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Gone with the wind turbine

The wind turbine pictured above has been a standout in the wind farm that can be found in Barton Township. Located east of Bolan, the turbine caught fire in 2012 and has remained in place, unmoving since. It would seem that will soon change, as equipment has been moved into place to remove the remaining structure.

With no appeal, Viafield free to continue its Northwood expansion

Last November, over the course of two meetings, a proposed addition to the Viafield facilities in Northwood came before the city's Board of Adjustment, as a portion of the project did not meet the uses for property in the zoned area. A permit was issued, but a potential appeal created concern for Viafield representatives and supporters.

Two meetings of the Board of Adjustment were held in November. At those meetings, Viafield was seeking a permit for a special use, to build a fertilizer tank as a part of a planned construction project on its existing property in the northeast corner of the city. The permit was necessary, as a fertilizer tank is not a use allowed in the zoned area where the facility will be built.

At the first meeting, a motion was made to deny Viafield's permit for the special use. When it came time for the vote, that motion failed 3-2. Board members assumed that a failed motion to deny a permit essentially gave Viafield approval. kj;;lkjHowever, a vote to approve a permit was needed and a second meeting was held.

At the meetings, Viafield representatives addressed concerns from the public and neighboring property owners.

Those speaking for the Viafield project outlined what they said were state-of-the-art safety measures and designs that would be the best currently available, at a cost higher than they would have to spend. They also noted that the new facility would replace outdated infrastructure that was not environmentally-friendly and not as safe.

Viafield noted it was spending the cost to make sure that they continue doing business in Northwood, as their board members and customers had requested.

Those speaking against the project objected to its location, saying they believed it would be safer outside of

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Briefs

First Baby has arrived

It would seem that the First Baby of 2020 in the Northwood-Kensett school district may have arrived. Landon and Jess Perkins are the proud parents of a baby boy, Lukas Maurice Perkins, who was born on January 10, 2020.

Look for more information on the first baby in a future issue of the Northwood Anchor.

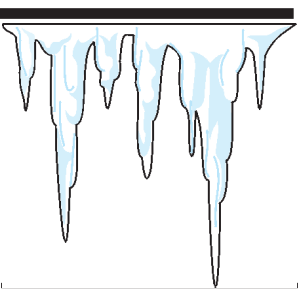
N-K FCCLA hosts blood drive today

Those looking to give a life-saving donation can do so at a blood drive being held today in Northwood.

Northwood-Kensett's FCCLA group is hosting a blood drive in the high school gym today, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The FCCLA is working with LifeServe Blood Center to collect blood donations for the hospitals, clinics and medical centers that

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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WCCF Distributes More Than $48,000 to Local Organizations

The Worth County Community Foundation (WCCF) held its 2019 grant celebration at Fertile City Hall on January 9, where $48,813 in grants were distributed to 13 projects of organizations serving Worth County.

"The impact these dollars will make in Worth County is important to highlight," said Lucy Heiken, WCCF Committee Chair. "One application in particular stood out this year. A devastating fire in September 2018 destroyed the library, city hall and community center in the City of Joice. The Worth County Community Foundation felt it was essential to grant $15,000, more than what was initially requested, to the city's reconstruction project. Strengthening and creating more vibrant communities is at the core of what we do, and the committee wanted to support the City of Joice as much as possible with their rebuild efforts."

Following is information on grants in several categories, announced last week:

Art and Culture

Worth County ISU Extension, 4-H Arena Canopy Feasibility Study, $2,125

Community Betterment

City of Fertile, Fertile Garden Club - Golf Cart and Water Tank Sprayer, $3,471

City of Joice, Library, City Hall and Community Center Reconstruction Project, $15,000

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Outpouring of community support for Ryan family after baby Bentley born at 28 weeks

By Erin McCord
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Most of the details of the timeline of Bentley and his family's experiences comes from Connie's entries in her CaringBridge.com journal. The gaps were filled in with Connie by phone from Omaha, Nebraska, where she remains with Bentley.

Connie and Joe Ryan, of Manly, weren't expecting any more children in their life. They are employed at schools, Connie, a fourth grade teacher in Osage, Joe works at Central Springs in custodial and transportation. They already had three girls, Ellyan, Carly and Riley, plus little Briggs, who was their rainbow baby after five miscarriages.

When they found out in late June 2019 that Connie was 19 weeks pregnant, it came as a surprising start to a difficult journey.



Connie and Bentley

Four days later came the

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Year in Review-

Viking activity plans, new N-K employees, Homecoming

July

The 2019 Worth County Fair had 3,283 people walk through the gates, versus 3,655 in 2018. Specifically, Friday's numbers were down, which fair officials attributed to the cold, windy weather. Fair board president Chad Nelson reported that "Saturday's numbers were up; the grandstand had great numbers; and the carnival was thrilled with the traffic they had, along with the groups that did the daily shows."

At the 2019 Worth County Fair 4-H Livestock Ribbon Sale, a total of $55,900 was paid for 102 ribbons. The average price paid per ribbon was $550. Three youths, Julia Quisley, Tianna Charlson and Justin Mills, shared the "top dollar" title this year, each receiving $1,000.

Dave Ver Helst, owner of Ver Helst Drug Center in Northwood, was recognized as Citizen of the year during Northwood's Fourth of July festivities, for his support of community events and activities, the free medical advice and health tips that he offers over the counter and his work with the residents of the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Pastor Cory Allard began serving Bethel United Methodist

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Buggin' Out!

A large of group of curious children at the Northwood Library was treated to a visit from the Iowa State University Insect Zoo on August 2. ISU entomologists shared information on the anatomy and life cycles of various insects and arachnids, but the real fun began when the children were able to get up close and personal with the creatures. They were able to touch and hold millipedes, beetles, tarantula sheds and a Madagascar hissing cockroach. The zoo visit was sponsored by Kenison Construction of Northwood.

Vikings beat RRMR & Newman — See Sports Page 11

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Church in Manly and Trinity United Methodist Church in Bolan on Sunday, July 7.

At a workshop, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education discussed their plans to borrow funds for a wellness center to be used by the school and its community, as well as how those funds could best be utilized.

The Vikings baseball team got five players on the Top of Iowa All-Conference teams, including Ethian Tasker, Cade Hengesteg, Gavin Varner, Isaac Renteria and Trey Waldemar. Vikings head coach, Jeff Ferstein, took home the Coach of the Year honors.

August

The Worth County Sheriff's Office once again made school supplies available to Worth County students in need. There are no income guidelines or limits. Supplies are available to parents at no charge, no questions asked.

Information from the 2018 population estimate showed that the population of Worth County had declined. The same could be said of Worth County's cities.

The Northwood city council put an end, or at least put on hold, a longtime housing assistance program that may be unneeded in the current housing market.

Dr. Mike Dierenfeld, Northwood, placed second in White Extracted Honey at the Apiary competition at the 2019 Iowa State Fair.

The N-K school board set in place plans to borrow $4.2 million against 10 years of Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) sales tax funds. The SAVE program collects sales tax statewide and then distributes it to each of the state's school districts.

Six years ago, Northwood-Kensett High School principal Keith Fritz went to the doctor with a hand tremor, arm pain and general body stiffness. That visit would lead to a life-changing diagnosis-Parkinson's disease. "I hope that people begin to understand Parkinson's and disabilities by interacting with me," he said.

Amy Abels started in a newly created position as a shared social worker through an agreement between the Lake Mills, Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs school districts.

Joining the faculty at Northwood-Kensett Junior-Senior High School was Trevor Hunt, the district's new physical education teacher. He also serves as a volunteer assistant coach for football and assistant coach for girls basketball.

Two hundred forty-six Hendriksons gathered on August 17 for the 95th consecutive Iver Hendrikson family reunion. Some came with walkers, some with canes, others with babes in arms and still others leading the family dog. Some came from as close as down the block, others from as far away as California.

A change in state law opened sports betting in Iowa earlier in the year and the Diamond Jo Worth casino took advantage of the change, opening its FanDuel Sportsbook.

September

The members of the band Bad Habits–Jenna Hanson, Travis Charlson, Will Bartz, Nate Benzing, and Dave Melby have been rocking north Iowa since the band played their first official gig together at Glenville Days in June 2019. For the short time they have been playing together, their local following has expanded to the point that they are already booking events a year in advance.

On Monday, September 23, the students of Northwood-Kensett High School and the community of Northwood got a visit from presidential candidate and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders.

On Thursday, September 26, the Homecoming coronation was held, with the king Ethan Thofson and queen Madison Shoger selected from this year's Homecoming court. Queen candidates included Shoger, Kennedy Esklidsen, Laney Ryks, Clara Davidson and Lindsey Davidson, and king candidates were Thofson, Tristan Rothove, Ross DeArmoun, Makaio Hoch and Caden Schrage.



When life gives you lemons...

Merrin Hanson and Kinley Stambaugh set up a lemonade stand outside Ken's Barbershop in downtown Northwood to raise money for Manna of Worth County. The enterprising philanthropists raised almost $60 for the food pantry. Merrin is the daughter of Jim and Becky Hanson and Kinley is the daughter of Kenny and Kara Stambaugh.

Head Start applications begin in February

Starting in February, the Head Start Preschool program, administered by the North Iowa Community Action Organization will be taking applications for preschool classes that begin in the fall of 2020.

There is no cost for preschool to qualify families. A child must be 3 or 4 by September 15.

Head Start works to provide a warm, nurturing preschool atmosphere with qualified teaching staff.

The program follows Creative Curriculum and a focus on school readiness goals.

Children are served nutritious meals and health/developmental screenings are provided. Family engagement is encouraged.

NICAO also offers year round Early Head Start services (center based and home based) for pregnant moms and children from birth to age 3.

Those that would like more information, or that would like to apply may call 1-866-836-3124 or 641-494-1891. Those interested can also find more online at www.nicao-on/ine.org.

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safer outside of Northwood. Many also feared a repeat of the unusual incident at another ag chemical facility that led to the evacuation of the city eight years ago.

For the board of adjustment, they were asked to consider, per city code, whether the permitted use would have a positive or negative change on the health and safety of the community. For Viafield, the new facility would be safer than what is currently in place. For those opposed, the unlikely, but not impossible failure of multiple modern safety measures was enough to raise concern.

Another consideration for the board was whether the conditional use would be in keeping with the surrounding area. It was noted that, to the west is the fairgrounds. However, slightly farther to the east is a facility with similar chemicals in older condition.

The board was also told to consider if there would be a negative impact on property values. They were told by the county assessor that property values were reflected by sales, and so the new project's impact on values could not be determined.

The enjoyment and use of neighboring land was another consideration.

Many neighbors were at the meeting to share their opposition.

It was suggested that increased truck traffic could impact their enjoyment of their properties.

Viafield representatives answered that they would not see an increase in the traffic to the site at any one time, and that it would be spread out over the year with the new facility.

Besides the concerns presented at the board meeting, there was also a concern that one board of adjustment member was married to a Viafield member. While it was suggested that constituted a conflict of interest, legal advice had been consulted and it was determined that no conflict existed. An informal vote showed that only one board of adjustment member took issue with this.

When it came time, the board voted 3-2 to approve a permit.

Following that action, Viafield could resume its construction process, however any member of the community could appeal the decision and delay Viafield's work by months, or more.

Viafield approached the Northwood City Council the evening after the Board of Adjustment's decision, asking the council to talk with whoever they could to assuage concerns and help avoid an appeal. Worried that there may not be support for their construction, the Viafield representatives were also there seeking the Council's support of the project, which the council members gave. During the discussion, Viafield representatives said a lengthy court process could force Viafield to relocate the project to another city.

