parent and medical caregiver have signed off and making sure no state funding is given for transgender surgeries.

After planks were chosen, the precinct caucus ended and the votes were delivered to the caucus officers.

At the end of the night, once all Worth County precincts reported in, it proved to be unanimous, and Trump received 74 votes at the Worth County Republican caucus.

Statewide, 97.1 percent of those taking part in the Republican caucuses chose Trump as their candidate, with 31,464 votes. Bill Weld received 426 votes, for 1.3 percent. Joe Walsh received 348 votes, for 1.1 percent. Other candidates received a total of 151 votes, or 0.5 percent.

Worth goes for Klobuchar, statewide count ongoing

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The Worth County Democratic caucuses were held last Monday, February 3. While the state party remains embroiled in the difficulties that arose from a newly released reporting app and discrepancies in "caucus math," the results from Worth County show that Amy Klobuchar was the most popular candidate.

Worth County had 276 people attend the Democratic caucuses. Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar turned out to be the most popular choice, being awarded 22 delegates to the county convention. She was followed by Pete Buttigieg with 14, 13 for Bernie Sanders with 13, Joe Biden with 11, Elizabeth Warren with 9 and Andrew Yang with 6.

Each candidate had to reach a viability threshold at each precinct caucus, usually 15% of attendees. If a candidate does not reach viability, anyone supporting that candidate can switch to another candidate during a second alignment.

Two new elements for this year's caucus were the use of a reporting app and Presidential preference cards.

The app was intended to accelerate the reporting process by allowing precinct chairs and secretaries to instantly report their caucus results. However, the app was not made available until the day of the caucus, leaving users little time to familiarize themselves with it. In many cases, users were unable to even log into the app. Clogged phone lines to the IDP call center hampered users' attempts to find assistance.

The presidential preference cards that were introduced this year give the party a paper trail of caucus-goers' choices of candidates. One card was given to each caucus attendee, giving chairs and secretaries an accurate count of attendance. As attendees broke into preference groups, they wrote their preference and their name on the card. Those who had to realign wrote their second choice on the back of the card.

As the magnitude of the problems with the reporting became clear throughout the night and the next day, the IDP sent people to each county to gather the preference cards and other paperwork in an attempt to speed up the counting and reporting process.

At press time on Monday, it appeared that Pete Buttigeig has narrowly beaten Bernie Sanders statewide in the number of delegate-elects. A February 9 release from the IDP provided updated results from 55 Iowa precincts, about 3% of the total. The projected results show Buttigeig with 14 national delegates to Sanders' 12. Klobuchar, the pick of Worth County, has one state-wide delegate.

Legislators discuss issues with constituents at Manly City Hall

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State Senator Waylon Brown and State Representative Jane Bloomingdale met with some constituents on Saturday morning, February 8, at the Manly City Hall.



Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale and Senator Waylon Brown took part in a forum on Saturday, hosted by Winn-Worth Betco and the City of Manly.

Several local officials were present at the meeting, including Sheriff Dan Fank, EMS Director Mark Tomlinson, Supervisor A.J. Stone, County Assessor Cindy Thompson and Central Springs City Council member Jean Schilling and Manly City Council member Mary Durner.

Funding was under discussion in relation to several topics. One of them was the proposed one cent sales tax increase. The increase would be put toward funding the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program, water quality and mental health care, while reducing property taxes.

Schilling raised the concern that the bill would disproportionately affect lower income people.

Bloomingdale explained that they had eliminated taxes on utilities, feminine hygiene products, diapers and groceries, which would save lower-income people from paying taxes on staple items.

From there, the discussion turned to Mark Tomlinson's proposal to designate Worth County a Second Amendment sanctuary, which he also introduced at the Monday supervisor's meeting. He offered three versions of his resolution.

Another firearms-related issue was brought up by Fank, concerning a bill that would allow county attorneys and EMA responders to obtain a professional permit to carry a firearm. He said that he felt those applying for a professional permit be held to the same standard and undergo the same type of training that officers of the law undergo.

Brown said the bill was introduced in recognition of some of the negative consequences that may arise from the work of county attorneys and he recognized Fank's concerns.

Brown pivoted from this discussion to another EMS related issue that Stone brought up- the funding of a county ambulance service.

Stone shared the backstory of the county's efforts to determine methods of funding an ambulance service, including how to tax residents of the county fairly.

"We don't want to hit the farmers and landowners too hard," he said. "The State is allowing us to see what it's going to cost, and we will only tax up to that cost."

He said that they couldn't rely too heavily on MCO and Medicaid reimbursements. He shared numbers from the Mason City Fire Department, which currently serves Worth County. For the 400-500 calls that MCFD responds to each year, Stone said they are only reimbursed from $40,000 to $50,000.

Brown said they are looking into a bill that would use tax income from the newly legalized sports betting as a possible source of funding EMS services.

Budget concerns of EMS and firefighting continued into a discussion on the dropping numbers of volunteer EMS and the cost of training new people, which Stone said was currently around $4,000.

"We have to be really careful about spending that money, because sometimes we spend it and then the individual leaves the area, and we're out that money."

Fank agreed with this, pointing out that the loss of volunteer emergency responders placed an extra burden on the Sheriff's Department as more calls were going unanswered by volunteer services each year, leaving sheriff's deputies to respond.

"Guys are burnt out by the number of calls and the cost and time of all the mandated training," he said.

"At the end of the day, we just want someone to show up," Brown said, "We understand the issues and we're trying to address them."

Brown and Bloomingdale addressed Stone's questions about taxation and regulation on wind and solar farms. As new technologies, they said they had turned to the Iowa Board of Utilities for some guidance on ordinance ideas.

Counties currently do not have much say in the construction of solar and wind as they are built on private land, but they are hearing plenty of concerns in regard to the damage of construction and maintenance, particularly for wind turbines.

Stone said he would like to see more county level control over the addition of renewable energy.

"I think we have enough wind," he said, "I'm for a moratorium on new construction of wind." Stone also suggested the development of a master matrix for wind turbines and allowing the county to have a final say in their construction.

Brown and Bloomingdale wrapped up the conversation, in order to head to their stop.

The next Worth County forum will be at Northwood City Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 29.

NIACC bond set for Tuesday, March 3

Voters will decide on Tuesday, March 3, whether North Iowa Area Community College will have the funding to proceed with a new project to enhance its educational resources.

NIACC is seeking a $15 million capital bond in a referendum set for Tuesday, March 3. It is the first general obligation bond request in NIACC's history.

A presentation on the bond and the college's plans was made to the Northwood-Kensett school board at their December meeting.

According to Dr. Steven Schulz, NIACC president, who shared the college's plans with the N-K board members and administrators, the college is pursuing the bond as it is the only legal way to increase funding for infrastructure and the current interest rates make now a good time to do so.

Bond funds will be used to:

Expand workforce training in science, technology, engineering and math related careers;

Expand and enhance health care training and opportunities;

Support the creation of regional career centers and support workforce training needs;

Upgrade classroom technology; and

Renovate the North Iowa Community Auditorium.

Additional needs listed included lighting and security, sustainable energy investments, replacing mechanical systems, renovating classrooms and lab spaces and renovating the 1972 food service building.

A draft of the language that will appear on ballots asks if NIACC should "be authorized to renovate, improve, repair, construct, erect, furnish and equip existing buildings, at multiple campus and enrollment locations, with an emphasis on safety, security, and sustainability; to construct, erect, remodel, repair, renovate, improve, furnish, and equip career academy buildings and related site improvements, and to acquire sites, if necessary; and issue its school bonds in an amount not exceeding $15,000,000 for such purposes?"

According to Schulz, the approximate cost to taxpayers will be 20.5 cents per $1,000 of assessed taxable valuation.

A breakdown of tax impacts presented to the school board showed that the NIACC bond would cost a residential property owner roughly $4.59 annually per $50,000 of valuation. Agriculture property taxes would increase roughly $0.23 per acre in Worth County for the bond, based on the estimates presented.

Voting on the NIACC bond referendum will take place on Tuesday, March 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at regular polling places in Worth County communities.

Absentee ballots are also available at the Worth County Auditor's office at the courthouse in Northwood, or online at the Iowa Secretary of State's website at sos.iowa.gov.

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Out of this world engineering

The annual Engineering Machine Design Contest will be held in St. Ansgar this Monday, February 17. The theme is "Space Exploration." Three teams of Northwood-Kensett students will enter the competition, thanks to local sponsors TruStile Doors, Viafield, ADA Enterprises and Worth Lumber. The contest challenges students to create unnecessarily complicated machines to conduct simple tasks. The machine demonstrations begin at 10:30 a.m., with winners announced at 2 p.m. The students showed off their machines during an academic pep rally last Friday. Pictured above with their machine is a team of physics students, including (from left) Caden Schrage, Jaela Parks, Kennedy Eskildsen, Sarah McCormick, Peyton Pangburn, Chloe Luther, Meaghan Petznick, Austin Foss and Jesslyn Sims. Pictured at top right is a second team of physics students, including (from left) Clara Davidson, Natalie Cordle, Laney Ryks, Makaio Hoch, Austin Efflandt, Ross DeArmoun, Reina Trosper and Lindsey Davidson. Pictured at bottom right is a team made up of sophomores in the N-K Math Club, including (from left) Emma Davidson, Andrew Breitsprecher, Wyatt Willand, Thomas Block and Marli Backhaus.







By Euler's number

The Northwood-Kensett Math Club hosted an academic pep rally last Friday (2-7) to coincide with the date's relevance to Euler's number, an irrational number that starts with 2.7. The rally included a recognition of two students that had the most success in reciting the number. Pictured are (from left) high school winning reciter Evelyn Ocel and middle school winner Aden Bice, who set the new school record by reciting nine digits.

