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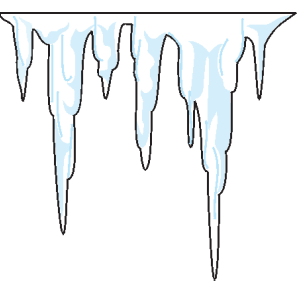
Briefs

Coaches vs. Cancer events on the way

Top of Iowa Conference schools will once again combine their efforts this month to raise funds for local cancer efforts with Coaches vs. Cancer.

The fundraisers will include T-shirts with the same design conference-wide, which will be available through this Sunday, January 12, at coachesvcancer.itemorder.com. Youth and adult sizes are available in long and short

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Supervisors discuss change in attorney position, salary

The status of the Worth County attorney's position as a part time job and the shift in the salary for the duties were discussed at the Worth County supervisors meeting on January 2.

The discussion seemed to stem from the unexpected hike in the county attorney position's salary that had been requested and ultimately recommended by the Worth County Compensation Board. The Compensation Board is the is made up of local residents appointed by county elected officials to recommend salary increases for elected officials. That board provides a recommendation that guides the salary increases approved by the supervisors.

Worth County attorney Jeff Greve had requested that the Compensation Board recommend increasing the salary for his position to $86,265, up from his current salary of $62,875.

As Greve explained at the supervisors meeting, the requested increase in salary accompanies an increase in the amount of time the position will demand, and will be offset as an assistant county attorney job will be eliminated.

Greve explained that the county attorney position has been a 20 percent part time job. Since 2010, Greve has been working with an assistant attorney to handle an increased caseload. Greve noted that Worth County is one of the few that has to deal with cases involving a weigh station, an interstate and,

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School calendar hearing tomorrow

At its regular meeting tomorrow night, Thursday, January 9, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

The school year begins with registration on August 12. Teachers begin their inservices, preparing for the school year, on August 17. For students, the school year will begin on Monday, August 24, the earliest weekday allowed by state law this year. Preschoolers will begin one week later.

The winter break will begin on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, and last through Monday, January 3, 2021.

Spring break in 2021 will take place from March 15-19.

The first quarter will end on October 26. The first semester will end on January 7. The third quarter will end on March 11. The school year will end on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

For students, that will mean 179 days in the classroom. Iowa districts are required to provide a minimum of 1,080 hours of classroom instruction. The calendar, as proposed, would offer 1,146 hours, 561 in the first semester and 585 in the second semester.

That would allow 66 hours to be lost to late starts, early dismissals and snow days

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Latest grants bring Activity Center total to $217,000

Progress continues for the community effort to raise funds to complete the Vikings Activity Center project, with the announcement of additional grants and contributions towards the project.

The Vikings Activity Center is a facility that will be built as an addition to the Northwood-Kensett Junior/Senior High School. It is designed to provide additional gym, practice and training space for N-K students, as well as providing exercise facilities for the community in the form of memberships.

The two level facility is designed to include two gyms, a wrestling room, weight room and room for exercise equipment, as well as an elevated track on the upper level.

As designed, fully completed, the estimated cost is $5.4 million. The Northwood-Kensett school district has determined that it will have roughly $4 million available, borrowed against funds it will receive in the next 10 years from state sales tax.

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2019 Year in Review-
Graduation, Relay For Life, city and county projects

April

On March 25 Roy and Mabel Welch celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary with over 30 people gathering to honor them. Asked how they met, Roy said, "In 1938 I met a beautiful young lady named Mabel at a street carnival in Kensett."

Choir director Nikkole Koenig, band director Jared Barnes and 45 band and choir students, along with six parent chaperones, left on a very full bus headed for New York City on Friday morning, March 8, arriving in New York City at 8 a.m. the next morning. The group toured many New York City attractions and saw a performance of 'The Phantom of the Opera.'"

Sara Fenske, former Northwood-Kensett Family and Consumer Sciences teacher who was arrested on Saturday, November 17, 2018, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance in exchange for the dismissal of charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Taking the reins, and all other outdoor adventure accoutrement from longtime Worth County naturalist Dan Block, is Dakota Popp, a 24-year-old native of Adel, Iowa. Popp was most recently a naturalist intern at Lime Creek in Mason City.

The Northwood-Kensett and St. Ansgar school districts agreed to enter into a superintendent sharing agreement for the 2019-20 school year. Michael Crozier, the current superintendent for Northwood-Kensett, started his role leading both districts on July 1, 2019. The purpose of the sharing agreement is to create additional savings and revenue to solidify and advance student programming for students.

The Worth County Development Authority held its annual spring awards banquet on April 15. The largest grant of the evening was awarded to TUNE, which received $214,313.20 towards its project to remodel the former Northwood Lumber building for a facility to house community events and celebrations.

This year's prom featured a theme of an "Enchanted Sea." It was held Saturday, April 20, with N-K juniors and seniors and their dates taking part in more than a day's worth of magically aquatic activities.



Tearing down the house

After fire struck this home located on Eighth Street South in Northwood in October 2018, it remained unoccupied, in disrepair and with portions exposed to the elements. In early April 2019, the home was demolished. With the debris removed and the home taken down to its foundation, the Northwood city crew removed what remains, and fill it in with dirt. The property is now available through the City of Northwood's dollar lot program.

Josie Einertson, a student at Northwood-Kensett, was recognized by Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg for outstanding achievement at the 17th Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony on April 28 in Des Moines.

May

As of May 1, Jessica

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Vikings back in action — See Page 5

Wright County shares experience with ambulance service at fire chiefs meeting

By Erin McCord
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On Thursday, December 12, the fire chiefs of Worth County held their quarterly meeting.

Guests at the meeting from Wright County were Supervisor Karl Helgevold and Ambulance Coordinator Brian Jensen, who came to talk about the process that Wright County went through to get an ambulance service in their county.

For them, they said it was a four-year process to get the service up and running.

Worth County supervisor A.J. Stone said that, in Worth County, "It boils down to the what, how and if" of the possibility of a local ambulance service, that would likely be provided by Mason City Fire and Rescue.

According to Stone, the fire chiefs are now planning on scheduling open houses and having a booth at the Worth County Fair to talk the public about their ideas and concerns regarding the potential ambulance service.

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before the district would have to add additional days to its school year.

The regular meeting tomorrow, which begins at 7 p.m. in the secondary media center, will include the public hearing on the school calendar. The meeting will also include a discussion of educational issues between school board members and N-K staff with local state legislators Jane Bloomingdale and Waylon Brown.

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That leaves $1.4 million to be raised by the community to complete the remainder of the project.

The latest contribution comes in the form of a $25,000 grant from the Hanson Family Foundation of Forest City. Established in 1971, the Foundation has served as a way for the Hanson family to give back to their community and enhance the quality of life in North Central Iowa through activities involving youth, parks, recreation and other programs affecting the greater community.

Other recent grant and foundation contributions have included $5,000 from the Northwood Swensrud Fund, $10,000 from the Janssen Foundation and $10,000 from the Lampe Trust.

With recent contributions from local and area trusts and foundations, as well as contributions from N-K alumni, community members and local businesses, $217,000 has been raised by the community.

Those interested can find more information by searching for Vikings Activity Center on Facebook.

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N-K marches to first place again

The Northwood-Kensett band once again joined other area schools in the North Iowa Band Festival Parade. The N-K band shared their musical talents with parade watchers and were recognized for their abilities as well. For the seventh year in a row, N-K took first place amongst class 1A bands marching in the parade.

(Jessie) Reyerson took over as Director of Worth County Public Health.

This year's graduating class received $351,788.25 for their first year of college and $562,988.25 in scholarships for their full college careers during commencement exercises held at Northwood-Kensett High School on Sunday.

The Iowa Department of Transportation presented the Iowa Transportation Commission with the draft Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program recently. That included $4,768,000 in Worth County rail crossing, bridge and culvert and interstate paving projects.

June

The Relay For Life of Worth County was held on Saturday, June 1, at the Worth County Fairgrounds. The Relay was a birthday party, celebrating all the years of life after cancer among Worth County survivors. Suzie Reyerson and Dani Gentz were the honorary chairs.

Pastor Don Preston's last Sunday in Bolan was June 9. His last Sunday in Manly was June 30. "It's been a wonderful 12 years," smiled Preston, pastor of Bolan's Trinity United Methodist Church and Bethel United Methodist Church of Manly.

The fifth annual Highway 65 Garage Sale was held on June 21-22 this year. Residents in Manly, Kensett, Northwood, Gordonsville and Glenville were encouraged to start their spring cleaning and make plans to have a garage sale.

The City of Joice asked Worth County for financial assistance to help secure state funding to replace the building and add a community center. The county supervisors committed $10,000 towards the Joice project, $5,000 in each of the next two fiscal years, contingent on the receipt of a CAT grant.

The discussion regarding potential changes to the ambulance service in Worth County continued at a meeting of the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. Worth County Supervisors A.J. Stone and Ken Abrams joined the department for the meeting. The ideas being considered include the Mason City Fire Department staffing a satellite ambulance hub, possibly in Kensett, for the sole purpose of responding to calls in the Worth County designated area, the NVFC purchasing an ambulance and providing transport service themselves or keeping the current arrangement.

Lonnie Harris's uncle Galen once said, "Masons make a good man a better man." Jim Trainer and Paul Ferley agree. Paul has been a Mason for 17 years, Jim for more years than he can remember. Both gentlemen are Master Masons and for the past five years have been Shriners with the Top of Iowa club that meets in Garner. Ferley and Trainer, along with other Shriners in their club, are very active in the Northwood community, as well as several neighboring communities.

Following an extension of the state sales tax used to support education, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education received some financial advice in regards to the funds available to them, before discussing how much the district can dedicate to the proposed wellness center at the secondary campus.

The Northwood-Kensett softball team put together four wins in as many games last June, bringing its win streak to five games and improving its overall season record to a very respectable 9-6 with wins over Lake Mills, West Hancock, West Fork and Eagle Grove.

Every year Jeff Gorball invites our oldest veterans to ride with him in Northwood's Fourth of July parade. It all began seven years ago when he bought a 1967 M715 truck that had been used in the military during the early 70s. "The truck was designed as a troop carrier so there are seats in the back where the vets sit," said Jeff. "This is the kind of truck these guys rode when they were in the Service."

The Northwood Historical Preservation Commission came up with the idea of a historical account of Northwood in pictures – a coloring book. Created by artist Carolyn Reeder, this coloring book contains scenes of Northwood's historic buildings. Among the many fascinating drawings are the Hotel Winifred, the shelter house and gazebo at Swensrud Park, even the Kiddie Barn at the Worth County Fairgrounds.