Ultimately, no appeal was filed. That leaves Viafield free and clear to continue with the construction of their chemical loading facility and fertilizer tank. No official word about the status of the project was available as of press time.

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HIGH TECH ACTION IN RURAL IOWA



CONGRESSMAN RO KHANNA

A Solon, Iowa native with a health-care background earned a $25,000 "pitch-day" check for his business venture after persuading a panel of entrepreneurs at Accenture's Forge in Jefferson that his speech-improving mobile phone application — Speeko — has business takeoff potential.

The app uses artificial intelligence to provide feedback on people's speaking styles with advice on pacing and filler words, speed of speech and other elements of communication, all aimed at turning Speeko users into more dynamic speakers.

Greg Sands, the founder and managing partner of Costonoa Ventures, a Silicon Valley-based venture capital firm that invests in startups, launched the competition in Jefferson, Iowa because of his connections to U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna, D-California. Khanna is involved in developing tech jobs in rural America and has made Jefferson a focal point of his efforts.

"I'm here because of Ro," Sands said.

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next surprise when Connie's water broke. The official name for this complication is preterm premature rupture of the membranes (PPROM).

PPROM can lead to increased risk of infection for mom, and a host of developmental issues for the baby. Connie spent the next month going to doctor's appointments to monitor her and the baby's condition.

In early August, a perinatologist (a specialist in high-risk risk pregnancies) advised Connie to check into a neonatal hospital. Following that recommendation, on August 13, four days before Connie would normally be heading back to teach fourth grade at Osage, she checked into the MercyOne-DesMoines antepartum floor for high risk pregnancies.

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 28 weeks and six days, little Bentley was delivered by Cesarean at MercyOne in Des Moines. He weighed 2 lbs. 12 oz., and was 14.5" long.

Bentley remained in the NICU in Des Moines until recently, when he was transferred to the Omaha Children's Hospital, where he underwent surgery to repair a perforated bile duct, remove his gall bladder and appendix, insert a feeding tube site and fix inguinal hernias.

Whether Bentley will be able to return to Iowa any time soon depends on his respiratory system getting stronger, his healing time from the surgery and, ultimately, the decisions of the insurance company. Unfortunately, this places little Bentley and his mom much farther away from their family in Manly.

While Connie has been living the hospital life with Bentley, Joe has been doing double duty at home with the couple's other four children.

"Our children are all at formative stages right now, with three teenagers and one three-year-old," said Connie, "Joe and the girls are really private people, and there's been this immense outpouring of support, but they're also just trying to live their lives.

"Joe has taken on the Mr. Mom role, and does the things I would normally be doing, and I've had to give up some of that control. Everybody's playing different roles."

While Connie has been separated from her family, she made some lasting connections in her time at the NICU in Des Moines.

"There were four families from Mason City there, and one of them turned out to be a school classmate of Joe's!" she said. "It's such a small world already, and being in the NICU, it becomes like a club of honor, that you don't really want to be part of, but it gives you so much in common. Even the nurses in Des Moines became just like family, they are still keeping in touch."

Asked about the outlook going forward, Connie said a lot just depends on Bentley.

"One of our doctors described it like steering a cargo ship," Connie said, "You have to go very slow and see where it takes you from there."

"I appreciate the outpouring of support from both school districts," Connie said, "My school [Osage] has been wonderful, as has Central Springs."

In that spirit of support, a fundraiser has been organized for Friday, January 17, from 3:30 to 9 p.m. at Central Springs, coinciding with the home basketball game versus Osage. A $5 soup supper will be offered in addition to a number of other fundraising activities. Donations can also be made at any First Security Bank in the name of Bentley Ryan.



The Ryan family includes Connie and Joe, their girls Ellyan, Carly and Riley, Briggs and now Bentley. A fundraiser will be held this Friday at Central Springs for the family for ongoing expenses for Bentley's care.

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LifeServe works with.

Those that would like to donate should bring a valid form of identification, such as a donor ID card or driver's license.

Those planning to donate can also save time by filling out their donor history questionnaire the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. Questionnaires can be filled out on phones, tablets or computers by going online to lifeservebloodcenter.org/quickpass.

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Pictured are representatives of the groups that received grants from the Worth County Community Foundation, at the awards announcement held last week.

Education

Lake Mills Family Center, Preschool Materials, $1,500

North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, Ag Education for Youth in Worth County, $2,500

North Iowa Area Community College Foundation, NIACC Health Education Lab Renovations and Improved Patient Care Stations, $3,000

Northwood-Kensett Community School District, 6th Grade Garden Project, $1,200

Health

Elderbridge Agency on Aging, Material Aid, $5,000

N-K Booster Club, Viking Activity Center, $2,500

Historic Preservation

Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center, Grandma Sina's House, $1,500

Human Service

Crisis Intervention Service, Violence Prevention, $1,000

Northwood Senior Citizens Center, Northwood Senior Center Interior, $6,000

Serenity Acres, Port-A-Potty and Hand Washing Station, $4,017

Decisions on grant awards are determined by a local committee, which consists of volunteers from Worth County. Committee members include Merlin Bartz, Craig Benjegerdes, Keven Bruesewitz, Ronald Davidson, Lucy Heiken (chair), Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pat Muehl (ex-officio), Chad Nelson, Cindy Peters and Mark Thoma.

Grants are awarded through WCCF's competitive grant process to projects in the program areas of art and culture, community betterment, education, environment, health, historic preservation and human service.

Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization or government entity serving Worth County in order to be considered for funding. The 2020 grant cycle opens July 1 with an application deadline of September 30. The grant guidelines and application can be found at worthccf.org.

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Doug Moehle
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Let Us Talk

During City budget talks it was mentioned that our sewer plant incurs very large increases in input volumes during and after rainfalls. It is believed that these increases may be caused either because of a leak in our sewer collection system or input from sump pumps or a combination of the two. The city is trying to put together a five (5) year plan to inspect our entire sewer collection system. This will help us determine the condition of the system and any large leaks. During this same period, we intend to pay attention to sump pump activities also to evaluate their possible impact. The following is the city ordinance that applies to sump pumps:

95.04 Prohibited Acts. No person shall do, or allow, any of the following:

2. Surface Run-Off or Groundwater. Connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain that is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3.f])

As the snow keeps coming this winter let's please use some common sense. If the snow plow has to maneuver around your car, then your car should be moved. The City is going to be more diligent in enforcing current parking regulations. We need to keep our streets as accessible as possible at all times.

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

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood



Iowa Representative Jane Bloomingdale, Northwood, was at last Thursday's meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education meeting to discuss education issues in the Iowa Legislature.

Legislative conversation held at N-K board meeting

At their regular meeting last Thursday, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education met with Jane Bloomingdale, from Northwood, to discuss legislative issues as Bloomingdale prepared to begin the 2020 session in the Iowa House of Representatives.

Bloomingdale said that she didn't see much coming up for discussion this year, in terms of major educational policy discussions.

Bloomingdale did note that they hope to get state school aid set soon, to help districts have that information in time to prepare their budgets.

Bloomingdale also said that they would work on transportation funding. Last year the state provided funds to offset the higher costs of transporting students to and from schools. Urban school districts spend less on transportation than rural districts and the funding was established to help address the inequity.

Last year, N-K received just over $40,000 in transportation funding.

Superintendent Mike Crozier asked about the future of a state incentive program that N-K has benefitted from. The program provides funding to districts that share staff members. That includes a head librarian, transportation director, superintendent and others at N-K.

Bloomingdale said that she didn't know about the future of the operational sharing incentive, but that she would keep N-K's participation in mind if it becomes a discussion.

While numbers haven't yet been discussed, Crozier asked Bloomingdale to consider a 3% increase in state aid to schools. He said that it helps them look to the future and prepare, in case they have to offset declining enrollment and the impact that would have on the district's budget.

Bloomingdale mentioned that there was a surplus of around $300 million in state revenue from the previous year, but did not commit to that playing a part in any increase in state supplemental aid.

Bloomingdale did mention a potential increase in the state sales tax. She said that there is discussion about a 1 cent increase that would include 3/8 for conservation and recreation uses.

Another portion of the sales tax, Bloomingdale said, could include 3/8 of a cent for mental health, generating as much as $180 million. That could include funds for mental health resources for Iowa's school districts.

Bloomingdale noted that it would not pass through the legislature without some form of property tax relief as well, so a portion of property tax that is currently directed to mental health would be eliminated and replaced with the sales tax funding.

Bloomingdale said that the sales tax increase would bring the state to nearly 8%, and the top 10 amongst U.S. states.

That noted, Bloomingdale said that she was in favor of the increase, noting that it has already been approved by Iowa voters.

Crozier also asked if there was any indication that school vouchers would receive consideration.

School vouchers may allow families to enroll their children in a private school and use the funds that would normally go to a public school district to help pay for the private schooling.

Bloomingdale said that she did not think it has enough support to become an issue considered this year.

She did note that she understands the reasons that some parents are seeking the option, but she said that her position remained that "public dollars should be used for public education."

The topic of students in high school graduating with college credits through programs shared at community colleges, like NIACC, was also discussed, particularly in regards to funding.

Crozier mentioned that currently N-K students are fortunate to have the opportunity to graduate with a head start on college, however the N-K district is not being fully reimbursed for the additional cost of providing the opportunity.

Bloomingdale said that who pays for the college courses for high school students should be considered. She asked if the students benefitting with the credits should be asked to have some financial investment?

Crozier also mentioned a pending teacher shortage, which he said could be a crisis for districts like N-K.

Crozier mentioned programs like alternative licensure, where the right work experience can take the place of some college work for those looking to be licensed as teachers. He also mentioned teacher incentives and other recruitment programs as things that the legislators should consider if they want to address the shortage for the benefit of Iowa districts.

Outside of the education topics discussed, Bloomingdale said that the big topics for the Iowa legislature this year will be the workforce, housing and child care.

Third annual memorial bowling tournament returns February 7-8

On Friday and Saturday, February 7-8, a bowling tournament will be held to raise money to support those battling cancer, in memory of two community members affected by the disease.

The second annual Dave Waters and Alex Ritzert Memorial 9 Pin Tournament will be held at Strike Zone in Northwood on Friday and Saturday, February 7-8.

There will be four shifts held in the tournament, with one on Friday, February 7, at 7 p.m. and three on Saturday, February 8, at 1, 4 and 7 p.m.

The tournament will be held by standard 9 pin rules, with prizes for the top five teams.

The tournament will also include a silent auction and bake sale, held on February 8.

Proceeds from the event will be split between the 2020 Relay For Life of Worth County and Another HERO, which helps offset medical and living expenses for those undergoing treatment for cancer.

Those interested in taking part in the tournament may contact Tracy McCoy at 507-319-8032, the Strike Zone at 641-324-2749 and for those that would like to donate to the bake sale, Donna at 641-390-1133.

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 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.