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Local students earn college recognition

The following students earned Dean's List recognition for the 2019 fall term at Buena Vista University.

Local students include Amy Rollene of Kensett, through BVU Mason City; Courtney Jorgensen of Grafton, through BVU Mason City and Angela Letscher of Manly, through BVU Online.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Leslie Willaby of Glenville, Minnesota, graduated from The College of St. Scholastica with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

St. Scholastica held its Fall 2019 Commencement ceremony on December 14 on campus.

St. Scholastica is nationally recognized for quality and value. It has been named the top Minnesota college for economic mobility, and U.S. News & World Report includes it on its Best National Universities and Top Performers on Social Mobility lists.

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the County has used TIF for road projects, developments and other projects.

Myhre will assist the County as they update the urban renewal plan (URP), which is a document that includes any potential uses of TIF revenue.

Myhre asked the supervisors to discuss and provide him guidance on projects that the County may pursue, with a list of priorities to be added to the URP.

The primary prospect is the development of lots south of the casino across Highway 105.

The County plans to develop a 22 acre area into 11 lots, helping to draw in some new businesses to the area.

The start of the project has been pushed back as the County and the casino owners are working to transfer land owned by the casino to the County for the development.

The other major project up for consideration is a courthouse renovation or replacement.

Deterioration of the current courthouse facilities, with ongoing temporary fixes a regular topic of discussion at supervisor meetings, has brought the need for new or renovated facilities the forefront as a County need.

While the County has tentative plans in place, the supervisors have agreed that the proposed cost of those plans is excessive.

The Samuels Group provided the County with two potential options. One would be to renovate the courthouse and build a new addition for law enforcement and court needs, at a cost of roughly $15 million. The second proposal was to abandon the current courthouse, and donate for other community use, and build a new structure for current courthouse users, law enforcement and court needs, at a cost of $17 million.

The supervisors have described those options as the "Cadillac" version of what the County will need. They plan to seek new, more reserved plans and estimates before beginning action on a major courthouse project.

At their meeting on January 27, the supervisors continued discussion and mentioned plans for county officials to tour neighbor counties, including Winnebago and Mitchell, to see their facilities and find out what worked and what did not in those counties' courthouse renovation and replacement projects.

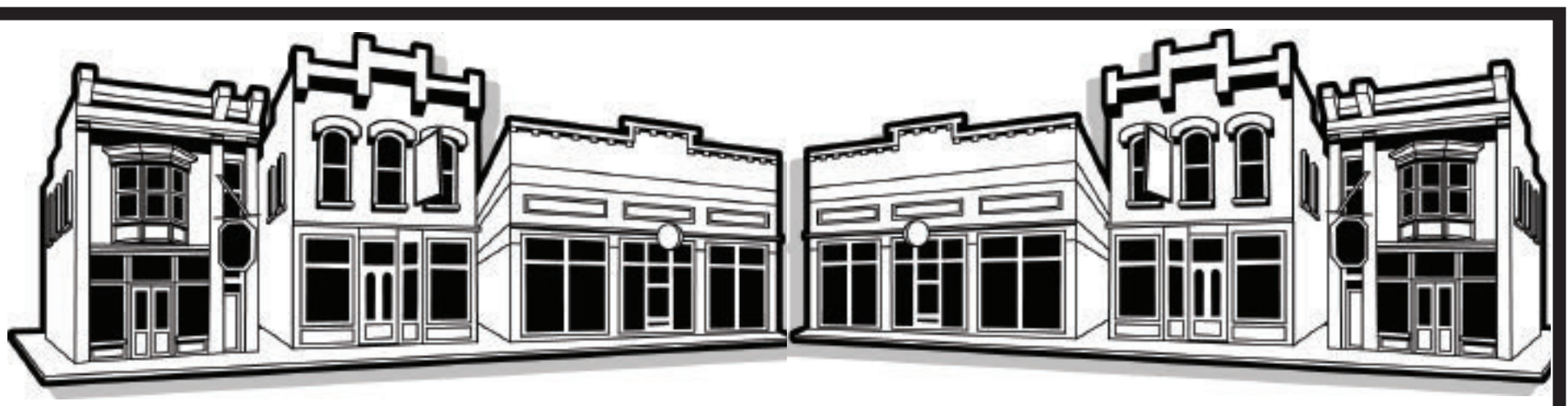
They also noted that there are no immediate plans for the courthouse, that the County is at least a year or two away from the start of any courthouse renovations.

While those projects are near certainties, other potential projects were also discussed.

That included additional roads and bridges. The supervisors said that they will work with the county engineer, but they don't want to miss out on any federal or state roads funds by using TIF in the process.

Also discussed was the possibility of a commercial construction program, similar to what is in place in other counties.

In those programs, counties work with local contractors, subcontractors and property owners to provide incentives for housing development on current vacant lots.



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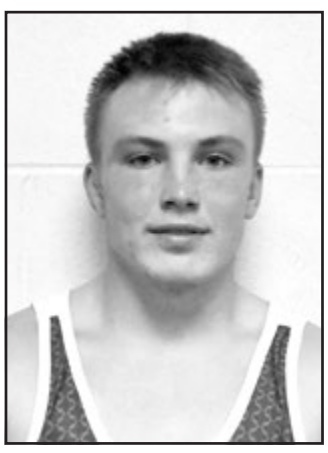
Northwood - "A Friendly Town"

Anchor Sports



KAEL JULSETH

Stat of the Week: *Playing most of this season as one of the most unselfish players on the team, N-K's Kael Julseth has finally found his game. The talented junior who handles the ball as well as anyone on the team has spent most of the year dishing out assists to his teammates, leading the team with 55 assists so far. But this past week the fleet footed guard found his shot, leading the team in scoring with 27 points in the three games played.*



GIDEON ROLLENE

Stat of the Week: *N-K's Gideon Rollene, after having to sit out last year's district tournament because of an illness, is on the cusp of making history at N-K. Rollene, who came into this season with a good but not spectacular record of 83-53 in three years, has totally dominated the competition this season to the tune of an unbeaten record of 43-0 and a No. 1 ranking at 220 pounds. Rollene will get his shot at a state tournament berth this Saturday when he takes his 126-53 career record to the Denver district tournament.*



Lady Viking Jaela Parks puts up a short jumper last Tuesday in Saint Ansgar. Parks is leading the team this season in scoring with 5.2 points per game.



Senior Clara Davidson splashes a 3-pointer last Tuesday night in the Lady Vikings 65-30 loss to Saint Ansgar. Davidson is second on the team this season with 5.0 points per game.

Desperately in need of a win Lady Vikings drop 11 straight

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

This season has not been kind to the Lady Vikings of Northwood-Kensett, who as of this week have lost 11 consecutive games, making January 6th the last time it was on the positive side of the scoreboard when it beat Riceville 38-35 for a non-conference win, one of only two so far this season.

N-K's winless streak in the Top of Iowa Conference East continued last week with a couple of tough games facing the top two teams in the conference, Saint Ansgar and Osage who have a combined record of 29-2 in conference play.

The Lady Vikings got the week started last Tuesday night in Saint Ansgar where they spotted the Saints a 23-0 lead before an Olivia Stilley offensive rebound and score finally put them on the board.

N-K got its offense running a little more smoothly in the second quarter, scoring nine points and trailed by 21 points at the halftime break, 30-9. As the Saints called off the dogs in the second half N-K was able to make a respectable showing the rest of the way, falling to its TIC East rival 65-30.

Senior Lindsey Davidson led the team with seven points while Stilley and Emma Davidson added five points each.

Things seemed to get easier for the Lady Vikings last Thursday night, while still looking for that illusive win they traveled to Belmond and ran out to an early 20-9 lead over the Broncos after the first eight minutes of play.

But then the wheels fell off over the next 16 minutes when N-K was outscored 35-9 in the second and third quarters before finally rebounding in the fourth with an 18- point quarter in the 64-47 loss.

Sophomore Carly Hengesteg had one of her best games as a Lady Viking, pouring in a team high 14 points on 4-8 shooting from the field.

All the good feeling of closing out the B-K game on a positive note was swept away on Friday night when Osage came to town, holding N-K scoreless in the second and third quarters on the way to a lopsided 78-11 win. N-K as a team was a dismal 3-25 from the field against the Green Devils.

With the three losses last week the Lady Vikings are now 2-18 overall and winless at 0-15 in the TIC East. They finished up regular season play on Monday with a game at Central Springs and will start regional play this Thursday at Mason City Newman.

TIC East Standings

1. Saint Ansgar..... 15-1
2. Osage 14-1
3. MC Newman 11-5
4. West Fork 9-5
5. Central Springs.. 7-8
6. North Butler 6-9
7. N-P..... 3-11
8. Rockford..... 3-12
9. N-K..... 0-15



N-K's Kyle Nichols drives the baseline for a score in last Tuesday night's narrow 42-36 loss at Saint Ansgar. Nichols, just back from sitting out games because of surgery on his hand, scored eight points and led the team with seven boards.



Senior Ross DeArmoun drains a long-range jumper last Tuesday night in Saint Ansgar. DeArmoun went 2-3 from 3-point range for six points on the night.

Young Vikings give St. Ansgar everything it can handle in narrow loss

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Desperate to break out of its current eight game losing streak the Northwood-Kensett boys' basketball team traveled to Saint Ansgar last Tuesday night and nearly upset the third best team in the Top of Iowa Conference East.

