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Briefs

Santa visits Northwood in Dec.



Santa Claus will once again be coming to town as Christmas approaches, making sure that area children have been nice, and that he has everything on their lists.

Santa will be in Northwood on Saturday, December 7, as he takes part in the lighted parade. He will then spend time with children at Santa's Village in Central Park.

Santa will also be at his home in Central Park on Thursdays, December 12 and 19, from 5-6 p.m.; and on Saturdays, December 14 and 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa will also visit Northwood one more time before he makes his holiday deliveries. He will be back in Central Park on Christmas Eve from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

School board meeting spot changes

At their organizational meeting last Thursday, the members of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education set the time and place for their regular meetings, including a change of location.

Starting in December, the monthly school board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. in the secondary media center.

WCDA awards almost $1 million to 32 local non-profits in latest round of grants

By Erin McCord
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A crowd gathered in the Event Center of the Diamond Jo Casino last Wednesday for the distribution of $964,692.73 in grants by the Worth County Development Authority (WCDA), the grant distribution arm of the casino. The WCDA has awarded $61 million to local entities since 2006.

Churches, fire departments, non-profit organizations and local governments were all beneficiaries of the largesse. The biggest winner of the night was Worth County, which received $229,708.90 to digitize the courthouse archives.

TUNE was another big winner, walking away with $116,633.07 for the third phase of the conversion of the old Northwood lumber yard into an event center.

The Worth County Historical Society was awarded $95,000 for the Waking Miss Winifred project, which will go towards a new roof and tuck-pointing of the historic hotel.

In addition to the hotel, the Worth County Historical Society got $4,600 for improvements to the Kensett Museum.

Other Northwood-area winners were the Northwood Public Library, which will be putting it's $3,441.69 to use towards a new copier/printer. The library also received $6,925.00 for new computers.

Dennis Johnson of the Worth County Extension accepted $5,539.90 for a livestock retinal scanner and a laminator.

Worth County Emergency Management will be doing a fire department gas meter project, installing seven detectors, one for each fire department in the county, and 1 recalibration station, with their grant of $7,860.00.

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company got $28,082.00 for some new "goodies" for the tanker truck they purchased last year, according to Northwood Fire Chief Mitch Hanson. These include a new pump and a remote control monitor.

Mike Bode, the Worth County Weed Commissioner, accepted a grant of $55,310.00 for a new roadside vegatation hydro-seeder. Bode said that the new apparatus will help plant native seeds in the county's ditches, among other uses.

The children (and parents) of Worth

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Big winners

Worth County Auditor Jacki Backhaus and Recorder Teresa Olson are shown above after accepting the largest award of the night, $229,708.90, on behalf of Worth County. The money will go toward digitizing Worth County's record archives.

Inadvertent inaction delays fertilizer facility's approval

A recent meeting of the Northwood Board of Adjustment centered on the construction of an agriculture chemical facility in the works at Viafield's Northwood location. Several nearby residents shared concerns while Viafield representatives described the safeguards that make the new facility safer than what is currently in place. The board ultimately voted down a motion without taking additional action, creating the need for another hearing.

The project would be built on the north side of Viafield's property along 16th Street North on the east side of Northwood. According to information presented at the meeting, construction will include a 80x200 foot building to process and load agriculture chemical products. The project will also include a 1 million gallon tank to hold fertilizer.

The new facility would replace existing facilities at the Northwood site, maintain jobs there and would relocate Viafield's operations from Grafton.

Under Northwood city code, a fertilizer plant is not amongst the uses permitted for the area, which is classified as a heavy industry district. A variance for the project can be approved by the Board of Adjustment, allowing for the construction to take place.

Joanne Steinmentz,

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Crop clinic set for December 13

The annual Corn and Soybean Clinic organized by ISU Extension and Outreach of Worth and Cerro Gordo counties will be held on Friday, December 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly.

The annual clinic features information presented by a number of experts on issues important to farmers and agriculture professionals, as well as an opportunity for pesticide application recertification. The program also includes a free meal.

This year's speakers will include Mark Licht, an Iowa State University Extension Cropping Systems Agronomist. Licht will discuss ways of controlling costs of production in raising corn and soybeans, as well as the past year's growing season and challenges faced by farmers.

Extension field agronomist Meaghan Anderson will also speak at the clinic. Anderson provides pro-

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Brad and Angela Wright (center) are shown accepting a check for $12,500 on behalf of Worth County Community of Promise from Post Consumer Brands in St. Ansgar on Saturday, November 9.