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since 2006, a casino.

However, as the current assistant county attorney will be leaving the job in the next fiscal year, Greve has opted to increase the county attorney hours instead of hiring a replacement, and so requested an increase in the position's salary.

Greve noted that the bottom line of his department's budget will remain relatively the same, beyond a 3 percent increase in overall salary. The eliminated assistant salary is roughly equal to the increase in salary he requested for the county attorney's duties.

For the supervisors, the biggest concern was that they did not know about the shift in the attorney office's wages, and that the compensation board had been approached first before the change was discussed with the supervisors.

Greve said that he started the discussion with the compensation board because, if they did not approve the pay increase, he would not be looking to take on the additional hours and the discussion with the supervisors would not be necessary.

Supervisors asked Greve if he thought he could handle taking on the additional work that had been done by the outside assistant attorney.

Greve responded that they had two years to find out and make a decision on whether a 3/4 time attorney does the job, or if a full time attorney would be needed.

For the supervisors, there were essentially two options. They could approve or modify the compensation board's recommendations as a whole, which would impact the salaries for the other county elected officials, or they could return the recommendation to the compensation board for reconsideration. They ultimately approved the compensation board's recommendations.

While the position would now be considered a 3/4 part time job, Greve referenced a potential shift to making Worth County's attorney a full time position, and what that would mean for the County.

Greve said that if the county attorney became a full time position, to fill up that person's days, they would likely have extra time with little to do, or would be expected to take on human resources or other specialized legal work that most seeking the county attorney job would not have experience with. Currently, outside firms are hired for specialized legal needs, such as working with the county assessor's office.

Greve also referenced the limited work that can be done in Worth County, based on the amount of trial dates and court dates that are available in a calendar year, all of which are currently used by his office.

Greve also showed, based on salary data for county attorneys throughout Iowa, that making the position full time would increase the salary paid by more than $13,000, if Worth kept up with comparable counties.

Greve mentioned other costs that the County would need to take on, that are not required with a part time attorney that works out of his or her own private practice. That includes finding space for an office for the attorney, as well as hiring an assistant, an expense not currently paid by the County.

Greve said that, if the Worth County attorney became a full time position, it would take effect after his current term expiries in 2022, and he would likely not pursue the attorney job in that year's election. However, he said that he plans to continue as county attorney, if the role remains a part time position.

Northwood Fitness Center open under new ownership

By JoAnn Lower

Chiropractor Sawyer Schulz has recently purchased the Northwood Fitness Center at 1604 Central Avenue, adjacent to Northwood Chiropractic.

The Northwood Fitness Center will continue to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with prices remaining the same.

"We will soon begin yoga and spin classes," said Schulz, adding that he is open to suggestions for adding more classes.

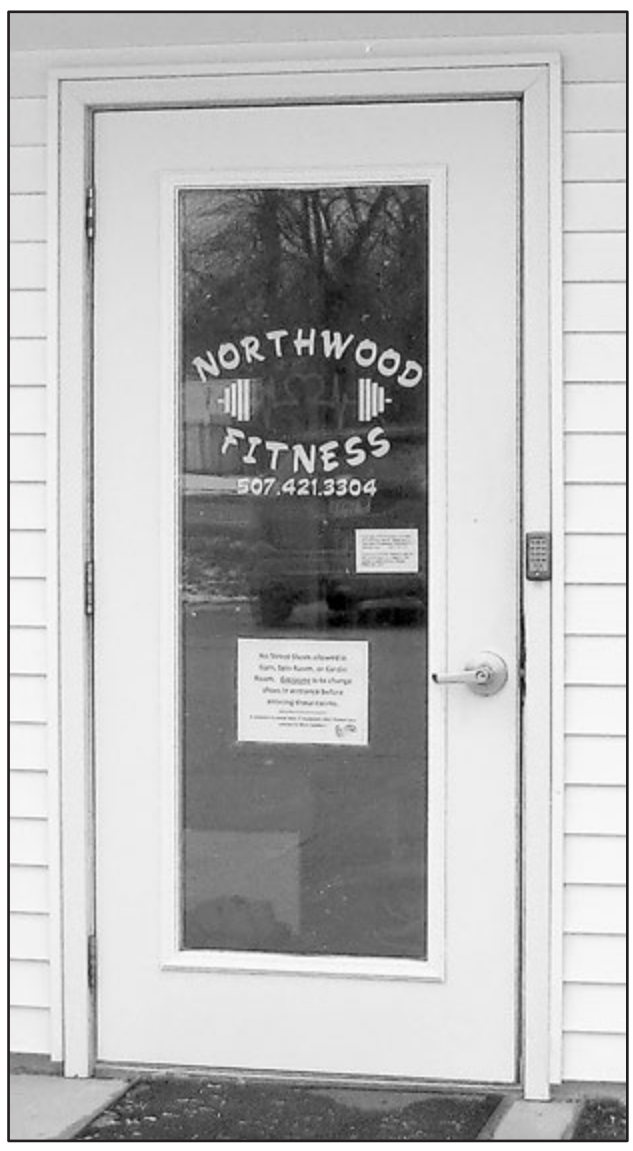
Sawyer was raised on a farm south of St. Ansgar, a farm his grandfather purchased in 1959. He and his wife Michelle have two daughters, three-year-old Collyns and one-year-old Cambry. Their third child is expected on March 3.

Brother Seth, Sawyer's "silent business partner," lives near St. Ansgar with his wife Melissa, four-year-old daughter Olivia and two-year-old son Emerson. They are expecting their third child.

Please call Sawyer at 507-421-3304 if you have questions or would like to join the Northwood Fitness Center.









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sleeved T-shirts and sweatshirts. Local orders will raise funds for the Relay For Life of Worth County.

Those ordering shirts are encouraged to wear them to the Coaches vs. Cancer events held during Top of Iowa Conference basketball games on Friday, January 31, when additional events will be held to raise funds to fight cancer and support local causes like the Relay For Life of Worth County.

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Heartland Power announces opportunities for students

Heartland Power Cooperative of Thompson/St. Ansgar has announced two great opportunities for area youth – college scholarships available for high school seniors and youth tour sponsorships for high school sophomores and juniors.

Heartland Power will award a $500 scholarship to 10 high school seniors whose parent(s) / guardian(s) are Heartland Power Cooperative members with their primary residence serviced by the cooperative. Applicants for this scholarship need to be enrolled in a full-time accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/ technical school.

Also available is a one-time $500 scholarship eligible for students who reside in the communities of Heartland Power Cooperative's service area and are enrolled in a Powerline Program. Parents do not have to be members of Heartland Power. Scholarship proceeds must be utilized for tuition only.

All interested students should speak with their high school guidance counselor or contact Heartland Power Cooperative at 641-584-2251. Application forms for each scholarship are available at www.heartlandpower.com. All scholarship applications are due by Saturday, February 1, 2020.

Heartland Power is sponsoring two Youth Tour participants this year for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Youth Tour participants will have an action-packed week in Washington, D.C., touring historic sites, meeting congressional leaders, spending a day on Capitol Hill, exploring the Smithsonian museums, taking a cruise on the Potomac River and making new friends from Iowa and across the nation. The dates for this year's Youth Tour are June 18-25, 2020.

All students of Heartland Power members who are presently sophomores or juniors in high school are eligible to apply. Youth Tour applications can be found on Heartland's website and must be returned to Heartland Power Cooperative no later than Saturday, March 16.

Heartland Power encourages all those who are eligible to enter the Youth Tour contest.

More information on the 2020 Youth Tour or Heartland Power Cooperative Scholarships is available by calling the office at 641-584-2251, emailing energy@heartlandpower.com or visiting the website at www.heartlandpower.com.



Exchange students calling N-K home this school year are (from left) Merly Kablik of Estonia, Francesca Ariou from Italy and Tankao (Kanpitcha Kongketyia) of Thailand.

Cultural, classroom lessons underway for N-K's three exchange students

By JoAnn Lower

Leaving the familiar behind and plunging into our Iowa way of life are three exchange students who are attending Northwood-Kensett High School this year – Tankao, Francesca and Merly.

Bridging world cultures they share a common purpose – to improve their English and learn about America. Here is a peek into their lives.

Fifteen-year-old Kanpitcha Kongketyai (Tankao) from Bangkok, Thailand, a 10th grader, smiles, "This is the first time I've seen snow."

Tankao speaks Thai, English and a little French. Along with her class in English, she is taking math, introduction to business, history, physical education, Spanish and art. "In Thailand my favorite class is English. At N-K my favorite class is art.

"School is different here," she said. "In Bangkok we stay in one room all day with different teachers coming in to teach different subjects."

Larry and Kristy Ausborn of Kensett are Tankao's host family. An only child, Tankao enjoys the company of the Ausborn's three kids. She is in touch with her Thai family once or twice a week.

Seventeen-year-old Francesca Ariou, a 12th grader from Milan, Italy, speaks Italian, German, Spanish and English.

She enjoys meeting new people and knows this is an experience that will change her.

At N-K she is taking introduction to business, Spanish, history, math, physical education and English. She likes to cook and says that cooking is her favorite class; history and English her most difficult.

"Someday I would like to move to America," said Francesca, who credits Merly with helping her adjust to life at N-K.

Chris and Megan Faught of Kensett are Francesca's host family. Once a week she calls her family back home.

Sixteen-year-old Merly Kablik, an 11th grader from Tartu, Estonia, started learning English in third grade and said she has always watched American movies and listened to American music.

"I began thinking about becoming an exchange student when I was in the seventh grade," she remembers.

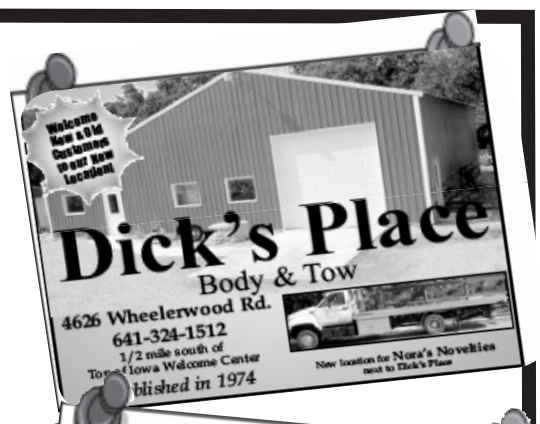
There are no school sports in Tartu, but there are clubs outside of school. Merly is a soccer player on the national soccer team and is "homesick for soccer."

