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Briefs



Clocks 'spring ahead' Sunday

As area schools prepare for spring break next week, they will get a jump on their activities thanks to Daylight Saving Time, which will have clocks "spring ahead" this weekend.

The Anchor reminds readers that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8, at 2 a.m. and clocks should be set ahead one hour at that time, or before going to bed on Saturday night.

Ag presentation set for Friday

Farmers State Bank will host a day of informational presentations for farmers and agricultural professionals this Friday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m., at the Carpenter Community Center.

The day will start with "Agriculture Today: It is what is... What should we do about it?" presented by Dr. David Kohl, a professor emeritus of agricultural finance and business at Virginia Tech University.

Following the meal, ISU farm management specialist Kelvin Leibold will present "Strategies for a Successful Farm Transition."

The program is coordinated by Farmers State Bank, but those attending do not have to be customers to attend.

Anyone with questions may contact Sheila or Willie at 641-713-2425 or fsbmarketing@fsbbanks.com.



60,400 minutes of reading

This past Monday, students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss, aka Theodore Geissel, in a special assembly. Prior to Dr. Seuss' birthday, several students reached a reading milestone. Each student in the school's pre-school through sixth grade classes was challenged to read a total of 400 minutes in February. Those that did, 151 in total, were recognized during Monday's program at N-K. They each received a cookie in congratulations and gathered for a photo. The cookies were presented by representatives of Fat Jill's, Fallgatter's Market and Subway in Northwood, who are pictured with the students that were excited to receive their sweet rewards.

Hearing set for County's property tax increases

A hearing will be held at the Monday, March 9, meeting of the Worth County Board of Supervisors, giving a chance for the public to weigh in on the proposed increase in taxes for the coming fiscal year. The hearing is a step required by a law passed in Iowa in 2019.

The state law, known as "Truth in Taxation," requires that local governments, including Worth County and city governments, must hold a hearing, in addition to their regular budget hearings, if they plan to increase property taxes more than 2%.

For Worth County, the proposed increase would come for the budget year that begins on July 1, 2020, and ends on June 30, 2021.

The formula for the total property taxes combines taxable valuations and the property tax levies, and applies to general services countywide and for rural services, listed as separate tax totals and percentages that may require a public hearing.

For the current budget year, which ends on June 30, 2020, The county will have taxable valuations for general services of $619,446,592. For the coming budget year, taxable valuations for general services will total $649,590,581. That is an increase of $30,143,989.

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Worth County low risk for novel coronavirus

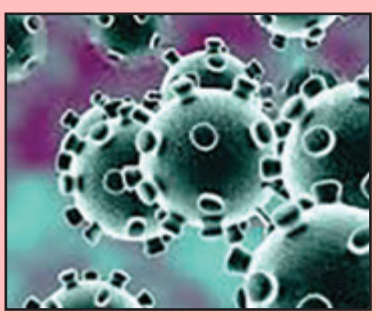
By Erin McCord
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The world is on alert as a respiratory virus known as COVID-19 has been spreading globally. What does that mean for Worth County?

According to the Iowa Department of Health (IDPH), the virus is a novel (new) coronavirus. The disease the virus causes has been named COVID-19. Most COVID-19 cases are associated with travel to or from China. Person-to-person spread is now being reported around the globe.

There were no cases of COVID-19 in Iowa as of press time Monday.

For the general public, who are unlikely to be exposed to the virus at this time, the



immediate health risk from COVID-19 is low.

As of February 28, IDPH was monitoring 13 people in Iowa for COVID-19. Three people have been tested for the virus, and tested negative.

Anyone who has returned to Iowa from mainland China since February 3, 2020, is being asked to complete a survey on the IDPH website.

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Audit finds issues with City of Kensett procedures

By Kris Kenison

The office of the Auditor of the State of Iowa recently released a report that found issues with some of the City of Kensett's bookkeeping procedures.

In an "agreed-upon procedures report," released on February 19, State Auditor Rob Sand reported findings related to the "receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds" for the fiscal year that started on July 1, 2018, and ended on June 30, 2019.

The State Auditor's office reviewed selected city council meeting minutes; reviewed the City's internal control procedures; and reviewed insurance, bank and other financial information, records and procedures.

Based on the findings of the report, recommendations were issued to the City.

While there were several findings of procedures that did not follow State and federal suggestions for record-keeping, and some actions that are required by Iowa code that were not taken, there was no mention of criminal conduct in the report, nor were there fines to be issued or required courses of action that city officials were being forced to undertake.

The first findings are commonly included on audit reports for local governments the size of Kensett. They relate to what is described as an adequate segregation of duties, where separate people should be in control of various financial aspects of a city.

However, Kensett, like many small towns, has one city clerk/treasurer, who manages the books, with no or limited additional staff to take on any of the duties that should be segregated, according to the

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Feb. 25	34	20	
Wed. Feb. 26	33	13	T
Thurs. Feb. 27	23	14	T
Fri. Feb. 28	21	14	T
Sat. Feb. 29	24	12	T
Sun. March 1	37	15	
Mon. March 2	40	28	

Weather spotter training offered March 12

A Weather Spotter Training Course will be held next Thursday, March 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Worth County Emergency Operations Center, 99 A Ninth St. North in Northwood.

There is no registration required and no cost to the public to attend. The program is open to new and seasoned spotters alike.

The training is sponsored by the National Weather Service and Worth County EMA.

More information can be found online at www.weather.gov/dmx/stormspotting.



Diminutive donk visits tiny tots

Northwood-Kensett preschoolers were treated to a visit from Sam Brown and her little donkey friend. The children all got to pet the donkey as they were leaving school.

N-K moms take it to the mat — See Sports Page 12

Governor announces Invest in Iowa Act town hall tour

Gov. Kim Reynolds has introduced the Invest in Iowa Act and announced that she will hold a series of town halls to talk about the proposals and ideas behind the bill.

The Governor made the announcement at a weekly press conference and was joined by a broad coalition of supporters, including Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture; Reps. John Wills and Lee Hein; Sen. Ken Rozenboom; Chris Ingstad, President, Iowans for Tax Relief; Flora Schmidt, executive director, Iowa Behavioral Health Association; mental health advocate Mary Neaubauer; Pat McGonegle, CEO, Iowa Pork Producers Association; Stu Swanson, Iowa Corn Growers Association; Jeff Jorgenson, President-Elect of Iowa Soybean Association; and various other stakeholders supporting proposals behind the Invest In Iowa Act.

"The Invest in Iowa Act is a bold vision for Iowa that lowers the overall tax burden on Iowans, and invests significantly in mental health and water quality. This plan will have immediate results for our economic competitiveness and overall quality of life," said Reynolds. "This kind of meaningful tax reform and investment will not only boost paychecks, but put Iowa on the map as a beacon of economic opportunity. Now that our bill has been introduced, I look forward to continuing this conversation and will be taking the conversation out to Iowans, with a series of town halls throughout the state."

Various stakeholders representing a broad coalition of supporters released statements in support of the Invest in Iowa act:

The first town hall meetings were to be held this week in Oskaloosa and Ottumwa. Future town hall meetings have yet to be announced.

TUNE hosts trivia night on March 14

TUNE is hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, March 14, with doors opening at 5 p.m.

This fundraiser is for the project to renovated the old downtown lumberyard into an event center for Northwood.

There will be food served at 5:30 p.m. with trivia beginning at 7 p.m. There will be three rounds of trivia plus a bonus question between rounds. General trivia question and prizes will be awarded.

There are currently eight sponsors but TUNE needs players.

Anyone that is interested in being on a team may contact Theresa Cooper at 641-390-0908.

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private partners have continued to prepare plans and procedures in case they should be needed. The IPDH encourages Iowans to prepare for the potential of COVID-19 in the same way they prepare for severe weather or other events that could disrupt their normal routine.

Recommended steps include making a plan with family, including what to do if members were unable to go to work or school, or if daycare should close. Plans should also be made in the event that people are unable to go to the grocery store.

Being uncertain and anxious about COVID-19 is normal, especially with reports of illness and death in other countries.

It is important to understand the risk of influenza is much higher than the risk of COVID-19 in Iowa right now.

Prevention of COVID-19 is the same as that for other respiratory illnesses (like the flu):

• Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper arm/elbow

• Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

• Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

• Contain germs by staying home when ill.

The Centers for Disease Control has issued several travel alerts for areas affected by COVID-19. Those planning on traveling can visit the CDC's Information for Travel page for the most up-to-date alerts.

The IDPH recommends if anyone has traveled to China in the last 14 days and feels sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing they should seek medical care right away. Before going to a health care office, people are asked to call ahead and tell them about their travel and symptoms.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

According to the World Health Organization website, Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

A novel coronavirus, like COVID-19, is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.

Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people. Detailed investigations found that SARS-CoV was transmitted from civet cats to humans and MERS-CoV from dromedary camels to humans. Several known coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans.

Worth County Public Health and Worth County Emergency Management are offering updates on Facebook. Anyone with further questions or concerns can call those offices at 641-324-1741 or 641-324-1535.

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The County's budget calls for the tax levy for general services to remain nearly the same as in the current budget year, $5.34999 per $1,000 of taxable valuation in the current budget and $5.35 in the proposed.

The combination of valuations and levy showed that, in the current fiscal year, the county had property tax askings that totaled $3,314,035. In the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, property taxes would be $3,475,309. That is an increase of $161,274, or 4.87 percent.

As for rural property, the notice for the public hearing showed $503,617,439 in taxable valuation in the current year. The proposed budget shows rural taxable valuations of $524,827,344. That is an increase of $21,209,905.

The tax rate for rural services will remain the same from the current to the proposed fiscal year, $2.775 per $1,000 of taxable valuation.

For rural services, the combination of the valuations and the tax rate in the current year was shown as $1,397,540. The property taxes for rural services in the proposed budget would be $1,456,396. That's an increase of $58,856, or 4.21 percent.

Local governments are also required to provide an explanation for the increase if they go above 2 percent. The County's levy notice included the following:

"Increase is due to increase in valuations, levies remain the same."

With totals for both general and rural services increasing by more than 2 percent the County is required to hold a hearing to allow the public to make comments and ask questions about the proposed property tax increase.

That public hearing will be held on Monday, March 9, at 9 a.m. in the supervisors meeting room at the Worth County Courthouse.

The County will also hold a public hearing for its annual fiscal year budget at an upcoming meeting. Look for more information in the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal before that hearing.

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report.

The majority of the remaining findings fell into a few types of complaints.

That included a lack of records and documentation kept for financial transactions internally in the City's funds, or documents generated to show financial controls that were taking place.