Worth County Community of Promise brings in $15,000 after cereal sale

By Erin McCord
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Worth County Community of Promise, which operates the Northwood Community Center and the Worth County Community Pantry, was one of two beneficiaries of the recent Post Brands cereal sale held in St. Ansgar.

The sale was part of the 125th anniversary of the Post Brands company. Post donated $12,500 to WCCOP, as well as half of the proceeds from the cereal sale, which amounted to

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Northwood celebrates holidays Dec. 7

To celebrate the start of the holiday season, a number of activities will take place in Northwood on Saturday, December 7.

Chapter ES P.E.O. from Northwood will again host "Cookies With Santa." The event will take place at the Masonic Temple in Northwood from 9-11 a.m.

This year's theme is based on the movie "Frozen 2." All children are invited to visit with Santa Claus, enjoy refreshments, decorate cookies and participate in other children's activities. The cost is $5 per child.

Tickets may be purchased at Kelly Hardware or from P.E.O. members.

As well as the children's activities, Chapter E.S. will host its annual cookie sale,

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by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

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Worth cities receive fluoridation recognition

The Iowa Department of Public Health recently announced that 107 Iowa communities have been awarded the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In addition, eight communities (Allison Water Supply, Atlantic Municipal Utilities, Eldridge Water Supply, Fort Madison Municipal Waterworks, Iowa Falls Water Department, Kalona Water Department, Milford Municipal Utilities and Spirit Lake Waterworks) have been awarded the 50 Year Award for maintaining continuous community water fluoridation from 1968-2018.

Nationally, 1,656 public water systems in 30 states received this award for 2018.

Amongst the 107 Iowa communities receiving awards were Manly and Northwood.

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water throughout 2018.

IDPH supports CDC approved fluoridation programs. The IDPH Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems monitors the fluoride levels of Iowa communities and provides information and assistance to water supply professionals, healthcare professionals and the public.

The fluoridation status of Iowa counties and towns can be found on the My Water's Fluoride website at nccd.cdc.gov/DOH_MWF.

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County will be excited to hear that Worth County Community of Promise will be installing an indoor playground with their grant of $51,910.00.

The Northwood VFW Post #6779 will get a couple of projects done with their grants- a new drink cooler ($1,977.00) and replacing the rear deck ($7,987.26).

Worth County Public Health will use their $4,200 grant to keep the county's vaccine supplies secure in a new specialized, wi-fi enabled refrigerator that will notify authorized users of any interruption in power, according to Public Health Nurse Shana Butler.

Mayor Joyce Russell accepted $82,211.79 on behalf of The City of Fertile for emergency generators.

The City of Kensett received $1,457.00 for stand-alone observation boards and $8,000 for back-up generators. The Kensett Fire Department received $28,300.00 for self contained breathing apparatuses.

Scott Heagel, city councilman and member of the VFW of Manly, accepted awards on behalf of both the City of Manly and the VFW Post #110, as he had written the grants that secured money for solar panels for the Manly Police Station ($11,995.00), the city maintenance shed ($28,100.00) and the VFW ($29,350.00). Heagel said in his acceptance speech that the VFW spends approximately $5,600 a year on electricity bills, and that with the expected savings of solar panels, they won't have to raise prices of food and drinks.

The City of Manly Parks and Rec received money for Phase 3 improvements ($34,085) and Phase 4 improvements ($9,762.73). Some of those improvements will include a new scoreboard and pitching mounds at the ball fields.

The Manly Public Library received $2,567.73 for ongoing improvements in and around the library.

Area churches will be doing some upgrading with their monies, including roof improvements on the Otranto Community Church ($5,625.00), solar panels for the Silver Lake Lutheran Church ($9,990.00), LED lighting in the First Lutheran Church in Northwood ($13,356.31), new flooring in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church ($13,842.00), and new windows for the Elk Creek Lutheran Church ($19,435.00).

The city workers in Joice will have an easier time this winter with new heating and other upgrades to their maintenance shed ($17,085.00).

The City of Lake Mills Fire Department received a grant of $27,354.60 for an air compressor fill station that will refill firefighter's oxygen bottles.

A new group, the Friends of Pilot Knob, received $3,000 to replace the 1960's era campground kiosk.

The WCDA will award another round of grants in the spring. For more information on the grant program visit www.wcdasite.com.