Estonian, Russian, Finnish and English are the languages she speaks. Her favorite subjects at N-K are food, business and psychology; her most difficult are English and history.

Chris and Megan Faught of Kensett are Merly's host family. Every week she is in contact with her family in Estonia.

In the beginning, these brave young women found speaking English all day to be tiring and their first day at N-K to be confusing, but all three are now into a routine, feeling accepted by their peers and learning about themselves as they learn about others.

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Anchor Sports



JAELA PARKS

Stat of the Week: *One of the signs of a good basketball player is knowing when your shots aren't falling and deciding to help the team in other ways. With just one point in last Friday night's 32-17 loss to Central Springs, senior Jaela Parks helped the team in many other ways. Parks, who is fourth on the team with 4.1 points per game, on this night, instead of scoring, collected four rebounds, two assists, three steals and one block, the only player on the team to have a mark in every statistical category that night.*



JASON HANSON

Stat of the Week: *With its top two scorers and rebounders out of the game last Friday night against rival Central Springs, unless someone stepped up in a big way, the Vikings had no chance. But much like it usually does, adversity brings out the best in others. That one to step up on this night was sophomore Jason Hanson, who registered career highs in multiple categories, including 11 points on 4-6 shooting, five rebounds and four steals, keeping the Vikings close in the 39-31 loss.*



Viking Kael Julseth pulls up for a short jumper over CS defenders in last Friday night's 39-31 TIC East loss. Julseth is averaging 3.9 points per game but leads the team with 27 assists on the year.



N-K's Ross DeArmoun drives strong to the basket in last Friday's 39-31 loss to Central Springs. DeArmoun, the team's lone senior this season, scored six points and led the team with five steals.

Injuries adding up, hard to overcome for much improved Vikings

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

As if the loss of Kyle Nichols for the season wasn't enough of a hardship for the Northwood-Kensett boys basketball team to endure, just as it was starting to show vast improvement over last season, it lost its leading scorer, at least for the night, when Caden Roberts injured his shoulder and sat out most of the 39-31 loss last Friday night in Northwood.

The Vikings started the game a little slow against Central Springs but a 3-pointer at the 5:40 mark of the first quarter by Jason Hanson gave the home team an early 4-3 lead before the quarter ended in a 9-9 stalemate.

Although Roberts didn't score any points before leaving the game, his ball handling abilities were sorely missed in the second quarter as the Vikings were outscored by 10 points, 16-6 and trailed going to the locker room at the half, 25-15.

Bouncing back after the break, the Vikings scored eight and nine points in the third and fourth quarter, outscoring Central Springs 17-14, but the deficit was too much to overcome as they fell to their rival from Manly, 39-31.

Hanson led the team with a career high 11 points while Cade Hengesteg added eight points and a team high six rebounds, including five on the defensive glass.

With the loss the Vikings are now 1-6 overall and 0-6 in the Top of Iowa Conference East, with three of those losses coming by 10 points or less.

N-K had a busy schedule this week with games on Monday versus Riceville, Tuesday versus Saint Ansgar and Friday at Osage.

CS 39, N-K 31

CS	9	16	10	4 – 39
NK	9	6	8	9 – 31

TIC East Standings

1. West Fork 6-0
2. Osage 5-1
3. MC Newman 4-2
4. Nashua-Plainfield 3-3
5. Rockford 3-3
6. Saint Ansgar 3-3
7. Central Springs 2-5
8. North Butler1-5
9. Northwood-Kensett 0-6

N-K losing streak reaches seven games with loss to Panthers

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

After winning the first game of the season over North Iowa, the Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team has lost seven in a row, including last Friday night's 32-17 loss at the hands of rival Central Springs.

With the holiday break coming to an end and teams itching to get back on the court despite not being allowed to practice for nearly two weeks, the Lady Vikings hosted Central Springs last Friday night in Northwood.

To say the long break had an impact on both teams' shooting is a gross understatement as they combined for a total of four points in the first eight minutes of play with the Panthers taking an early 3-1 lead.

Central Springs expanded that advantage at the start of the second quarter to 5-1 before sophomore Carly Hengesteg grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back up for the team's first field goal of the game, 11 minutes into the contest.

While the baskets came a little easier in the second quarter, both teams struggled to get a rhythm shooting the ball as the first half mercifully came to an end with the Panthers in front by two points, 11-9.

The Panthers seemed to leave their shooting woes behind in the locker room at the half, but for the Lady Vikings, the struggles continued as they followed up a one point first quarter with a two-point third quarter, falling behind now to start the final eight minutes of play by 13 points, 24-11.

On any other night a 13-point deficit might not seem like much to overcome, but when you've scored only 11 points through three quarters the job is much harder as the Lady Vikings found out after being outscored 8-6 in the fourth, finally falling to their rival from Manly, 32-17.

Hengesteg led the team with seven points while Clara Davidson added four. Junior Olivia Stilley played a fine game as well, scoring three points with a team high seven rebounds.

With the loss the Lady Vikings enter the new year with a 1-7 record overall and they are still winless in the Top of Iowa Conference East with an 0-6 mark.

This week's schedule should put N-K to the test, after Monday's game against Riceville, the Lady Vikings face No. 7 Saint Ansgar (Tuesday) and No. 5 ranked Osage (class 2A) on Friday.

CS 32, N-K 17

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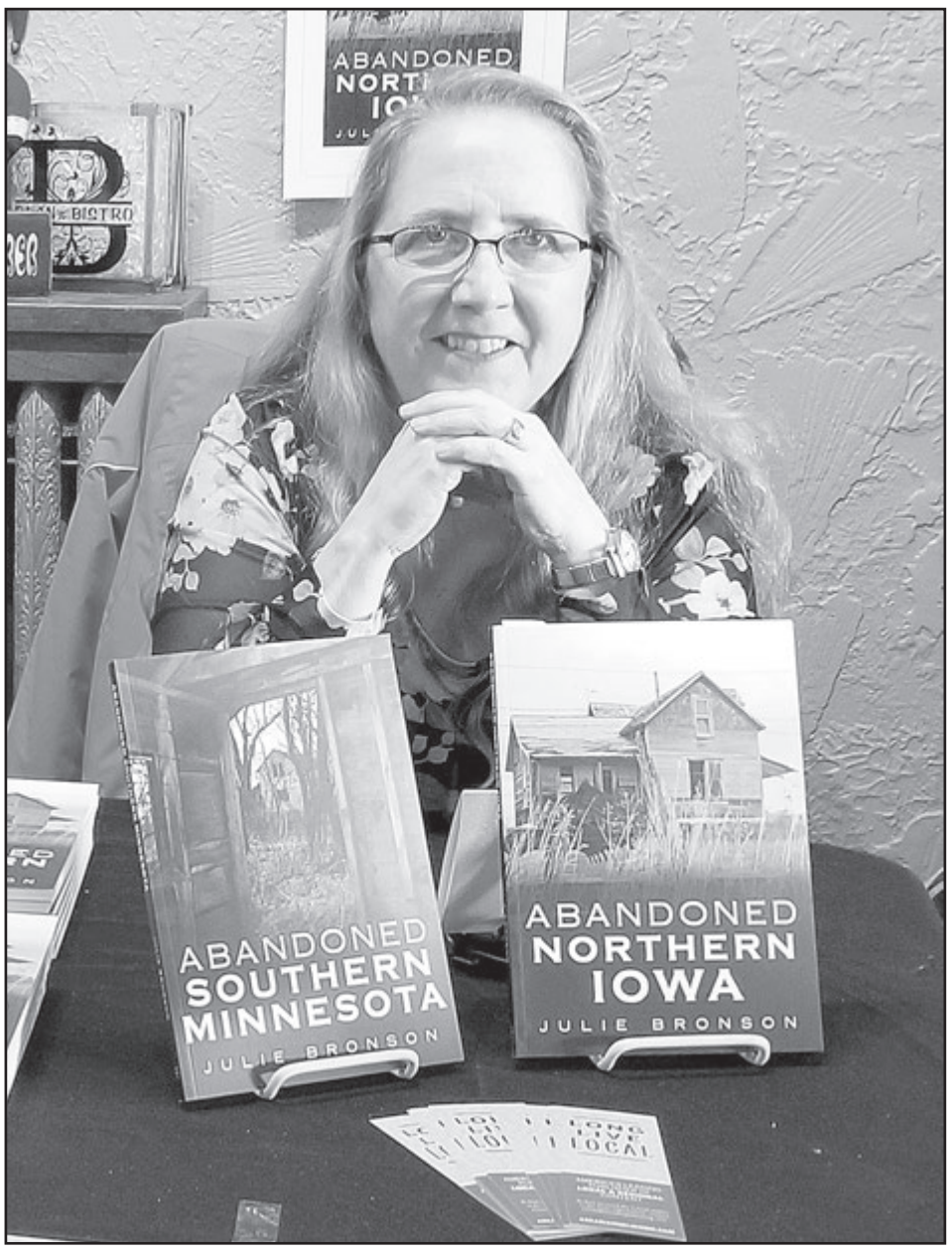


Showing off her improved ball handling abilities, junior Ruthie Conlin beats a couple of CS defenders off the dribble in last Friday night's TIC East matchup. Conlin has been a force coming off the bench this season, now averaging 3.4 points and leading the team with 5.8 rebounds per game.



Not content just throwing up 3-pointers, where she leads the team at 26.3 percent, senior Clara Davidson drives to the basket in last Friday night's 32-17 loss to Central Springs. The Lady Vikings as a team were 0-9 from 3-point range against the Panthers.

Minnesota author memorializes forgotten places in 'Abandoned Northern Iowa'



Julie Bronson of Albert Lea is shown with two of her books of photography chronicling local abandoned homes and farmsteads.

I grew up playing in an old barn. It was shelter for cows and horses, and a playhouse, castle and fortress for me. There was a rope on which I would swing out of the hayloft and touch down in a pile of hay. My tack room was just row of nails on the wall and a couple barrels resting on a hay elevator for saddle racks, but I would arrange my equipment as carefully as if it were the Queen's own.

That barn and all but one of the outbuildings on the old place were flattened by an F4 tornado shortly after I left home, and now there is no indication it was ever there. The yard and the pasture where I rode horses and where my dad pulled my brother and I around on sleds with the four wheeler in the winter is now corn fields, as are almost all the old farmsteads in the area. The land is empty, the towns are shrinking, and the kids are moving to the cities.