Other findings noted several instances where the City didn't comply with the Code of Iowa when the Kensett city council was not asked to formally approve city financial policies, utility rates, deviations from expenses and revenue from the city budget published the previous year and other types of transactions.

Similarly, the minutes of three meetings of the council were noted published in a local newspaper, as required by State code.

In response to the Audit Report, Kensett city clerk Lori McNally said, "Most of this is procedural, not financial. We didn't do anything wrong, just not the way that the State would like to see us do it. And some of this we've already covered, just not in the exact way that they recommended. Anything else we need to fix, we will. What needs to be done will be done."

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If anyone knows where this Cushman is I would sure like to see it again and possibly buy it back.

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Nomination petitions for local candidates due March 25

By Erin McCord
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If you have been thinking about running for public office, it is time to get signatures and submit nominating petitions.

The filing period for the primary election, state and federal offices, is open until March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The filing period for Democratic and Republican county offices is open from March 2 through March 25 at 5 p.m. Nominations for non-party offices close on March 20.

Offices on the 2020 General Election Ballot include President/Vice President, U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative (all districts).

State offices up for re-election include state senator (even-numbered districts 2-50) and State representative (districts 1-100).

County offices on the ballot include sheriff, auditor and district 2 supervisor.

Non-partisan offices including some township officers, soil and water conservation district commissioners and county agricultural extension council members will also be on the ballot.

Nomination papers are available at the Secretary of State's Office and website or at county auditors' offices.

Nomination papers for federal and state offices must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

Nomination papers for county offices must be filed in the county auditor's office.

Nomination papers for school elections are filed with the appropriate school secretary.

Nomination papers for city offices are filed in the appropriate county auditor office.

Nomination petitions must be signed by eligible electors of the appropriate county, district, or ward (as applicable).

There is no limit on the number of nomination petitions one elector may sign.

An eligible elector is a person who meets all of the qualifications to register to vote. However, an eligible elector is not required to be a registered voter.

An eligible elector must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Iowa, be at least 17 years old (must be 18 years old by Election Day, or for Primary Elections be 18 by the General or City Election to vote or sign petitions)

Eligible electors may not be a convicted felon (unless the felon's voting rights have been restored by the president or governor; be currently judged incompetent to vote by a court; claim the right to vote in any other place.

Once signatures have been gathered, potential candidates must have their nomination petitions notarized.

More information may be found at the Secretary of State's website, sos.iowa.gov, or from the Worth County Auditor.



Waiting for spring

This trio of Trumpeter Swans was spotted in a filed near Joice. As the swans have been repopulating in the area over the past twenty years, they have adapted to feeding on leftover field corn while waiting for the weather to warm up.

Viking Cafe prepares March meals

The Viking Cafe continues this month, offering a unique dining experience for the Northwood-Kensett community while presenting an opportunity for students to gain firsthand experience in a restaurant-like environment.

The Viking Cafe is a class at N-K, in which students learn about the various aspects of operating a restaurant, starting with meal planning and continuing with assuming the roles of chef, host, server and more on the days that meals are served.

The public is invited to experience the meal and the service.

The next two Viking Cafe experiences will be held tomorrow, March 5, and on Friday, March 27, held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school's Family and Consumer Sciences Classroom.

The March 5 menu includes orange chicken, fried rice, crab rangoons, a beverage and green tea matcha cake.

The March 27 menu includes beef enchiladas with red sauce, chips and salsa and guacamole, fried ice cream and a beverage.

Those interested in dining at the Viking Cafe may contact Mrs. Thorson at 641-324-2142, ext. 138 or mthorson@nkvikings.com. Those planning to attend are asked to contact Mrs. Thorson by noon the day before either Viking Cafe date.

March 27 is the next application cutoff for conservation easements

Iowa farmers and private landowners are encouraged to apply by March 27 for easements to protect and restore agricultural working lands and wetlands through USDA's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting ACEP applications at local USDA Service Centers statewide. In 2019, NRCS obligated more than $9 million to restore 13 easements covering 1,666 acres. There are currently 1,658 USDA-enrolled conservation easements in Iowa that cover 189,313 acres.

Through the ACEP wetland component, Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE), NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Indian tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands through the purchase of a wetland easement. NRCS will enroll eligible land through permanent easements, 30-year easements, term easements, or 30-year contracts.

For wetland easements, NRCS pays all costs associated with recording the easement in the local land records office, including recording fees, charges for abstracts, survey and appraisal fees, and title insurance.

NRCS also provides financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) that protect the ag land use and conservation values of eligible land. For working farms, the program helps farmers keep their land in agriculture. ACEP-ALE also protects grazing uses by conserving grasslands and pastures.

More information about ACEP is available by visiting www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/ia/programs/easements/acep/ or by contacting the local NRCS office.

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Calendar of Events for March 2020

March 4–Ornamental and Turf Pesticide Recertification Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 9 to 11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager
March 6 & 7–Worth County Fair Swine Derby Weigh-in at Northwood-Kensett Vo. Ag. Shop, 4:30-5:30 P.M. on March 6 & 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on March 7 with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Marty Cotter, Northwood-Kensett Vo Ag Instructor, Jake Trainer, Worth County Fair Swine Superintendent and Jackie Backhaus, Worth County Fair Swine Superintendent
March 7-14–Worth County 4-H Washington D.C. Trip at National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland with Dennis Johnson
March 8–Green Shamrocks 4-H Club Meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett, 3:30 P.M. with Green Shamrocks 4-H Leaders, Bobbi Logemann, Theresa Butler
March 11–Certified Handlers Commercial Applicators Training at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 9-11:30 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager
March 12–Worth County 4-H e-Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 9 A.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
March 12–Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Worth County Fair Board and Dennis Johnson
March 15–Grafton Green Clovers 4-H Club Meeting at Grafton Community Center, 1 P.M. with Jennifer Patterson and Kris Tabbert, 4-H Club Leaders
March 15–Golden Banner 4-H Club Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly, 1 P.M. with Jennifer Klooster, Michelle Hill, Tammy Charlson and Paula Beyer
March 15–Worth County 4-H Hoofprints Club Meeting at Eric and Val Foss Farm Rural Glenville, Minnesota, 1:30 P.M. with Stephanie Lorenson and Pat Rothove, Hoofprint 4-H Club Leaders
March 15–Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Meeting at Lake Mills Community Center, 6 P.M. with Mary Buren, Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Club Leader
March 16–Hartland Achievers 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 7 P.M. with Kris and Aaron Woltzen, Janet Wallin and Darrin Kliment
March 18–Worth County Extension KGLO Radio Interview at Radio Park, Mason City, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
March 19–Worth County 4-H Interview Preparation Night at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 6:30 P.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
March 21–Worth County 4-H Recognition Mock Interview Day at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds), 9:30 A.M. with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
March 21–Hartland Achievers 4-H Club Taco Feed at First Lutheran Church, 5:30 P.M. with Hartland 4-H Leaders, Kris/Aaron Woltzen, Darrin Kliment and Janet Wallin
March 22–Grove Progressive Farmers 4-H Club Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds), 3 P.M. with Donnie Pangburn, Dani Gentz, Chelsea Duvall and Naomi Larue, 4-H Club Leaders
March 24–Worth County Extension Council Meeting–Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 7 P.M. with Jayne Lupkes, Worth County Extension Council President, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist and Donovan Olson, Region 3 Extension Education Director
March 26–"Worth County Top of Iowa Trail" meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 6:30 P.M. with Tom Reid, "Worth County Top of Iowa Trail" Committee Chair and Dennis Johnson
March 26–Worth County 4-H State 4-H Recognition Final Preparation Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 6:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Evan Fritz, Worth County 4-H Communications Project Leader
March 28–Iowa Association of Extension Councils Annual Conference at Iowa State University, Ames Iowa, 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. with Terry Maloy, Executive Director, Iowa Association of Extension Councils, Jayne Lupkes, Donovan Olson and Dennis Johnson
March 28–Worth County 4-H State Recognition Day at Iowa State University, Ames, All Day with Mindy Tenold and Dennis Johnson
March 29–Worth County 4-H Hot Shots Meeting at Worth County Extension Community Room (Fairgrounds), TBD with Lori and Chad Pestorious and Dean Mueller


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Erika Heideman of Northwood was named to the High Honor List for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato Among 3,445 students, a total of 915 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average.

Waldorf University is recognized Thomas Fierova and Mary Rohne of Northwood that have achieved the Dean's List for the fall 2019/20 semester. To achieve the Dean's List, students must be full-time, attain a grade point average of 3.50 or better and complete a minimum of 12 semester credits. Students are listed below by state, followed by the city they are from.

Local students, Madison Dorsey, Dean's List of Hanlontown; Sarah Berwald, Dean's List and Andrew Bram, Dean's List both of Northwood. Riverland Community College. To be eligible for the dean's list students must have completed 12 credits per semester with letter grades and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.99 on a 4.00 scale.

Democratic county convention set

The Worth County Democratic Worth County Convention will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at the Northwood-Kensett Elementary Gymnasium, located at 1200 1st Ave N, Northwood. The doors will open at 9 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. Those who are attending should use the door located on 11th Street.

This is the gathering of all delegates and alternates elected at the county caucus.

The Worth County Democratic Party will be accepting resolutions put forth, electing chair, vice chair, secretary and precinct chairs at this meeting. They will accept sign ups for the committee positions available, including platform, committee on committees, arrangements and rules. Delegates will be elected to attend the district convention set for April 25 (location to be determined). Those delegates will be elected from the delegates and alternates that attend the meeting.

Senior Moments

By Sandy Olson

April is just around the corner...sort of. But getting through March isn't nearly as difficult when there are interesting things to do that keep us active, our minds stretching and our bodies moving. Things as simple as walking in place while holding on to a chair for balance can keep joints flexible and help release those good "running" hormones! Well, perhaps they would be "creeping" hormones but any movement is better than no movement at all! Simply stand behind a sturdy kitchen chair (with no wheels on the legs!) and walk along at a slow pace while watching television or even talking on the phone. Check with your doctor to see if he or she feels you should not exercise for health reasons.

Speaking of walking, please don't forget to walk into the Northwood Senior Center on Wednesday, March 4 for the monthly Coffee and Conversation gathering at 12:30 p.m. Have a cookie, spend some time visiting with friends and hear the latest on what's happening at the Center. You don't want to miss learning about upcoming events such as the Fun Bingo games!