Led by junior Kael Julseth who scored a team high 11 points on 5-11 shooting from the field, the Vikings out played Saint Ansgar for 24 minutes of this game, outscoring it by four points, but it was the other eight minutes that doomed the Vikings, being outscored 14-4 in the second quarter of a close 42-36 conference loss.

Cade Hengesteg and Kyle Nichols added nine and eight points respectively.

Last Thursday night the Vikings traveled to Belmond for a non-conference game against the Broncos of Belmond-Klemme, where, if it weren't for a poor start, taking a 15-point deficit to the locker room at the half, they might have had a chance but instead fell on the road, 59-46 after outscoring the Broncos by two points in the second half of play.

Julseth once again had a nice game, connecting on 5-12 shots from the field for a team high 14 points. Julseth also led the team with two assists and three steals.

The Vikings closed out the week last Friday with a home game against Osage who is 14-1 in the TIC East.

N-K played brilliantly in the middle of this game, having a deficit of only seven points in the second and third quarters but at each end, the first and fourth quarters, the Vikings were routed by 34 points combined and wound up losing by 35, 60-25.

TJ Whitelow led the team with nine points against the Green Devils while Caden Roberts and Nichols scored six points each.

The Vikings enter the final week of the regular season with an overall record of 2-17 and 1-14 in the TIC East. After facing Central Springs in Manly on Monday N-K will play its final regular season game this Friday when it travels to Buffalo Center to face the Bison of North Iowa.

TIC East Standings

1. West Fork 15-0
2. Osage 14-1
3. Saint Ansgar..... 10-6
4. MC Newman..... 9-7
5. Rockford 8-7
6. N-P 6-8
7. North Butler..... 3-12
8. CS..... 2-12
9. N-K..... 1-14



New business on the block

Members of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce help welcome Northwood's newest business to Central Avenue. Tyler Nitcher of Northwood has opened up her salon, Xquisite, at 1200 Central Avenue in the former Low Auction Service building. Shown above from left are Teresa George-Zenz, Brittany Low, Amber Julseth, Doug Moehle, Nitcher, Jeff Pederson and Dan Hendrickson.

Nitcher opens new salon in Northwood

Northwood has a new business in town. Tyler Nitcher has opened a salon, Xquisite, in the former Low's Auction Service building located at 1200 Central Avenue.

Nitcher offers a full service hair salon complete with cuts, colors, and hair extensions, in addition to manicures and pedicures and facials.

Nitcher offers Redken and Pureology hair products and Limelife skin care.

Starting in March, she plans on offering a men's haircut night every other Monday. Appointments will be optional, and men will be treated to a beer and a hot facial along with their haircut.

Nitcher has worked as a stylist in Northwood and Clear Lake, as well an instructor at La James College of Hairstyling and Beauty.

Hours at Xquisite are Tuesday and Thursday 12-8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, or by appointment.

Help ensure no child goes hungry during the summer

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Summer can often mean the opposite of sunshine and fun for more than 200,000 Iowa children who, instead, face a bona fide daily crisis called hunger. Once the academic school year ends, children who qualify to receive school-sponsored, free and reduced-price meals are left with a major, unfilled, nutritional void.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer food Service Program (SFSP), administered by the Iowa Department of Education, aims to remedy this childhood food insecurity problem by providing nutritious meals and snacks to children in low-income areas during the summer months.

The program utilizes local sponsors and partner organizations to manage summer meal services, known as Summer Meal Meet-Ups. Sponsors and partner organizations have the opportunity to serve free meals to children 18 and under, in high-need areas. Typical sponsors include public or non-public schools, public or private non-profit colleges/universities, private non-profit organizations and camps, and local, county, municipal, state or federal agencies, with serving sites located in schools, churches, community centers, parks, libraries, housing complexes, or camps.

To qualify as a site, the meal service must be either located in a low-income neighborhood where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals or must serve primarily low-income children. Once a site location is established, all children 18 and under are welcome to participate.

In addition, program sponsors across the state are interested in partnering with other organizations in the following ways:

Organizations that have a connection to families that can help spread the message about available site locations

Organizations that have summer child-serving activities that are interested in adding a meal service without the administrative and management responsibilities of sponsorship

Organizations that can provide activities at current meal sites

Organizations that have access to volunteers who can help serve meals, supervise children, or provide activities at meal site

Organizations that can assist with providing transportation for children to and from meal sites

In 2019, 184 sponsoring organizations served 1,277,567 meals and snacks at 593 meal sites, representing a small increase of 12,741 more meals and snacks than the previous summer. Current data shows there are 207,835 Iowa children approved for free and reduced-price meals.

While there are many summer food service program meal sites across the state, the program is still vastly under-utilized, with one of the biggest barriers to participation being the knowledge that meal sites exist.

Program sponsors, site locations, and partner organizations are crucial to making summer meals a priority and meeting the needs for families. Organizations interested in learning how to be involved are invited to register to participate in a free informational webinar on Wednesday, February 19, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

More information is available by visiting the Iowa Department of Education Summer Food Service Program webpage or contact Stephanie Dross at 515-281-4760 or stephanie.dross@iowa.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor
Rev. Josh Link, Associate Pastor
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Sunday, Worship, 8:30 a.m. at Lake Mills
David Emmons, Pastor

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

Deer Creek Valley Lutheran
Glenville, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 11 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 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

Peace Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time. Bible Study reviewing the scriptures of the day is after fellowship time together. Sunday School is during Bible Study time. Worship services are at 902 2nd Avenue, Northwood. Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like a ride or have any questions please contact Sam Duncomb at 641-390-1158.
Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., 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, Senior High Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 p.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Interims
Pastor Burton Everist &
Pastor Jack Gannett

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Spiritual Workshop, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Confirmation - Manly, 5:45 p.m.; Thursday, EC WELCA General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., EC Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m., MANNA Open 4-6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 10:15 a.m., Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m., EC Congregational Meeting Follows Worship; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon, MANNA Annual Meeting, 1 p.m., B Council Meeting, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Manly Care Center, 10 a.m.
Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, Chat & Chew - B, 9:30 a.m., WAGS Grace, Confirmation - B, 5:30 p.m., Council - B, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Quilting - B, 9 a.m., Quilting - G, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Adult Bible Study, 8 a.m., Worship - B, 9 a.m., Sunday School - B, 10:15 a.m., Worship - G, 10:30 a.m., Joyful Noise Choir Practice Every Sunday 2nd & 4th Sunday Grace, 9:15 - 10 a.m., Bethlehem, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.; Tuesday, Altar Guild - B, 1 p.m., Grace Council, 6:30 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Northwood Kids Club, 3:20 - 5:15 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton
Sunday, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Fellowship & Coffee, 10:30 a.m.
Solveig A H Zamzow, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran, Joice

One In Christ
Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran, Northwood

One In Christ
Sunday, Worship, 11 a.m.

Northwood Baptist Church
Thursday, Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with the Lord's Supper, 11 a.m.
Pastor Wolfe

Otranto Community Church
Worship Service, 9:30 p.m.
Ron Hulshizer - Lay Minister

Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter
Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Lance Kittleson, Pastor

Bethel United Methodist, Manly, Iowa
Wednesday, Diner Coffee, 8:30 a.m., Praise Band Too Rehearsal; Sunday, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Cory Allard

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Wednesday, "The Bible Jesus Read" Bible Study at Mills Harbour, OIC Mission Circle - SL, 10 a.m., Mills Harbour Worship Service, 1:45 p.m., Lake Mills Care Center Worship, 2:30 p.m., 7th/8th Grade Confirmation, KC Night - Bethany, 6 p.m., Celebration & Praise Teams Practice - W, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Living Waters Conference at First Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m., "Acts" Bible Study - W, 7 p.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins at Winnebago, 1-2 p.m.; Saturday, Synod Compensation Committee Meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Praise Worship - B, Sunday School - W, Worship - B/SL, 9 a.m., Sunday School - L, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - SL, 10 a.m., Worship - I/L/W, 10:30 a.m., Bethany Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m., Lunder Dart Ball, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m., Lunder Council - L, 6:30 p.m., Council Meeting I/L/SL - L, Winnebago Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Elm St., Lyle, MN
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Science and Religion



Did you know that the man who first formulated the Big Bang theory was a Jesuit priest? Georges Lemaitre was a Jesuit-trained mathematician, astronomer and physicist who surmised that the recession of nearby galaxies could be explained by an expanding universe, and went on to develop what he called the theory of the primeval atom (later referred to as the "Big Bang" theory). Lemaitre postulated that if we extrapolate backwards from the observable fact of an expanding universe we come to a point in the distant past when the entire mass of the universe was concentrated in a single point, the "primeval atom," as it were, from which time and space as we know them came into existence. Lemaitre believed that this event was essentially the creation of the physical universe, and although Lemaitre wasn't prone to mixing scientific and religious explanations, he didn't see any conflict here. Gregor Mendel, the man who is usually considered the father of modern Genetics, was an Augustinian friar. His work with pea plants established many of the rules of heredity, giving us the terms "recessive" and "dominant" with respect to inherited traits. Mendel's work is important because it explains an important mechanism by which species change over time. Religion is sometimes seen as the benighted cousin of ignorance and superstition, but in reality, truth is one. There is only conflict if we insist on reading ancient religious texts as scientific treatises, which they were never intended to be. -Christopher Simon

"A scientific discovery is also a religious discovery. There is no conflict between science and religion. Our knowledge of God is made larger with every discovery we make about the world." -Joseph Taylor

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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

Back in the day companies often added a gift or premium with the purchase of their products. I remember my mother getting glassware and dishes out of boxes of laundry soap. Apparently Prell Shampoo® cut a deal with Better Homes and Gardens in 1971 to include a soft-cover, large-size cookbook with the purchase of the shampoo. "Better Homes and Gardens All-Time Favorites" (Meredith Publishing Services, Des Moines) sports a banner on the front cover indicating just that. The following recipes are adapted from this book.