When I see these old abandoned places, of course I see the state of dilapidation that they are in, but I also see what they what once were. I see history and pride, hard work and resolve. The drive to provide better for future generations. Little did they know that same drive would lead to many children to seek "better" lives and employment in towns and cities, leaving no one to come back and maintain those places after a generation or two.

Julie Bronson, author of "Abandoned North Iowa," is a kindred spirit in her appreciation for these old places, and has made it her mission to capture as many of them on camera as possible, before they disappear.

At a recent visit to the Bean and Bistro, the author of four books said that at first she never dreamed that anyone else would share her passion for abandoned places, but then she ran across many groups on the website Flickr.com dedicated to abandoned places and discovered she was far from alone. In fact, the exploration of old and abandoned places has become so popular it has a name- urban exploration; although in this area, it would be more correctly called rural exploration.

Bronson has been photographing the disappearing buildings of North Iowa and southern Minnesota for 12 years. At first she shared her pictures on Flickr, eventually self-publishing three books through Amazon publishing.

Then she was contacted by Jay Slater. "He was from England, but he was looking for people from this area," Bronson said. Slater was part of the acquisitions team of Fonthill Media, an imprint of Arcadia Publishing, which publishes the "America Through Time" series of historical nonfiction books.

Bronson has now published two books through Arcadia- "Abandoned North Iowa" and "Abandoned Southern Minnesota." They are collections of photographs with snippets of information and Bronson's impressions of the places.

Some local buildings are featured, such as the Tenold Creamery, "Irv's" house on Marks Hill Road and many area barns, although many of the structures in her books are gone now.

Bronson still has a day job at Interstate Motor Trucks in Albert Lea, but spends most of her spare time cruising the back roads, photographing the weathered relics of an earlier time.

"I always get permission to go on the properties- sometimes just ask a neighbor. People usually say yes," she said, "Although some people don't really understand why I want to see these old places. I just show them some of my work, and they get it."

Bronson has another book coming out in May called "Rusted Relics of Minnesota."

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David Emmons, Pastor

First Shell Rock
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Glenville, MN
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Sunday, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Followed by Coffee Hour.
Pastor Kent Otterman

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Lydia J. Mittag, Pastor

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Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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Pastor Cory Allard

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Wednesday, Lydia Circle, 2 p.m., Confirmation, 5:45 p.m., Choir Practice, Senior High Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 p.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service of the Word + Council Installation, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Altar Guild, 4 p.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Interims
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Fertile Lutheran Church
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Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Dorcas, 9:30 a.m., Leah-Rachel, 1:30 p.m., Confirmation - Hanlontown, 5:45 p.m.; Thursday, EC WELCA General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., MANNA Open 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, (B) 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., EC WELCA Installation of Officers, Bethany Annual Meeting; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Lions - EC, 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Worship - G, Bible Study - B, 9 a.m., Sunday School - B, 9:15 a.m., Worship - B, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Food 4 Thought at Bean & Bistro, Northwood, 8 a.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.
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One In Christ
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Northwood Baptist Church
Thursday, Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Pastor Wolfe

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

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

Bethel United Methodist, Manly, Iowa
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, Bible Study at Mills Harbour, OIC Mission Circle - SL, 10 a.m., 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - Bethany, KC Night - Bethany, 6 p.m.; Thursday, Living Waters Conference Pastors at Our Saviour's Leland, 9:30 a.m., "Acts" Bible Study - W, 7 p.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins - W, 1-2 p.m.; Sunday, Sunday School - W, Worship - B/SL, 9 a.m., Sunday School - L, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - SL, 10 a.m., Worship - I/L/W, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m., OICLP Men's Oyster Stew/Chili Supper - W, 6 p.m., Lunder Dart Ball - First Lutheran Albert Lea, 7:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Lake Mills Area Ministerial Assoc. Meeting, 10 a.m., Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m., Parish Council Meeting - Winnebago, 6:30 p.m.

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Asking for Wisdom



When God invited Solomon to ask for whatever he wished, he asked for wisdom, or more specifically, "a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." (1 Kings 3:9 NIV) God was pleased to grant this request, since this was not the usual request for wealth, or a long life, or the destruction of one's enemies. Perhaps Solomon was already wise in asking for God's help, for only a fool would think that he can solve the problems of life, and especially the governance of a nation without the help of God. Life is complicated and doesn't appear to be getting simpler. Technology may promise to make things better in certain ways, but at a certain age, the new technology itself gets too complicated for many of us. But God's wisdom is timeless, and usually simple. When we are faced with difficulties, the first thing we should do is to pause and ask for God's help. Reflect quietly and prayerfully on God's word, and even if the answer isn't immediately obvious, there is a certain peace that comes from knowing that a higher power is there to help. Only a fool would think that he can solve every problem by himself. –Christopher Simon

"God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God."
– Psalm 53:2 NIV

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

The Ideals Publishing Co. of Milwaukee published many thin, soft-cover cookbooks back in the day. I came upon a first printing copy of "The Ideals American Cookbook" at a thrift store for a dollar and it followed me home. The book is divided into seven areas of the U.S. Iowa is in the North Central section. Colored pictures plus pen and ink illustrations make this an interesting book to page through even if one is not in the mood to cook. On the inside cover there is a name written in a childish hand: Angela Louise Sandeen and the date June 8, 1976. It makes me wonder if this was Angela's introduction to cooking as a young girl. The following recipes are adapted from several sections of the book.

New England Baked Beans
(From the Northeast section)

2 pounds dry navy beans
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups real maple syrup OR
12 tablespoons dark brown sugar
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 pound lean salt pork, cut into 1-inch pieces
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
3 tablespoons dark molasses
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 small pinch ground cloves

Place the beans in a large cooking pot and cover with cold water. Let them soak overnight to soften. In the morning, in the same pot of water, simmer them for 5-10 minutes. Add the baking soda; the water will foam and turn yellow. Rinse the beans well and place into a large bean pot. SANDY'S NOTE: if you don't have a real bean put, use a covered Dutch oven or similar baking dish. Add the remaining ingredients to the beans and mix well. Cover with water. Bake at 300 degrees F. for 6 hours (yes, six hours!), checking every hour and adding more hot water if they are drying out. These are traditional baked beans; the results are worth the time and effort.

Overnight Casserole
(From the Southeast section)

2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
4 oz. shredded cheese, sharp Cheddar or Montery Jack
1/4 pound ground smoked ham (not raw pork)
2 cans, regular size, cream of mush room soup
4 hard-coiled eggs, peeled and diced
1 small yellow onion, peeled and diced

Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl, mixing well. Place in a sprayed 9x13-inch baking pan. Cover with plastic and let it stand overnight in the refrigerator. When ready to cook, remove from the fridge and uncover. Let the dish stand for 30 minutes at room temperature while the oven heats to 350 degrees F. Bake for one hour, testing to see that the macaroni is cooked through.

Graham Cracker Pudding
(From the North Central section)

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
3/4 cup cold water
4 eggs, separated
1 cup white sugar
2/3 cup pineapple juice
1 cup heavy whipping cream
20 graham cracker, rolled into fine crumbs
1/2 cup real butter, melted

Dissolve gelatin in the cold water and set aside. Combine the graham cracker crumbs and the melted butter. Put half this mixture into the bottom of an 8x12-inch baking dish. Beat the egg yolks and add 1/2 cup of the sugar and the pineapple juice. Cook in a double boiler, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from the heat and add the dissolved gelatin. Cool, stirring occasionally. Beat the egg whites until they hold soft peaks. Gradually add the remaining 1/2 cup of sugar, beating constantly. Fold the beaten whites into the pudding mixture. Beat the heavy cream until it holds together and add it to the pudding/egg white mixture. Pour the pudding over the crumbs in the baking dish, then sprinkle the remaining crumbs over the top. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate to cool thoroughly.

Recipes representing the Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, West, Hawaii and Alaska are included in this unique cookbook. They prove you don't have to travel abroad to enjoy good cooking. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

December was filled with joy at the Lutheran Retirement Home

By Rebecca Houg

Every Tuesday in December, staff members played Christmas carols with hand chimes in the chapel. While most employees donned Santa hats, Administrator Scott Halbach went above and beyond with a festive holiday suit and necklace of glowing Christmas lights.

In addition to our own staff playing the chimes, the Northwood-Kensett girls basketball team, led by coach Darryl Love, entertained the residents with their own holiday chimes performance. Those young ladies had a heavenly sound.

Several other Northwood-Kensett student groups played a part in our Christmas festivities. The National Honor Society came after Thanksgiving to help us decorate the many trees located in the Lutheran Retirement Home, the Pines and Breen Center. They usually return early January to help the Activities Department disassemble and put away the decorations.

The Northwood-Kensett High School choir, as well as the fifth-sixth grade choir came to sing carols directed by music teacher, Nikkole Koenig. Another day, Kids for Christ, from Elk Creek Lutheran Church of Kensett also performed several Christmas carols.

The Northwood-Kensett High School band, led by Jared Barnes, came to play holiday tunes and kick off our residents' Christmas party.

Santa Claus played by our own housekeeping department employee, Wes Aikin, was a big hit. He delivered all the gifts donated from the generous members of area churches to each resident. Everyone was also able to enjoy delicious homemade goodies donated by the Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary members.

Speaking of holiday goodies, the Activity Department appreciates our Universal Worker, Gail Read, for helping lead our annual lefse making activity.

The Hartland Achievers 4-H Club blessed the residents with a tote full of goodies to be used during crafts and games.

For the book lovers among our residents, the women of the local Inter Se group donated a dozen new large print books for our library cart. And military veterans at LRH were surprised with a thoughtful gift and heartfelt visit from the Freeborn County Legionnaires group.

In addition to the groups mentioned, LRH also appreciates all the smaller groups, individuals, friends and family members of residents who made donations during the holiday season. Every little bit counts and is a reminder of the important role we play caring for loved ones from our community all year long.



Resident Bonnie Prestholt hugs her new blanket from Santa, played by LRH employee Wes Aikin.



The Northwood-Kensett High School band directed by Jared Barnes kicks off the LRH resident Christmas party.

Free genealogy resources to bring ancestors to life

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the NCIGS Library, Masonic Temple, upper level, 75 S. Georgia in Mason City, Iowa. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Take a non-walking tour of the library. Several society members will highlight some of the collection contents. Interested individuals will learn how to optimize research through both the hardcopy and online access.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

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As Iowa Public Television wraps up our 50th anniversary celebrations, we are preparing for the inevitable change the next 50 years will bring. On January 1, 2020, IPTV changed our name to Iowa PBS. Friends of IPTV Foundation will become Friends of Iowa PBS Foundation. We are changing our names and logos to better position your statewide public television network for the future. Our new names and look will better represent how we deliver our mission to educate, inform, enrich and inspire in today's digital age. We believe "Iowa PBS" clearly conveys that we take our identity first from the state we are proud to serve and then from the network we are proud to deliver.