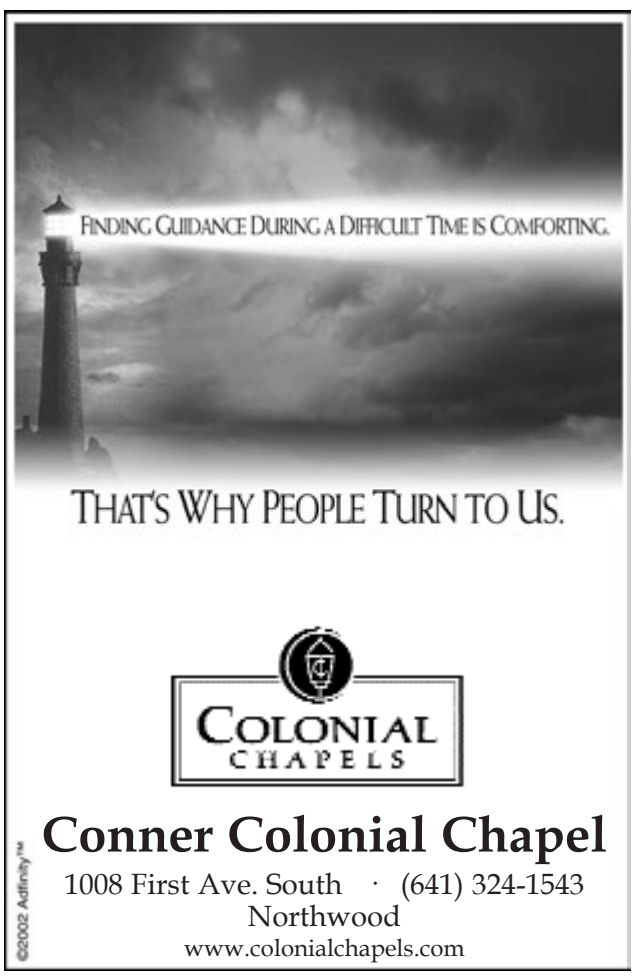
RSVP HOSTS MLK Day event at LRH

This Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of North Central Iowa, is holding Caring Connections at Care Centers.

In Northwood, RSVP volunteers are invited to "instead of taking the day off, make it a day on" by joining the residents of the Lutheran Retirement Home for coffee and card club.

The coffee and card gathering starts at 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Retirement Home, 701 Ninth Street N.

Those planning to take part are asked to RSVP by contracting Theresa Price at 641-422-4254 or theresa.price@niacc.edu.



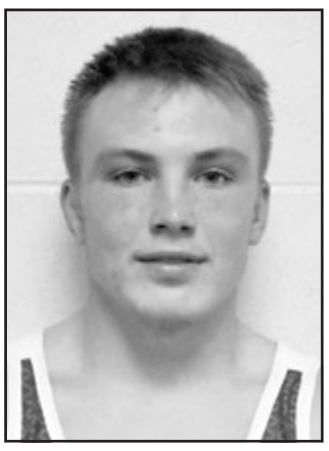


Anchor Sports



CADE HENGESTEG

Stat of the Week: *With its top two scorers and rebounders out with injuries last week, the Northwood-Kensett boys' basketball team needed someone, anyone, to step up. That knight in shining armor to the rescue was Cade Hengesteg who picked up the slack on the boards and then some in the teams three games last week. Hengesteg grabbed a career high 14 rebounds against Riceville and ended the week with 26 boards in three games, or 8.7 rebounds per game, a number that would make him the leading man on the glass this season.*



GIDEON ROLLENE

Stat of the Week: *After missing out on last year's state wrestling tournament because of an illness, N-K's Gideon Rollene is determined to let the wrestling world know he's out for revenge. Rollene beat the No. 1 ranked wrestler right before the Christmas break and continued to win, now running his season record to a perfect 29-0 while capturing that coveted No. 1 ranking at 220 pounds. Rollene went 6-0 last week while taking home the title at the GTRA Invitational.*

Parks career high 16 points leads Lady Vikings to win over Riceville

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Thanks in large part to Jaela Parks and her career high 16 points last Monday night in Northwood, the Lady Vikings secured their second win of the season when they beat Riceville 38-33. Parks, who in her last game scored just one point, hit only two field goals but the talented senior was 12-12 from the charity stripe, ensuring the win went to Northwood-Kensett.

After a low scoring first quarter that saw the Wildcats take an early 7-4 lead both teams got their shots to fall in the second quarter with the Lady Vikings outscoring the visitors 15-12 to even the score at the halftime break at 19-19.

The Wildcats took a slim three-point advantage into the final eight minutes of play but N-K saved its best quarter for last, pouring in 12 points while holding the Wildcats to just four to secure the win, 38-33. Parks led the team with a career high 16 points and seven rebounds while Clara Davidson added nine points and seven defensive boards.

To end the week the Lady Vikings ran into the toughest part of their schedule, a two- game stint where they would face the seventh ranked Saints (class 1A) and travel to Osage to face class 2A's fourth ranked Green Devils.

In last Tuesday night's game against Saint Ansgar the Lady Vikings failed to score in double digits in any quarter, falling behind 26-8 at halftime before falling to the Saints 52-15 at the end of regulation. Senior Lindsey Davidson led the team with six points on 2-5 shooting from 3-point range.

To end the week the Lady Vikings faced a daunting task that no one in the Top of Iowa Conference East look forward to, facing the talented and experienced Green Devils from Osage who are now ranked fourth in class 2A.

The Lady Vikings started the game down 11-0 before scoring their first points, a two plus one by Parks before ending the first quarter trailing badly, 22-4. The Green Devils stepped up their scoring in the second quarter while N-K continued to struggle with bring the ball up court and found themselves facing a 46-10 deficit at the half with a running clock the rest of the contest.

As this lopsided game continued, both teams cleared their respective benches and this one ended mercifully with the Green devils on top, 69-16. Parks led the team in scoring once again with four points while Clara Davidson, Emma Davidson and Destiny Tyler added three points each.

With the win over Riceville and the two losses the Lady Vikings are now 2-9 overall and still looking for their first TIC East win at 0-8. The girls have just two games on the schedule this week, Tuesday at North Butler and Friday night when they host Nashua-Plainfield.

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



With the Green Devils big gals keeping the lane plugged up N-K had no other choice than to put up perimeter shots. Here senior Clara Davidson splashes one of just two 3-pointers the team made out of 11 attempts in the 69-16 loss to Osage.



N-K's Emma Davidson drives past a couple of Osage defenders in last Friday night's 69-16 TIC East loss. Davidson had three points and four rebounds in the loss to the 4th ranked (class 2A) Green Devils.

Depleted Vikings on five game skid because of injuries, now 1-9 overall

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

When you're as young as this Vikings team is, with just one senior and a constantly shrinking lineup because of injuries, it's tough to come out every night and be competitive, but that's just what this team does night in and night out.

The Vikings showed that same competitive streak in their three games last week despite losing all of them, some close, others not so much, but one thing still stuck out, this teams desire to not quit.

Starting the post-holiday break without the services of their leading rebounder and second leading scorer in Kyle Nichols, who is out for the remainder of the season with a wrist injury, the Vikings hosted Riceville last Monday night for some non-conference action with their longtime rival from the old Cornbowl Conference.

Still trying to figure out their identity without the services of Nichols the Vikings struggled in the first half against Riceville but that competitive desire kept them in the game, trailing by just four, 17-13 at the halftime break.

Playing a little better on the offensive side in the second half helped N-K but it struggled to get the stops it needed on defense and lost a close game by only seven points, 35-28. Four of the Vikings nine losses this season have been by 10 points or less.

Caden Roberts led the team with 11 points against the Wildcats but became one of the walking injured and missed the remainder of the week. Cade Hengesteg had just four points but grabbed a career high 14 rebounds, including 13 on the defensive glass.

The Vikings first contest without the services of Nichols and Roberts did not go well, resulting in a 38-21 loss last Tuesday night at the hands of Hwy. 105 rival Saint Ansgar.

Without its top two scorers N-K managed just two points in the first 16 minutes of play, leaving the Saints to go to the locker room at the half with a large but manageable 17-2 advantage.

And while the Viking did come out and play much better in the second half, being outscored only 21-19, the first half deficit of 15 points was too much to overcome as they fell by 17, 38-21.

The depleted Vikings entered last Friday's game at Osage with just eight players in uniform and used only six in the 73-20 blowout loss to the Green Devils after scoring just 10 first half points, trailing 41-10 at the break.

N-K matched it's offensive output of the first half in the final 16 minutes of play but the damage was already done as it fell 73-20. Jason Hanson led the team with seven points while TJ Whitelow added three points and a team high five rebounds.

The Vikings enter this weeks play with an overall record of 1-9 and are still looking for their first TIC East win with an 0-8 mark in the conference. Games this week include Tuesday at North Butler and Friday versus Nashua-Plainfield.

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



Viking Cade Hengesteg draws the shooting foul on this field goal attempt in last Friday night's 73-20 loss to Osage. Hengesteg had six points, four rebounds, two assists and one steal in the TIC East loss.



One of the few Viking players who could shoot over the bigger Osage lineup, Jason Hanson drains a short jumper while being defended by two Green Devils. Hanson led the team with seven points on 3-4 shooting from the field in the 73-20 TIC East loss.

What does it mean for Iowa high school graduates to be future ready?

By Jen Sigrist
Executive Director of Media & Technology with Central Rivers Area Education Agency.


JEN SIGRIST

Did you know that Governor Kim Reynolds has set ambitious goals for Iowa to ensure that our state is "future ready"? Future Ready Iowa is an initiative to build Iowa's talent pipeline, provide education or training beyond high school to acquire a living wage, expose careers today and in the future, and ensure that 70% of Iowa's workforce has education or training beyond high school by 2025.

To reach this goal, Iowa schools will need to approach how they educate students much differently. This work includes helping preschool through 12th grade students experience authentic learning through projects and performances, teaching "soft skills" like collaboration and perseverance, and exploring hands-on technology through the world of work. In addition, students will need to learn how to apply content in new ways to solve real-world problems.

To a parent or community member, a school focused on being future ready will look quite different than the traditional classroom. Desks won't be in rows. Students will be directing their own next steps to try and solve a problem or create a product and working in teams to reflect on their strengths and areas for growth.

Teachers are critical for future ready success. Relationships with students as well as knowledge of the content help create meaningful projects and just-in-time supports for learners. Technology is seen as a tool that helps learners unlock information, create new ideas and collaborate with a network of resources. Rather than being the sole experts in the room, teachers become "activators" of learning and move from being in the front of the classroom to working with teams of students on their next steps, conferencing with students about implementing feedback, and providing pop-up lessons to help students avoid common misconceptions.

Schools, businesses and communities are partners in bringing this vision for learning into our schools. To create authentic experiences for all our learners, schools need business and community partners to share their expertise, ideas and time to create authentic learning opportunities. These integrated learning experiences help students find what they are (and aren't) interested in, learn what jobs are available in our state and make informed decisions about their steps in school and after they graduate.

Central Rivers Area Education Agency (CRAEA) is working closely with area school districts to create a vision for what graduates should know and be able to do in order to be future ready. In addition, CRAEA staff work closely with area teachers to adjust their teaching style as described above. This is exciting work that will help our state move closer to being an Iowa that is ready for our future!

More general information is available by visiting www.futurereadyiowa.gov. Are you a member of the business community? Check out clear inghouse.futurereadyiowa.gov to learn more about how you can get involved.

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Did you know?

By Ann Hendrickson



A new month, a new year, and a new beginning—even for a tree.

The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree has been milled into lumber used in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house every year since 2007. Once the tree comes down after the holidays, the trunk becomes two-by-four and two-by-six beams that the owner and operator of Rockefeller Center donates to Habitat. The trees have been used to build homes from New York to Mississippi.

As citizens of Worth County we have been encouraged to recycle and we are fortunate to have nearby businesses to accept our items.

In an odd sort of way, we at WCHS are recyclers as well. We accept historical items from others and put them to a different use. We ensure their safekeeping and put them on display for visitors to view and appreciate.