Oven Swiss Steak

1 1/2 pounds beef round steak, 3/4-inch thick
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 can (16 oz.) stewed tomatoes
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped carrot
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Vegetable oil

Cut the steak into four individual portions. Mix the flour and salt and pound some of it into the meat with a meat mallet or the side of a hefty saucer. Brown the meat in a small amount of vegetable oil in a large, heavy skillet. Place the meat in a shallow baking dish or small roaster. Blend the remaining flour with the drippings from the skillet, whisking well to avoid lumps. Add the remaining ingredients to the skillet and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture boils. Pour over the meat, cover and bake in a pre-heated 350 degree oven for 2 hours or until tender. Delicious with mashed potatoes.

Pork Chop Spanish Rice

5 bone-in center cut pork chops, 1/2-inch thick
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
A dash of black pepper
3/4 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
1/2 cup chopped yellow onion
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper + 1 small whole green pepper
2 cans (14 oz. each) diced tomatoes, with juice
1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Trim any excess fat from the chops. In a heavy Dutch oven heat the vegetable oil over medium-high heat. Slowly brown the chops, cooking about 20 minutes. Drain off excess fat. Combine the spices and sprinkle over the meat. Add the rice, onion and chopped green pepper to the pan. Pour the tomatoes and their juice over the meat. Cover and cook on low heat for about 35 minutes, stirring occasionally. Seed the small green pepper and cut into 5 rings. Uncover the pan and place the pepper rings on top of the meat and rice. Cover and cook 5 minutes longer or until the rice is completely cooked and the meat is tender. Sprinkle with the shredded cheese. Cover and remove from heat; let the pot sit for a few minutes to melt the cheese. Serves 5.

Canadian Cheese Soup

1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion
4 tablespoons real butter
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
4 cups whole milk
4 cups chicken broth, homemade or canned
1/2 cup finely diced carrots
1/2 cup finely diced celery
1 cup shredded processed American cheese

Melt the butter in a heavy soup pot and cook the onion until tender but not browned. Whisk in the flour. Add the remaining ingredients except the cheese. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the soup is thickened and bubbly. Reduce the heat and add the cheese. Stir to melt. Simmer 15 minutes. Pour into individual serving bowls and sprinkle with a bit of paprika. Serves 8.

The cookbook is one that brings back memories of how we used to cook before calories, fat grams, carbs and salt started to dictate eating choices. I don't get the connection between shampoo and food but I assume all those who cooked from this book also had beautiful shiny hair! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





Pep Rally and Cookies

Math Club Vice President Mackenzie Davis and President Lindsey Davidson kicked off the first annual Math Club pep rally (top photo) held on "e-day," February 7, in recognition of Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler (pronounced "oiler") and his discover of the mathematical constant E, used in calculating exponential growth, among other things. The pep rally honored chess club winners, "e" digit memorizers, featured some educational Youtube videos and demonstrations of the math and physics club's mechanical machine entries for the annual Machine Engineering Contest to held in St. Ansgar on February 17. In the bottom photo, Andrew Breitsprecher and Jadyn Beland sell "e" cookies at the basketball games on Friday night to raise funds for the math club.

Weather postpones events

Due to this weekend's weather, a supper and fundraiser have been postponed.

The ENALCW (church women) annual soup and pie supper at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton has been moved to Sunday, February 16 from 4-7 p.m. This event is a free-will offering serving chicken and dumpling, chili and california medley soups, homemade pies and desserts. There will be door prizes, bake and white elephant sales.

The VBS pancake fundraiser "Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls us through!" has been moved to Sunday, February 23 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly. There is a free-will offering for all-you-can-eat pancakes with sausages, bananas, orange juice, milk and coffee. This fundraiser will be used to benefit the youth of North Iowa.

Northwood Public Library

By Morgan Johnson
Library Director

Are you enjoying the snow? We hope everyone has been staying safe and warm during this snowy season, and we think one of the best ways to do that is by cuddling up with a good book. So before you head home, make sure to stop by the library to check out a book or two (or ten)! Did you forget to stop by? No, worries! You can still find an e-book through Overdrive's "Bridges," Iowa's e-library. Check out our website to find out how to use this free service!

Our Friday morning story hour now begins at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m.! We hope you can join us on February 14, 21 and 28 for some fun at the library with our littlest friends. We enjoy playing, crafting and reading together! This program is best for kids aged 3-5, but all are welcome to attend! Also please remember if school is two hours late or cancelled we will not have story hour that day.

When you go online, do you ever open an e-mail or click on an attachment and realize you shouldn't have? Worth County IT director Joel Rohne and Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank will have a program at the library about online scams and other cons starting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday February 25. Stop by to learn about how to avoid being scammed!

The Iowa Center for the Book picks new titles every year to help foster a sense of community through reading. The All Iowa Reads title for 2020 is "The Mothers" by Britt Bennett. "The Mothers" is a surprising story about young love, a big secret in a small community—and the things that ultimately haunt us most. Set within a contemporary black community in Southern California, Brit Bennett's first novel is an emotionally perceptive story about community, love, and ambition. The 2020 Teen All Iowa Reads title is the graphic memoir "Hey, Kiddo" by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, and the 2020 Kids All Iowa reads title is "The Parker Inheritance" by Varian Johnson. Stop in the library to check out any of these three new titles!

Also new this month at the library:

Adult Fiction: "Moral Compass" by Danielle Steel, "Hindsight" by Iris and Roy Johansen, "Big Lies in a Small Town" by Diane Chamberlain, "The Country Guesthouse" by Robyn Carr, "The Vanishing" by Jane Ann Krentz, and "Westering Women" by Sandra Dallas.

Large Print: "Lake Season" by Denise Hunter, "Massacre at Crow Creek Crossing" by Charles West, "Wild Horse Springs" by Jodi Thomas, "Just Let Go" by Courtney Walsh, and "Lost" by James Patterson.

The best way to stay up to date with us is to like our Facebook page! Also feel free to visit our website www.yousee-more.com/NILC/Northwood or give us a call at 324-1340. We hope to see you at the library soon!

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Northwood Anchor Opinion

#StrongerTogether

The following appears in this month's Viking Dispatch, on the Northwood-Kensett website, nkvikings.com.

From the desk of Mr. Keith Fritz, Jr. Sr. High School Principal

Seven years ago, I committed to living a more physically active and 'fitness-aware' lifestyle. For years, I joked that you would only ever see me running if a bear was chasing me, and gravy was more of a beverage at my seat at the table than anything. Physical well-being was a quality that, being a skinny guy, I never concerned myself with.

Then I got some news about my physical health that changed everything, and I committed myself to living a more healthy life. I didn't go vegan, I didn't begin training for marathons, and I didn't join the crossfit culture like my dear now-departed friend Polly did. But I did start eating more consciously with my age and body in mind, I decided to sit less and move more, and I did start running. It wasn't a bear that was chasing me; it was the knowledge that sitting is quitting, and quitting is not in my nature.

A few years ago, at a public meeting we held in the high school gym, some of you spoke up and said that the school district and its communities needed a facility that would not only provide more gym space for youth sports and school events, but one that would give all of us a place and the resources to live healthier lives. A place where young and old, vigorous and slow-paced, occasional walkers and heavy duty weight lifters could go any time of the year from early morning to late at night and make the effort to be healthy. The whole community, getting stronger together.

Together, the school board, the Booster Club, and many of you are doing the hard work of making this vision a reality. As of this writing, the school board has committed over $4,000,000 to build the Vikings Activity Center and the fundraising committee from the Booster Club has raised more than $225,000. Some of those funds have come from our partners on the Northwood City Council and the Worth County Board of Supervisors. Grants make up the lion's share of the rest.

You have a part to play in joining with us and strengthening the project, too. I've always said that raising awareness is nice, but you have to raise money to get things done. So this is my appeal to you: to your 4-H group, to your youth basketball team, to your Saturday morning bridge club, to your ladies group, to your small group Bible study--become even stronger together and donate money to help build this facility. We are building this place so you can do things like hold your meetings there, enjoy a brisk walk around the indoor track before or after your group plays cards together, and host your weekend youth basketball tournament there.

Making that happen doesn't start in two or three years when it's all finished and open for business; it begins now. Donate today. You can bring or mail your donation to my office at the school. Come to the Vikings Activity Center's soup suppers, buy a raffle ticket, purchase a Legacy Brick, or commit a portion of your tax return to the project. With your support and resources, the N-K Booster Club, the school board, the cities of Northwood and Kensett, Worth County are all committed to building a stronger community, together.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Did you get that job?

No, they said I had too much experience.

Too much?

And all of it was bad.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I'm a cog the size of a flyspeck in the radio world, but I know people. Ms. Lona is a friend of high-standing. She does a delightful radio show on KMSU titled, "Ms. Lona & Jazz Tonight." My wife and I gathered with Lona, her husband Tim and their daughter Emily at the Cottage Cafe in Amboy to celebrate the birthday my wife shares with Tim. The Good Book tells us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Good thoughts and laughter abounded. Delicious mischief was consumed — in my case, it was bread pudding with raspberries.