Fun bingo is becoming more and more popular each month. Carol Kragenbrink is leading the game and there are prizes as well as refreshments. Join Carol on Thursday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m. to play and, hopefully, win! Better still, come for lunch and stay to play. Remember to call the Senior Center at 324-1244 before 8:30 a.m. on the day you would like to have lunch there. The kitchen crew makes only as much food as they need for that day so you do need a reservation.

Stay warm and stay active! Remember, you're as young as you feel.



N-K returns to Grain Millers to do the math



Northwood-Kensett students recently took a trip to St. Ansgar to learn about and see how math is used to make the ingredients of food that regularly can be found in their bowls and on their plates.

Grain Millers, Inc., located in St. Ansgar, is a leading ingredient supplier to all the major cereals, bread, bar and cookie companies.

Grains include oats, wheat, barley and rye, which are milled into flours, flakes, brans, and fibers.

Grain Millers partners with farmers in the U.S., Canada and around the world, purchasing raw grains in sizes from a single truckload to multi-railcar.

Melissa Edgington, Human Resource Manager for Grain Millers, greeted the Northwood-Kensett Algebra II students.

Following a welcome and presentation about the plant's history and how current products are produced, groups rotated to various "mathematical stations" to give students a "taste" of the daily math that is required at Grain Millers, such as dust emissions, flake thickness measuring, bulk density, return on investment and recipe "kitting" calculations for customers.

One station included suiting up in proper gear for a guided plant tour.

Stations included:

1.) Cory Mullenbach demonstrated the use of a digital micrometer to measure the thickness of oat, wheat and rye flakes, which is important for packing and absorption. He also explained how the maintenance department uses micrometers to measure equipment, such as shaft size or bearings.

2.) Connie Groth explained "kitting" different recipe requests that customers of Grain Millers might have, and how to work with percents and units in preparing that final mix.

3.) Tom Klingfus set up a problem about the dust emission of a baghouse running 24/7, 365 days a year, to figure the ton-per-year of "pm10" going into the air.

4.) Byran Lytle set up a problem about return on investment (ROI) decision making. Given some figures from Bryan, students calculated whether it would it be best to use the current kiln or purchase a new one in order for the ROI to be within six months.

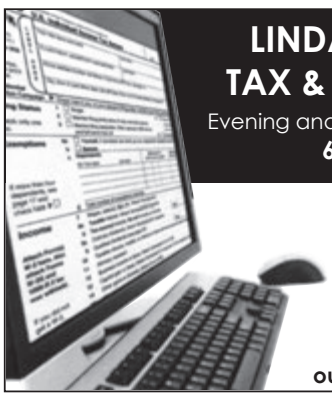
5.) Angie Haugebak had students calculate bulk density and weight of 500 grams of three products to determine which product takes up the greatest amount of space.

6.) Gene Schuttler, Kevin Koster, Brandon Soltau, Jeff Moore, Diana Baker and Dave Goodale led group tours of the packaging plant.

N-K math teacher Lori Willert said of the trip, "What an amazing and impressive place! We appreciated the Grain Millers employees making it a memorable educational experience for us and generously sending each student home with a container of organic quick oats!"







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88th General Assembly:

This week in our Transportation Committee meeting we met with the new IDOT Director Scott Marler. Director Marler's career spans 22 years with the Iowa DOT and includes experience in traffic operations, highway project management, regulatory compliance and the environment.

The first major piece of legislation the Iowa Senate debated this week on health care was a bill to limit the non-economic damages awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits. Recently, awards for non-economic damages in Iowa have been higher than ever before. Huge awards for non-economic damages threaten the viability of rural health care in parts of Iowa, because a big award is much easier to manage for a large hospital in Des Moines than for a community hospital in Iowa's smaller cities. It is important to note people affected by medical injuries are eligible for all economic loss and any punitive damages for recklessness in the provision of health care. Senate File 2338 works to achieve a balance between the need to compensate people who have medical injuries and the need to keep doctors and health care professionals in rural Iowa.

Another bill the Senate passed this week is Senate File 2272, establishing a real-time verification system for public assistance programs. This bill is crucial in working to eliminate fraud and waste in our welfare system. Just last year, Iowa was fined $1.8 million for overpaying SNAP benefits by $40 million dollars – almost double the national average. Once implemented, this system would save Iowa taxpayers an estimated $12.3 million per year.

The Iowa Legislature's International Relations Committee met to address the deadly spread of coronavirus in Iowa's sister cities in China. The Legislature is partnering with sister-cities' local leaders in Dubuque, Davenport, Muscatine, Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, along with industry and business across Iowa, to ship relief supplies to communities in China under siege from coronavirus – and they are asking for the help of every Iowan.

China is asking for help and donations for these critical need items:

- One-time use protection gowns
- Medical masks (n95)
- One-time use surgical masks
- One-time use medical masks
- One-time use medical gloves
- Protective eye glasses
- Thermometers
- Hand sanitizer
- Tissues
- Donations for shipping

The Iowa Sister States' Hebei Committee is leading a donation campaign. If Iowa businesses, medical facilities or communities have an ability to donate any of the supplies listed, it can be sent to: c/o Luca Berrone at SACMI USA, 3434 106th Circle, Urbandale, IA 50322

Donations may also be dropped with: Iowa Sister States at c/o Monty Freeman at ISS, 1963 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309

Congratulations to all District 26 athletes on their success in reaching State Championship Competitions!

Osage Wrestling Team – State Tournament Traditional Team Champions

Crestwood sophomore Carter Fousek, earned his second straight State Title and became Cresco/Crestwood's 68th individual State Champion.

Osage and St Ansgar Girls' basketball teams will compete next week at the State Basketball Tournament! Good luck to my hometown and my alma mater!

Last week I was invited to visit Ms. Sarah Downing's Charles City High School Government Class. It was a great experience. The students were engaged and asked great questions. It was fun for me to connect with them and hopefully I shared some educational information with them.



This week I turned in the required nomination papers to run for re-election in Senate District 26.



State Rep. Bloomingdale files for re-election

On Tuesday, Rep. Jane Bloomingdale filed her nomination petitions with the Secretary of State's Office to seek re-election to District 51 in the Iowa House this fall. Rep. Bloomingdale is pictured here filing her petitions with Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate.

Post-Funnel week work



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

The first funnel week ended last week and this week we spend more time debating and less time in committee and subcommittee meetings. We debated House Files that do not have a companion bill in the Senate. This ensures that the bills we pass in the House have enough time to be considered in the Senate before the second funnel deadline. A couple of positive bills that passed the House included:

Retaining Health Care Professionals in Iowa -- House File 2383

Iowa faces a shortage of health care providers in many areas of the state. This includes primary care, specialty care, and mental health care. Easing this shortage and attracting health care providers, specifically to rural communities, has been one of our top priorities over the last several sessions. We can start to address a shortage of providers by keeping our best and brightest right here in the state. House File 2383 aims to do just that by requiring the University of Iowa Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry to prioritize Iowa students over out-of-state students. This legislation requires at least 75% of admitted students to be residents of Iowa or to have completed their undergrad here in the state. This will help Iowa retain health care professionals to practice here after graduation. Students with previous ties to the state are more likely to stay and work in Iowa.

Encouraging Youth Entrepreneurship -- House File 2238

This is the bill I can't believe we needed to run, but we did. It protects and reduces burdensome regulations on one of our smallest businesses—the lemonade stand run by neighborhood kids. Lemonade stands provide kids with great life lessons at an early age so they can learn important basic skills like real-world math and customer service. Unfortunately, we have all seen news stories where a lemonade stand being run by the neighborhood kids has been shut down for not holding proper permits. House File 2238 would prevent local governments from creating or enacting policies that crack down on food stands run by minors. We should be encouraging our children's entrepreneurial spirit, not crushing it.

We continue to address the shortage of child care providers in the state. We passed several bills out of Ways and Means that would encourage businesses to provide daycare for their employees. HSB 2041 allows child care projects or expansions to quality for high qualify jobs awards under the Iowa Economic Development Authority. HSB 2083 creates a non-refundable tax credit for employers providing child care similar to the federal tax credit and HSB 2175 creates at tax credit that is not refundable but is transferable. These bills are specific to businesses and there are several other bills that are specific to the parent or guardian in other committees. All of these bills will help reduce the cost of child care so parents can continue to work and move forward in their careers.

Congratulations to the Osage and the Saint Ansgar Girls Basketball Teams on qualifying for the State Tournament. Mitchell County is well represented.

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.

Anchor Sports



CLARA DAVIDSON

Stat of the Week: *Lady Viking Clara Davidson was this year's lone all-conference selection from this year's team that compiled a 2-20 record. The talented senior was chosen Top of Iowa East Division All-Conference Honorable Mention. Davidson was the teams leading scorer at 5.4 points per game and was also tops on the team with 31 assists. Davidson played in all 22 games where she had 15 steals, eight blocks and 62 rebounds.*



KAEL JULSETH

Stat of the Week: *Kael Julseth was this year's lone all-conference selection from this year's team that compiled a 3-20 record. The talented junior was chosen Top of Iowa East Division All-Conference Honorable Mention. Julseth led the team this year with 62 assists and scored 4.7 points per game. Julseth played in all 23 games where he had 19 steals, 56 rebounds and drained 14 treys.*

2019-2020 Top of Iowa East Division Girls Basketball All-Conference Teams

First Team		
Kaelan Curley	MC Newman	Jr.
Sidney Brandau	Osage	Sr.
Dani Johnson	Osage	Jr.
Mia Knudson	Osage	Sr.
Hali Anderson	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Brooklyn Hackbart	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Emily Caspers	West Fork	Sr.
Second Team		
Libby Fisher	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Breanna Hackman	Nashua-Plainfield	So.
Kailah Thompson	MC Newman	Sr.
Madison Clipperton	North Butler	Jr.
Ellie Bobinet	Osage	Jr.
Amber Reams	Rockford	Sr.
Gracie Urbatsch	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Honorable Mention		
Kayley Kelley	Central Springs	Sr.
Chloe Matthews	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Lily Castle	MC Newman	Sr.
Madison Klingenborg	North Butler	Sr.
Clara Davidson	**Northwood-Kensett**	**Sr.**
Melanie Bye	Osage	Sr.
Sierra Kuhlers	Rockford	Sr.
Hannah Patterson	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Makenzie Fessler	West Fork	Jr.