We do not make this change casually. While this will be the fourth time we have officially changed our name, it will be the first time in 37 years. Why? Our future relies on our ability to be where you, our viewers, are watching and to be easily recognizable to all. We expect TV broadcasting to remain the preferred way to watch us for many in our viewing audience, but many more are also watching through services like Apple TV, Roku or YouTube TV. We believe this name change, which coincides with PBS's recent brand update, will provide an exciting, fresh look that spans broadcast, mobile and digital, making it easier for you to identify and rediscover the PBS content you love.

We are joining many public television stations across the country in this move. More than 40 PBS network affiliates already include PBS in their names today, and according to PBS at least 70 percent of member stations will adopt their refreshed brand in 2020. This includes everything from the vibrant signature color - PBS Blue; a modern, custom font that is highly legible across platforms; to the distinct illustration style evoking warmth, energy and community that highlights the rigor and reason of PBS programming.

We know the investment, the good will and the trust Iowans have given this network over the years. We know we can count on your continued support, but we don't take that support for granted. We want to assure you we are committed to remaining your locally owned and operated statewide network; and to bringing you the best in local arts, music, sports, entertainment and public policy programming. You may rest confidently in the knowledge that our mission, our vision and our service to Iowans will remain steadfast.

Our fast-paced and competitively driven industry demands we stay ahead of the technological curve. It is our great honor to lead our respective boards and work alongside remarkable public media professionals in our shared service to you. Our fellow board members are focused on ensuring the strength of public broadcasting now and well into the future. That future offers great opportunities for Iowa PBS. Together, we will meet the future ready for success.

Happy New Year!

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Your last name is Batt? Any relation to Al Batt?

I am Al Batt

It's a small world, isn't it?

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I read in Business Insider that McDonald's serves about 1% of the world's population daily. Trying to avoid the crowd, I joined family at Buffalo Wild Wings. It was filled with people who regularly remembered their passwords. Buffalo Wild Wings was originally called Buffalo Wild Wings & Weck. They offered beef on weck sandwiches. Weck is kummelweck, a kaiser-like roll. The company shortened its name to Buffalo Wild Wings, with the acronym BWW pronounced: "bee-double-you," which was shortened further to "B-Dubs."

There were TVs everywhere. They got in the way of one another. Each displayed a sporting event. I asked a server how many TVs there were. She thought 80, but she wasn't sure. That seemed high, but I wasn't sure.

The meal came with silverware. A TV remote would have been nice.

The cafe chronicles

There were fenderbergs on the highway. They are clumps of ice, snow and slush that accumulate under a vehicle's fenders. I stopped at the cafe to wish everyone a happy New Year, but everyone wasn't there. I ordered a peanut brittle on whole wheat sandwich. They were out of those. A sister-in-law had given me lefse for Christmas. I went home and ate peanut butter on lefse. It was scrumptious.

The Shepherd and Ingeborg

I sat at my desk as nice weather swirled about outside. I had more work to do than I could shake a stick at if I were the kind to shake a stick at work. I listened to Frederick Forsyth's "The Shepherd" read by Al Maitland on CBC radio as I do every year. Forsyth, known for the thrillers "The Day of the Jackal" and "The Odessa File," leaned one word perfectly against another in the story. A Royal Air Force pilot was headed home from Germany on Christmas Eve 1957. Fog set in, radio communication was lost, and he found himself flying over the North Sea without navigational aid. Hope was nearly lost when a ghostly silhouette of a World War II de Havilland Mosquito airplane rose from the mist below him. It's a breathtaking Christmas mystery with remarkable imagery. If I'd have been standing up, I'd have had to sit down. I'll not spoil it by divulging more.

In an unrelated event from years ago, Aunt Ingeborg called to tell me of going to Duluth to get an award for her accomplishments as a teacher. Ingeborg was someone who fed an opossum on her front steps because she worried about it. I had a photo of that animal hanging on a wall in my office until my wife found a better place for it. Back to Ingeborg's call. She described the bus she rode in, meals, venue, weather, and award ceremonies (there were no airplanes involved) before mentioning the man seated next to her had died on the trip home. She buried the lede. She said the pleasant fellow told a couple of jokes and then he up and died. I thought of the song "Mr. Bojangles," "He spoke with tears of 15 years how his dog and him traveled about. The dog up and died. He up and died. After 20 years he still grieves."

Nature notes

I pay attention to the things in my yard. Mary Oliver wrote, "Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it." She also wrote, "To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work."

I spied with my little eye, snow and a deer in the distance. One of them was looking my way. High numbers of deer reflect a productive landscape. One study found a white-tailed deer will eat over 600 plant species and 3.5 percent of its weight daily.

A bald eagle flew overhead. The DNR estimated there were 9800 pairs of bald eagles in Minnesota in 2017. A 2018 survey found nearly 1700 bald eagle nests in Iowa.

I busied myself providing room service at my bird feeders. I remember seeing evening grosbeaks some winters. I don't see them in my yard anymore. Those handsome "grocerybeaks" displayed prodigious appetites.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, there is no official difference between hills and mountains. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names once indicated the difference was a mountain rose at least 1,000 feet above its surrounding area, but this is no longer applicable.

Meeting adjourned

"Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows." – Robert Green Ingersoll

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Fit to print...

Commemorating the 19th Amendment

This year will mark the 100th year since the 19th Amendment was ratified, guaranteeing the right of women in the United States to vote.

With caucuses on the way in less than a month and elections for county, state and national offices in November, the importance of every vote, regardless of gender, highlights how important the right to do so is.

The Worth County supervisors recently passed a proclamation recognizing the 19th Amendment. The proclamation follows:

Worth County Iowa
19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration
- Proclamation –

Whereas, in 1848 people gathered together in Senaca Falls, New York and cited the unfairness of depriving women of the right to vote; and

Whereas, the fight for women's suffrage, from the first women's rights convention to enfranchisement, lasted more than 72 years, with women from all walks of life, political views and demographic backgrounds asking for the right to voice their opinions at the polls; and

Whereas, Iowa women by the thousands advocated for the right to vote and suffragists nationwide turned to public education and persuasion. They held conferences; campaigned; lobbied; marched; pleaded; petitioned; and suffered public distain, violent opposition, and prison; and

Whereas, suffragists pushed for a single constitutional amendment, granting female suffrage on the federal level, dubbed the Susan B. Anthony Amendment; and

Whereas, Carrie Chapman Catt led the national movement, meeting with President Woodrow Wilson to secure his support for suffrage in light of women's contributions during World War I; and

Whereas, it took male allies to support women in their endeavor to vote, for it was sons, husbands and fathers who ultimately heard the calls of women and the House of Representatives took a historic vote on May 21, 1919 followed by the Senate on June 4, 1919, and three-fourths of the states needed to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

Whereas, Iowa was the 10th state to ratify the 19th Amendment on July 2, 1919 and Tennessee was the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment, making it the law of the land on August 26, 1920 whereby millions of women were enfranchised; and

Whereas, the introduction, passage and ultimate ratification of the 19th Amendment were the culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States; and

Whereas, the ratification of the 19th Amendment ensured women could more fully participate in our democracy and fundam hisement of women; and

Whereas, the daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters of the women who fought so hard to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly 100 years; and

Whereas, women are running for office in unprecedented numbers, many current politicians, both male and female, remember that they follow in the footsteps of these great suffragists; and

Whereas, the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment represents a historical milestone to be lauded and celebrated: Now, therefore, be it . . .

Resolved, Worth County:

1) commemorates the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States;

2) honors the role of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in further promoting the core values of our democracy as promised by the Constitution of the United States;

3) reaffirms the opportunity for people in the United States to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; and

4) reaffirms the desire of Worth County citizens to continue strengthening democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established under the 19th Amendment.

Therefore, citizens of Worth County shall enjoy the freedom of voter participation, continue to fight for voting rights for all citizens celebrates this important milestone by proclaiming the calendar year 2020 to be the: 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration.

Worth County Board of Supervisors
Aaron Stone, Chairperson
ATTEST:
Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

January 7, 1920

Some people said it was 30 below last Saturday morning, but when government observer Chas. H. Dwelle gave out his official figures it was learned that 15 below was the maximum. The day before registered eight below.

It is estimated that at least 1,800 automobiles are owned in Worth County. Up to closing time on December 31, Treasurer Simmons and his clerks had issued 1,148 licenses and had about 300 more applications on file waiting for the clerical work to be done. That indicates that at least two or three hundred are delinquent.

Announcement cards have been received here telling of the marriage of Miss Mabel Urdahl to Mr. Tilmen Kittleson, of Beresford, S.D., the wedding taking place at Beresford. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Urdahl, south of Northwood, well known as an accomplished and lovable young lady. The groom is said to be a worthy son of most worthy parents and a fitting life partner for the girl of his choice.

Fifty years of wedded life together had been happily consummated by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pixley of Northwood, on January 5. In the evening about a 100 of their brother and sister members of the local I.O.O.F. and Rebekah orders fathered at their hall and tendered the Pixleys a banquet and program.

After serving the town of Northwood for 30 years as health officer, Dr. C.A. Hurd has tendered his resignation to Mayor Whitcomb and the city council.

75 years ago

January 11, 1945

Worth County ranked seventh in the 99 counties of Iowa in percentage of quota of total war bonds sold in the 6th War Loan and stood eighth in the state in percentage of "E" bonds sold. These facts were in the Federal Reserve bank bond sales report dated January 6.

Corp. Lester E. Torgerson, a former Barton Township resident, was killed in action on Leyte Island on November 24, according to a war department telegram received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole O. Torgerson, now residents of Osage. No other particulars were given.

Three hundred gift boxes for foreign children are being packed by the schools of the various towns in Worth County for shipment on January 20, according to Mrs. C.O. Christianson, county chairman of the Junior Red Cross group.

Funeral rites for Pvt. Glen Edward Youmans, 21, of Kensett, were held last Saturday at 2 p.m. in Bethany Lutheran Church at Kensett, conducted by the Rev. Leo G. Wolfe, Methodist church pastor, assisted by the Rev. Th. Sigmond, pastor of Bethany congregation.

Lieut. Paul Kittleson, 23, a son of E.E. Kittleson, who formerly lived in Barton Township, is reported missing in action over Germany. He was a bombardier of an air crew. He graduated from the Carpenter high school in 1939 and lived on a farm in Barton Township but is not a Worth County registrant, according to the local selective service office.