We are looking forward to another productive years with more goals to complete. We wish you a wonderful 2020!

Until next time….

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Pastor Cory Allard
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Wednesday, 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.; Saturday, Council Retreat, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., Adult Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., LRH Communion, 3 p.m., Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Library Meeting, 1 p.m., Trust Fund, 4 p.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Interims
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Being True to Yourself



Early on in The Age of Reason Thomas Paine tells us what he believes: "I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life." He goes on to say that be believes in the equality of man and that "religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy." What made The Age of Reason so controversial was not what Paine believed in, but rather what he did not believe: "I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish church, by the Roman church, by the Greek church…nor by any church that I know of." Despite his clear statement of belief in God, Paine was—and often still is—labeled an atheist. But what he was trying to convey to his readers is the importance of one's conscience in the realm of belief. Infidelity, Paine contends, "does not consist in believing, or in disbelieving; it consists in professing to believe what he does not believe." While this may be less radical today than it was two centuries ago, it is still common for religions to require professions of faith, and for people to be shunned, ostracized, or otherwise condemned for not believing in particular articles of faith. Faith can improve our lives in a variety of ways, but we should defend the right of people to believe differently about faith or God, or to not believe at all, or to suspend judgement about these matters. There is something sacred about the free choice to believe when it comes to matters of faith and morals. –Christopher Simon

"Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.... Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind." – Romans 14:1,5 NIV

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

Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

When most of us think about tomatoes, we think of those vine-ripened, juicy and flavorful beauties fresh from the garden or farmers' markets. Or, the little dense Romas that are available all year long and make the best tomato sauce since they have less watery liquid inside. There is, however, a third kind of tomato that often gets overlooked: sun-dried tomatoes. This potent ingredient has concentrated tomato flavor and is readily available in two forms. Oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes are found in jars. Dry packed sun-dried tomatoes are usually sold in pouches and have no liquid inside. Using this style of tomato as an ingredient can give a punch to many dishes. "Cooking with Sun-Dried Tomatoes" (1990, Fisher Books, Tucson, Arizona) by Lois Dribin and Denise Marina provides a lot of inspiration to experiment. Recipes have been adapted from the chapter on Pasta, Risottos, Bread and Pizzas.

Rigatoni with Portobello Mushroom Sauce

4 teaspoons olive oil
5 large cloves fresh garlic, peeled and passed through a garlic press
1 small sweet onion, peeled and sliced
1 small bunch fresh parsley, washed and chopped
5 oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained on paper towels and chopped
1-2 dried hot peppers, crumbled. Use your own preference for heat!
1 pound Portobello mushrooms, wiped clean with a damp paper towel
1 can (32 oz.) whole Italian plum tomatoes
1 – 1 1/2 pounds rigatoni pasta
1/4 pound freshly grated Parmesan cheese (not in the green can)

Heat the oil in a large, heavy skillet and sauté the garlic, onion, parsley, sun-dried tomatoes and hot peppers. Cook about 10 minutes over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and continue to sauté 5 more minutes. Add the tomatoes, crushing with a wooden spoon as you pour them into the skillet. Add a little sugar (about 1/2 teaspoon) and salt to taste. Simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour over low heat, stirring occasionally to avoid sticking. Add a bit of water now and then if things get too thick or dry. Cook the pasta as directed for al dente; Drain and put into a large serving bowl. Spoon the sauce over the hot pasta and serve with a bowl of the Parmesan cheese to sprinkle on top as desired.

Spaghetti Carbonara with Sun-Dried Tomatoes

1 pound angel hair pasta
2 tablespoons oil from the jar of sun-dried tomatoes
1/4 pound prosciutto, chopped
6 sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup half-and-half or light cream
2 eggs
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (not from the green can)
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Cook the spaghetti as directed, al dente. Heat the oil in a large, heavy skillet and add the prosciutto and the sun-dried tomatoes. Sauté 5 minutes. Beat the eggs and cream together in a bowl and set aside. Drain the pasta and return it to the pot. Add the prosciutto and tomatoes and mix. Then add the cream and egg mixture, stir quickly to mix well and cook the eggs. Add the cheese and black pepper. Toss well and serve immediately. NOTE: you can use pasteurized eggs if you are unsure about eating eggs that might not be fully cooked.

Ziti with Hot Pepper Sauce

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 small dried hot peppers, crumbled
6 oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
4 large garlic cloves, run through a garlic press
1/2 teaspoon anchovy paste (optional but delicious)
1 small bunch fresh parsley, washed and chopped
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1 tablespoon sugar
1 can (32 oz.) whole plum tomatoes with their juice
1 pound zita pasta
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
2 oz. freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet. Add the hot peppers, crushing with your fingers. Sauté 5 minutes over medium-low heat. Add the sun-dried tomatoes, garlic, anchovy paste, parsley, basil, sugar and a pinch of salt. Sauté 5 minutes, stirring to avoid sticking. Add the canned tomatoes and juice, crushing them as your pour them into the pan. Stir and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour. The sauce thickens as it cooks but make sure it doesn't scorch or get too thick; you can add a bit of water if that happens. In the meantime, cook the pasta as directed on the package, al dente. Drain and place in individual bowls. Spoon sauce over each portion and sprinkle with a generous amount of Parmesan.

Give these little red gems a try when you want to cook outside the box. And..that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Out standing in a field

While there has been an abundance of snowfall recently, temperatures have remained pleasant, at least for winter, and many, including these deer, have taken advantage of the off-road traveling conditions.

ACT to perform true drama 'Irena's Vow'

Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) continues its 55th season with the drama "Irena's Vow" at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center on February 13–22.

The play follows the true story of Irena Gut Opdyke and the triumphs of the human spirit over devastating tragedy.

Irena is a 19-year-old housekeeper in the home of a Nazi officer when she finds out that the Jewish ghetto is about to be liquidated. Determined to help 12 Jewish workers, she decides to shelter them in the safest place she can think of: the basement of the German commandant's house. Over the next two years, Irena uses her wit and courage to hide her friends until the end of the German occupation — concealing them in the midst of countless Nazi parties, a blackmail scheme and even the birth of a child.

Cast members are Patty Parsons, Jason Howland, Luke Zacharias, Michael Lilienthal, Jennifer Gonsalves, Risha Lilienthal, Dan Montenegro, Kris Bartley, Aaron McVicker and Logan Petersen.

"Irena's Vow," directed by Glen Parsons, will be performed at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in downtown Albert Lea on February 13-16 and 19-22. Shows start at 7:30 p.m., with the Sunday, February 16, matinee, at 2 p.m. Some scenes in this play may not be suitable for young children.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Tickets may be purchased over the phone by calling 1-877-730-3144 (toll-free), online at actonbroadway.com or at the box office, which opens weekdays at 9 a.m. Tickets are also available at the Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Albert Lea Community Theatre is a non-profit organization featuring local actors, directors and stage crew who volunteer their time. All performances are at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 North Broadway, in downtown Albert Lea.

More information and ticket prices are available by visiting actonbroadway.com or find ACT on Broadway on Facebook.

When to keep a child (or yourself) at home

With the start of the second half of the school year, students are back in classrooms, which unfortunately means that the potential spread of illness also returns. With that in mind, school nurse Heather Rheingans reminded parents of the district's policy on when to keep kids home sick.

And while the policy is a good guideline for parents, it also offers considerations that apply to others when they are deciding whether to stay home from work, or other instances where they would be in contact with others.

Following are the guidelines, as presented in the January edition of the school's Viking Dispatch, available on the school's website at www.nkvikings.com.

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD AT HOME

Although we strongly encourage daily attendance at school, we also believe that students should not attend school when they are ill. When your child exhibits the following signs, we request that he/she not be in school:

1) Generalized flu symptoms, low grade fever, achiness, and chills.

2) Diarrhea and vomiting. (If your child has these symptoms in the evening, it is wise to give him/her the next day to completely recover). Sometimes returning to school too soon only prolongs the illness.

3) Respiratory symptoms, frequent deep cough, green nasal drainage, fever, chest discomfort.

4) Rashes/Skin Lesions. Any lesion that is warm, streaking or has drainage that cannot be contained (scabies, impetigo and chicken pox). Ringworm that is not able to be covered.

5) Two or more of the following: Abdominal pain/diarrhea, fever of 101 or greater, swollen lymph nodes, white patches on the tonsils, redness to soft palate, scalp ringworm.

Parents are requested to contact the school as soon as possible when a student will be absent due to illness. It's also helpful to leave a brief summary of symptoms so that I may track per grade or class to determine if we need to increase our disinfection practices or provide extra health education to a group of students. Parents are also request to contact the school as soon as possible when a diagnosis of a communicable disease has been made (whooping cough, influenza, etc).

Any student that is out of school for an illness that includes a fever must be fever free without the use of acetaminophen or ibuprofen for 24 hours. If your child has been ill during the school day, we request that he or she not attend or participate in any school sponsored event that evening.

By following the school policy, you not only help your child recover quicker, but also help us by preventing the spread of illness.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

The Fight for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

From the History Channel, online at History.com

By Erin Blakemore

On January 20, the entire nation pauses in remembrance of a civil rights hero. At least, that's the point of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a federal holiday that takes place on the third Monday of each January. MLK day was designed to honor the activist and minister assassinated in 1968, whose accomplishments have continued to inspire generations of Americans.

But though the holiday now graces the United States' federal calendar and affects countless offices, schools, businesses, and other public and private spaces, it wasn't always observed. The fight for a holiday in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s honor was an epic struggle in and of itself—and it continues to face resistance today in the form of competing holidays to leaders of the Confederacy.

King was the first modern private citizen to be honored with a federal holiday, and for many familiar with his non-violent leadership of the civil rights movement, it made sense to celebrate him. But for others, the suggestion that King—a black minister who was vilified during his life and gunned down when he was just 39 years old—deserved a holiday was nothing short of incendiary.

The first push for a holiday honoring King took place just four days after his assassination. John Conyers, then a Democratic Congressman from Michigan, took to the floor of Congress to insist on a federal holiday in King's honor. However, the request fell on deaf ears.

One of the few black people in Congress, Conyers had been an active member of the Civil Rights Movement for years. He had visited Selma, Alabama, in support of King and the 1965 Freedom Day, one of several mass voter registration events in which large numbers of African-Americans attempted to register to vote despite local defiance and armed intimidation.

When his first bill failed, Conyers was undaunted. "Conyers would persist year after year, Congress after Congress, in introducing the same bill again and again, gathering co-sponsors along the way, until his persistence finally paid off," writes historian Don Wolfensberger.

He enlisted the help of the Congressional Black Caucus, of which he was a founding member. For 15 years, the CBC attempted to break the stalled legislation loose, advocating within their constituent communities and helping Conyers introduce his bill year after year.

Every single attempt failed, even after the bill was brought to the floor for debate.

The tide finally turned in the early 1980s. By then, the CBC had collected six million signatures in support of a federal holiday in honor of King. Stevie Wonder had written a hit song, "Happy Birthday," about King, which drove an upswell of public support for the holiday. And in 1983, as Civil Rights Movement veterans gathered in Washington to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the March on Washington, King's seminal "I Have a Dream" speech, and the 15th anniversary of his murder, something shook loose.

When the legislation once again made it to the floor, it was filibustered by Jesse Helms, the Republican Senator from North Carolina. As Helms pressed to introduce FBI smear material on King—whom the agency had spent years trying to pinpoint as a Communist and threat to the United States during the height of his influence—into the Congressional record, tensions boiled over. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Senator from New York, brought the materials onto the floor, then dropped them to the ground in disgust in a pivotal moment of the debate.