Player of the Year: Sydney Brandua, Osage
Coach of the Year: Scott Cakerice, Saint Ansgar

2019-2020 Top of Iowa East Division Boys Basketball All-Conference Teams

First Team		
Austin Bienemann	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Jonah Bluhm	Osage	Sr.
Thor Maakestad	Osage	Sr.
Matt Schubert	Rockford	Sr.
Erik Gerdts	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Kayden Ames	West Fork	Jr.
Jakob Washington	West Fork	Jr.
Second Team		
Max Burt	MC Newman	Fr.
Doug Taylor	MC Newman	Fr.
Eric Brehmer	North Butler	Sr.
Jarett Scharper	Osage	Sr.
Justice Jones	Rockford	Jr.
Jack Sievert	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Ian Latham	West Fork	Sr.
Honorable Mention		
Trenton Wertjes	Central Springs	Sr.
Ike Sinnwell	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Sammy Kratz	MC Newman	Sr.
Kaleb Salge	North Butler	Jr.
Kael Julseth	**Northwood-Kensett**	**Jr.**
Elijah Bluhm	Osage	Sr.
Kolton Lyman	Rockford	So.
Ryan Cole	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Brayden Vold	West Fork	Sr.

Player of the Year: Jonah Bluhm, Osage
Coach of the Year: Mike Brahn, Osage

CLAC exhibits young talent from local schools

The Clear Lake Arts Center (CLAC) is exhibiting the young talent from the area in the North Iowa Student Art Exhibition.

This annual exhibition is a favorite at CLAC and for many of the community members. It will be on view from March 3 – 28.

A celebration is planned for this Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to stop by to meet the young artists and enjoy the refreshments.

The exhibition will be filled with 330 artworks created from various mediums, such as pastel, colored pencil, pencil, acrylic, oil painting, photography, and clay. Each artwork will feature the young



artist's own creative exploration of their chosen medium.

Schools participating will include Belmond-Klemme Jr./Sr. High School, Central Springs Community School, Clear Lake High School, Clear Creek Elementary, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Elementary, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Middle School, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High school and Forest City Elementary.

The Clear Lake Arts Center shared appreciation for the hardworking art teachers of those schools for the work they help the students produce every year.

This year's North Iowa Student Art Exhibition was made possible through the sponsorship by the Clear Lake Rotary Club.

WC Fair 4-H and FFA Swine Weigh-in set for March 6 and 7

The Worth County Fair 4-H and FFA Swine Weigh-in will take place on Friday, March 6, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 7, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Northwood-Kensett Vo. Ag. Shop.

Exhibitors may weigh up to eight market gilts or eight market barrows. The maximum weight is 85 pounds and exhibitors are to have all pigs ear notched and castrated prior to the weigh-in.

More information is available by contact N-K Vo. Ag. instructor Marty Cotter at 641-390-1147 or Dennis Johnson, at Worth County Extension Education Specialist, at 641-324-1531 or at djohn@iastate.edu.

Worth County 4-H Washington, D.C., trip set for March 7-14

The Worth County 4-H will be participating in a trip to Washington, D.C. on March 7-14.

The 4-Her's will be visiting Memorials, George Washington's Plantation, Ford's Theatre, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Smithsonian, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, National Zoo, Holocaust Museum, and the Civil War Battlefields in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

More information about this 4-H Citizenship opportunity is available by calling Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist at 641-390-0795 or emailing djohn@iastate.edu or contacting the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

World Day of Prayer held at Bolan Trinity

The Ecumenical World Day of Prayer will be held at the Bolan Trinity UMC, 4214 Tulip Lane, Bolan, this Friday, March 6.

This year the women of the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe call to worship considering the words "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk."

Before the 1 p.m. service there will be a noon luncheon served by the Trinity UMW, featuring recipes from Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome to attend this luncheon and service.

The ladies would like an idea of how many would attend the luncheon so enough food is prepared.

More information is available by contacting Linda Nydegger at 641-748-2385.

Veterans Roll Call IV set for April 11

The fourth annual "Roll Call" event will be held on Saturday, April 11, as an outreach to local veterans.

The Roll Call event will offer an afternoon dedicated to showing veterans appreciation for their service and providing information on programs and benefits available to veterans.

All Worth County veterans and a guest are invited to take part in the outreach event.

Roll Call IV will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the "Our Buddies Memorial" VFW Post #6779 home in Northwood.

Those planning to be at the Roll Call event are asked to RSVP by Monday, April 6, by calling 641-324-0480 and leaving a message with the number of people attending.

WC Top of Iowa Trail meeting held on March 26

Worth County Trail enthusiasts will have the opportunity to attend a meeting on Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Worth County Extension Office Community Room.

The meeting will focus on organizing plans for trails in each of the seven Worth County communities and designated potential rural areas.

More information is available by calling Tom Reid, "Worth County Top of Iowa Trails" committee chair, at 641-323-0003 or Dennis Johnson at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

Northwood Anchor Church

Glenville United Methodist
Sunday, Worship service, 8:30 a.m.

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Weekend Liturgy, Saturday Evening Mass, 5:30 p.m. and Confessions 1st Saturday of the month prior to service. Thursday morning mass, 8 a.m.
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Somber/Lime Creek/Lake Mills Lutheran Church
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
Wednesday, Bible Study at Bethel, 10:30 a.m.; Friday, World Day of Prayer, Luncheon, Noon, Service Written by Women of Zimbabwe, 1 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service/Communion, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

First Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Sr. Communion, 2 p.m., Sr. High Youth, Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Choir Practice, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 p.m., Prayer Group, FOCUS Assembly, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 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, Lenten Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Eve, Dorcas, 9:30 a.m., Leah-Rachel, 1:30 p.m., Lent - Bethany, 7 p.m.; Thursday, MANNA Open 4:30-6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, Kensett Fire Dept. Chili & Soup Supper, at Betheny, 5-7 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:15 a.m., Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon.
Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, WAGS Meal, 5:30 p.m., Lesson, 6 p.m., Lent Meal, 5:30-7 p.m., Lent Worship at Grace, 7 p.m.; Friday, World Day of Prayer Bolan Methodist Noon Luncheon/ 1 p.m. Program; Saturday, Quilting - B, 9 a.m., Quilting - G, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, Lenten at BUM, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Manly Care Center, 10 a.m., Bethlehem Council, 6:30 p.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Service and Agape Meal, 5:30 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

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Silver Lake Lutheran, Northwood

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Northwood Baptist Church
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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
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, 10 a.m., 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - I, 5 p.m., KC Night - Bethany, 6 p.m., Parish-Wide Lenten Meal - I, 6 p.m., Parish-Wide Lenten Worship - I, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Silver Lake WELCA, Quilting, Potluck Lunch - SL, 9 a.m., "The Bible Jesus Read" Bible Study - W, 7 p.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins at Winnebago, 1-2 p.m.; Saturday, Lutheran World Relief Workday & WELCA - I, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Worship - L w/Sunday School Sunday, 8 a.m., Sunday School - L/W, Worship - B, 9 a.m., Worship - I, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - SL, 9:45 a.m., Worship - W w/Sunday School Singing, 10:30 a.m., Worship - SL, 11 a.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association Meeting, 10 a.m., Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m.

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A Plea for Tolerance



Tolerant persons respect and accept persons who are different from themselves. Tolerant persons not only learn more about others—and other cultures—but they also tend to have more friends and promote peace and understanding in their lives. We live in an era where many people are leaving their home countries in search of better lives for themselves and their families. It is unfortunate that so many countries are so poorly governed that people feel compelled to leave, but that is the state of today's world. Those of us who live in more affluent, better-run countries may be inclined to feel that the immigrants who come here drag us down, but that is usually not the case. Most immigrants desire to work and contribute to the common good, which they usually do after being here for a short time. Statistics show that first-generation immigrants commit fewer crimes than native born citizens, are more likely to start their own businesses, and they usually bring with them a sense of gratitude for all that their new country offers. We are incredibly fortunate to live in a country which is sought by so many throughout the world. We should be tolerant of those who come here seeking a better life. They may need some extra help at first, but eventually they will add much to the common good. And finally, remember that all of us ultimately came from somewhere else. – Christopher Simon

"Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt."
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Cook Bookin'

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



by Sandy Olson

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"100 Best Smoothies & Juices" (2010, Paragon Books, Bath, UK) has enough healthy and delicious recipes inside its covers to avoid repeating anything for several months. In these days of quick breakfasts on the go or wanting to eat clean and healthy, the idea of blending ingredients and sipping them as a meal has a lot of appeal. The chapter titles in this book: Energy Explosions!; Health Booster!; Juicy Joy!; Perfect Pick-Me-Ups! and Super Shakes! give us an idea of the diversity of blending and juicing. I've adapted a few to give us all a head-start on getting healthier. Some recipes are not low-calorie but when they are used as a meal substitute, they are reasonable. Unfortunately no nutritional information is given in this book

Berry Smoothie

1 1/4 cups whole milk
2 tablespoons plain yogurt
1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
3 blackberries, frozen
1/4 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1/4 cup black currants
Toasted sesame seeds for garnish

Place all ingredients except sesame seeds in a blender. Process until well-combined and frothy. Pour into two tall glasses and sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Drink immediately. Serves 2.

Apple, Carrot and Cucumber Juice

I large apple, a sweet variety such as Honeycrisp
1 medium carrot
1/2 medium cucumber, peeled

Core the apple but leave it unpeeled. Chop into a small dice. Peel and dice the carrot. Put all ingredients into a blender with 1/4 cup cold water. Blend to make a smooth juice. Enjoy immediately; serves 1.

Cranberry Energizer

1 1/4 cups cranberry juice
Scant 1/2 cup orange juice
1 cup frozen raspberries
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Put the cranberry juice and orange juice into the blender and combine gently. Add the raspberries and lemon juice and blend until smooth. Garnish with a few more raspberries (thawed) if desired.

Almond and Banana Smoothie

Scant 1 cup whole blanched almonds
2 1/2 cups almond milk
2 ripe bananas, halved
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Ground cinnamon for sprinkling

Put the almonds into a food processor or powerful blender and process until very finely chopped. SANDY'S NOTE: Watch the nuts carefully as they will turn into almond butter (delicious but not want you want for this recipe!) if you process them too long. Add the milk, vanilla and banana. Blend until smooth. Pour into 3-4 glasses and sprinkle the tops with the ground cinnamon. Serves 3-4 depending upon glass size.

Mixed Fruit Slush

4 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 1/3 cup frozen mixed fruit such as strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and blackberries.
Scant 1/2 cup sparkling water
4 ice cubes

Put the two juices and the sparkling water into the blender and combine on low speed briefly. Add the fruits and ice cubes and process until a slushy consistency is obtained. Pour into glasses and enjoy. Serves 2.