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the chair of the Board of Adjustment, explained the board's role at the meeting. They were to hear information from Viafield in regards to their request and listen to concerns from the public. However, she said, their decision could only be based on whether the change in the use of the property made it more dangerous for the community than what is currently in place.

The meeting was attended by several citizens, there to share their concerns for the project.

One of the chief concerns was the potential impact of a major chemical spill, explosion or other disaster in which the facility would impact the community. Concerns included the debris and contamination that would occur if a severe event caused precautions taken by Viafield to fail.

To address concerns of potential spills and contamination, Viafield representatives explained that the building where chemicals will be processed and loaded for shipment will be constructed to have an internal curb capable of containing more than the entire capacity of the facility, catching any spills inside.

The tank outside will be built with a double wall that is an additional layer of protection than is necessary, according to Viafield.

They additionally noted that there is no city water or sanitary sewer in the area. The well the facility will access is 320 feet underground and will be cased to keep it separate from other groundwater systems, meeting DNR guidelines.

Another concern with a larger facility was an increase in noise and truck traffic.

Viafield representatives said that there would not be an increase in truck traffic, barring a significant increase in business at the facility. They said that the truck traffic would be spread out over a longer time period, but that there would not be any more than is currently operating at any one time.

Another concern mentioned by several in attendance, both those that have property adjacent to Viafield's location, and other concerned residents, was a lack of communication with those in the community that such a facility was being constructed.

Derrick Davis, area operations leader for Viafield, apologized for the lack of communication.

It was also explained that there was no notice to the City of Northwood. It was explained that the City's permitting requires that a contractor be listed on documents when filing a permit with the city. No contractor was chosen until September, and the permit was filed after that, marking the first official notice to the City, per City code.

Speaking to the concerns of environmental impact, as well as safety, the main consideration for the Board of Adjustment, Viafield representatives said that the current facility is less safe and is no longer a good steward of the environment. The new facility is designed with more safety precautions and will have less of an environmental impact.

Ron Davidson, of rural Northwood, who sits on the Viafield Board of Directors, said that the board felt it was important to keep a facility in Northwood and keep jobs in Northwood.

For Viafield, the choice is to build new in Northwood, replacing the outdated facilities, or to move operations elsewhere.

When it came time to vote, board member Jon Anderson said he believes there are better places to build than in "everyone's backyard," and made a motion to deny Viafield's construction request. When it came time to vote, Anderson was joined by Bruce Reinfels in voting to deny the request. Steinmetz, Shana Brunsvold and Sue Grundel voted against the motion, causing it to fail.

While the motion was defeated, no other motion was made and the meeting adjourned. That left the Viafield matter unresolved before the Board of Adjustment, and leaving the project in limbo awaiting a decision.

With that in mind, the board will meet again on Monday, November 25, at noon at Northwood City Hall to discuss the project again and take action to either approve or deny a request for a zoning variance.

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gramming on crop production and management.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact the Worth County Extension Service at 641-324-1531 to sign up for the program and to help plan for the lunch.

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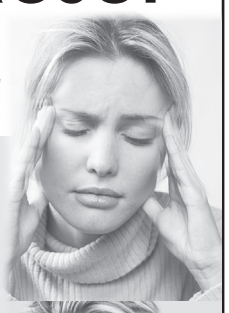
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The Mitchell County Food Bank also received $12,500 and the other half of the proceeds from the cereal sale.

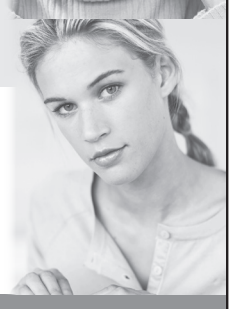
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Ryder Lestrud, a junior at Northwood-Kensett High School, is shown at the Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration final round of competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lestrud won a belt buckle and a spot in the 2020 Chevron calendar.

Lestrud a finalist in national tractor competition

By JoAnn Lower

Three cheers for Ryder Lestrud!

As one of 12 finalists in the Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration Competition, held during the National FFA Convention, Ryder was invited to Indianapolis, Indiana, at the end of October to attend the final round of competition.

Attending with Ryder were his FFA advisor Marty Cotter, his dad Scott, another FFA member and friend Jamie Luckason, who had given Ryder the 1972 John Deere 4020 High Crop to restore for FFA. The five gentlemen were guests of Indianapolis' Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"When I walked in on Wednesday morning to give my 20-minute speech, I was nervous and could hear it in my voice," remembered Ryder. "But when I began to explain the mechanical part of restoring my tractor, it was easy to answer the four judges' questions."