Lona told the story of buying a box of chocolates for their mail carrier. That's what my wife does, too. Life may be a box of chocolates, but our mail carrier knows what she's getting for Christmas — a box of chocolates. Lona put the box of chocolates in the mailbox. Not long after that, she learned that Tim, not knowing the box was a gift, had eaten two of the chocolates. Lona saw the mail carrier drive up to the mailbox. She ran outside just as the mail car drove away. A pajama-clad Lona gave chase on foot, but the car didn't stop.

Tim said there was an easy solution. Put two chocolates in the mailbox the next morning to replace the two he'd consumed. Instead, Lona left a note in the mailbox explaining the two missing chocolates.

The good news is they are still getting their mail.

Not many iguanas fall from trees in Minnesota

I was stuck here in January in the falling snow when I could have been in South Florida dodging falling iguanas on what would have been a shorts and sandals day in Minnesota. Iguanas fell from trees when temperatures dropped into the 30s and 40s. If iguanas were capable of talking, they'd have spoken then — once they'd thawed. They would have complained vociferously about the cold.

Dorothy said, "How can you talk if you haven't got a brain?" The Scarecrow replied, "I don't know, but some people without brains do an awful lot of talking, don't they?"

I'm one of those people they were talking about in the "The Wizard of Oz." I was in a barbershop waiting to be clipped. The guy seated in the chair had a cast on his foot. He'd been pheasant hunting in North Dakota when he stepped into a hole and tore his Achilles tendon. I wished him a speedy recovery and added that I often saw pheasants carrying shovels.

Nature notes

Great horned owls sang a duet in the darkness surrounding my house. “Who’s awake, me, too,” they called back and forth. It was a breeding pair alternating calls, with the female’s voice recognizably higher in pitch than his, even though he's smaller. Sometimes their hoots overlapped one another. Perhaps one was correcting the other as long-time married couples do. The owls were establishing boundaries for their breeding territory. They begin nesting in January or February, laying eggs in abandoned nests of squirrels, hawks, herons or crows, and deserted buildings, hollow trees or on cliff ledges. Eggs hatch in 30 — 37 days. Voles are sandwiches with legs for owls.

The intense cold and biting wind brought flocks of horned larks to the roadsides. The birds, sandy to rusty-brown above and white underneath, glean seeds from exposed ground.

A pileated woodpecker pair stays together on territory all year. Studies found a territory can be 125 to 1200 acres depending upon the type and quality.

A black-capped chickadee, the state bird of Maine and Massachusetts, hung upside down from a feeder. The tiny bird is strong and agile enough to do so with ease. Birds are stunningly astonishing and astonishingly stunning.

A number of readers have reported seeing flying squirrels feeding on sunflower seeds and suet. One correspondent puts out peanut butter for them. Red oak trees drop leaves. Squirrels gather the withered leaves for use as bedding and insulation. A hole in the snow turned out to be a red squirrel cave used as a subway system for safer traveling.

This is the time of the year when the interiors of cars parked in sunlight begin to warm. That’s a fine thing.

Meeting adjourned

"Life is mostly froth and bubble. Two things stand like stone. Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own." — Adam Lindsay Gordon

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Fit to print...

Letter to the Editor- Educators support NIACC

Dear Editor:

As educational leaders in the NIACC region, we know firsthand the positive economic impact North Iowa Area Community College has in our communities each year. NIACC has been an integral part of the community since it opened in 1918 and now it's our turn to be there for them.

NIACC serves as a catalyst to promote new job creation in North Iowa and works collabora!\. ve y with local employers to meet their customized training needs. NIACC educates future graduates for · professional work and provides assistance to residents who want to earn more. In fact, experts estimate that there is a 10.4% return on every dollar invested in NIACC. For (City/Town), this translates into larger contributions to our tax base, greater consumer spending power, and more revenue for local businesses.

35% of all North Iowa high school graduates attend NIACC. Over 80% of NIACC graduates live, work and pay taxes in Iowa. NIACC consistently enrolls new students from every county in North Iowa. These students choose from one of 45 academic programs, graduate and enter the workforce, or enroll in a four-year college in our area to continue their education.

Please join us in casting a yes vote for NIACC's bond levy on March 3, 2020. A homeowner with property assessed at $100,000 will pay approximately 85 cents per month, or $10.17 per year, toward NIACC's fund to replace, repair, and upgrade college buildings and technology.

NIACC turned 100 years old this year, and this bond levy- the first request of its kind in its history-will ensure the future for thousands of North Iowa residents who are served by NIACC every year.

Respectfully,
North Iowa area superintendents:
Barb Schwamman,Osage;
Chad Kohagen, Lake Mills;
Dan Frazier, Belmond-Klemme;
Darwin Lehmann, Forest City;
Dave Versteeg, Mason City;
Doug Gee, Clear Lake;
Joe Erickson, North Iowa;
Joel Foster, North Butler;
Keith Turner, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock;
Mike Fisher, Charles City;
Mike Kruger, West Fork;
Steve Ward, Central Springs;
Tyler Williams, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura;
Mike Crozier, Northwood-Kensett and St. Ansgar;
and Sam Miller, Central Rivers AEA chief administrator

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

February 11, 1920

Coach Walston's purple and gold Warriors defeated Sheffield on their own floor 41 to 21 Friday night. The team played wonderful basketball and worked together like a perfect machine. A Northwood man was always where the ball was and although Sheffield played a very fast game, the N.H.S. boys kept the game safe at all times.

N.T. Kjerland is 93 years of age today, Wednesday, February 11, and at his home in southeast Northwood the relatives are giving him a celebration in honor of the occasion. All members of his family are present with he exception of Robert Marl, a grandson, who is in the west. A birthday cake with 93 candles is planned as one of the table decorations. Mr. Kjerland is remarkably active for a man of his age.

Andrew Foss of this place was united in marriage to Miss Emma Dahl, Joice, Wednesday evening of this week at the U.L. church parsonage here. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Sigmond. Mr. Herman Storre and Miss Regena Foss were witnesses to the ceremony.

Mr. Gilbert E. Peterson and Miss Alvina Augusta Lau were married at the Silver Lake parsonage last Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock. They were accompanied by the groom's sister, Miss Minnie Peterson and cousin, Reinert Spilde.

Rev. V.M. Ylvisaker general secretary of the Luther League of the Norwegian Lutheran church, has been called to the pastorate of the Northwood Lutheran church in place of the young Seattle minister who recently asked to be released from the call

75 years ago

February 15, 1945

A touch of spring came to Northwood and vicinity during the past week, bringing the mercury to 45 degrees on Wednesday. Ice and snow have receded to a considerable extent. Wendesday's high reading was the warmest temperature recorded since November 14 last, just three months to the day.

Pvt. Ellert Nodtvedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Nodtvedt of Kensett, was reported missing in action in France since Jan. 25 in a telegram received from the war department Monday. He was a member of Co. K, 30th infantry, a regiment of the 7th army which has been engaged actively for several weeks in France. He has three brothers in the service.

Pfc. Howard W. Lucas, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas of Kensett, was killed in action Dec. 21, on Leyte Island in the Philippines, according to an official war department telegram received by his parents last week.

Pfc. Curtis Olson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Olson of Glenville, was killed in action in Belgium on Jan. 20, according to official notice from the war department received by his parents last Friday.

Mrs. Sena Thompson of the city received a communication from the war department last Friday to the effect that her son, Pfc. George M. Thompson, was making "normal improvement from wounds in leg."

50 years ago

February 12, 1970

Tammy Jo Knudtson received a Valentine from a shy admirer, Tony Madson, to show the young fellows what a girl expects for Valentines Day, Saturday, Feb. 14. Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Knudtson and Tony the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Madson.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Low observed their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday at the Methodist Church with about 170 relatives and friends attending. Serving as hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lau; Mrs. Ione Perkins attended the guest book and Mrs. H. F. Johnson poured at the refreshment table. Manley and Blanch Low Wells were married at Kensett on January 14, 1905, and have lived in the Northwood area their entire married life. Their present home, just south of the old creamery building, has been their home the past 25 years. They are active members of the Northwood United Methodist church.

The Vikings led through the entire game Tuesday night to defeat the Osage Green Devils 69-53 in a game played at Northwood. Good defensive play and the ability to take advantage of opponents mistakes helped pave the way for a victory. The Vikings won in spite of 100 percent shooting at the free throw line for the Green Devils through the six minutes and 40 seconds of the fourth quarter. They made 17 of 19 attempts. The Vikings shot 50 per cent of their charity shots for eight of 16 attempts.

25 years ago

February 15, 1995

Northwood-Kensett elementary students have had little trouble with the cold temperatures of late, as these youngsters demonstrated during noon recess Monday.

Several students in the Northwood-Kensett Talented and Gifted program were featured on the noon news last Friday when KIMT-TV weatherman Don Harmon broadcast the program's weather segment from the West Elementary media center. Harmon conducted an on-camera interview of N-K eighth-grader Meagan Zimmerman, who hopes to be a TV weather woman some day, while N-K elementary students Trevor Madsen, Beth Hanson, Sam Hanson, Erik Butler, Ashley Dierenfeld, Melissa Bauer and Greg Horning watched the live broadcast on the media center television. The students' invitation to Harmon and KIMT coincided with their study of weather.

Northwood resident Rich Davis and his 14-year-old son Richie were the picture of cool persistence Sunday during the Worth County Conservation Foundation's annual ice fishing contest at Kuennen's Quarry. They and 38 other fishermen braved near-zero (F) temperatures for a chance to catch one of four tagged trout worth $250. Although the competitors hauled up approximately 20 pounds of trout, nobody latched onto any of the big prizes.