There are so many things you can do with a blender. Fruits and veggies combine in ways never considered a few decades ago. Things such as ripe tomatoes with those green leafy things; apple and carrot; tropical fruits with banana. The addition of rum or brandy to some enhance the appeal although not for breakfast. All yummy, some good for you and others just good! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



N-K students who competed at the District Individual Speech Contest from left to right Ella Fritz, Bella Efflandt, Jayda Delle, Emma Logeman, Lindsey Davidson, Emma Davidson, Sarah McCormick, and TeAnna Ausborn.

N-K students compete at District Individual Speech

The Northwood-Kensett High School Speech Team traveled to Osage High School on Saturday, February 29 for District Individual Speech Contest. Eight students performed. In the category of Prose, seniors Lindsey Davidson and Sarah McCormick, and sophomore Emma Davidson performed. McCormick earned a Division II rating, and both Davidsons earned Division I ratings. McCormick also performed in the category of Solo Musical Theatre and earned a Division I rating. In the category of Poetry, juniors Jayda Delle and Ella Fritz performed and both earned Division I ratings. In the category of Literary Program, sophomore TeAnna Ausborn earned a Division II rating. Junior Bella Efflandt and sophomore Emma Logeman performed in the category of Storytelling. Efflandt earned a Division I rating and Logeman earned a Division II rating. Students earning Division I ratings will advance to State Individual Speech Contest on Saturday, March 14 at Starmont High School in Arlington, IA. The team is coached by Beth Butler and Anne Flathman.

Northwood Public Library

Is that spring around the corner? I'd like to think so, but we all know not to get our hopes up too much, but it is exciting to say March now instead of February! And of course after spring comes summer which means the Summer Reading Program isn't very far away!

We have already received so many generous donations from area businesses for our Summer Reading Program. We are so thankful for all of the support and look forward to sharing the details of our summer plans in the upcoming months! Thanks to Northwood Dental, A&I Auto, FSB, NSB, Dewey Krueger Music, Butler Construction, Inject Technology, Shade Tree Liquors and Worth Mutual and Olson Insurance who have already sent donations to help fund our program!

Friday morning story hours are on a break until April 3. We will have some other fun opportunities for kids during the month of March though! Stop in during spring break on Tuesday, March 10 at 2 p.m. for the movie "Madagascar" and some yummy popcorn. Special thanks to the Northwood Theater for providing the popcorn! Then stop by again on Thursday, March 12 anytime from 2-5 p.m. for crafts and bingo! We will also have our evening story hour on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an Easter themed night!

We are also planning ahead for an adult craft night in early April. Check Facebook for details later this month as plans are still in the works as of now.

New items at the library this month:

Adult Fiction: "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende, "The Museum of Desire" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid, "Sisters by Choice" by Susan Mallery, "One Minute Out" by Mark Greaney, and "The Hollows" by Jess Montgomery.

Large Print: "Cut and Run" by Fern Michaels, "The Ruin" by Dervla McTiernan, "Love Flies" by Julia David, "A Long Time Comin'" by Robin Pearson, and "The Shape of Night" by Tess Gerritsen.

Juvenile Fiction: "Pokko and the Drum" by Matthew Forsythe, "Thunder Trucks" by Cheryl Klein and Katy Beebe, "Thelma the Unicorn" by Aaron Blabey, "The Falcon's Feather" by Trudi Trueit, "Lafayette!" by Nathan Hale, ad "Henry Hecklebeck Gets a Dragon" by Wanda Coven.

The best way to stay up to date with us is to like our Facebook page! Also feel free to visit our website www.youseemore.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

'Remember the Ladies'

March is Women's History Month. It is a time to remember the achievements of women and their vital role in American History. John Adams, the future second president of the United States, was away from home serving as a delegate to the Continental Congress in March 1776 when his wife, Abigail, wrote him a letter that urged him to "remember the ladies." She urged him and his fellow delegates to not forget about the nation's women while fighting for Independence from Great Britain.

She wrote in part, "I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

Nearly 150 years before the House of Representatives voted to pass the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, Adams' letter was a private first step in the fight for equal rights for women. Recognized and admired as a formidable woman in her own right, the union of Abigail and John Adams persists as a model of mutual respect and affection.

The Women's Suffrage work by Carrie Chapman Catt, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and others carried on the fight of Abigail Adams for equal rites for women. The 19th Amendment to the Constitution was passed by the House and then the Senate in 1920 and was then sent on to the states for approval.

Submitted by Sharlene Stoddard for the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter DAR



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I was hoping to get a lot done today.

Why didn't you?

I spent all day making a list of things to do.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: It was springlike in the house, but winter was being an unwelcome companion outdoors. An icy driveway brightens my day like a total eclipse. There was so much ice, I considered getting a polar bear. I decided against it as I'd have to build a polar bear house and I doubt I'd get around to finishing it. It's as the sign on the wall of the cafe read: "We never finish anyth."

There isn't an off-season for family and friends

I attended a game in which a group of polite hecklers were bothering an opponent shooting a free throw. "It's not just a boulder, it's a rock," they yelled.

Not long after that my granddaughter, Joey Batt, splashed a three-pointer to help Minnesota State win a game and the courtside announcer proclaimed, "A JB3!" Joey was one of five members of the all-freshmen team for the 16-team NSIC.

I paid my respects to a basketball-playing friend not long ago. I did so by bringing a sympathy card that was too big for its envelope, expressing condolences, hugging, and sharing stories about the deceased. Larry Pence of Albert Lea had been my basketball and softball teammate. I watched Larry play basketball in high school. I was a few years younger and was charged with the task of keeping a shot chart. I was given an official school clipboard and an official school pencil. The Coach gave me the usual advice, "You can lead a horse to water but a pencil must be lead." He'd learned a lot from watching Laurel & Hardy films. The shot chart was made up of letter-sized paper displaying an approximation of a basketball court. Anytime a player shot, I'd jot down the player's number on the paper reflecting the spot on the floor where the attempt occurred. If the shot was made, I circled the number. If the shot was missed, no circling was required. I don't know how I got the job. The responsible students must have been out sick. I kidded Larry that I didn't have to sharpen the official school pencil once during his games because I never needed to circle his shots. That was far from the truth. He was a fine player and a fine friend.

Ask Al

"Any advice on buying shoes?" If you need a pair of size 14 shoes, it doesn't work to buy two pairs of size 7 footwear, even if they are on sale. You will suffer the agony of the feet.

"I know you've had surgeries recently. What did you say to your surgeon before the operation?" Measure twice and cut once.

"What is your blood type?" Tired.

Nature notes

The blue jays were talkative. Mark Twain wrote, "You never saw a bluejay get stuck for a word. He is a vocabularized geyser."

A snowplow grumbled by. It sounded tired. I was happy to see it. February was cold, but its warm sunlight melted snow. It had given itself plenty of snow to melt. "Light tomorrow with today!" said Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Freed from home by the snowplow's good work, I drove around entertaining my camera. Most of the miles were on rural roads — some gravel and some hard surface. The snow gave a soft wind visibility. I saw more bald eagles than cows. How times have changed. You could say I drove the wrong roads, but it's what I saw.

I saw a few pheasants. The loss of food due to a persistent cover of snow and/or ice is a killer. Waste grain, an important food source, becomes unavailable under a deep accumulation of snow. I read once that 300 kernels of corn per day maintains a pheasant's weight. Captive pheasants have been able to survive several weeks without food, but they don't expend energy avoiding predators and staying warm. A healthy wild pheasant could go three days without food. The annual survival rate of ring-necked pheasants is around 50 percent. Hens are more likely to succumb to starvation than roosters as the females enter winter in poor condition due to the high energy demands of nesting and rearing chicks. Strong winds can sometimes be beneficial to pheasants as they might free feeding areas of snow. Another problem for pheasants is the lack of suitable winter cover.

Meeting adjourned

"Kind words are like honey — sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." — Proverbs

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Fit to print...

75 years later, remembering Anne Frank - and her Iowa pen pal

By Michael Morain
Iowa Culture Wire

Juanita Wagner didn't know it at the time, but a piece of history landed in her family's mailbox 80 years ago in southeast Iowa.

It was the first and only letter from her Dutch pen pal, who signed off with her full name, Annelies Marie Frank. It was dated April 29, 1940.

Eleven days later, the German army invaded the Netherlands. Two years after that, the Frank family went into hiding, and in February or March 1945 – no one knows exactly when – 15-year-old Anne died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in northern Germany.

A copy of her letter to young Juanita is on display in Danville, a small town near Burlington, where it's receiving renewed attention 75 years after the end of the Holocaust and World War II.

"This story was on the BBC two years ago and, boy, that just broke everything loose," said Janet Hesler, who curates the Anne Frank Connection at the Danville Station, a combination museum and library.

The permanent exhibit features World War II timelines – global, national and local – plus a replica of the Amsterdam attic where the Franks hid for more than two years and where Anne wrote her famous diary. The exhibit also displays a copy of the letter Anne's older sister, Margot, sent to Juanita's older sister, Betty.

The unlikely pen-pal exchange was arranged by a Danville teacher named Birdie Mathews, who traveled the world during her summer vacations. During a trip to Europe, she met some teachers at the Montessori school Anne and Margot attended in Amsterdam, where the Franks had moved in 1933 to escape anti-Semitism in their native Germany.

Back home in Iowa, Mathews set up the exchange to help her students to think beyond the boundaries of their own small town. So Juanita and Betty wrote a pair of letters to Anne and Margot and eagerly awaited a reply. They were surprised when two letters arrived in English – probably translated with help from Anne and Margot's father, Otto, who had spent some time in New York.

Anne's letter, in her own tidy handwriting, outlines her life at school and mentions a friend who wanted to correspond with a pen pal of her own – but "not with a boy." She enclosed a postcard from Amsterdam.

The Wagners never heard from the Frank sisters again. After the war, Betty Wagner sent a note to the same Amsterdam address and eventually received a heartbreaking reply from Otto Frank. His wife and daughters had died in the concentration camps.

"We all cried," Betty Wagner explained in a video interview at the Danville museum. Until then, she hadn't even known the Franks were Jewish.

She tucked the letters in a shoebox. The family moved to California in the 1950s. Life moved on.

But in 1956, when Betty Wagner heard a radio story about a new Broadway play called the "The Diary of Anne Frank," she immediately remembered the name.

"When I got home, I ran upstairs to find the letters," she said.

She showed them to friends over the years and, eventually, to someone who worked to memorialize the estimated 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust. The letters were sold for $150,000 at a New York auction and donated to the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, a human rights organization where they remain today.

The Danville Station is the only site with permission to display copies.