"I didn't win, but as a finalist I was awarded a $200 belt buckle, and my photo will be included in the 2020 Chevron calendar."

Proceeds from calendar sales will go to offset the restoration costs of his next tractor, a John Deere 4010 Standard.

Ryder planned to begin working on his second tractor after this year's harvest and will take both tractors to next year's FFA Ag Mechanics competition at the Iowa State Fair.

This was Ryder's first year competing in the Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration Competition. The judges, impressed with his accomplishments, said, "We hope to see you again."

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with home baked Christmas cookies and Norwegian pastries available for $5 per dozen, placed in a decorative box.

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce is also planning a number of activities throughout the rest of the day, with the theme dedicated to the most famous reindeer of all, Rudolph.

At 1:30 p.m., the Northwood Theatre will present the holiday movie, "It's a Very Merry Muppets Christmas Movie."

Starting at 5 p.m., those downtown can enjoy free hot dogs and hot chocolate at the Northwood Community Center. The Unique Holiday Gift Shop will also be open at the Community Center.

Children can go on the search for a signature holiday treat, with the candy cane hunt at 5:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the lighted parade begins, with holiday-decorated floats, lit for the early evening, traveling through downtown Northwood.

One of the parade participants, Santa Claus, will visit his home away from home in Northwood's Central Park following the parade.

Other parade participants and spectators will travel to Swensrud Park, for the After Glow event. Chili and bars will be served, with a free will donation, in the park's shelter house.

From 6 to 9 p.m., the Northwood Community Center will host holiday activities.

Kavars files appeal in dog case

By Erin McCord
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Barbara Kavars, convicted of 14 counts of animal neglect in her October 18 criminal trial, has filed an appeal.

According to court documents, Kavars bases her appeal on several issues, including that Kavars had been intimidated into signing a relinquishment agreement, wherein she agreed to have all of the dogs removed from her premises. The appeal documents also contend that Kavars was misled into believing that nine of the dogs and four cats would be returned to her after veterinary treatment if she signed the agreement.

The documents list other issues with the manner in which the Worth County Sheriff's Department worked with the ASPCA to remove the Samoyed dogs from her property, as well as the assertion that the original search warrant was "overbroad and unconstitutionally vague" and the sentence of 420 days suspended jail time was "extreme".

The case stems back to November 2018 when Worth County Sheriff's Office initiated the removal of almost 170 dogs after months of monitoring the conditions that the dogs were living in by the WCSO.

First flu deaths reported in Iowa

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) last week announced the first flu-related deaths of the 2019-2020 influenza season: an older adult (61-80 years of age) Central Iowa woman and an elderly (81+ years of age) Northwest Iowa woman. Both women had underlying conditions or contributing factors.

This week flu activity in Iowa has increased to local spread, indicating that the virus is present in Iowa communities.

IDPH Medical Director Dr. Caitlin Pedati said these deaths are an unfortunate reminder that flu can be a serious illness. "The flu virus does have the potential to cause severe illness and death, especially in the very young, very old or those who have underlying health conditions. This is a great time to get the flu vaccine to prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming sick before flu activity increases further."

The CDC recommends that essentially everyone over 6 months of age should receive the flu vaccine. It takes up to two weeks after vaccination for the body to achieve full benefit against the flu virus.

The flu is a respiratory illness caused by viruses. Symptoms may include fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches. Illness typically lasts two to seven days, and often puts healthy people in bed for days.

More information about influenza in Iowa is available online at idph.iowa.gov/influenza.

Those interested in getting vaccinated may contact their health provider, or Worth County Public Health. A Flu Vaccine Finder is also available online at vaccinefinder.org.

Auditor Jacki Backhaus conducts post election audit on city/school elections to ensure integrity of the vote

Worth County Auditor Jacki Backhaus conducted a post-election audit last week, confirming the results of the November 5 city/school elections. Post-election audits are required following all general elections in Iowa. Secretary of State Paul Pate can mandate a post-election auditor for any election. Prior to the November 5 elections, Secretary Pate issued that directive to all 99 counties.

The Iowa Secretary of State's Office randomly selected one precinct in all 99 counties to conduct a post-election audit. County auditors and staff hand-counted ballots in those precincts to ensure the vote totals are accurate.