The bill passed with ease the following day (78-22) and President Ronald Reagan immediately signed the legislation.

But though the first federal holiday was celebrated in 1986, it took years for observance to filter through to every state. Several Southern states promptly combined Martin Luther, King, Jr. Day with holidays that uplifted Confederate leader Robert E. Lee, who was born on January 19. Arizona initially observed the holiday, then rescinded it, leading to a years-long scuffle over whether to celebrate King that ended in multiple public referenda, major boycotts of the state, and a final voter registration push that helped propel a final referendum toward success in 1992.

It wasn't until 2000 that every state in the Union finally observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Today, the holiday is still celebrated in conjunction with a celebration of Confederate slaveholders in some states—but after three decades of contention and controversy, at least it's observed.



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I'm trying to eat healthy this year.

Good for you.

Yes, I have a little lettuce on every double cheeseburger.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Life is a road. Each day is a mile marker and a good reminder to slow down. I was on a driving tour of the great rest areas of America. I brought along enough foodstuffs from home that my car was a touring cafe. Even so, I asked about an eatery in a small-town gas station. One man recommended a restaurant, but another said their knives were more tender than their steaks.

I parked my car in a downtown hotel parking ramp in Chicago. Actually, I didn't park it. A valet did that. It cost more to park the car than it did to drive it.

An Austin man told me had two cats. He used masking tape to make a square on the floor. His cats sat in that taped square as if it were that dreaded cat trap, a cardboard box.

I stopped in a coffee shop in Fayette, Iowa, where I enjoyed an Iowa sweet corn cookie. It was a sugar cookie as full of sweet corn as an Iowa summer.

I visited with a fellow in Montana who told me that he was from a town with a population of two. I've been to that kind of place. If you've ever taken a wrong turn off the freeway and lost your cell service, you might have been too. "I lied," he said. "Make that a population of one. I'm out of town."

The cafe chronicles

They were men who go anywhere and talk to whoever is there. One of them told me about a champion eater. I ate a side salad while considering Joey Chestnut who had eaten 74 Nathan's hot dogs, buns and all, in 10 minutes to win an eating contest. He consumed 22,200 calories in the process. That's fast eating. He must wear starting blocks on his elbows.

A checks mix

I'd planned on watching a granddaughter play basketball on TV, which was an iPad on my desk. I had paperwork to do and checks to write. I thought it would be easy to do that during commercial breaks and at halftime. It wasn't. My mind stayed with the game and was intent on avoiding work. I messed up one check and I had only two checks to do. I've made a note to myself to never try to multitask with those two tasks again.

Those exciting days of yesteryear

Uncle Bill asked me, "Do you want a haircut or do you want them all cut?"

I didn't need to reply. Uncle Bill always had more to say. Two great talkers can't walk far together.

Mom couldn't avoid kicking the hornet's nest. She told Uncle Bill, "I want you to notice that Allen had two ears when I brought him in."

Nature notes

I tell myself that winter is on my side, but it can be ornery. At least I don't have to shovel the cold. Here at my field station in January, I turn to the birds as sunflowers turn to the sun. I try to notice things. It's an expression of life and of hope. The crashing temperatures painted frost patterns resembling ghostly plants on the window glass.

I watched a handsome red-bellied woodpecker fly to a feeder. It was a male with a red crown and nape. The female has the red nape, but lacks the red crown. I saw a pair of critically acclaimed birds — cardinals. Each time I take a good look at a bird, I'm reminded why I'm a card-carrying birder.

A squirrel chattered at me the entire time I filled the feeders. Squirrels have a salty vocabulary. I enjoy squirrels even though they can be hard on feeders. It's as the psalmist said, "Harden not your hearts." I reckon that applies to all things including squirrels.

We'd received somewhere between 1 and 143 inches of snow -- most of it parked illegally. It reminded me that Harmony became the Minnesota state annual precipitation record holder by receiving 60.21 inches in 2018. This proves that planning and hard work pay off. A downy woodpecker flew in as I was filling the feeder. I wondered if a downy finds winter weather a downer? I told it about Harmony's record in hopes it might bring cheer, but the woodpecker wasn't interested.

Meeting adjourned

We don't have to agree on anything to be kind to one another.

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Fit to print...

Hot spots on the campaign trail

By Jeff Morgan
Iowa Culture Wire

Harold Ross never acquired a taste for politics.

The founder of the Bettendorf Maid-Rite got so fed up with the campaigns in 1950 that he added baloney to the menu on Election Day because he said politicians were "full of it," according to his daughter, Cynthia Freidhof.

"He would give speeches every day and tell folks 'If you don't like it, get out and go eat up the street,'" she recalled with a laugh. "He was a real character and people loved him. They still talk about him and he's been gone since 1980."

It's hard to say what Ross would think of today's crop of candidates, but his eatery – now called Ross' Restaurant – has become one of the almost-mandatory stops on the campaign trail to the Iowa Caucuses. Joe Biden, Newt Gingrich, Amy Klobuchar, Rand Paul, Ron Paul and Michael Bennet have all paid their dues.

But Barack Obama's visit in 2011 may have been the most memorable. The president tried two of the restaurant's signature dishes, the Magic Mountain (grilled Texas toast with loose-ground beef and cheese sauce) and the Volcano (same thing, topped with chili).

"The Secret Service guys stood by the cook and watched the food being made," said Freidhof, who co-owns the place. "MSNBC called later on and wanted the recipe. But we said no, so they invited us onto 'The Rachel Maddow Show.' It's serious business, but it can be a lot of fun."



Elizabeth Warren is just one of the candidates that has paid a visit to Hamburg Inn #2 in Iowa City, one of Iowa's popular campaign eatery stops.

Candidates have visited countless eateries across the state and have helped turn a few into legends. Places like the Hamburg Inn #2 in Iowa City, the Canteen Lunch in the Alley in Ottumwa and Cronk's Cafe in Denison have all basked in the media spotlights.

Many of these sites are featured in a caucus-themed exhibit called "First in the Nation" at the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines.

The exhibit includes a nod to Mike Huckabee, who famously traveled the "Pizza Ranch circuit" in 2008, renting out the chain's party rooms for little more than the cost of a few pepperoni and mushroom pies. The company's faith-based mission is popular with evangelical Christians but has served customers of all religious traditions and political stripes, from Huckabee and Rick Santorum to Hillary Clinton and John Edwards.

"It gets really busy when we have a candidate come in, and we treat all of them equally," said Teresa Van Voorst, the guest services manager at the Orange City restaurant, where the company is based.

In Denison, Cronk's has hosted Pete Buttigieg, Kirsten Gillibrand, Tim Ryan and Beto O'Rourke during the current cycle, as well as Donald Trump, John Kerry, Bob Dole, Obama, Jesse Jackson, George and Barbara Bush, Mitt Romney and Bill Richardson in the past. As far as anyone can remember, George McGovern was the first candidate to visit more than 40 years ago.

Ever the gracious host, owner Eric Skoog once got to switch roles as a guest at the White House. A Secret Service agent he'd met at Cronk's gave him a behind-the-scenes tour during a trip to Washington, D.C., back in the '90s.

"That was the best benefit I ever got from these things," Skoog said.

So which part of the White House did he want to see first? The Oval Office? The Lincoln Bedroom?

"Nope, I wanted to see the kitchen," he said. "The Secret Service guy thought it was the weirdest thing, but I wanted to see where they made all the food for the big events they have there. It was a lot easier to get in back in those days."

This article was provided by the Iowa Culture Wire, a free service of the Iowa Department Culture Affairs.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

January 15, 1920

An enthusiastic meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the matter of the memorial community building was held at the office of Attorney M.H. Kepler on Friday evening. Plans were discussed and reports heard as to the advisability of undertaking such an enterprise.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Smith in Mahnomen, Minnesota, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Bessie, to Mr. Fred Logemann of Northwood at 2 p.m. on New Year's Day. After a short honeymoon spent in Minneapolis, they will make their home on his father's home near Northwood. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to these young people who are well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fredrickson entertained a large crowd numbering 102 at the Old A. C. Lundberg farm last Wednesday evening in honor of Cliff Lundberg, who has quit farming and gone to town to live. The evening was spent in dancing and playing cards and at 12 p.m. a supper with hot coffee and cream was given to the guests.

Harmon and Feley, who for the past two years have been conducting the millinery next door to the Index Office, have sold their stock of goods to Mrs. L.A. Farland, an experienced milliner, who will continue the business.

Mrs. Henery C. Wolff and her brother Walter Behl drove down from Myrtle this morning on business, coming in a sleigh. The roads up that way are not very good, Mr. Behl said, on account of the weeds left standing during the fall months.

75 years ago

January 18, 1945

Dennis Holtan, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holtan, who live west of Joice, died at 7 p.m. in the hospital at Forest City of a bullet wound suffered in an accident.

Another Worth County boy is home for a visit after seeing action in the South Pacific. S/Sgt. Cecil Jones arrived on Tuesday forenoon after serving overseas for two years, including Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He expects to spend 30 days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones, east of town, and other relatives and friends in this vicinity.

C.A. Walker of Northwood has sold his dam across the Shell Rock River in Northwood and water rights to a group of farmers north of town, including several from southern Minnesota. Purchase price was given as $4,000.

Martin O. Halstad, 73, a native of Worth County and a lifelong resident west of Northwood, died at his home in Hartland Township. He suffered a stroke about a week before his death.

Residents of Joice and vicinity were shocked by the sudden death in Lake Mills of Gerhard Larson, 53, owner of the elevator at Joice, whose lifeless body was found in his automobile near his home. Death results from a heart attack.

Henry Hagerud and Miss Lillie Wadding, both of Glenville, were married in Northwood at the parsonage home of the Rev. O.H. Hove, pastor of the Northwood Lutheran church, who officiated. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Aruther Gordon of this city.

50 years ago

January 15, 1970

Fire totally demolished a late model Chrysler station wagon owned by Ernest Trent of Michigan. The burned car was left on Highway 65 north of Kensett. Iowa Highway Patrolman Fritz Langden said Trent smelled smoke and saw the rear of the car on fire. After a futile attempt to extinguish the flames with snow he unhitched the trailer he was towing, which contained band instruments.

The N-K Vikings defeated the Lyle Lions 54-47 in a non-conference tilt played in Northwood. The win gives the Vikings a 6 and 4 record for the season. The Vikings came on strong in the first half, leading the Lions 20-8 in the first quarter and 38-17 at the half. Mark Knudtson and Steve Bendickson both scored in double figures in the first half, with Knudtson making 14 and Bendickson 12. The N-K team hit an eight of nine throw attempts in the first two quarters, while the Lions made three of nine attempts.

Roger Bang, a junior at Luther College, Decorah, is a member of the Economics Interim group I, who is studying off campus. The five week seminar will concentrate on European Economic Institutions as currently affected by political and social forces. The course will take the group to points in England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland.

William F. Werner, president of the Winnebago Council, announced that the council has again set an all time high in total units and total Boy Scouts membership. The year 1969 ended with registration of 5,280 boys being served in 174 scouting units.

25 years ago

January 18, 1995

Members of the Northwood-Kensett junior problem solving team rehearsed the skit that won them second place recently in a practice "Problem Solving Bowl" at North Central High School in Manly.The N-K Elementary school students that were involved were Ashley Dierenfeld, Melissa Bauer, Greg Horning and Trevor Madsen.