50 years ago

January 8, 1970

The ice pond in Central Park has become a busy place as children gather for games of hockey and just plain fun. A group was photographed when the temperature was moderate enough for all sorts of fun on the ice and snow, which has accumulated to over 10 inches.

The Northwood Girl Scouts will not hold the traditional "Burning of the Greens" this year, according to Mrs. Ken Block, neighborhood chairman. State anti-air pollution policies discourage unnecessary burning.

Richard Carpenter, 20, Mason City, has been charged by Worth County officials with assault with intent to commit murder and with robbery with aggravation in connection with a service station shooting in Fertile on December 15.

Ten years ago that is! Charles Cook celebrated his 10th birthday on January 2, when he became the proud owner of a sled presented to him as a gift from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cook. Ten years ago, Charles was named the first baby of the year, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. David O. Nicholson, Northwood, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Darrell E. Klingfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klingfus, Austin, Minnesota. Miss Nicholson is graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School. She is presently employed at A.C. Neilson's Company of Mason City. Her fiancé is presently employed at General Trading Company of Albert Lea. A summer wedding is being planned.

25 years ago

January 11, 1995

Northwood volunteer firemen used a pike pole to probe for hot spots beneath the eaves of Steve and Barb Schutz's garage. Flames destroyed the engine and interior of a pickup parked in the garage and gutted the structure's ceiling, ceiling joists and rafters before the firemen could extinguish the blaze. The Schutz house sustained smoke damage but no one was injured in the blaze.

The Northwood-Kensett school board put out a call for volunteers to serve on a facilities/sharing committee to survey the district's buildings and grounds and to investigate the potential for a whole grade sharing agreement between N-K and the North Central school district.

Worth County Auditor Morris Kalgaarden administered the oath of office to one newcomer and four veteran elected officials as the county's first order of business for 1995. Taking the oath were veteran county attorney Douglas Krull, veteran District 1 supervisor Dorothy Hanna, veteran county recorder Liz Barber, new county treasurer Helen Senne and veteran District 3 supervisor Bev Pangburn.

Alma Anderson, a resident of the Lutheran Retirement Home of Northwood, will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 13. She enjoys receiving mail, so anyone wishing to send greetings or visit her on this special occasion, may do so at the home.

10 years ago

January 13, 2010

There's a new doctor in town! Rachael Etnier, D.O., began practicing full time at the Mercy Family Clinic Northwood, 803 Ninth Avenue North, on November 9, 2009. An Iowa girl, Rachael grew up in Cherokee with her parents, three sisters and a brother. She completed her undergraduate work at Morningside in Sioux City, going on to medical school at Des Monies University.

This past December a number of young bicyclists received a piece of equipment to help make their pedaling in the area a safer proposition. The Kensett Fire Department was able to provide bike helmets to a number of area youth living in the KFD fire district, free of charge, thanks to a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health. The grant funding came form the sale of the special "Love Our Kids" license plates sold by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Emily Meyer and Erik Nelson were married on September 12, 2009, at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa, by Pastor Daniel Hart and Paster Allan Stoa, grandfather of the bride. Emily is the daughter of Russell and Kristen Meyer of Northwood. Erik is the son of Greg and Kathy Nelson of Glenville, Minnesota.

The 135 pound Spencer Capitani took down a RRMR opponent earlier in the year. Capitani went 1-2 in Mason City and ran his season record to 10-6.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Rebecca Schilling



REBECCA SCHILLING

Rebecca Lynn Schilling (Becky), 71, from Cumming, Georgia, went to be with the Lord on December 25, following a brief illness. Becky died at home surrounded by her loving family.

Becky was born to Carlyle and Arlene (Buchanan) Olson in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She worked at her family gas station and grocery store as a young girl. After graduating from Glenville High School, Becky went to college at Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota, where she earned her bachelor degree in education. Once she completed her college degree, she married her high school sweetheart, Paul Schilling. Becky later returned to Mankato State University where she was awarded a graduate degree in rehabilitation counseling.

Becky held many different jobs throughout her work life in the areas of education and counseling. It was when she and Paul relocated from an acreage in Hanska, Minnesota, to Worthington, Minnesota, that she became determined to follow her dreams and began her own business doing what she knew and loved best: cooking, drinking coffee and hosting. Becky opened The Coffee Nook in Worthington in 1998 and became an active member of the Chamber of Commerce in Worthington.

In 2004 she was awarded the Athena Award for inspiring others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

Becky was also a proud member of the Madelia United Methodist Church, Worthington United Methodist Church and Cumming First United Methodist Church, in addition to P.E.O. Chapters in Minnesota, Florida and Georgia.

After many years of working, Becky retired in 2012 and began volunteering on multiple Methodist church boards and in the community. Becky's volunteerism continued when she and Paul relocated to Cumming, Georgia, in 2016.

In her spare time, she enjoyed playing the flute and piano, singing in the church choir, decorating their home for each holiday and season and shopping for the latest styles of clothing and accessories. Becky cherished time spent with her grandchildren, making art projects, cooking and baking. This past March, Becky and Paul celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while wintering in Florida. Becky loved the sunshine and day trips she would take with Paul and their friends and family in Florida.

Becky is survived by her husband, Paul; her children, Tricia Reynolds (Dave) and Cory Schilling (Tanya); her grandchildren, Constance and Carlyle; and her siblings, David Olson (friend, Linda Olson), Gregg Olson (Sandy) and Nick Olson (Angie).

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, Carlyle and Arlene Olson; her grandparents, Emma and Otto Olson and Mable and S. Ross Buchanan; and her sister-in-law, Donna Olson.

A memorial service for Becky was held in the chapel at Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming, Georgia on December 29. Reverend Kathie Stasko, Associate Pastor for Cumming First United Methodist Church, was the officiant. A celebration of life and burial service will be held at the State Line Cemetery in Iowa at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the P.E.O. Foundation Fund or Northside Hospital Cancer Institute Fund in memory of Rebecca Schilling.*

Beverly Johansen



BEVERLY JOHANSEN

Beverly Johansen, 82, of Eldora passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Services will be private. Memorials may be directed to the family. Abels Funeral and Cremation Service, Creps-Chapel in Eldora is caring for Beverly and her family.

Beverly was born on February 18, 1937, in Mason City, Iowa, to Alvin and Vivian (Isenhart) Bork. She was raised in Grafton, Iowa. Beverly graduated from Grafton High School in the class of 1955. On September 3, 1957, she was united in marriage to Arlo Johansen in Mason City. They had a long and happy marriage until Arlo's passing in October 2017.

Beverly was an avid gardener. Her family remembers her as an extremely kind and caring person who would do anything for her family, especially her granddaughters. Beverly also enjoyed sharing pearls of wisdom with her family that she gained throughout her life.

She is survived by her children, Dale (Barbara) Johansen, Valerie Johansen and (Alan Dornink) and Charlene (Robert) Jemes; her granddaughters, Bailey (Matt) Patterson, Emily (Tommy) Stoll, Molly Johansen and Kayla Jemes; her great-grandson, Owen Stoll; her brother, Alvin Bork Jr.; and sister, Jeanie White.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arlo; and her brothers, Keith and Richard Bork.

Bolan

On Monday, December 30, the Bolan Trinity UMW met at the home of Dorothy Urbatsch for their annual Christmas potluck. There was also a short business meeting.

Late Friday afternoon Lori Willert and Linda Nydegger drove to Columbia, Missouri. On Saturday morning they visited Marjorie Kenison Baskett, who resides at the Bradford Manor in Columbia. She is originally from the Bolan area, where she did attend the Barton No. 2 School.

After seeing Marjorie, they headed to Springfield, Missouri, to Evangel University, where the Grand View Lady Vikings were playing against the Evangel Crusaders. The Vikings won 64-49. Grand View is now tied for first place in the "Heart of America" Conference. Friends of Lori's from RAGBRAI also attended the game, and they, plus Kelsie Willert, all went out for a late lunch.

Lori, Linda and Kelsie headed for Kansas City for overnight, then joined Joan Baack of St. Joe, Missouri, for breakfast in Cameron, Missouri. Kelsie was dropped off at Grand View, where she will start the second semester classes on Monday.

In Ankeny they stopped by the Dan and Denise Severson home, where Dave and Cris Severson were visiting from Tiffin, Iowa, and Dale and Sandy Koppen had flown in from their winter.

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ISAIAH ANDERSON.....$816.00
JODI ATTIG.....$2,600.04
FAITH ATTIG.....$992.90
ADDYSON BACHTLE.....$1,327.00
CHRISTOPHER BALLANTYNE....$400.00
THOMAS BLOCK.....$1,004.50
CYNTHIA BORCHERDING.....$35,714.64
DUSTI BRATRUD.....$1,500.00
ANDREW BREITSPRECHER.....$1,026.75
GRADY BUENZOW.....$550.50
RICHARD BUTLER.....$53,808.05
LOGAN BUTLER.....$35,211.55
ALLISSA CARMAN.....$1,382.90
RUTH CONLIN$1,371.75
MACKENZIE DAVIS.....$712.52
AARON DAVIS ...$507.00
LOREN FIEROVA $198.00
WADE FLATTUM.....$47,596.60
ROSEMARY FREDERICKS..$1,255.38
TERESA GEORGE-ZENZ ..$600.00
GEORGE GOEDERS.....$53,307.60
LINDA GRIFFITH.....$4,448.79
HAYDEN HALBACH.....$7,542.50
KATHERINE HALL.....$2,350.02
NATHAN HANNEMANN.$1,452.25
JASON HANSON.....$1,758.50
DOUGLAS HELGELAND $425.00
CADE HENGESTEG.....$890.52
CARLY HENGESTEG.....$948.00
RACHEL HILL ...$552.00
LAURA HOPPERSTAD.$1,695.00
IAN HUSSKE.....$465.00
TYLER HUSSKE $705.00
MORGAN JOHNSON.....$27,487.20
AMBER JULSETH.....$53,501.34
JOSIAH KLIMENT.....$1,196.50
CARSEN KNUTSON $585.50
NOELLE KRAMER.....$21,739.83
JOANN LOWER .$437.07
JAMES MELAND.....$54,159.54
RUSSELL MEYER.....$500.00
TYLER MILLS....$822.00
DOUGLAS MOEHLE.....$3,000.14
HAYDEN MOORE $1,620.50
DEAN MUELLER.....$831.28
JOZALYN MUNSON $1,274.75
KAYLEE NELSEN.....$849.00
GARY NERLIEN.....$4,568.75
JAELA PARKS.$1,247.89
JULIA QUISLEY $263.75
DANIEL REEDER.....$625.00
HEATHER RHEINGANS ...$4,200.00
TREYCEN ROLLENE $454.50
JADEN SCHUMAKER.....$234.00
KENNEDY SEVERTSON ...$1,185.14
MADISON SHOGER $1,414.75
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DANTA SIMS.....$439.50
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LAURIE SPRINGER.....$1,219.13
JAKE STEINMAN.....$578.14
MERLYN TEIDEMANN.....$175.00
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MEGAN THORSON.....$1,582.50
DRAKE TIEDEMANN.....$556.50
CRAIG TOFT .$41,792.90
CONSTANCE TOFT-BUTLER$1,332.50
DIRK VAN RYSWYK$67,778.77
ANDREW WILDER.....$1,279.50

Supervisors

January 2, 2020
First Day

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

Smeby 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: Smeby, Stone and Abrams. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: None.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to appoint A.J. Stone as Chairperson for 2020.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to appoint Kenneth J. Abrams as Vice-Chairperson for 2020.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the January 2, 2020 Agenda as amended.