Over the last few years, local students have collected 15,000 postcards from pen pals around the world. They're trying to collect 1.5 million – one for each child who died in the Holocaust – and plan to display them at the museum.

"I've heard that if we gave a minute of silence to all the people who died in the Holocaust, we'd be silent for 11 and a half years," said Hesler, the curator. "We should never forget what happened."

At the Iowa Jewish Historical Society Museum in Waukee, visitors can learn about Holocaust survivors who settled in Iowa after the war. One exhibit displays items they brought with them – a ladle from Auschwitz, a pair of scissors from one of Schindler's factories – and offers oral histories dating back to the 1980s. Many of the interviews have been digitized with grant funding from the State Historical Society of Iowa and shared with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

"That way, anyone in the world who wants to listen can hear those stories from the people who lived it," said Sandi Yoder, who directs the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. "Oral histories make things come alive in some cases more than a book."

Theater can do that, too. During a recent run of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at the Des Moines Community Playhouse, the actor Isabelle Piedras said she got to be "Anne's voice of hope and love and her outstanding bravery."

"No one is truly worthy of doing that but Anne herself," she added, "but it's a story that needs to be told, and I feel honored to be able to help share it."

Isabelle said the play reminds people that "there is still good in the world, even if things seem bleak. You might have to look for it, but it's there."

Sometimes, you can find it in the mailbox.

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 3, 1920

Last fall a number of local men got together and purchased 91 acres of land known as the Van Houdt farm near Medford, Minnesota, and 140 acres west of Medford known as the Taylor farm. Upon investigating, they found they had an excellent sand and gravel proposition and at once decided to install a modern and up-to-date sand and gravel plant. The capital involved in the construction and operations of this plant will be $150,000.

S.O. Thompson and three drivers reached home Sunday with four new Buick automobiles which they had driven through from Flint, Michigan. Those who accompanied Mr. Thompson were Clarence Finch, Ernest Skjeveland and Leslie Sanders.

Miss Edna Hopperstad, one of the numerous Worth County girls who are attending the business college in Mason City, was a visitor part of last week here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Hopperstad, west of town.

Rudolph Virchow has moved this week from the farm north of town to the residence which he purchased in Northwood last year. Mr. and Mrs. Virchow have many friends here who are glad to welcome them as new residents.

W.A. Westfall, worship grandmaster of the Iowa Masons, drove to Northwood Friday evening and participated in the program in connection with the unveiling of the Conger memorial tablets at the Masonic Temple. Mr. Westfall gave a splendid talk on the nature of reminiscences of the local lodge and his connection as a member and officer.

75 years ago

March 8, 1945

Last Friday Mrs. W.R. Christiansen and Mrs. O.J. Wardwell packed for shipment three boxes of knitted and sewed garments made by Red Cross workers of Worth County to be sent to the armed forces. This makes a total of ten boxes shipped this year.

Miss Margaret Walk, daughter of Mrs. H.A. Walk of Grafton, has been elected president of the Campus Y.W.C.A. at the University of Iowa. Announcement of her elections was made at the annual Women's Recognition Day program on Wednesday. Miss Walk was also chosen for membership in Mortar Board, the highest honor given to a university woman in recognition of character, scholarship and services.

About 300 farmers attended the county-wide farm machinery meeting held last Friday at the Northwood high school auditorium, according to Wm. H. St. Claire, county extension service director, who added that "it was a very worth-while event." A lunch as served to the visitors.

Lieut. Pearl Edwards of Kensett, a veteran of the army nurse corps in the service more than three years, including 18 months of service in Iceland, who is in this country at present, is quoted as saying she hopes her new assignment overseas "Will be in the front lines in Europe."

50 years ago

March 5, 1970

Russell Thompto, son of Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Thompto, rural Northwood, was presented an open Duroc gilt by Roger Hofstad of Central Soya, and "Buck" Pangburn, of Milo Pangburn and Son. He won the gilt from standings, in the Minnesota Spring Barrow Show at Albert Lea.

About $700 damage was reported by Irvin Boelson, 23, Charles City, in a one car accident two miles north of Kensett on Highway 65 on Sunday at 5 a.m. Boelson was driving north and lost control due to ice. The car slid about 140 feet in the ditch and overturned. The Worth County Sheriff's Office investigated, no charges were filed.

A group of clergymen, businessmen and members visited the National Farmers Organization headquarters at Corning early this week. They saw the teletype, radio and television equipment and the new computer which the organization uses. The group was the Glenville, Gordonsville, Albert Lea and Waseca areas.

Several adjustments must be made in the school schedule, in case the Vikings basketball team won their game at Mason City last Wednesday night. A victory will put the Vikings against Rake or Swea City at Mason City Friday at 7 p.m. A win in this game will move the Vikings to Spencer Monday night, March 9, in a 7:30 p.m. game. In case of a victory Wednesday, the drama production, "Jane Eyre," will be given Friday afternoon at 1 p.m., to which the public is invited. The second performance will be Saturday evening as scheduled.

25 years ago

March 8, 1995

The old Civil War cannon on the southwest corner of the Worth County courthouse grounds wasn't totally overwhelmed by Old Man Winter's snowy sneak attack Monday but, like the rest of Northwood, it was covered by a healthy frosting of ice crystals by late Monday afternoon. By the time the storm passed out of the area early Tuesday morning, the city had been inundated by 9-1/2 inches of white stuff, according to National Weather Service observer Bruce Rheinfels.

A team of Northwood-Kensett FFA members placed high in the recent Iowa Beef Expo senior judging contest. The N-K team of Dustin Forn, Ryan Meyer, Sara Rosch and Eric Schaub placed fifth in the 41-team field Forn placed fifth in the overall individual standings, and Meyer had the 15th highest individual score with 597 points.

Members of the 1994-95 Northwood-Kensett High School speech team include, Megan Myhre, Dustin Ford, Paul Hengesteg, Matt Throndl, Jaymie Newman, Teresa Halvorsen, Ben Hengesteg, Jennifer Bugge, Sara Rosch, Betsy Mellem and Erin Gunderson, Nicole Dalluge, Pam Schipull, Erin Christianson, Kim Christianson, Laurie Steinmetz, Jody Hansen and Addie Harmon. They are coached by Keith Fritz and Polly Schiltz.

10 years ago

March 10, 2010

Students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary had unique lunch last Tuesday. As the school celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss, they took part in a number of activities, including a Seuss-ical skit performed by their teachers, a performance by Stebens Children Theatre and a full week where special guests visited their classrooms to read with them. Students like Rachel Hill also enjoyed the namesake meal of the Seuss classic "Green Eggs and Ham."

Billy Fett of Nora Springs had quad lambs born on February 18, 2010. Billy is the third generation to have quads on this farm in Nora Springs. Fett supplies many area youth area youth with the sheep they show at the Worth County Fair.

The annual American Cancer Society fundraising event known as Daffodil Days uses the first flower of spring as a symbol of hope for the fight against cancer. The event raises funds through the sale of those daffodils. Also available in recent years has been a special Boyds Bear. A giant version of this year's bear, "Birthdays R. Hope," paid a visit to several Worth County businesses recently, as well as to students at Northwood-Kensett Elementary.

Last week students at Northwood-Kensett learned about the possibilities of alternative energy. For several students, that included the chance to build a small car powered solely by sunlight.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Eldon Schmitt

Eldon Charles Schmitt, 94, of Albert Lea, passed peacefully into the Lord's arms surrounded by family on Monday, February 24, 2020, at Good Samaritan Society - Albert Lea.



ELDON SCHMITT

Eldon was born on August 14, 1925, to Hannah and William Schmitt on the family farm near Twin Lakes, Minnesota. He was the fifth of eight children. He grew up working on the family farm. He enjoyed hiking, trapping and fishing.

Eldon attended school in Nunda Township and Emmons High School, where he graduated as valedictorian in 1943. He joined the Navy before his 18th birthday in 1943 as one of the five brothers and one sister who all served in the Navy during WWII. He spent most of his overseas service in the Philippine Islands as a Pharmacist's Mate II Class on the PGM-11 as they anticipated an invasion of Japan. He was honorably discharged following the surrender of Japan in 1946.

Eldon attended Minneapolis Business College after returning home, earning a degree in Business Management. He started his career at Kleinpaste Implement in Albert Lea in 1950 and soon after, married Mary Gulbrandson from Emmons, Minnesota. They had five children, Susan, Mark, John, Paul and Karen. Eldon was co-owner of Worth County Implement in Northwood, Iowa, for several years and then started his own bookkeeping and accounting business in Albert Lea which he operated for over 40 years. In retirement, Eldon worked for Arends & Associates and considered this a highlight of his career.

Eldon later married Delores Wilson of Mason City, Iowa. Dee had four children with the youngest daughter, Twyla, living at home when they were married. "Dee" passed away in 1983. After Eldon's mother passed away in 1993, he purchased the family home-place and acreage near Twin Lakes.

In 2011, he moved to the Village Co-Op in Albert Lea where he made many good friends. As his health declined, he lived at Hidden Creek and then at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. The staff at Hidden Creek and Good Samaritan cared for and loved Eldon. The family is deeply appreciative of the care they gave to Eldon during his final days.

He is survived by his children, Susan (Roger) Ferguson of Mesa, Arizona, John (Alise) Schmitt of Marysville, Washington, Paul (Barbara) Schmitt of Albert Lea, Karen (Diana) Schmitt of Blaine, Minnesota and Twyla Barnes Tindall of Nashville, Tennessee; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Verlys Huntley of Emmons; and brother, William "Bill" Schmitt of Albert Lea.

Eldon was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; son, Mark; parents, William and Hannah; four brothers, Luverne, Melvin, Donald, and Delmar; and sister, Wilma.

Eldon was an active, life-long member of the United Methodist Church in Albert Lea. He was also a lifelong member in the American Legion and VFW including serving as Albert Lea VFW Post Commander and leading the local Military Honor Guard for many years.

He is remembered for his love of Christ, being a loving husband and father, positive attitude, unwavering patriotism, and kindness to everyone he met. He had an amazing memory about the people in the area and the history of the Albert Lea and surrounding communities.

Memorials are preferred to the United Methodist Church of Albert Lea or to the Parkinson's Foundation. A memorial service is planned for June 20, details to be announced later.

4-H Animal Science Round-Up applications due April 15

All Worth County 4-H members interested in participating in this years' 4-H Animal Science Roundup during the annual State 4-H Conference scheduled for June 30-July 2 are reminded to get applications submitted to the State 4-H Office by Friday, April 15.