Army Spec. Chris K. Peterson has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal, which is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage or other outstanding accomplishments. He is stationed at Sierra Army Deport, Herlong, California. Peterson, a military police specialist, is the son of David E. and Geraldine M. Peterson of Northwood. He is a 1989 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School.

Northwood-Kensett cagers Angie Fallgatter, Jena Julseth and Carrie Meyer swarmed around a St. Ansgar player in an effort to prevent an outlet pass following a rebound during the first half of the Vikings-Saints game in St. Ansgar last Saturday night.

N-K Booster Club president Ken Estes was all smiles last Friday when Northwoods State Bank president Kary Paulson presented him a check totaling $5,450 to match the donations the Boosters have raised so far in their campaign to "Light the Diamonds" at Northwood-Kensett Junior-Senior High.

10 years ago

January 20, 2010

Many that drive along Highway 65 between Kensett and Manly have noticed a large wooden sign with the word "guns" written in large black letters. The sign marks the location for a new and unique business. That business is Mike's Old Barn Guns. The owner of the business is Mike Wilkins, who has turned lifelong hobbies into a business to supply others who share his firearms interests

Gary Hall took on the duties of Regional Extension Education Director for Region 3, which includes Worth County. The new position was one of the changes implemented by the ISU Extension in the wake of budget cuts.

Nine Northwood Pines residents traveled to Sue's Corner Post for pie. Every month the residents take a trip with Kathy Hanson and Kandi Shupe, Lutheran Retirement Home activities personnel.

Ashley Dawn Dierenfeld, Northwood, graduated with a Master of Science degree in Animal Science, and Garret Daniel Reeder, Northwood, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Northwood-Kensett Junior High students competed as part of the school-level competition of the Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Jayde Hapgood was selected as the winner. Other finalists included Casey Dahlby, Rebecka Miller and Erin Riedinger.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Margaret Berge

Margaret (Rustad) Berge, 95, Northwood, passed away on Monday, January 6, 2020, at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, surrounded by her family.

A funeral service for Margaret was held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020, at the First Lutheran Church, Northwood. Burial was in the South Shell Rock Cemetery in Northwood.

Visitation was held prior to the service, beginning at noon.

Those wishing to give a memorial in her memory may wish to consider memorial contributions to First Lutheran Church, Lutheran Retirement Home or the Vikings Activity Center.



MARGARET BERGE

Margaret Gene Berge was born on September 30, 1924, at the Rustad family home near Northwood, the daughter of Reuben and Mae (Johnson) Rustad. She was baptized and confirmed at the North Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood. Growing up on the family farm, Margaret attended school at Grove No. 3 through sixth grade and graduated from Northwood in 1942. She continued her education at Waldorf College and then helped the war effort by working for Boeing as a "Rosie the Riveter" in Seattle, Washington. Margaret also worked for Bell Telephone and Carroll George, Inc. for several years.

Margaret married Alvin Berge on March 28, 1948, in Northwood. For a majority of their married life they lived on a farm east of Northwood, where they were blessed with four children. Together they farmed together for about 40 years before retiring and moving to town.

Margaret was known for her gift of making beautiful quilts with her delicate hand sewing work. She found great joy in sharing her quilting talents she created and gifted with love to her family and friends. She assisted the First Lutheran Quilters for many years sewing thousands of quilts for missions and the community members. Margaret was also known for her love of baking Norwegian goodies and the most delicious homemade bread.

Margaret was an active, faithful member of First Lutheran Church and served as a Sunday School teacher, Altar Guild and choir member and was a member of various circles.

Most of all, family was Margaret's greatest love. She was a cherished mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. Her kindness, compassion and love will be missed forever.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Marcia (Richard) Kraft, Northwood, Allen (Jamie) Berge, Anchorage, Alaska, Julie Berge (Nancy Benedict), Aurora, Colo., and Susan (Jay) Hahn, Norway, Iowa; grandchildren, Belinda Punky (Jeremy) Nelson, Amber (Andy) Julseth, Haley (Yousuf) Khan and William (Katy) Hahn; great-grandchildren, Katelyn (Tyler) Thofson, Kael Julseth, Kooper Julseth and Jack Hahn; and great-great-grandchild, Carter Thofson; as well as several nieces, nephews and other extended family members and friends.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Alvin; her parents; toddler sister, Helen Lorraine; brothers, Harold (Mavis) Rustad and Curtis Rustad; sisters, Rena Rustad and Helen (Ed) Senne; brother-in-law, Glenn (Shirley) Berge; and niece, Joan Rustad-Huisman.

The family wishes to extend a special appreciation to the Northwood Pines Assisted Living and the Lutheran Retirement Home Staff for their loving care.

Ralph Ehlenfeldt

Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt, 84, of Kensett passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, into the arms of Jesus.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the Kensett Community Center, 300 Willow Street, Kensett. Ralph's family greeted friends from 10 to 11 a.m. at the community center. Everyone was invited to lunch and fellowship following the service. Cards may be sent to 10 Maple Street, Kensett, IA 50448.



RALPH EHLENFELDT

Ralph Edward Ehlenfeldt was born on August 29, 1935, near Plainview, Minnesota, the son of Clifford Lavern and Pearl Ruth (Schultz) Ehlenfeldt. Growing up around Plainview, he attended high school in southwest Minnesota. It was soon after Ralph found his passion in carpentry. For many years Ralph used his talents and hard work on numerous projects, from roofing to remodeling homes.

It was later that Ralph met the love of his life, Denise Johnson. The two were married on August 25, 1979, at Denise's parent's farm under the big willow tree. Ralph always said he married Denise so he'd never have to talk again. This treasured union brought Ralph to know the love of Jesus.

Together the pair made their home in Rochester, before moving to Kensett, where they have called home for 32 years. Ralph was able to retire in the late 1990s and it was then he found his true passion, gardening.

For 15 plus years the Ehlenfeldt house was surrounded by three acres of flourishing garden. It was filled with fruits and vegetables because "if you can't eat it, why would you grow it?" Ralph cherished time spent tending to his crops and accepted nothing but the best. For many years their yield could be found for sale along Highway 65 or at Farmer's Markets around the area.

Ralph's love of the outdoors was not confined to the garden. He was an experienced golfer who loved to take trips with his friends to area golf courses. Ralph looked forward to time on the water fishing, whether it was summer or ice fishing on the lake.

Plenty of his time was spent in his "Shuck It" Shop, a name earned by the numerous pieces of friend's tools and scraps that found a new home within.

Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints." As Ralph's last breath slipped away, he was carried in the arms of Jesus. When the time comes to take your last breath, do you know where you're going? Ralph knew he was being adorned for his Heavenly home.

Ralph is survived by his faithful wife of 40 years, who brought him to see the glories of God, Denise; his children, Randy (Terry) Ehlenfeldt, Vicki (Danny) Gonzalez and Tracy (Tony Hermann) Schrepfer; beloved grandchildren, René, Tristan (Karrie), Jeff (Gina) Amy, Timothy (Kailee) and Weston (Lacy); six great-grandchildren and one on the way; his brothers, David (Lori) Ehlenfeldt and Allyn (Lora) Ehlenfeldt; and his aunt, "Ol' Tude" Violet Ehlenfeldt.

Those greeting him at the gates of Heaven are his parents, Clifford and Pearl; his siblings, Don and Karen; and an infant son.

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Bolan

Lori Willert, Linda Nydegger and Cheryl (Rosenberg) Gruis attended the Worth County Community Foundation meeting that was held at the Fertile Community Center on Thursday evening. One of the grants that was given out was given to the project in Bolan to move and restore Grandma Sina White's house. Accepting the grant were Lori and Cheryl, who is the great-great-granddaughter of Sina. Almost $50,000 in grant money was given to various organizations.

The St. Ansgar Enterprise Journal looked back at the past decade and compiled a list of the greatest contributors of the past 10 years to St. Ansgar's athletic tradition that played multiple sports and earned awards like all-conference selections or set school records. Kelsie Willert was chosen as one of the 10 for the year 2016. Cole Willert was one of the four listed as Honorable Mentions.

Cole Willert, who attends the University of Northern Iowa and is now in the track program, ran at the University of Iowa with teammates in the open 400 meter on Saturday. Lori Willert was able to attend the meet.

The Vacation Bible School pancake brunch fundraiser was discussed after Trinity UM Church services. It will be held at Bethel UM Church on Sunday, February 9. There will be more details in the paper at a later date.

Notice

IN THE IOWA JUVENILE COURT FOR CERRO GORDO COUNTY
Case No. JVJV008955
NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

IN THE INTEREST OF PHILOMENA MARIEGRACE STONEKING,
A Minor Child.

TO: JO WILLIAMS, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PUTATIVE FATHERS OF PHILOMENA MARIEGRACE STONEKING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file, at the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Juvenile Division, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa a Petition in Cerro Gordo County Juvenile No. JVJV008955, which prays for a termination of your parent-child relationship with Philomena MarieGrace Stoneking, a minor child born on October 18, 2019 in Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. For further details contact the clerk's office. The Petitioner's attorney is David A. Grooters, whose address is 103 E. State Street, Suite 800, P.O. Box 1588, Mason City, Iowa 50402-1588. The telephone and facsimile numbers for the Petitioner's attorney are (641) 423-4264 and (641) 423-3145, respectively.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that there will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights before the Iowa Juvenile Court for Cerro Gordo County at the Courthouse in Mason City, Iowa, at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of March, 2020, and at said time and place you will be given an opportunity to be heard before the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, as a person against whom a proceeding for termination of parental rights is brought, you have the right to counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 600A.6A. If you are financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for you if the criteria set forth in Iowa Code section 600A.6A(2) are met.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you appear hereto and defend, at the time and place identified above, termination of parental rights may be decreed as prayed in the Petition.

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Facsimile: (641) 424-6726
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Supervisors

January 6, 2020
Second Day

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

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the January 6, 2020 Agenda as amended.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the January 2, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to award for project BROS-SWAP-C098(73)--SE-98, 342nd St. Bridge to the low bidder Dixon Construction Co at $474,997.60.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve plans and specifications for L-78--73-98, 340th Street and Partridge Ave. to Manly City Limits.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve plans and specifications for FM-C098(77)--55-98, 348th Street east into Fertile.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve drainage claim in the amount of $50.00:

Donald R. Anderson, DD #13/Lat 3 Ditch, Beaver.....$50.00

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 12:26 P.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Aaron Stone
Chairperson

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 12/9/19 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Woltzen, Pilkington, Parker, & Ehlenfeldt.

Absent: Heiken.

Visitors: Susan Overy, Reta Ulve, Herb Thompson, LaRue Douglas, and Richard Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Pilkington, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Maintenance discussed lagoon, curb stops that need repaired, and general maintenance.

Clerk discussed upcoming vacation, insurance claim, Northwood Beautification Committee donation, and Ipers audit.

Visitors: Library Board president Herb Thompson asked for approval for hiring Susan Overy as the new librarian, motion by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen to approve, carried unanimously.

Old Business: Mayor discussed upcoming court date.

Grants awarded to city were Observation Boards for the Freedom Rock and backup generator for city hall.

Budget meeting planned for January 8th at 7 P.M.

New Business: Motion to increase 32 gallon garbage rate from $13.50 per month to $14.00 per month by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Clerk will start proceedings for annual water & sewer increase.

Motion to accept Annual Financial Report by Ehlenfeldt, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Water damage in the kitchen at the community center discussed. Since Schmidt Construction is already doing other work there he will be contacted for this also.