Motion by Stone, carried to approve the December 23, 2019 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to re-appoint Rich Brumm as County Engineer.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adopt a resolution that Rich Brumm is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the Worth County Supervisors to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in the county, adopt a resolution to comply with provisions of the 1970 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act as amended by Title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987; that in accordance with county engineer recommendation, that for secondary road projects, ROW payments be 3 ½ times the 100% valuation, fence removed be $18.00/rod for barbed-wire and $32.00/rod for woven wire, and crop damage to be $950.00/acre for corn and $700.00/acre for all other crops.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried that the County Auditor be authorized to pay bills during a meeting adjournment:

1. Salaries and payroll previously approved by the board.

2. Insurance payments and unemployment quarterly report payments.

3. Emergency expenses deemed necessary by the County Auditor.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried that the following appointments be made: County Board of Health (3-year) –Dennis Bartz and Kathy Meyer; Commission of Veteran Affairs (3-year) – Paul Ferley; Weed Commissioner (1-year) – Michael Bode; County Board of Review (6-year) – Mike Romig; County Welfare Services (3-year) – Sandra Mireles; Conservation Board(5-year) – Matthew Smith; County Eminent Domain Compensation Board(1-year) – Realtor: Myron Lupkes, Michael Romig, Julie Robb, Arlyn McHenry, Clara Hegeland, Chad Nelson, Erin Runde; Owner Operators of Agriculture Property: Keith Braun, David Hengesteg, Steve Davidson, Earl Trenhaile, Erling Myli, Chris Hagen; Owners of City or Town Property: Dick Bruns, David Bang, Terry Steinmetz, Laura Sabby, Jane Podgorniak, Steve Wise, Roger Rustad; Persons Having Knowledge of Property Values: Arlyn Tenold, Tyson Robb, David Irons, Aaron Carman, Ben Tweeten; Zoning Board of Adjustment (5-year) – Dan Robb; Central Social Services Governing Board (1-year) – Ken Abrams, A.J. Stone; North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services (3-year) – Mark Abrams, A.J. Stone; Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center (3-year) – Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone; Board of Directors – Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services (1-year) – Ken Abrams, A.J. Stone; Iowa Workforce Appointee (3 – Year) – Mark Smeby; North Iowa Community Action (3 – year) – Mark Smeby; North Central Iowa Emergency Response Commission (3-year) – Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone; NIACOG(1-year) – A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby, Rick Scholbrock, Paul Norland; Transportation Policy Board(1-year) – Mark Smeby, Melissa Michaelis; NIACOG Revolving Loan Fund Committee (1-year) – Andy Helgeson; Regional II Transit Advisory Committee (3-year) A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby; Airport Zoning Ordinance Board of Adjustment (3-year) - Mike Dierenfeld; City of Manly – Board of Adjustment (5-year) – A.J. Stone; Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority – Board of Directors (4-year) – Ken Abrams.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the following claim:

Kleen Sweep Construction, Service-ENG.$30,900.00

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Annual Construction Evaluation

R E S O L U T I O N #2020.01.02

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

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WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Date: January 2, 2020
ATTEST:
Aaron Stone
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution 2020.01.02.02:

R E S O L U T I O N 2020.01.02.02

WORTH COUNTY

Resolution to Cancel Automatic Renewal

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY IOWA TO CANCEL AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Worth County, Iowa (the "Owner"), whose address is 1000 Central Avenue, Northwood, Iowa 50459 and PEOPLESERVICE, INC., and its successors and assigns ("PeopleService"), whose address is 209 South 19th Street, Suite 555, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-1758 entered into an Operation and Maintenance Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of 12/27/2011 and renewed on 06/05/2017.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms in Article V of the Agreement, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall automatically renew for successive terms of one (1) year each unless written notice of cancellation is given by either party to the other no less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of expiration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Owner shall exercise its right to cancel the automatic renewal pursuant to the terms in Article V of the Agreement, effective June 30, 2020. The Auditor is here by directed to send written notice to the President of PeopleService Inc. advising them that Worth County is exercising their right as referenced above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

Form 653A — Iowa Department of Management

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
Worth County Emergency Management Commision
Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020

Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:
January 23rd 2020	6:15 PM	Worth Co. EOC 99A 9th St North Northwood IÀ 50459

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES:	From	To	Reason
Administration and Operations	77,934	83,024	Purchase of Disaster Management System
Capital Outlays	173,494	181,354	Grant Award for gas detectors (WCDA)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
Worth County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 1/23/2020 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: Worth County EOC 99A 9th St North Northwood IA

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

	Actual FYE June 30 , 2019	Estimated FYE June 30 , 2020	Proposed FYE June 30 , 2021
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE: 1	161,329	137,481	111,403
REVENUES:			
County Contribution 2	62,826	80,734	65,326
Other Revenues 3	25,245	144,616	22,477
Total Revenues (2+3) 4	88,071	225,350	87,803
EXPENDITURES:			
Administration and Operations 5	70,771	77,934	83,620
Capital Outlays 6	41,148	173,494	35,250
Total Expenditures (5+6) 7	111,919	251,428	118,870
Total Ending Fund Balance 8	137,481	111,403	80,336

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
Worth County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 1/23/2020 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM Meeting Location: EOC Center

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

	FYE June 30, 2019 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2020 Re-Estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2021 Proposed Expenditures	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2021	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2020	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge
1. Surcharge Fund	50,176	147,015	176,520	0	511,418	577,938	13,000		97,000
2. Operating Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. TOTAL	50,176	147,015	176,520	0	511,418	577,938	13,000	0	97,000

January 2, 2020
Second Day

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

Smeby 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: Smeby, Stone and Abrams. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: None.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the December 30, 2019 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the following claims:

Kleen Sweep Construction, Service-ENG.$30,900.00

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Annual Construction Evaluation

R E S O L U T I O N #2020.01.01

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WORTH COUNTY IOWA
ATTEST:
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Chairperson
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Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Worth County 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Proclamation.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the compensation board's recommendation of a 3.0% increase for the attorney; 4.00% for the sheriff; 3.50% for auditor, recorder and treasurer and 0.0% increase for supervisors. Salaries of elected officials for FY20/21 will be Attorney - $86,240; Auditor - $58,747; Recorder - $58,747; Treasurer - $58,747; Sheriff - $75,173; Supervisors - $30,752; Supervisor Chair - $31,252.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the 2020 Wellness Agreement between Iowa State Association of Counties and Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve that $13.25 remain the hourly rate paid by the courthouse for 2020.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried that the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal be designated the official county newspapers for 2020.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve $.575/mile as the mileage rate for 2020.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the county daily meal reimbursement rate remain at $35/day for 2020.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Mindy Lund at $13.25/hour as submitted by public health.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:53 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Aaron Stone
Chairperson

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Farmers offered guidance on Farm Bill decisions

Upcoming Iowa State University Extension and Outreach meetings will provide guidance for Iowa farmland owners and operators reviewing their options under the 2018 Farm Bill. Farmland owners and operators have the opportunity to make a new decision on their enrollment and election between the commodity programs, Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC).

ISU Extension and Outreach in Worth County is hosting a "2020 Farm Bill Decisions" program on January 22 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss important considerations for Iowa farmland owners and operators. The meeting will be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett at 600 Fifth Street. The meeting is approximately 2 1/2 hours in length.

"There are important decisions coming up this winter for both landowners and current producers on Iowa farms," said Kelvin Leibold, farm management specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "Our goal is to assist as many farmers as possible, and to do that our farm management specialists have scheduled more than 50 informational meetings across the state." Cash rent landowners are encouraged to learn more on these programs. They will need to provide a release for the PLC Yield to be updated by producers using 2013 thru 2017 crop production evidence.

Local USDA Farm Service Agency staff members, who administer the programs, will be present to discuss regulations and rules of the 2018 Farm Bill. ISU Extension and Outreach farm management specialists will provide information on the current financial picture for Iowa agriculture, upcoming decision points and online resources to help farm owners and operators in the decision-making process. With the cyclical nature of agriculture, stress is ever present. ISU Extension and Outreach Family Life Specialists will also join the program to promote healthy strategies for recognizing and coping with stress.

There is no registration fee to attend the meeting. For a complete list of Farm Bill meetings visit the Extension and Outreach statewide calendar.

Visit the Ag Decision Maker Farm Bill website or your county Extension office for a list of meeting times and locations.

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'08 Chrysler Aspen RWD, 132k	$5,395
'08 Chevy Colorado Box Truck, 127k	$3,995
'07 Honda Accord Ex-L, 252k	$2,995
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'04 Chevy Silverado 4x4, 309k	$1,500
'00 Buick LeSabre, 134k	$2,495

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Worth County Salaries

WORTH COUNTY ANNUAL SALARIES FOR 2019

As per the Iowa Code Chapter 349.18, the salaries of persons employed by the County shall be published annually showing the total amount of annual salary.