10 years ago

February 17, 2010

In celebration of Valentine's Day, the Northwood Chamber of Commerce sponsored its annual drawing, with prizes provided by a number of Chamber members. The lucky winners this year were Lois and Donnie Hogen. The Hogens were thrilled to be chosen and looked forward to the holiday and the prizes they won. That included candy, roses, a candle, a bottle of champagne and an evening's stay in Jacuzzi suite at the Country Inn and Suites.

A new restaurant set to open soon in Kensett aims to add to the palates of area residents. The culinary creations of Cindy Chartrand, of Fat Fanny's Bistro and Catering, will make those additions possible. Part of Fat Franny's appeal comes from the clear passion and enjoyment its co-owner and chef gets from cooking. That passion, or in Chartrand's case, serenity, comes from her parents, but in a round about sort of way.

Several deer have spotted foraging for food on Northwood's west end recently, as cold weather and mounds of snow have made their normal eating options scarce. The deer have apparently been making daily forays into the city, traveling through the Shell Rock Drive neighborhood on their way to the cemetery area. The Meyers have enjoyed watching the deer travel through the neighborhood.

There are a few outdoor activities suited to winter weather. Some have been seen taking part in one of those sports perfectly suited to the season, as they were spotted ice fishing at Kuennen's Quarry one afternoon last week.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Darlene Toft

Darlene Marie (Johnson) Toft, 83, of Northwood died on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at her home with her family by her side.

Per Darlene's wishes, a private celebration of life service will be held at a later date at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood. Burial will be held at Sunset Rest, Northwood at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Northwood Volunteer Fire Department or Hospice of North Iowa.

Darlene was born on February 4, 1936, in Slayton, Minnesota to Emil and Clara Johnson. She was blessed to be raised by Minnie Voss Berg. She graduated from Slayton High School in 1954.

Darlene married the love of her life, Dean Toft on October 30, 1954, in Hadley Lutheran Church. They eventually settled in Owatonna, Minnesota before moving to Northwood in 1965. Darlene worked as a personal banker for Northwood State Bank, retiring in 1996. Along with spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; Darlene enjoyed fishing trips up north, casino trips, spending time at the cabin on Clear Lake, and playing cards, making sure she taught her grandkids how to play penny poker.

Grateful for sharing her life are two daughters and one son, Colleen (Jerry) Jacobs of Leland; Constance Butler of Northwood; son, Craig Toft of Northwood; grandchildren, Kimberly (Bryan) Odegaard of Northwood, Kelli (Jeff) Just of Garner; Mitchell (Jess) Hanson of Manly; Colby (Jena) Carlson of Grand Meadow, Minn.; Callie (Wade) Flattum; Mikalea Butler, Iowa City; Samantha Butler, Forest City; great-grandchildren, Haddie and Hallie Hanson; Emerson and Addison Just; Axel and River Flattum; and Gage and Journee Carson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean; sister, Lucille Liebswager; brothers, Bill Johnson and George Johnson.

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown
State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:
In the Legislature

Week four was another short week for us because of the Iowa caucuses on Monday. While the week was shorter, it also included the first floor debate of the year.

This week, I introduced legislation to address the government red tape of our era: Overly-burdensome occupational licensing requirements. Iowa is one of the most heavily-licensed states in the country. While some licensing requirements make sense to protect the health and safety of Iowans, licensing requirements too often are unnecessarily protectionist and restrict the ability of hardworking Iowans to achieve their American dreams.

In her Condition of the State address, Gov Kim Reynolds announced that occupational licensing reform is one of her 2020 priorities. I look forward to working with her and my colleagues in the legislature to right-size our occupational licensing laws.

This week work also continued on finding solutions to one of the biggest issues in education, violent student behavior. SSB 3080 was approved at the subcommittee level and a number of changes were made during the Senate Education Committee to aid implementation, clarify intent and provide more specific allocation of resources for therapeutic classrooms. The goal of this legislation remains the same, giving schools districts options for placements of students with violent behavior, keeping teachers safe, and ensuring all students receive the education they deserve.

SSB 3080 is part of an education funding package we announced last week. Together with SSB 3097 and SSB 3096, these bills provide an additional $7.7 million for transportation equity, $5.8 million for per pupil funding, and $75.7 million for K-12 education. These bills would bring total new funding K-12 schools for the next school year to $91.7 million in addition to last year's levels of funding.

More Resources for Flood Recovery

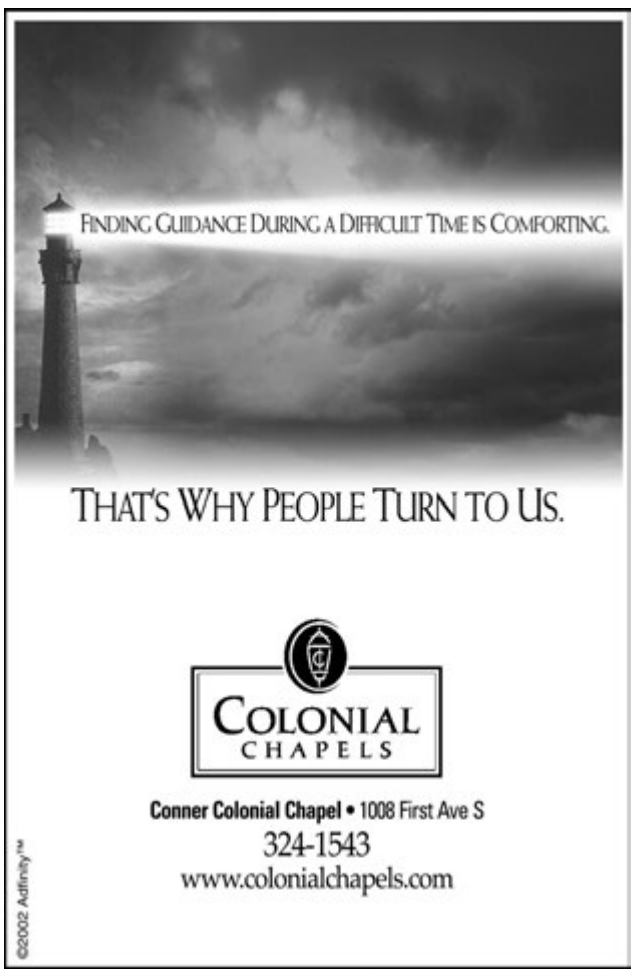
One of the first bills passed out of the Iowa Senate this legislative session appropriates $20 million in state funding for flood disaster relief in Iowa.

Iowa counties were ravaged by flood damage last spring when levees were breached due to ice build-up, winter melt, and spring rains. Many Iowans were forced out of their homes and had no choice but to suspend farming or business operations due to the unprecedented flooding.

The Senate voted to allocate $15 million toward flood relief before adjourning in 2019. The first bill debated of the 2020 session, Senate File 2144, was a supplemental appropriation to again go toward flood relief. This bill appropriates $20 million to the State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to be allocated to local communities to begin repairing levees to protect against potential flooding this spring.

The levels of state funding necessary to address the immediate need have been determined by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security in coordination with the governor and her staff. The Department of Homeland Security will continue to work with federal agencies to determine the amount of future federal funds anticipated to be received. Once the department has a clearer picture of the federal funds to be received, which they should know before the legislature adjourns, additional state funding may be required to help Iowans rebuild and get back on their feet. The legislature will look at appropriating additional funds at that time.

Since the natural disaster occurred last spring the state department of Homeland Security has been working with federal agencies to acquire available resources to assist displaced Iowans, rebuild roads and highways, and work with fellow Iowans and affected communities in our state.



City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 1/13/20 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Pilkington, Heiken, & Ehlenfeldt.

Absent: Parker.

Visitors: Richard Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

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

Maintenance discussed security lights at the community center and general maintenance.

Clerk discussed upcoming pending liquor license for the community center and time out of office.

Visitors: None.

Old Business: Motion to approve Resolution #584 – Rescinds Resolution #583 – Special Assessment (has been paid), made by Heiken, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes carried unanimously.

New Business: Motion to set public hearing for max levy resolution (if needed) for February 10, 2020 made by Pilkington, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Motion by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen to approve following appointments/committees: City Attorney: John Greve, City Bank: NSB, City Clerk: Lori McNally, Mayor Protem: Dave Heiken, Landfill Representative: Corey Pulju with Alternate: Ron Parker, Winn-Worth BETCO Representative: Corey Pulju, Emergency Management Commission: Corey Pulju, Alternate for County Meetings: Kris Woltzen, Beautification & Tree: Woltzen & Douglas, Budget & Finance: All Council, Streets & Lighting: Parker & Pilkington, Ordinance: All Council, Water, Sewer & Garbage: All Council, Public Property: All Council, carried unanimously.

Salaries: Motion to increase clerk salary 3% ($770.71) from $25,690.46 to $26,462.00 per year by Heiken, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously. Pilkington abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion to increase maintenance salary 3% ($.40 per hour) from $13.15/hour to $13.55/hour by Douglas, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Motion to leave assistant librarian as is by Pilkington, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

Clerk asked about an insurance offset and longevity bonus, was denied since there is Ipers. It was noted that these are things the clerk feel needs to be in place before her retirement in a couple years.

Street repairs: Council asked to keep an eye on streets that need repaired come Spring.

Tentative Spring clean-up: May 2nd with May 9th as an alternate.

Possible grants discussed.