This opportunity is being offered to all 8th grade to 12th grade 4-H members that might want to attend three days of educational training in the areas of horse, swine, sheep, dairy, beef and poultry.

More information is available by calling Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-390-0795 or the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531 or emailing Dennis at djohn@iastate.edu.

Bolan

Scott and Lori Willert and Joe and Linda Nydegger, plus Mary Wendt drove down to Grand View University on Saturday to see the GV Lady Vikings basketball game against Missouri Valley. It was Senior Day, and Kelsie Willert is one of the five seniors on the team. It was a win for the Vikings and Kelsie was high scorer in this game connecting on five three pointers for 15 total points. She had a great fan base in the stands and at least 20 of them joined the Willert family at the Drake Diner after the game for a time of eating and visiting. The regular season is now over and the Lady Vikings will enter into Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament play this Wednesday, March 4, traveling to Oskaloosa to take on William Penn University. This will be the quarter-final round of the conference tournament.

After Sunday worship services the ladies of Bolan Trinity UMC set up the church basement for the upcoming World Day of Prayer Service to be held on Friday, March 6 with a noon luncheon featuring recipes from Zimbabwe. Everyone is invited to this service, but a call to Linda Nydegger at 641-748-2385 would be appreciated if you plan to come to the luncheon, as the ladies want to have enough food prepared. The program will start at 1 p.m.

Lori Willert and Linda Nydegger attended the advanced screening of the Iowa PBS newest documentary, "Carrie Chapman Catt: Warrior for Women" held at the Charles Theatre in Charles City on Sunday afternoon. This one-hour documentary tells the story of Iowan Carrie Chapman Catt and the women's suffrage movement. 2020 is the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women in the United States the right to vote. Joe Nydegger was able to take the "Suffrage Wagon" to the Theatre for display.

TeAnna Ausborn participated in the choir and was a soloist at POPS LII this year. Both TeAnna and Jessi Ausborn were awarded a certificate and breakfast for "Character Counts" in the month of February.

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Supervisors

February 24, 2020
Ninth 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 24, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the February 18, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve moving the March 9, 2020 drainage hearings to April 13, 2020.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the claims in the amount of $141,743.79 per the following schedule:

A & G Properties Llc
Rent-Soc.....300.00
A T & T
Service-911 .....37.39
A.J. Stone
Mileage-Sup.....151.80
Abc Lock, Inc
Service-Shf.....85.00
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 7,814.01
Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr 205.00
Albert Lea Steel Inc
Supplies-Con 56.80
Alliant Energy
Service-Con.....1,440.07
Ameripride Services Inc
Service-Gsr 259.53
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 85.17
Bice Electric Llc
Service-Gsr 828.75
Candila Schickel
Service-Chm 102.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Shf 42.47
Centurylink
Service-911 .....349.52
Certified Laboratories
Supplies-Eng 815.40
Cintas Corporation
Service-Eng 72.64
City Of Fertile
Rutf-Eng 3,822.91
City Of Grafton
Rut-Eng 2,152.65
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 875.12
City Of Joice
Rutf-Eng 2,115.55
City Of Kensett
Rutf-Eng 1,030.22
City Of Manly
Service-Eng 55.66
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf.....450.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Trs.....66.80
D & L Equipment
Parts-Eng.....14.50
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Trs 71.00
Dick's Petroleum Company
Supplies-Eng 639.88
Drivers License Guide Company
Service-Shf..... 29.95
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf 725.26
Fastenal Company
Parts-Eng.....23.92
Gardiner + Company
Service-Ndp 22,875.00
Grafton Housing Development Corporation
Rent-Soc.....325.00
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt 4,256.11
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc.
Service & Supplies-Aud .....
.....1,843.81
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Con 30.00
Ia Dept Of Agriculture
Fee-Con.....45.00
Ia State Sheriffs & Deputies Association
Edu-Shf.....375.00
Iowa Dnr Forestry - Fire Program
Edu-Con.....60.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 620.20
Isac
Edu-Sup 380.00
Itsavvy Llc
Supplies-Dap 2,150.00
J&L Autobody And Customs Llc
Service-Shf.....65.00
Jade Equipment Co. Ltd.
Parts-Eng.....1,350.69
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Shf.....91.25
Johnson Controls Fire Protection Lp
Service-Gsr 3,486.23
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Con 618.02
Kevin Knudson
Service-San.....1,000.00
Kevin Springer Construction
Service-Gsr 295.00
Lair's 66
Supplies-Eng 76.00
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Gsr 2,936.23
Lawson Products Inc
Parts-Eng.....86.84
Mail Services Llc
Supplies-Trs 254.44
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup & Aud...637.27
Marco Technologies Llc
Service- Dap & Asr...555.45
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health
Service-Shf.....238.00
Midwest Wheel Companies Inc
Parts-Eng.....2,488.94
Napa Auto Parts
Supplies-Eng 167.25
National Safety Council
Dues-Gsr.....495.00
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf.....300.00
Niacog
Service-Tra 277.16
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Vaf 2,648.40
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng.....288.89
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City
Service-Eng 180.00
Pax Water Technologies
Service-Wat 4,700.00
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt
.....13,840.00
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd.....154.50
Printing Services Inc
Supplies-Sdp.....200.63
Pritchard Auto Co
Equip-Shf.....29,566.64
Quality Mobile Home/Maintenance Llc
Rent-Soc.....300.00
Reindl Repair
Service-Phd.....249.58
Richard Brumm
Reimb-Eng.....235.20
Rick Christeson
Reimb-Eng.....35.00
Singelstad's Hardware
Supplies-Eng 105.86
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies-Phd 151.79
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San..... 50.00
The Boot House Inc
Supplies-Con 175.00
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng 60.30
U S Postal Service
Postage-Aud 160.00
Ups Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.
Service-Eng 38.79
Ver Helst Snyder Drug
Supplies-Aty 77.22
Verizon Wireless
Service-It/Gis.....194.44
Visa
Service-Ema 228.98
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp.....3,750.00
Watson & Ryan, Plc
Service-Asr 1,875.00
Whks & Co
Service-Eng 3,206.78
Windstream
Service-Eng 14.26
Winnebago Co Auditor
Service-Soc.....4,749.74
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Eng 86.42
Xerox Corporation
Service-Dap 78.66
Young Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Wat 372.00
Ziegler Inc
Service-Eng 821.85
Grand Total 141,743.79

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to appoint Ron Davidson to the Eminent Domain Commission.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:50 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 2, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Shellie Barber,
Deputy Auditor
Aaron Stone
Chairperson

CITY NAME	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY	CITY CODE
KENSETT	Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	98-945

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:
3/16/2020	7:00 PM	Kensett City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy.
After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Web Site (if available):	City Telephone Number:
kensett.ia.com	641-845-2388

Iowa Department of Management		Current Year Certified Property Tax 2019/2020	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2020/2021**	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2020/2021	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	1	5,836,836	6,213,288	6,213,288	
Tax Levies:					
Regular General	2	$47,278	$47,278	$50,328	
Contract for Use of Bridge	3	$0	$0		
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit	4	$0	$0		
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.	5	$11,269	$11,269	$7,465	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center	6	$0	$0		
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project	7	$0	$0		
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	8	$11,122	$11,122	$11,200	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission	9	$0	$0		
Emergency	10	$1,576	$1,576	$1,678	
Police & Fire Retirement	11	$0	$0		
FICA & IPERS	12	$6,869	$6,869	$8,998	
Other Employee Benefits	13	$0	$0		
*Total 384.15A Maximum Tax Levy	14	$78,114	$78,114	$79,669	1.99%
Calculated 384.15A MaximumTax Rate	15	$13.38294	$12.57209	$12.82224	

CITY NAME	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY	CITY CODE
Northwood	Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	98-947

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:
3/16/2020	6:00 PM	City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy.
After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Web Site (if available):	City Telephone Number:
www.northwoodia.org	641-324-1075

Iowa Department of Management		Current Year Certified Property Tax 2019/2020	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2020/2021**	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2020/2021	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	1	52,097,931	58,529,284	58,529,284	
Tax Levies:					
Regular General	2	$421,993	$421,993	$474,087	
Contract for Use of Bridge	3	$0	$0		
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit	4	$10,223	$10,223	$18,361	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.	5	$0	$0		
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center	6	$0	$0		
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project	7	$0	$0		
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	8	$105,068	$105,068	$61,571	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission	9	$0	$0		
Emergency	10	$0	$0		
Police & Fire Retirement	11	$0	$0		
FICA & IPERS	12	$124,908	$124,908	$126,596	
Other Employee Benefits	13	$5,111	$5,111		
*Total 384.15A Maximum Tax Levy	14	$667,303	$667,303	$680,615	1.99%
Calculated 384.15A MaximumTax Rate	15	$12.80863	$11.40118	$11.62863	

Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 181

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

The foregoing is a summary of Ordinance No. 181. Said ordinance may be inspected in its entirety in the City Clerk's Office, City of Northwood, 627 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA, between the hours of 8 am-4pm Monday-Friday. Ordinance No. 181 was passed and approved by the Northwood City Council on February 24, 2020 and will become effective on March 4, 2020 date of publication as provided by law.

Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A petition for a variance and/or special exception to the zoning regulations as applied to the property described as 600 8th St N., Northwood, IA.

The petition asks property listed above for approval of a variance to the C-2 Hwy Business District of the zoning ordinance 165.18 (2)B.

The Administrative Officer was required, under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, to deny a Zoning Compliance Certificate because single-family, two family, or multi-family dwellings are not a principal permitted use.

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

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustment on Wednesday March 18, 2020 at 12 pm, at City Hall, Northwood, at which time you may appear, if you so desire, either in person or by agent or attorney in opposition to or support of the proposed variance from/or special exception to the zoning regulations.

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

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009201
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Harold B. Reyerson, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold B. Reyerson, Deceased, who died on or about January 21, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on February 26, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on February 26, 2020.