Motion by Ehlenfeldt to approve Resolution #579 – Special Assessment for outstanding water bills at 805 Elm Street, 2nd by Parker, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion by Parker to approve Resolution #580 – Special Assessment for outstanding water bills at 712 Walnut Street, 2nd by Pilkington, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion by Pilkington to approve Resolution #581 – Special Assessment for outstanding water bills at 601 Ash Street, 2nd by Ehlenfeldt, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion by Parker to approve Resolution #582 – Special Assessment for outstanding water bills at 212 Walnut Street, 2nd by Ehlenfeldt, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion by Parker to approve Resolution #583 – Special Assessment for outstanding water bills at 408 Oak Street, 2nd by Pilkington, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: November Revenues by Fund: General 23,729.60, Utilities 5,125.18, Special 2,286.52. Total Revenues: $31,141.30. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 2,548.20, WCTA 274.18, B. Luckason 612.17 (net), R. Bauer 944.10 (net), L. McNally 1,391.82 (net), Ipers 663.49 (payroll), Federal & SS 1,165.85 (payroll), Big Statues 13,652.50 (WcDA grant – general), League of Cities 50.00 (budget workshop – general), Post Office 317.90 (general), D & L Equipment 39.88 (mower parts – general), L. McNally 260.00 (holidaze reimbursement – general), T. Rollene 437.50 (mowing – general), Schmidt Construction 656.17 (heart slab – general), Ag Source 132.25 (water test), Kensett Water 98.75 (sewer fees), T. Dakin 80.00 (cleaning – general), L. McNally 92.80 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1,379.20 (garbage & recycling – general), C. Pulju 184.70 (payroll – net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection – general), Tractor Loan Payment #10 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), IRWA 225.00 (dues – water), R80 47.28 (fuel – city – road use), G Works 1,121.43 (license & support fee general), A. Wilson 60.00 (mowing – general), Brown Supply 445.04 (water meter), Kelly Hardware 5.29 (supplies – water), Green Canopy 128.30 (service – general), R80 12.16 (diesel – KFD – road use), D. Ehlenfeldt 443.28 (payroll), R. Parker 332.46 (payroll), C. Pilkington 369.40 (payroll), K. Woltzen 517.16 (payroll), AgSource 144.25 (service – sewer – testing), RVS Software 381.00 (annual fee – general), Northwood Anchor 223.51 (annual report – general), C. Pulju 33.06 (mileage – general) .

Library Bills: Baker & Taylor 798.94 (books 777.20, DVD's 21.74), A. Bergdale 180.00 (clean), Culligan Water 9.40, Midwest Tapes 94.76 (DVD's), Staples 67.78 (supplies), Petty Cash 200.00, Northwood Electric 110.00 (repairs), David Patrick 55.00 (windows and Christmas bonus), L. Albright 40.00 (shovel snow).

Disbursements by Fund: General 22,369.56, Special 1,353.08, Utilities 1,400.57, Payroll 6,624.43 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $31,747.64.

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

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

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: John Anderson; Larry Hovey; Roger Harris; Cindy Pangburn

Members Absent: Susan Kliment

(4-0) Approved the agenda; December 12th board minutes; Financial Reports for December; January bills for payment

President Hovey opened the public hearing on the Proposed Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program at 7:15 pm

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

Public hearing closed at 7:16 pm

President Hovey opened the public hearing for 2020-2021 School Calendar at 7:16 pm

Superintendent Crozier gave an overview of calendar days

Comments: no written or verbal comments received

Public hearing closed at 7:18 pm

Round Table Discussion with Legislatures

Waylon Brown was unable to attend. Discussion was held with State Representative Jane Bloomingdale on education topics: early adoption of supplemental state aid; continuation of transportation equity; repairs for transportation allowed from SAVE and PPEL; cost per pupil inequity; continuation of operational sharing dollars; mental health services; school vouchers; IPERS

Reports

Education Presentation: Jared Barnes, Instrumental Music teacher, highlighted the standards used for the music program at N-K. Standards are written for both individual and ensemble levels with numerous performance and competition opportunities for each, depending on grade level. Students, Bella Hoch on flute and Austin Efflandt on trumpet, gave a brief performance of their All State Audition music.

Elementary Principal: 1) Winter FAST testing for reading and math Jan 13 – Feb 7 2) Land O'Lakes matched donation by Farmers Feed & Grain of $625 for food bank 3) 7 students performing in Honor Choir Feb 27 in Algona

Secondary Principal: 1) Student teacher with Mrs. Faugstad in March and April 2) Poster developed to communicate meaning of our proficiency scale

Superintendent: 1) Attending National Superintendent's Convention Feb 12-15 2) N-K and St Ansgar board presidents and Superintendent will meet in January to evaluate the Superintendent Sharing Agreement.

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting rescheduled to Feb 6 - yearbook picture at 6:45 2) In partnership with Worth County Extension, the district received a Worth County Community Foundation Grant for the 6th Grade Garden Project $1200

New Business

(4-0) Approved the student driver education fee of $310 for summer 2020

(4-0) Approved the review of the 300 Board Policy Series – Administration

(4-0) Approved the second reading of board policy changes 905.1 Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment; 905.1R1 Community Use of School District Facilities and Equipment Regulation; 905.1R2 Community Use of School District Buildings, Sites, Equipment Fee Schedule; and deletion of policies 905.1E1 Northwood-Kensett CSD Building Use Form; 905.1E2 Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment Indemnity and Liability Insurance Agreement

(4-0) Approved the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented by Mr. Crozier

(4-0) Approved the request to the SBRC for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2020-2021 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of $131,704 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2020-2021 program plans

(4-0) Approved the resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program

(4-0) Approved the 28E agreement with the City of Northwood for the Vikings Activity Center shared use

Discussion was held regarding a 28E Agreement with Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission for natural gas program participation. No action taken

(4-0) Approved an early resignation incentive in the amount of $1,000 for teachers who turn in a resignation effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year by noon on February 5, 2020. Payment to be made in May 2020.

(4-0) Approved the first reading of Board Policy changes to 210.8E1 Board Meeting Agenda Example; 301.5 Administration and AEA; 303.5 Administrator Duties; and the addition of policies 209.3 Dissemination of Policy; 711.4 Summer School Program Transportation Service; 711.5 Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students

(4-0) Approved Nolte, Cornman, and Johnson to perform the district annual audit for the three years ending 6/30/22

(4-0) Approved Ron Dodd as Driver Education Instructor for the 2020 school year at $175.00 per student

(4-0) Accepted the resignation of Monica Flathman as Secondary Language Arts/ESL/Speech Coach at the end of the 2019-20 school year

(4-0) Accepted the resignation of Monte DeArmoun as Assistant Boys Basketball coach at the end of the 2019-20 season pending suitable replacement.

(4-0) Adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm

Northwood-Kensett CSD
1/9/20

A & I AUTO REPAIRS 4,145.14
AHLERS & COONEY legal services 174.00
AIRGAS, SUPPLIES . 132.82
All Star Pest Control pest control 75.00
ALLIANT ELECTRICITY 9,360.87
Amazon, SUPPLIES 2,103.50
American Institutes for Research, assessments 22.00
Applebees, meals 18.39
CARQUEST SUPPLIES 20.99
CASEY'S, SUPPLIES .. 21.38
CenterPoint Energy Services natural gas 3,279.38
CENTRAL PETROLEUM CO supplies 197.34
Central Rivers AEA supplies 70.00
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD sharing agreements 16,975.00
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD open enrollment .. 45,906.25
Centro, meals 147.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD water/sewer 1,215.10
Crisisprevention training 1,285.00
CULVER HAHN SUPPLIES 540.00
DES MOINES REGISTER subscription 10.69
FALLGATTER'S SUPPLIES 421.54
GOODWIN TUCKER repairs 552.97
Hansen, Elaine reimb supplies 297.90
Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, supplies 91.99
Hessen Haus meals 33.64
Hill, Lori reimb supplies 214.87
HILTON Hotels lodging/meals 588.40
IA ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS registrations 600.00
IA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, medicaid 2,343.58
IA DIVISION OF LABOR SERVICES inspection 40.00
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, SUPPLIES .. 120.35
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES 256.84
Kenison, Brian rental 500.00
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, repairs 90.00
Marco Technologies supplies 107.59
MARTIN BROTHERS supplies 1,553.19
MASON CITY CSD open enrollment .. 21,350.75
MENARDS SUPPLIES 253.98
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, parts 327.34
Moby Max subscription 160.00
NIACC Book Zone supplies 141.10
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR PUBLICATION 203.47
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, garbage 610.00
TRADING POST supplies 87.97
One Source Background Check Co background checks 40.50
Parks, Gregory reimb supplies 72.52
PLUMB SUPPLY CO SUPPLIES 253.79
POSTMASTER mailing permit 235.00
Precision Roller supplies 299.80
Reality Works supplies 1,698.00
rSchool Today training 296.94
SCHOOL SPECIALTY SUPPLIES 169.79
Security & Communication Professionals supplies 740.00
ST. ANSGAR CSD open enrollment 7,225.75
Thorson, Megan reimb supplies 84.70
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE MEDICAID BILLING 221.80
Ubben, Colette reimb supplies 61.12
VISA, lodging 275.37
Williams, Ashley reimb supplies 28.00
WCTA, phone service. 946.64
WORTH CO ENGINEER diesel/gas 2,553.18
Fund Number 10 . 131,850.22
IOWA STATE UNIV scholarship 1,500.00
North Central Univ scholarship 1,000.00
Univ of Northern Iowa scholarships 6,500.00
Fund Number 81 ..... 9,000.00
10,000 Custom Designs supplies 395.00
AGWSR CSD entry fee 75.00
Anamosa CSD entry fee 75.00
BETHKE, MATT official 100.00
Boerjan, Ben Official 100.00
CARQUEST SUPPLIES 9.49
DECKERS supplies 431.55
DINGMAN, DAN official 100.00
ECKENROD, TOM official 100.00
FALLGATTER'S SUPPLIES 67.56
Fierova, Joe official 210.00
FREESMAN, COLLIN official 100.00
GREIMAN, TODD official 100.00
Hall, Katherine official 490.00
HALSTED, TONY official 100.00
Hansen, James Official 140.00
Hartman, Steve reimb supplies 15.98
HENN, GREGORY official 100.00
Hillmer, Holli Official 100.00
ICDA, registration 21.00
IA FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOC, membership ... 55.00
IA SPORTS SUPPLY uniforms 1,250.75
J.W. PEPPER supplies 90.99
Johanns, Joshua official 85.00
JOHNSON VINYL GRAPHICS, supplies 105.00
Kelly Hardware SUPPLIES 5.68
LACEY, BRANDT official 100.00
MCCONE GOURMET FOODS, supplies 896.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER testing 235.52
N-K GENERAL FUND reimb officials 226.06
NALAN, CLAYTON official 100.00
NALAN, MARK official 100.00
PEARSON, ALEX official 154.00
Reindl, Jordan reimb membership 25.00
RICEVILLE CSD entry fees 80.00
Rieman Music repairs 150.00
Rudis, uniforms 76.99
SAMUEL FRENCH supplies/license 2,435.00
SANKEY, AUGUST official 100.00
SIGNWAREHOUSE supplies 101.48
SNAPPY POPCORN supplies 1,048.00
Strike Zone food 88.00
Thein, Trevor official 100.00
VIAFIELD storage 44.79
VISA, supplies 775.83
Weber, Gary official 140.00
Fund Number 21 ... 11,399.67
KENISON CONSTRUCTION, repairs 1,250.00
MARTIN BROTHERS equipment 6,450.00
Trane, repairs 3,604.18
Fund Number 33 ... 11,304.18
Marco, copier lease .. 1,075.35
TimeClock Plus time clock system 84.00
Fund Number 36 ..... 1,159.35
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, MILK 1,800.10
FALLGATTER'S SUPPLIES 40.88
MARTIN BROTHERS food/supplies 8,783.49
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO BREAD 479.84
Fund Number 61 ... 11,104.31

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009193

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN L. SMITH, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lillian L. Smith, Deceased, who died on or about December 27, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the January 3, 2020, the last will and testament of Lillian L. Smith, deceased, bearing date of October 13, 2003, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Robert R. Smith was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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John H. Greve
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Date of second publication the 22nd day of January, 2020. 3-2t

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Vikings beat RRMR and Newman, run dual record to 8-7

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Coming off the long two week holiday break with its Christmas dinners and New Year's Day feasts, it's always a mystery thinking about what kind of shape your wrestler will return to action in.