Treasurer's Report: December Revenues by Fund: General 17,265.46, Utilities 6,158.05, Special 1,842.72. Total Revenues: $25,266.23. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 2,862.32, WCTA 272.04, B. Luckason 700.19 (net), R. Bauer 1004.05 (net), L. McNally 1,863.50 (net), Federal & SS 1,753.21 (payroll), Ipers 815.35 (payroll), Good Steward Consulting 85.00 (cc deposit refund), Bice Electric 300.00 (Christmas lights), VISA 193.05 (conference & supplies), Ag Source 25.90 (water test), Kensett Water 98.75 (sewer fees), T. Dakin 70.00 (cleaning), L. McNally 38.86 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1,379.20 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #11 – 321.98 (casino $), Landfill of North Iowa 359.10 (dues), R80 57.25 (diesel – KFD – road use), Beland Tree Service 525.00 (service), R. Bratrud 210.00 (service – sexton – quarterly), Iowa One Call 18.90 (service), L. McNally 8.55 (ice melt), Anchor 101.16 (minutes), Worth County Auditor 690.00 (election).

Library Bills: Baker & Taylor 231.75 (books), A. Bergdale 80.00 (clean), Culligan Water 10.70, Midwest Tapes 84.70 (DVD's), DEMCO 92.69 (books), EBSCO 581.83 (magazines), L. Albright 54.27 (shovel snow & ice melt), Our Iowa 34.98 (magazine), S. Overy 7.42 (mileage).

Disbursements by Fund: General 7,153.60, Special 1,430.93, Utilities 560.87, Payroll 6,321.00 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $15,466.40.

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

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

Supervisors

February 3, 2020
Sixth Day

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

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the February 3, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the January 27, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $11,904.82 per the following schedule:

A-1 Excavating & Drainage Inc, DD 23/Lat 9, Tile Repair $390.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc, DD 21 West, Prof Serv..... $643.00
Rognes Bros Excavating, DD 3/Lat 3, Tile Repair$2,076.27
A-1 Excavating & Drainage Inc., DD 8, Tile Repair $7,299.00
A-1 Excavating & Drainage Inc., DD 10/Lat 9 Ditch, Tile Repair $300.00
Edgar Drainage & Excavating, DD 66, Tile Repair $1,196.55
Grand Total $11,904.82

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the claim in the amount of $3,669.00 per the following schedule:

Flaherty's Hi-Tech Motorworks, Aud/Capital$3,669.00

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement between Worth County and the City of Hanlontown and Worth County and the City of Fertile.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve:

RESOLUTION #2020.02.03

WORTH COUNTY APPROVING THE "0029 CITIZEN CONVENIENCE CENTER CLOSURE FUND"

THE PURPOSE of this resolution is to approve the "0029 Citizen Convenience Center Closure Fund" as the financial assurance instrument for the Worth County Solid Waste Citizen Convenience Center (Recycling Center).

WHEREAS, Section 455B.306 of the Code of Iowa requires financial assurance for all sanitary disposal projects; and

WHEREAS, Worth County has applied to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, herein referred to as "DNR", to operate a sanitary disposal project located within the State of Iowa, and is required pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 106 to maintain financial assurance for closure care in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 106.18(1) requires proof of financial assurance coverage prior to the issuance or renewal of a solid waste citizen convenience center permit; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 106.18(2) requires proof of establishment of a financial assurance instrument for closure costs within 30 day of close of the first fiscal year that begins after July 17, 2002, or at the time of application for a permit for a new citizen convenience center; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 106.18(5) establishes the acceptable financial assurance instruments to be funded in an amount equal to the current closure cost estimate prepared in accordance with subrule 106.18(4), and such shall not be canceled, revoked, disbursed, released, or allowed to terminate without the approval of the DNR; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 106.18(6) states that if the owner or operator does not property close the site within the 30-day period allowed, the DNR shall file a claim with the financial assurance instrument provider to collect the amount of funds necessary to properly close the site.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY WORTH COUNTY to adopt the "0029 Citizen Convenience Center Closure Fund" as its financial assurance instrument and agrees to comply with the requirements of the closure fund as provided by Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 106.18(455B). The following account(s) in the following financial institution(s) is hereby established and restricted/reserved to pay for site closure of the Worth County Solid Waste Citizen Convenience Center (Recycling Center).

Financial Institution(s), Amount, NSB Bank ... $6,611

MOVED BY Abrams to pass Resolution #2020.02.03, and seconded by Smeby,

This Resolution is passed by Worth County on the 3RD day of February 2020.

Approved:
Attest:
Aaron Stone, Chairperson
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Kenneth J. Abrams
Vice Chair
Mark Smeby, Supervisor

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to appoint Kris Gordon to County Eminent Domain.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:16 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, February 10, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Shellie Barber
Deputy Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Case No. ESPR009196

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERNA M. SMEBY, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Verna M. Smeby, Deceased, who died on or about January 16, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the January 28, 2020, the last will and testament of Verna M. Smeby, deceased, bearing date of March 26, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Mark Smeby was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated February 5, 2020.

Mark Smeby
5444 430th St.
Joice, IA 50446
Executor of Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: 000001969
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736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, Iowa 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 12th day of February, 2020. 6-2t

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009195

In the Estate of Martha Murphy, Deceased.

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Martha Murphy, Deceased, who died on or about the 7th day of January, 2020.

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of January, 2020, the Last Will and Testament of Martha Murphy, deceased, bearing the date of May 22, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that James Murphy was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated this 29th day of January, 2020.

James Murphy
36089 185th Avenue
Forest City, IA 50436
Executor of the Estate

Jeremy J. Gray
Newman Thompson & Gray, PC
36131 Highway 69
Forest City, IA 50436
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 12th day of February, 2020. 6-2t

Form 631.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET ESTIMATE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

City of Northwood, Iowa

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at City Hall on 2/24/2020 at 6 pm

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property .. 11.62863

The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is 3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

641-324-1075 (phone number)

Amber Julseth (City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME)

		Budget FY 2021 (a)	Re-est. FY 2020 (b)	Actual FY 2019 (c)
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	670,945	744,428	736,543
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	670,945	744,428	736,543
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	275,000	400,000	389,274
Other City Taxes	6	233,401	200,000	208,536
Licenses & Permits	7	24,500	23,500	23,820
Use of Money and Property	8	21,850	14,700	23,621
Intergovernmental	9	278,339	320,031	297,312
Charges for Services	10	1,154,695	1,331,240	1,380,918
Special Assessments	11	0	0	350
Miscellaneous	12	669,140	109,140	354,994
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	743,000	930,000	920,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	4,070,870	4,073,039	4,335,368
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	364,283	357,302	377,201
Public Works	17	575,799	511,340	518,347
Health and Social Services	18	14,984	18,813	7,677
Culture and Recreation	19	306,600	299,903	309,457
Community and Economic Development	20	556,000	256,000	191,817
General Government	21	200,632	204,490	211,522
Debt Service	22	223,640	448,815	445,483
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,241,938	2,096,663	2,061,504
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,088,094	1,089,932	1,395,427
Total ALL Expenditures	26	3,330,032	3,186,595	3,456,931
Transfers Out	27	743,000	930,000	920,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,073,032	4,116,595	4,376,931
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-2,162	-43,556	-41,563
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	2,266,207	2,309,763	2,351,326
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	2,264,045	2,266,207	2,309,763

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
Assessing Jurisdiction: WORTH COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/2/2020 Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Cindy Thompson Contact Telephone Number: (641) 324-1198

	FYE June 30, 2019 Actual	FYE June 30, 2020 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2021 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2021	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2021	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be RaisedBy Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	251,662	316,887	333,898		662,460	657,460	10,566	0	328,332
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
7. TOTAL	251,662	316,887	333,898	0	662,460	657,460	10,566	0	328,332

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.52171

Legal Notice

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Case No. ESPR009197

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET GRELL, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Margaret Grell, Deceased, who died on or about January 22, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the January 30, 2020, the last will and testament of Margaret Grell, deceased, bearing date of March 3, 1992, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kathleen Gentz was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated February 5, 2020.

Kathleen Gentz
308 10th St. North
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of Estate

John H. Greve
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736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, Iowa 50459
Attorney for Executor

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Vikings send four wrestlers to district tournament in Denver

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Not that it was that big of a surprise for people familiar with the Northwood-Kensett wrestling team this season, a team that posted 21 dual wins. But for the first time in who knows how many years, this team that resurrected itself from the ashes of LMNK just a few seasons ago now has four wrestlers moving onto the district tournament this Saturday in Denver.

Winning sectional titles and moving on were No. 1 ranked Gideon Rollene at 220 pounds and seventh ranked Caden Schrage at 132 pounds. Rollene posted a 2-0 record at the Lake Mills sectional on Saturday by beating Mitchel Marr of Riceville in the semifinals and Tanner Hagen of West Hancock by fall in the finals.

Rollene is a two-time qualifier for the district tournament, having made it that far last season only to drop out at the last moment because of an infection.

Schrage posted a 2-0 record with a semifinals win over Coy Smith of Newman before beating Alex Beaty of Lake Mills in a 9-2 decision in the finals.

Gideon's younger brother, freshman Treycen Rollene, became the youngest Viking in recent memory to make it out of the sectional tournament still standing by finishing second at 106 pounds.

Treycen received a bye in the first round before winning his semifinals match by fall over the Saints Mehki Tucker. He lost in the finals to the Bulldogs Kinser Hanson but took home second place in the process and earned his first trip to districts.

N-K's fourth district qualifier, sophomore Drake Tiedemann, went 2-1 on the day and took home a second-place medal at 138 pounds with wins over Derek Peterson of Saint Ansgar in the semifinals and a finals loss to Dalton Thorson of Lake Mills. Personally, one of the biggest highlights of the day was watching senior Ethan Thofson upset Newman's Logan Allison, turning a mistake by Allison into a win by fall in his quarterfinals match.