"I want all Iowans to feel confident in the integrity of the vote. Post-election audits help add another layer of protection to the process," Secretary Pate said.

Election results are available on the Iowa Secretary of State's website, sos.iowa.gov.

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Did you know?

By: Ann Hendrickson



The name Nettie (Orahood) Emery may ring a bell with some of you. She was born on October 6, 1868 in Butler County and in later years became known as Northwood's "Annie Oakley."

She married George Milton Emery in 1887 and in their early married years homesteaded 160 acres near Twin Falls, Idaho. The requirement was to build a cabin and live there for two years, but had no requirement to farm the land, so they didn't. They lived off the land by hunting and fishing to put food on the table.

The summer gave them ample time to ride their horses north past what is now Sun Valley, living on fish and game. On their way back to the cabin during fall they diverted to the hills looking for big game such as elk to supply food for the winter.

Even after her husband died in 1929, she was still shooting and hunting—just not on horseback anymore. During her days in Northwood she was an avid pheasant hunter. She recruited her 12 year old grandson George Dwelle to accompany her on Sunday hunting outings. His job was to drive (remember he is 12) the country roads while Nettie "rode shotgun." Birds were flushed from the roadsides and Nettie fired her Winchester .22 rifle knocking the heads off pheasants—even from far distances. They usually had two or three plump pheasants for their Sunday evening meal.

Some local residents did not approve of the Sunday hunting especially when out of season. Nettie would wear Sunday afternoon attire consisting of a full-length dress. Once in a while a car would approach and so she tucked the newly shot bird in the folds of her big skirt. George loved these Sunday afternoons. She also used her. 22 rifle to get rid of the pesky pigeons on the roof of her house in Northwood. Time and laws have certainly changed haven't they?

Nettie Emery died on September 6, 1958 and is buried in Sunset Rest Cemetery. Her grandson George Dwelle said of Nettie—we had no idea until years later that their sweet old "Grandma Great" who always had treats and toys for them was such a "character."

The Winchester .22 rifle was donated to the WCHS by her great-grandson's Richard and Robert Dwelle.

Until Next time…..



Spelling Bee

Winners of the Northwood-Kensett Spelling Bee are pictured at the AEA spelling bee held last week. From left to right are Julian Luther, Madalynn Hanson, Addison Mayberry and Damaris Peterson.

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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

This book is not the traditional collection of recipes with, perhaps, a few hints on preparation and presentation. Dr. Myles H. Bader put together a large, hard-cover book with the subtitle of "Over 9000 Food Preparation Secrets from the past 100 Years." Wow… that's quite a promise to declare on the front cover of "Grandmother's Cooking Secrets" (2001, Bader Publishing, Las Vegas, NV). I have no idea who Dr. Bader is/was but his grandmother must have been one prolific cook! The book contains 30 chapters plus a glossary. Topics such as "substituting without compromise," "food safety" and "baking like a baker" are contained within the covers. In all these pages, 595, I didn't discover many entries I would classify as recipes.

Here are some of Dr. Bader's most interesting hints and directions adapted from the various chapter, guaranteed to make all of us better cooks.

Cooking With Dairy Products

1. Butter should be allowed to soften at room temperature and never softened in a pan or microwave or it will lose 40% of its flavor and aroma.

2. Refrigerated butter only retains its flavor for 3 weeks. Buy fresh butter if you desire a buttery flavor.

3. Meuniere butter is a sauce made of browned butter seasoned with a small amount of lemon juice and poured over fish.

4. To avoid ice crystals from forming when you are freezing homemade ice cream, place a piece of plastic wrap on top of it.

Baking Like A Baker

1. If the weather is rainy or even damp outside, the meringue peaks will not remain upright. High humidity will kill peaks. Not a good day to make Pavlova!

2. Egg whites must be a room temperature to make a good meringue.

3. French toast was created to use up French bread which is made with no fat and therefore goes stale very quickly.

4. The first pizza in Chicago (deep dish)was introduced in 1943 at Pizzerio Uno.

Perfect Gravies and Sauces

1. Add a pinch of salt to the flour and mix it in well. The flour will not lump up when liquid is added to it.

2. Onion skins added to gravy while it is cooking will give the gravy a nice brown color. Be sure to remove them before serving.