But the Viking coaches got a pleasant surprise last week when their kids came out and won 2-3 duals, beating Rockford 46-30 and Mason City Newman 54-24 before suffering their only loss, 54-30 to the 11th ranked Panthers of Central Springs.

The Vikings traveled to Mason City last Thursday night to face Newman, RRMR and Central Springs, picking up wins over the Warriors and the Knights to take home a second-place finish in the night's quadrangular action.

The Vikings had a number of wrestlers who went unbeaten at Newman, including Treycen Rollene, who won all three by forfeit; ninth-ranked Caden Schrage, Drake Tiedemann, who won all three by fall; Josiah Kliment, who won all three by fall; and No. 1 ranked Gideon Rollene.

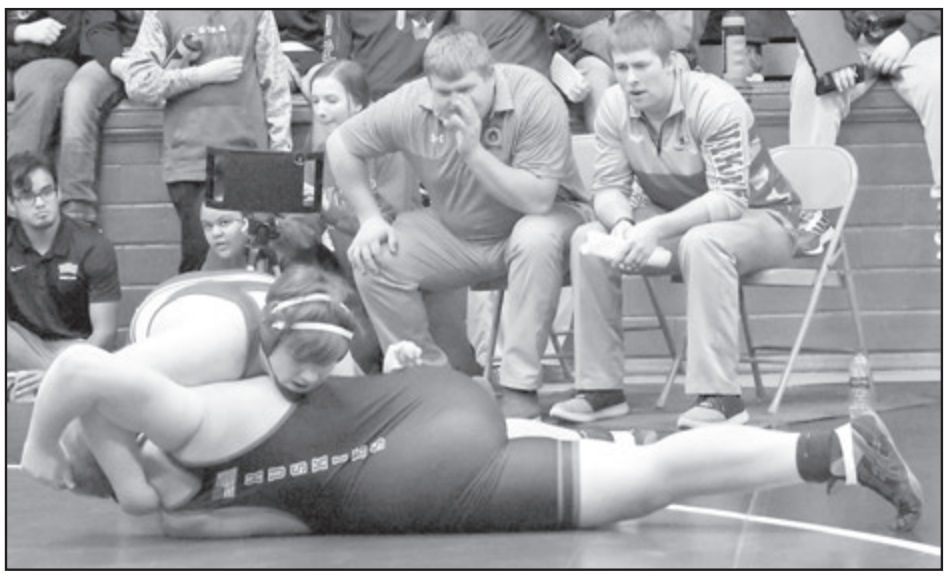
N-K's Monte Sims and Drew Wilder lost just one match on the day but those losses were to the sixth-ranked wrestler in their respective weight classes, both from Central Springs.

The Vikings finished up the week with the GTRA Invitational in Graettinger last Saturday, where the men competed against opponents from 10 other schools in the cramped GTRA gym.

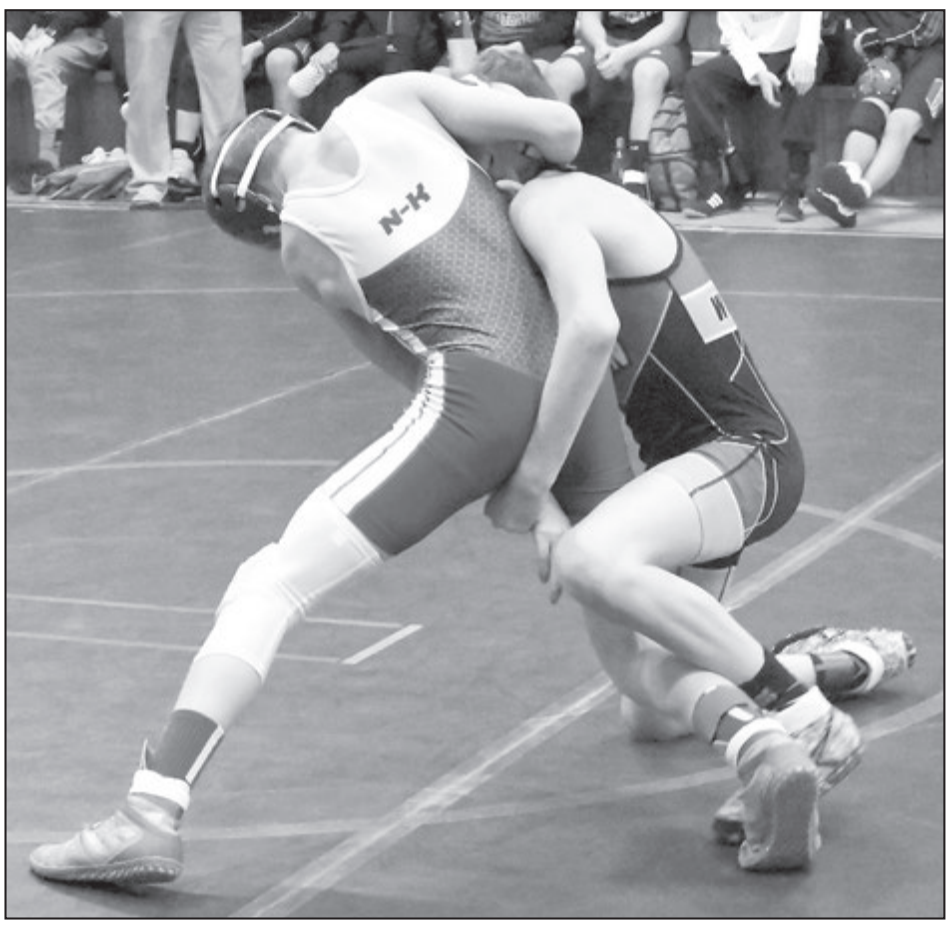
The Vikings' two ranked wrestlers, No. 1 Gideon Rollene and No. 9 Schrage, took home first place medals with 3-0 records, all three wins for Rollene coming by fall. N-K's other crowned champion was Tiedemann, who beat Max McGill of Woodbury Central 7-2 in the finals for a 3-0 mark.

The Vikings have two meets this week, a quad Thursday night at home in Northwood and Saturday they will travel to Ackley for an individual tournament hosted by AGWSR.

Vikings Season and Career Records – Treycen Rollene 25-9 (25-9), Dalton Logeman 11-14 (11-14), Monte Sims 11-13 (11-13), Michael Janssen 2-13 (2-13), Drew Wilder 16-15 (22-30), Caden Schrage 27-2 (128-36), Hayden Moore 1-5 (1-5), Dante Sims 13-7 (13-7), Makaio Hoch 0-2 (0-2), Nathan Hanneman 0-0 (0-0), Drake Tiedemann 25-2 (55-12), Dylan Tews 6-10 (6-16), Josiah Kliment 25-6 (50-21), Tyler Mills 0-0 (27-16), Brandon Varner 20-11 (60-39), Gideon Rollene 29-0 (112-53), Mason Thofson 2-2 (2-2), Ethan Thofson 12-9 (24-53)



Working right in front of his coaches, N-K's Mason Thofson works to get his opponent on his back last Saturday at the GTRA Invitational. Thofson finished the tournament with a 1-2 record when he beat Webster City's Eric Lomeli by fall in just 56 seconds.



N-K's Treycen Rollene makes easy work out of his first-round match last Saturday at the GTRA Invite. Rollene took just 18 seconds to dispatch North Union's Caiden Shure before finishing the day at 3-2 with a fifth place finish.

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Winter sets the scene

Any travel through North Iowa this time of year shows off a variety of scenes set in the falling or fallen snow. That includes the heavy snow setting the scene in downtown Northwood, while at the same time making traffic potentially more treacherous. Meanwhile, that also includes a scene of a combine coming out of the snow-covered field.

Sammy Miller and The Congregation to perform at NIACC on January 17

Sammy Miller and The Congregation will be presented at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7:30 p.m. this Friday, January 17. This presentation is part of the 2019-2020 Performing Arts and Leadership Series.

Sammy Miller and The Congregation are on a mission to share the power of community through their music. A native of Los Angeles, Grammy Award-nominated drummer Sammy Miller has become known for making music as a drummer, singer and bandleader. Upon completing his Master's at The Julliard School, Sammy formed his ensemble, The Congregation.

The seven-piece band is known for performing jazz with energy and comedy. While independently the band members have performed and recorded with notable artists including Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Wynton Marsalis, Jazon Mraz, Queen Latifah and Iron and Wine at venues including the White House, Lincoln Center and the Hollywood Bowl, they have opted to stick together to spread joy throughout the world.

Sammy Miller and The Congregation has been described as a mash up of Ben Folds and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

"We want to get people back in a room together," Sammy Miller says. "I love the idea of being sincere, vulnerable, and breaking down walls through humor. Music is an uplifting gift, and I want to be generous in sharing it with people."

The seven-piece group features conservatory-trained musicians who haven't lost their awe for playing music. The band lineup includes Sammy Miller, drums and vocals; Sam Crittenden, trombone; Ben Flocks, tenor sax; Sammy's sister, Molly Miller, on guitar; Alphonso Horne, trumpet; Corbin Jones, bass and tuba; and David Linard, piano.

Sammy started the band in 2014 and since the band's inception, the Congregation has played nonstop around the world. Select highlights include performances at Umbria Jazz Festival, Monterey Jazz Festival, Jazz At Lincoln Center, The White House, The Kennedy Center, Prokofiev Concert Hall in Russia and at the Newport Jazz Festival, where the group received a standing ovation. The seven-piece band has also garnered prime critical acclaim from such venerated outlets as the Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, SF Weekly, Vanity Fair and Jazz Journal, among other publications.

Their live show grew to be something of a mix between a comedy troupe and a dazzling rock band that played reimagined jazz.

"We let ourselves be free and we took the audience with us," Sammy said.

During their two-day residency in North Iowa, Sammy Miller and The Congregation will work with area high school music students during clinics and workshops as part of the NIACC Jazz Festival.

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

Tickets to the show can be obtained by calling the NIACC Box Office at 1-888-466-4222, extension 4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.niacc.edu/boxoffice.

AEA Scout provides students and families with piece of mind in researching online information

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A new online research tool, known as AEA Scout, has been launched by Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs) and ensures that students and families have access to trusted online resources in one location.

AEA Scout is an online portal that provides access to many of the digital resources provided by Iowa's AEAs including AEA Digital Library, American History in Video, Encyclopedia Britannica, Gale, Learn 360, Mackin VIA, PBS Learning Media, SIRS Researcher, and Teen Health & Wellness. Initially, fifth through twelfth grade students will benefit from a one-stop-shop for their research needs, and teachers and parents can rest easy knowing their students are searching the quality content they've come to know and trust.

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