Another relentless effort was put in by Josiah Kliment as well who finished the day with a 2-2 record and a third-place finish at 145 pounds. Kliment won his third-place match by fall over Newman's Fabian Brandenburg.

The top two place winners at this Saturday's district tournament in Denver will go onto the state wrestling tournament held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.



Sophomore Hayden Moore, who had never wrestled before but instead was a solid cross- country runner, takes on Matthew Hall of Saint Ansgar. Moore went 1-1 and placed fourth in his first sectional tournament.



N-K freshman Dalton Logeman battles his quarterfinals opponent in last Saturday's sectional tournament in Lake Mills. Logeman pinned Geraldo Vazquez of Lake Mills before losing his last two, finishing fourth.

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Frosty friends

An overnight fog left a lovely layer of hoar frost over the Worth County area Monday morning. Anchor reporter Joanne Lower captured the pictures of a brightly colored cardinal (top) and a house wren (bottom). Anchor composer Dawn Batton was met at the door by Midnight with his new frosty highlights and office manager Becky Haberman captured the stunning tree at her rural Northwood home.

Bill to increase sales tax for program funding under review



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

This week was a short, but busy week. On Monday, Iowans packed into churches, schools, and community centers to participate in the First in the Nation Iowa Caucus. To make sure legislators could participate, we did not gavel in until Tuesday morning. Committees and subcommittees are working quickly to move bills. For bills to be eligible for floor debate, they must pass through a committee in the House or the Senate before the first funnel on February 21. Ways and Means bills and Appropriations bills are not restricted by funnel week deadlines.

Volunteer Firefighters, EMS, and Peace Officers were the winners this week at the Capitol. The House Ways and Means committee passed a bill to double the tax credit for our volunteers from $100 to $200. I chaired a subcommittee to allow/encourage municipalities served by these volunteers to set up Length of Service Award Programs. Municipalities may invest an amount for each eligible volunteer (as determined by the Fire Chief or Sheriff) with possible matching funds from the State. This is similar to a deferred compensation retirement, but without compensation. In other states, communities have seen an increase in volunteers, greater retention of current volunteers, and it is way to say thank you for what these men and women do for our communities.

We continue to review Governor Reynolds' Invest in Iowa Act which reduces income and property taxes, repeals the water excise tax, increases child care tax credits, provides new sales tax exemptions, and shifts a portion of mental health costs from property taxes to the state general fund with a one cent increase in sales tax. This would trigger the 3/8 cent constitutionally protected fund (referred to as IWILL) approved by Iowa voters to fund water quality, natural resources, and outdoor recreation projects. In my forums this weekend, there was nearly unanimous support for the penny increase. This is a complex and comprehensive bill making changes to our State's tax policies. I will cover this in more detail over the next few weeks and look forward to hearing from constituents on this proposal.

To get updates more frequently, check out my Facebook page- - Jane Bloomingdale (the one with a picture) and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov

Senator Brown and I have another forum on February 29 at 8:30 a.m. at the Northwood City Hall and at 10:30 a.m. at the Osage Public Library.

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: John Anderson; Larry Hovey; Roger Harris; Cindy Pangburn; Susan Kliment; Members Absent: none

(5-0) Approved the agenda, with the deletion of item VIII-3 Purchase of Social Studies Curriculum; January 9th board minutes; Financial Reports for January; February bills for payment

Reports

Education Presentation: Nurse Heather Rheingans gave an overview of her responsibilities as school nurse at N-K. She highlighted daily and monthly tasks associated with the health and well-being of students and staff. Gave a statistical update on health related issues of students in both buildings.

Elementary Principal: 1) Winter FAST testing closes Feb 7 2) School Report Card info 3) Attending ISU Hiring Fair Mar 2 with Mr. Fritz

Secondary Principal: 1) Mr. Ehlke's Sports Marketing field trip in April to meet with staff of Minnesota Twins and Timberwolves 2) School Performance Profile info

Superintendent: 1) Superintendent Advocacy Day at the Capitol Feb 11 2) Budget workshop Feb 10

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting rescheduled for Mar 10 due to spring break 2) Joint meeting held between Supt Crozier, N-K Board President Larry Hovey and St Ansgar Board President Steve Groth to discuss the progress of the superintendent sharing agreement. Both districts are pleased with the agreement to date.

Old Business: none

New Business

Exchange of initial negotiation proposals with NKEA. No action taken

(5-0) Approved the WCDA expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year as presented

(5-0) Approved the second reading of Board Policy changes to 210.8E1 Board Meeting Agenda Example; 301.5 Administration and AEA; 303.5 Administrator Duties; and the addition of policies 209.3 Dissemination of Policy; 711.4 Summer School Program Transportation Service; 711.5 Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students

(5-0) Approved disposal of the green work truck for metal salvage

(5-0) Approved the Audit Report for the 2019 Fiscal Year as presented

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Jeff Ferstein as secondary science teacher, JH basketball coach at the end of the 2019-2020 school year and head baseball coach at the end of the 2020 season

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Morgan Howie, K-12 Art teacher, Yearbook Advisor, Asst Volleyball coach, Asst Girls Track coach at the end of the 2019-20 school year

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Kimberly Borowczyk secondary math teacher and National Honor Society Advisor at the end of the 2019-20 school year

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Shannon Jacobsen elementary special education teacher at the end of the 2019-20 school year

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Greg Parks as JH Girls Basketball coach at the end of the 2019-20 school year pending suitable replacement

(5-0) Approved Daryl Love as Asst Softball coach for the 2020 season

(5-0) Approved Steve Butler as Director of Buildings and Grounds effective February 1, 2020 at a salary of $40,000 per year prorated to the end of the school year and $60 per month cell phone stipend.

(5-0) Adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

Northwood-Kensett CSD
2/6/2020

A & I AUTO REPAIRS 1,509.10
AGVANTAGE propane 262.61
AHLERS & COONEY legal services 150.50
AIRGAS, SUPPLIES 150.50
All Star Pest Control pest control 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY ELECTRICITY 9,752.14
Amazon, SUPPLIES2,066.80
AUDITOR OF STATE filing fee 625.00
Brett's Drain Cleaning supplies 71.28
CAM CSD open enrollment ... 6,312.00
CARQUEST SUPPLIES 190.83
CenterPoint Energy Services natural gas 4,341.57
Central Rivers AEA supplies/purchased services 4,975.90
CITY OF NORTHWOOD water/sewer 1,084.19
Clayton Ridge CSD open enrollment ... 7,062.50
DES MOINES REGISTER subscription 10.69
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin, clearinghouse . 62.50
FOREST CITY CSD shared media specialist 1,936.84
IA ASSOC OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS registration 178.00
IA DEPART OF HUMAN SERVICES medicaid 1,783.99
John Deere, parts 23.43
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES 101.20
LAKE MILLS CSD open enrollment/spec ed 29,981.95
MARTIN BROTHERS supplies 1,596.92
MECHANICAL AIR SYSTEMS, repairs 90.95
N-K DISTRICT OFFICE reimb petty cash 52.79
NIACC Book Zone CCE books 124.95
NIACC Continuing Ed Dpt CPR 40.00
NOLTE, CORNMAN & JOHNSON AUDIT SERVICES5,310.00
NORTH IA DISTRIBUTING supplies 690.00
NORTHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE membership 125.00
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC ELECTRICAL SERVICES 325.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, garbage 610.00
One Source Background Check Co background checks 40.50
PERMA BOUND BOOKS BOOKS 128.59
POSTMASTER stamps 55.00
Renwick, Amy reimb supplies 16.50
ST. ANSGAR CSD shared maint director/spec ed 15,592.30
Thorson, Megan reimb supplies 40.94
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE MEDICAID BILLING 168.84
WCTA, phone service 941.01
WORTH CO ENGINEER diesel/gas 2,194.75
Fund Number 10 100,852.56
NIACC, scholarship .. 500.00
Fund Number 81 ..... 500.00
AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT, DJ 350.00
Athletico Management athletic trainer 609.50
Brehmer, Isaac Official 100.00
Davidson, Preston score keeper 50.00
Davis, Clifton score keeper 75.00
DECKER SPORTING GOODS, supplies ... 1,289.00
FALLGATTER'S SUPPLIES 36.03
Ferstein, Jeffrey reimb registration ... 120.00
Fierova, Joe, official .. 210.00
Hall, Katherine official 210.00
HENN, GREGORY official 100.00
ICDA, meals 68.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON supplies 64.97
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES 58.40
Lion Shop, supplies ... 333.00
Luther College registration 60.00
N-K GENERAL FUND reimb officials 75.35
N-K JR/SR HIGH OFFICE registration 10.00
PARKER, RYAN score keeper 125.00
Rieman Music supplies 42.60
SCHOOL HEALTH CORP supplies 858.69
Sodexo, meals 76.00
ST. ANSGAR CSD registration 300.00
Thorson, Megan reimb supplies 20.00
VISA, supplies 469.78
Worth Lumber Co supplies 516.07
Fund Number 21 .... 6,227.39
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, repairs 1,010.58
Trane, repairs 668.48
Fund Number 33 .... 1,679.06
CARQUEST vehicle accessories... 543.04
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, software 1,600.00
Marco, copier lease. 1,075.35
Pritchard Auto Co vehicle 28,295.00
Fund Number 36 .. 31,513.39
KECK FOOD DISTRIBUTION COMMODITIES... 1,787.68
MARTIN BROTHERS food/supplies 12,181.30
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO BREAD 703.95
Rapids Foodservice Contract & Design, equipment 161.60
Staples, supplies 156.31
Fund Number 61 .. 14,990.84

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