3. If you put too much salt in your gravy, add 1/4 teaspoon of brown sugar to neutralize it.

4. Cornstarch is produced from the endosperm of the kernel of corn. It can be used to thicken gravy but should always be dissolved in water before using.

Desserts and Candy Making Tips

1. The word "fudge" was originally used to denote a negative act such as to cheat. For example, "he fudged on the exam."

2. White chocolate contains no chocolate liquor and is not really chocolate.

3. Milk chocolate is best for eating out of hand, not for baking

4. Caramel sauce is prepared from sugar and water, cooked until it achieves a nice brown color.

Here's one of the "real" recipes I discovered in this book:

Homemade Hot Chocolate

1 pint heavy cream
1/4 cup whole milk
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits, finely chopped
1 teaspoon real vanilla, not imitation

Using a double boiler, melt the chocolate then slowly stir in the cream, vanilla and milk. Continue to heat the mixture to a point just below boiling, stirring continually. Serve topped with real whipped cream.

Condiments

1. Champagne vinegar is not really made from champagne but from the grapes that are used to make champagne.

2. If you use marinade for basting that was first used for the food you are cooking, be sure to boil it first to prevent the contamination of the cooked food by bacteria from the raw food.

3. Ketchup was originally called "ketsiap" and was invented by the Chinese in the 1600's.

4. There are four varieties of soy sauce: light, dark, Chinese black and Japanese tamari.

Dr. Bader's book is a true wealth of information, some useful and some useless. It would make good reading on a cold winter day… and they ARE coming. I will keep this book around for a long time. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



N-K patriotic essays

At Northwood-Kensett's Veterans Day ceremony, two students were recognized for their patriotic writing, winning essay contests sponsored by Northwood's VFW "Our Buddies" Post 6779. Pictured are Leroy Bruns, from the VFW, with Patriot's Pen winner Madalynn Hanson (center) and Voice of Democracy winner Lindsey Davidson.

North Iowa concert band performs fall concert on Nov. 26

The North Iowa Concert Band, under the direction of John Klemas, will present a Fall Concert on Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the North Iowa Area Community College campus. Chuck Cooper is the band's announcer.

The program for this concert includes: "Fanfare and Allegro" by Clifton Williams; "Chorale and Alleluia" by Howard Hanson; "The Washington Post" by John Philip Sousa; "First Suite in E Flat" by Gustav Holst; "Canzona" by Peter Mennin, and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa, arranged and adapted by Keith Brion and Loras Schissel.

Members of the North Iowa Concert Band represent communities from Iowa and southern Minnesota, including the towns of Ackley, Allison, Belmond, Cedar Rapids, Charles City, Clear Lake, Dougherty, Forest City, Garner, Greene, Hampton, Manly, Mason City, Mt. Pleasant, Osage, Rockford, Rockwell, Sheffield, Titonka, Albert Lea, Minnesota, and Dodge Center, Minnesota.

North Iowa Concert Band members (listed by hometown) include: Albert Lea: Abbey Raisch; Clear Lake: Clare Kramer, Naomi Nowland, Holly Prier, Jim Reynolds, Ken Schneider, Stephen Schnoebelen, Mark Tesar; Forest City: Douglas Jenson; Garner: Paula Wirtz; Manly: Amy O'Connell; Mason City: Jared Barnes, Brian Bauer, Carter Beaver, Chris Bell, Kayla Bills, Bernie Bjorklund, Isabel Blakewell, Lauren Bodtke, Hannah Brown, Jordan Brunsma, Chuck Cooper, Mary Davenport, Tracie Dedor, Megan Dempsey, Chelsi Fisher, Josh Foster, Keven Goepel, Anna Gruemmer, Joyce Hanes, Paul Hanson, Mary Kate Hines, Kellie Hogan, Dennis Klemas, Kimber Kleven, David Kropman, Beau Lapointe, Libby Lembke, Brandon McKelvey, Reed Peterson, Anna Pyle, Tim Read, Mandy Schmidt, Kevin Schultz, E. Howard Sonksen, Steve VandenBerg, Colleen Weiland, Katy Wilson, Gwen Wollner; Osage: Gayle Heimer, Laurie Hoeppner, Jonah Roney.

Tickets for the performance are $5 for adults and are available at the NIACC Business Office (641) 422-4188. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the concert. All students will receive free admission. A reception in the Muse-Norris Conference Center will be held following the concert.