Brian Reyerson,
Administrator
of the Estate
320 Lake St. E,
Emmons, MN 56029

Brian Ross McPhail,
ICIS#: AT0005344
Attorney for
the Administrator
McPhail Law Firm PLC
631 Main Street
Osage, Iowa 50461

Date of second publication 11th day of March, 2020. 10-2t

Form 631.1 — Department of Management

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

City of **Fertile**, Iowa

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at Fertile Community Center
on 3/17/2020 (Date) xx/xx/xx at 7:00PM (hour)

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 ..... $ 11.97693
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) 797-2121 (phone number)
Wendy Lunning (City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME)

		Budget FY 2021 (a)	Re-estimated FY 2020 (b)	Actual FY 2019 (c)
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	93,516	93,740	93,129
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	93,516	93,740	93,129
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	39,301	35,122	35,909
Licenses & Permits	7	245	210	1,163
Use of Money and Property	8	2,440	2,440	2,033
Intergovernmental	9	69,808	68,823	66,087
Charges for Fees & Service	10	172,362	172,387	163,654
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	80,652	128,879	204,612
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	50,815	155,211	49,361
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	509,139	656,812	615,948
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	89,727	89,600	64,923
Public Works	17	86,944	91,890	92,161
Health and Social Services	18	1,500	2,375	1,900
Culture and Recreation	19	81,244	148,714	193,358
Community and Economic Development	20	17,850	21,176	16,759
General Government	21	52,185	66,877	65,794
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	329,450	420,632	434,895
Business Type / Enterprises	25	73,533	64,563	84,094
Total ALL Expenditures	26	402,983	485,195	518,989
Transfers Out	27	50,815	155,211	49,361
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	453,798	640,406	568,350
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	55,341	16,406	47,598
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	335,454	319,048	271,450
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	390,795	335,454	319,048

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 2/24/20 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: Meyer, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold. Absent: Geroge-Zenz

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under consent agenda: 2/10/20 Council Meeting Minutes. Unam.

The Council heard from citizen Bob Perry on the second amendment.

No comments were heard on the proposed FY21 Budget. Following the public hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2002-04 adopting the FY21 Budget. Unam,

Motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 181 Amending Sewer Service Charges. Unam.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 181 Amending Sewer Service Charges. Unam.

Motion to approve a three-year agreement with Visu-Sewer. Unam.

Motion to approve purchasing the creator package for GIS Mapping at $500/year. Unam,

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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Business Announcements

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

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MERCYONE
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Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

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John Midtgaard, Agent
900 Central Ave., Northwood, IA
Office 641-324-1023 Home 324-1391

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Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
First Lutheran Church
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Bowling

Saturday Night Mixed
11-9-19

Tipsy Turtles	18	2
Little Rascals	11	9
Worth Mutual	10	10
Worth Brewing	10	10
Mason City Glass	9	11
Northwood Sanitation	9	11
Here 4 The Beer	7	13
R80 Kensett Mafia	6	14

High Game & Series:
Team: Tipsy Turtles, 670 & 1,983; Men's: Matt Grunzke, 247 & 661; Women's: Eldora Stehn 183 & 490

Saturday Night Mixed
11-23-19

Tipsy Turtles	18	6
Little Rascals	15	9
Northwood Sanitation	13	11
Worth Mutual	10.5	10.5
Mason City Glass	10	14
Here 4 The Beer	10	14
Worth Brewing	10	14
R80 Kensett Mafia	9.5	14.5

High Game & Series:
Team: Here 4 The Beer, 657, Little Rascals, 1,885; Men's: Steve Barrett, 278 & 749; Women's: Kris Woltzen 204 & 513

Saturday Night Mixed
12-7-19

Tipsy Turtles	22	6
Little Rascals	18	10
Northwood Sanitation	14	14
Worth Brewing	14	14
R80 Kensett Mafia	12.5	15.5
Mason City Glass	11	17
Worth Mutual	10.5	17.5
Here 4 The Beer	10	18

High Game & Series:
Team: Tipsy Turtles, 693 & 1,914; Men's: Andy Rolands, 267 & 680; Women's: Kris Woltzen, 183 & 451

Saturday Night Mixed
12-21-19

Tipsy Turtles	25	7
Little Rascals	19	13
Northwood Sanitation	17	15
R80 Kensett Mafia	15.5	16.5
Worth Brewing	15	17
Worth Mutual	14.5	17.5
Mason City Glass	12	20
Here 4 The Beer	10	22

High Game & Series:
Team: R80 Kensett Mafia, 693 & 2,004; Men's: Matt Grunzke 236 & 624; Women's: Kris Woltzen, 214 & 561

Green Thumb Garden Club meets on Feb. 24

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Monday, February 24, at Maple Court.

Roll call was answered by 12 members. Roll call was name your favorite floral scent.

Penny Robb handed out the flower show schedule. She said she has the judges lined up for the show.

Seeds that were gotten, were taken by the members.

Sheryl Nitcher gave a program on making a picture using flowers, herbs and other plant materials. It was a very interesting and creative program.

NIACC presents 'The Tap Pack' on March 7



MBT Bank & the Hanson Family Foundation and Samuel & Patricia Congello present The Tap Pack at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020. This presentation is part of the 2019-2020 Performing Arts and Leadership Series.

They sing. They dance. They joke. The Tap Pack is a high energy, tap comedy show inspired by the infamous "Rat Pack" which included the famous talents of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr.

With performances on stage, dressed in suits and equipped with sharp wit, The Tap Pack is a modern twist on the classic Rat Pack featuring high-energy performances of tap dancing, vocals, a swinging live band, and witty onstage banter. Starring five of Australia's most talented performers, equipped with quick wit and sharp suits, these gentlemen mix up a cocktail of songs from Sinatra to Ed Sheeran, tap out red-hot rhythms and bring a new, invigorating energy to a timeless style the whole family can enjoy.

With credits on stage, film, television, and over 20 musical theatre productions between them, The Tap Pack is pure entertainment. The five-member cast wins the audience from the first downbeat, and the pace of their amazing performance never slows. They joke, they compete, they croon, and they cajole while performing cool classics with a fresh twist.

Jesse Rasmussen, Jordan Pollard, and Thomas J Egan, having been friends for many years, created The Tap Pack in 2013. The thought came about in a bar and was written down on a napkin – infuse the Rat Pack with tap dance. The idea leapt off the napkin, driven by passion and hard work. It started to morph itself into a show that was high energy, full of heart, and fostered its unique, Australian take on a classic era of song and dance.

Nigel Turner-Carroll jumped into the Pack as director and co-creator and was steering the Pack towards its ultimate goal – tip a hat to the legends before us, celebrate our own individuality, and be as entertaining as possible! With Kym Halpin on board as producer, The Tap Pack was ready to venture internationally. With the team complete with a stellar cast, the show has been seen in London, Berlin, Beijing, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, on the high seas, and all over Australia.

More information about the show is available by visiting www.thetappack.com or watching a video at www.niacc.edu/palvid eos.

For tickets to the show, call the NIACC Box Office at 1-888-466-4222, extension 4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.niacc.edu/boxof fice.

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Northwood-Kensett program to have two new faces at this year's Corn Cob Nationals

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Every year the Northwood-Kensett youth wrestling program sends worthy kids to compete in all kinds of national tournaments, including the Corn Cob Nationals held at the Jacobson Center at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines this March 14-15.

And while the national tournaments have been trying to be more inclusive the past few years, adding different categories of wrestlers, one new category added for this year's Corn Cob Nationals caught the eye of a couple of what one might call unlikely wrestlers.

At this year's tournament, Northwood-Kensett's 42-year-old Tiffany Tiedemann and 36-year-old Valerie Paulson will take to the circle and test their wrestling ability and knowledge against other women in the Moms Division, a category made up of women who have children wrestling in the Corn Cob.

As it turns out, this won't be the first time these two young women have wrestled. They got the itch to compete at the Corn Cob Nationals after facing off against each other at a Clear Lake beach two years ago.

"We were at a wrestling event on the beach and they announced that they wanted a couple of moms to wrestle," said Paulson. "I was standing on the other side but looked over to Tiffany and we shook our heads and were like, let's do this."

"It happened so quickly that our husbands at the time didn't even know what was going on, they just walked up on a group of people watching a wrestling match and it turned out to be Valerie and me," Tiedemann said.

But it was that match on the beach that got them thinking about competing at the Corn Cob Nationals, which will have a Moms Division for the first time this year.

Both Tiedemann and Paulson have seen their fair share of wrestling, having had, between the two of them, six kids and a combined 35 years of wrestling experience from the stands.

But does that knowledge from the stands translate well to the mat? It seems Tiedemann and Paulson thought it would.

"Well, we thought we knew what we were doing," Paulson said laughing. "It's changed the way we watch our kids wrestle now. It's not as easy as you think it is while you're watching it in the bleachers."

"I'm not as vocal now," Tiedemann said nodding her head in agreement. "I used to scream for them to move, do this, do that, but when you have someone laying on you, you can't always do what people are screaming at you to do."

After talking to Tiedemann and Paulson for this story, one thing was made perfectly clear to me, while these two women are natural competitors, the only goal for the Corn Cob Nationals for both is to have fun enjoying a new experience that not many other mothers would be brave enough to try.

Neither woman expects to have to face the other but when asked just how seriously they are taking their training and competition, both had pretty much the same answer.

"I think it will be all fun until you get a mom that's really taking it seriously," Paulson said.

"Yeah, that's when I think it will get serious in a hurry, if you have someone really roughing you up, I think that competitiveness will kick in and it won't be fun anymore, it will be a wrestling match."

And if they would have to meet in the circle, who would win?

"She would kick my butt, she's a tough lady," said Paulson.

Joining Tiedemann and Paulson in Des Moines will be members of the youth wrestling program, including Caden Schrage, Drake Tiedemann, Trent Tiedemann, Alex Tiedemann, Brody Paulson, Bryck Abrams, Baylor Abrams, Lane Knudson, Owen Binbose, Ethan Binnebose and Ella Knudson, who, by the way, decided to skip the girls division and wrestle with the boys instead.



Asked to show me their mean wrestling face, Valerie Paulson and Tiffany Tiedemann tried, but Paulson couldn't handle it for long and burst out laughing. The two ladies will be competing at this year's Corn Cob Nationals in the Moms Division.



Moms Tiffany Tiedemann and Valerie Paulson get some practice in before they will compete in the Corn Cob Nationals that will be held in Des Moines March 14-15.



Eighth graders end undefeated season

The Northwood-Kensett eighth grade girls basketball team sent head coach Greg Parks into junior high basketball retirement last Thursday night with the completion of an undefeated season. The Lady Vikings went 12-0 this season. Team members include Emily Hannemann, Lindsey Moore, Laney Miles, Mallory Rheingans, Morgan Wallin, Madalynn Hanson, Emma Hengesteg, Chloe Costello, Ella Leonard, Lexi Hanson-Brandsoy, Damaris Peterson and Haddie Hanson.



Cheer award winners

The Northwood-Kensett cheerleading program held its annual awards banquet last Monday night. This year's award winners include Emma Logeman (Newcomer Award), Taylor Rodemeyer (Newcomer Award), Ella Fritz (Newcomer Award) and Alexis Halbach (Dedication Award).

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