Employee Name Salary

AAMODT, ROBERT $56,382.72
ABRAMS, KENNETH $31,313.78
ANDERSON, KIMBERLY $23,826.29
ANDERSON, RICK $40,337.76
ANDERSON, TAYLOR $31,274.01
BACKHAUS, BRETT $51,282.92
BACKHAUS, JACKI $56,063.44
BAKKEN, GERALD $2,806.87
BALEK, RONALD $22.44
BARBER, SHELLIE $42,079.96
BEENKEN, KELSEY $20,356.44
BENSON, ERICHA $16,621.13
BERG, JAMES .$5,753.37
BINNEBOSE, TYLER $7,959.61
BLOCK, DAN .$50,900.68
BODE, MICHAEL $53,185.28
BODTKE, TERI $38,742.85
BOECKHOLT, LISA $39,316.52
BORCHARDT, WILLIAM $56.48
BRUMM, RICHARD $123,171.92
BRUNSVOLD, BLAIR $49,309.04
BUTLER, LYNN $41,830.06
BUTLER, MARGIE $43,400.66
BUTLER, SHANA $47,970.04
CHRISTESON, RICK $70,795.07
CHRISTIANSON, SARA $15,287.68
CLAGETT, THOMAS $9,187.02
COOK, TYLER .$4,820.33
COTTRELL, MARK $6,964.40
CRAWFORD, RANDY $40,248.04
DORSEY, TERI $43,323.58
DOTY, CHELSEY $28,097.44
DOTY, DUSTIN $38,030.75
DVORAK, NICHOLAS $11,706.70
EILERTSON, EMILY $26,022.64
ERLANDSON, ALEXANDER .$32,896.13
FANK, DAN ...$71,359.48
FAUGHT, CHRIS $4,291.00
FERLEY, PAUL ..$550.00
FLATTUM, CALLIE $35,505.30
GREVE, JEFFREY $62,024.48
GRUNHOVD, ANDY $46,368.21
HACKBART, PHILIP $804.96
HANSON, GARY $50,208.69
HANSON, JACOB $56,063.44
HANSON, JAMES $52,431.13
HARRIS, DEDRA $36,010.44
HARTWIG, SUSAN $34,721.66
HEIMS, JAY...$13,225.33
HELMERS, CHAD $47,280.02
HENGESTEG, STEPHANIE $42,923.44
HENNIGAR, KIMBERLY $43,622.80
HERWEYER, DEBRA $550.00
HICKLE, JOLENE $42,638.68
HOCH, MELISSA $54,978.37
HOCH, SHAYNE $56,851.52
JACKSON, JACOB $35,782.28
JASPERS, PATRICIA $39,746.02
JOHNSON, TERESA $38,649.36
JORGENSEN, AMY $42,923.44
KISNER, COLTON $9,744.98
KNUDSON, KEVIN $54,152.80
KNUDTSON, DAWN $37,053.81
LEE, STEPHANIE $46,841.13
LESTRUD, SCOTT $51,610.74
LUND, BRIAN$34,398.40
LUPKES, JAYNE $1,064.11
LUTHER, JESSE $65,350.90
MCLAUGHLIN, JOHN $49,974.00
MEYER, RUSSELL $61,457.68
NERLIEN, GARY $1,773.32
O'HERN, TERRY $7,073.01
OLSON, BRYON $56,824.40
OLSON, TERESA $56,063.44
PATTERSON, TAMMY $34,464.16
PAULSON, DENNIS $55,611.03
PAULSON, VALERIE $39,719.60
PAULUS, MARCUS $1,925.40
PETERS, MARVIN $8,231.81
POPP, DAKOTA $27,183.24
PRAZAK, EDIE $37,787.71
REID, THOMAS $16,199.88
REYERSON, DAVID $56,937.43
REYERSON, JESSICA $60,291.52
RODEMEYER, LOIS $36,773.33
ROHNE, JOEL$83,317.84
ROSENBERG, JOSHUA $16,441.79
RUSH, BOB.....$1,200.00
RYDSTROM, MEGHAN $54,490.84
SCHMIDT, JASON $38,616.42
SCHRUPP, ZACHARY $56,460.54
SCHUTZ, JILL$58,779.04
SHIPMAN, STEVE $13,707.55
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SMEBY, MARK $32,247.52
SMITH, JOHN$61,509.13
SMITH, STEVEN $11,944.34
SPRINGER, LAURIE $23,906.73
STAYNER, MARILYN $54,926.13
STEVENS, AARON $9,324.89
STEVENS, JUDY $40,796.35
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TERLISNER, MANDI $25,463.72
THOMPSON, CINDY $56,229.88
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TOMLINSON, MARK $46,576.36
TUTTLE, MARK $14,108.24
TUTTLE, TIMOTHY $53,942.68
VAN REESE, ZACHARY $5,218.55
VENZ, ALAN..$60,724.01
VORLAND, JOAN $38,276.92
WALLIN, BRIAN $47,836.82
WENTWORTH, THOMAS $53,615.88
WURTZEL, CHAD $57,655.35

Northwood Public Library

By Morgan Johnson
Library Director

We had a great end to 2019 with our "Painting with Carolyn Reeder event," our annual "gingerbread" house decorating story hour, and our holiday open house week. We appreciate the members of the Artology group who shared their amazing artwork with us! What a blessing to live among such talented people!

We hope everyone's new year is off to a great start! Our year certainly is! We recently received a grant from the WCDA and replaced our outdated copier and fax machine. We are excited to now offer color copies and better quality printing to our patrons! We will also be updating our public computers, circulation desk computer, and my office computer thanks to the WCDA within the month. We are so thankful for the opportunities the WCDA provides for us. We wouldn't be able to make these upgrades without their generous grants!

We again want to express gratitude to the family and friends of Kathryn Mills who donated money to the library in her memory. So far we have purchased "The Fountain of Silence" by Ruta Sepetys, "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn, and a juvenile form of the popular nonfiction book "Fly Girls" by Keith O'Brien. We also wish to express our immense gratitude to the current sophomore class at Northwood-Kensett. The money given by them in Kathryn's memory will be used to purchase a new comfy chair for our patrons to use at the library.

Our Friday morning story hours will start up again on Friday, January 17 and continue every Friday through the month of February. Join us as we play, craft, read and snack together! This time is best for kids aged 3-5, but all are welcome to attend. A parent or caregiver is required to attend with the child(ren). And since we live in Iowa with unpredictable weather, please remember that if school is cancelled or two hours late we will not have story hour that day. We are also considering starting our story hour at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. Should we make this change? Please let us know what you think.

On Thursday, January 16 will be our next evening story hour. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a fun snow themed story hour with a cute craft, fun activity, some snowy books and a little snack!

It's also not too early to be thinking about our Summer Reading program. If you would like to sponsor an event or donate to our program, please contact the library. And if you have sponsored something for us in the past, look for a letter to be arriving from us within the month. Thanks in advance for all of the support!

New this month at the library:

Adult Fiction: "A Family of Strangers" by Emilie Richards, "Redemption Point" by Candice Fox, "The Accomplice" by Joseph Kanon, "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewel, and "Tracking Game" by Margaret Mizushima.

Large Print: "Take a Chance" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "Hitting the Books" by Jenn McKinlay, "Honor Bound" by B.J. Daniels, and "The Bridge to Belle Island" by Julie Klassen.

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 641-324-1340. We hope to see you at the library soon!



Gingerbread house decorating event



Painting night with Carolyn Reeder

Eco-healthy child care classes offered online

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering an online series for early childhood professionals interested in becoming endorsed as an Eco-Healthy Child Care program. The three-session series begins Jan. 8, says Malisa Rader, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Eco-Healthy Child Care is a national program that seeks to improve the environmental health of children by partnering with child care professionals to eliminate or reduce environmental health hazards found in child care facilities, Rader said.

"As Hester Paul, the program's national director, says, we must protect young children from exposure to common environmental health hazards found within child care facilities. Their bodies are growing and developing at a rapid rate, so they are especially vulnerable to the effects of toxicants," Rader said.

"The Eco-Healthy Child Care program creates healthier environments in and around child care facilities, and in doing so, creates healthier kids," Rader added.

"Created by the Children's Environmental Health Network, this research-based course offers practical and feasible ways for family and center child care providers to provide a healthy and safe early childhood environment," said Rader.



More than 2,800 child care facilities throughout the U.S. as well as a few in Australia, Canada, India and the United Kingdom have been EHCC endorsed, reaching more than 147,000 children. The endorsement checklist consists of 30 items describing environmentally safe practices for center-based and family child care facilities. Topics include lead, mercury, pesticide use, treated playground equipment, art supplies, plastics, radon and more.

The online series offered by ISU Extension and Outreach is approved for DHS credit. Register on the DHS Training Registry, https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/TrainingRegistry/Home.aspx. People with questions can contact Malisa Rader at mrader@iastate.edu or their local ISU Extension and Outreach human sciences specialist in family life.

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Master gardeners plan winter webcast series

Beginning in February, the Master Gardener program with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide a winter webcast series in county extension offices across the state.



Garden with play area for children.

Speakers for this year's series were chosen based on current issues and Master Gardener volunteer interest, according to Susan DeBlieck, Master Gardener state coordinator with ISU Extension and Outreach. Participants will learn about climate change and native plants, and get tips for designing gardens that encourage children to spend more time outdoors.

"The webcast series gives Master Gardener volunteers a chance to continue their learning, which they can apply to their volunteer projects within the community," DeBlieck said.

Those interested may contact an ISU Extension and Outreach county office to see if they are hosting the webcasts, and for specific details about how you can participate.

Topics and speakers: Iowa Weather: With a changing climate, Iowa will be warmer and wetter. State Climatologist Justin Glisan, from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, will share what people can do to adapt to changing growing conditions.

Bring Kids in the Garden: State Master Gardener Coordinator Susan DeBlieck wants adults to help get youth outdoors every day. She'll share ideas for Master Gardener volunteer project sites and youth landscape design tips.

Explore the Ada Hayden Herbarium: Love native plants? Deborah Lewis is the curator of the Ada Hayden Herbarium. Learn about early Iowa botanists, explore the herbarium and Lewis' favorite native plants. What would we find if we had full-access to the Ada Hayden Herbarium for an hour-long scavenger hunt without worrying about "museum rules" and damaging the specimens (or getting squished between the moveable rows of cabinets)? First, we might find out what the herbarium is, how its samples (specimens) are stored, and why the herbarium is important in teaching and research. Next, participants would track down some favorite specimens – old, rare, lovely, recent, odd. Then, from these specimens, we could perhaps find clues to the stories of a few of the many collectors of Iowa's native plants who are represented in the herbarium – and how their specimens and research results are still being used. The scavenger hunt list includes Indian-grass, packet, Louis Pammel, morel, plant press, orchid, and, of course, Ada Hayden.

All webcasts count toward Master Gardener continuing education hours and last an hour. For more information, contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office, or contact DeBlieck at 515-294-6764, or deblieck@iastate.edu.

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