Annual drive through live nativity held on Dec. 6 & 7

The 26th annual drive through live nativity will once again be held on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7 from 7-9 p.m. at the New Life Christian Church, 1705 SE Marshall St., Albert Lea, Minnesota.

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Bids will be accepted for the following: snow removal of courthouse parking lot, sheriff's parking area south of garage and area behind treasurer's office when the snow depth is one inch or greater. During heavy snowstorms or storms of long duration, contractor may need to clean required areas more than one time. It is required to have parking lots cleaned by 7:30 a.m. for employee parking in a timely manner. Apply sand/salt mixture when needed. Snow in the sheriff's area shall take first priority followed by the rest of the parking areas.

Snow moving equipment used by awarded contractor must be in good working order to prevent delays of moving snow.

Bids shall include the following:
- Rate per hour
- Proof of insurance
- Current copies of employees' driver's licenses

Worth County reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the best interest of the county.

For more information contact Jacki Backhaus at 641-324-2316.

N-K students tour local industries

Northwood-Kensett students toured two local businesses last week to see how their lessons could be applied in real life.

On Friday, students in N-K's Advanced Math class toured TruStile Doors and ADA Enterprises.

At TruStile Doors, engineers Chad Tiedemann and Matt Scholbrock talked about the math needed to create made-to-order doors that are shipped nationwide. The students also gave a tour of the factory floor.

At ADA Enterprises, owner Tom Stensrud talked about the geometry involved with the plastics and outdoor furniture products they make, which are shipped all over the world. Students also saw the machine that is used to coat ADA's products.







Light Up a Life at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice's Tree of Life

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice will hold its annual Tree of Life programs in nine communities throughout the North Iowa area.

Tree of Life programs provide the opportunity to remember loved ones or honor those living. With a donation of any amount, lights are placed on a Tree of Life and "brought to light" symbolizing the presence of loved ones. Names are listed at the tree lighting program specified by the donor.

In addition, a holiday ornament is provided to each donor who attends a Tree of Life program. Publication of a loved one's name must be requested; names are not continued from year to year. All are invited to take part in a Tree of Life program. No connection with MercyOne North Iowa Hospice is necessary to participate. In case of inclement weather, cancellation of programs will be announced on KIMT TV and local radio stations.

Tree of Life programs during 2019 will be held as follows:

Lake Mills – December 2, 6 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, 401 South Lake Street.

Osage – December 2, 6 p.m., Alliance Church, 726 State Street.

Clear Lake – December 9, 6 p.m., The Dock, 500 Main Avenue.

Mason City – December 12, 6 p.m., Music Man Square, 308 South Pennsylvania Avenue.



Contributions can be sent to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice at 232 Second Street S.E., Mason City, IA, 50401 or paid online at MercyOne.org/northiowa/tree-of-life. With a contribution, specify the name of the loved one(s) to remember or honor and the location of the program being attended. We ask that names be received two days prior to selected program in order to ensure their inclusion in the program.

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Deer Creek Valley Lutheran
Glenville, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

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

Faith Lutheran Church - London Independent
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Pastor Kent Otterman

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Lydia J. Mittag, Pastor

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Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Confirmation, 5:45 p.m., Bell Choir Practice, 6 p.m., Choir Practice, Sr. High Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service of the Word, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, No Sunday School, Adult Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m., Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
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Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Confirmation Elk Creek, 5:45 p.m.; Thursday, WELCA General Meeting, 9 a.m., EC Share Shoppe, 1-4 p.m., MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Friday, EC Quilting, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday, Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Bethany, 10:30 a.m., WC Ministerial Thanksgiving at Peace Lutheran Northwood, 7 p.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Fold Beth-E1, 9 a.m.
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Love is only rarely the idyllic bliss pictured in the movies and in romance novels. Often love requires patience, perseverance and sacrifice. Those whom we are called to love are often underserving of our love if judged by the standards of this world, but by God's standards, all are deserving of our love as fellow children of God. And even when our beloved is deserving of our love and easy to love, it still hurts when we have to say goodbye or contemplate that our beloved will one day leave us through death. Love is hard work and it often hurts. It is doubtful that the pleasures and comforts of love will always outweigh the pains and discomforts that it inevitably brings, and yet, we must go on loving. For what is the alternative? To become a hater? To give up on love and sink into a state where we neither love nor hate? By no means, for a life without love is truly meaningless. When we say that God is love, we are essentially saying that the meaning and purpose of life and existence is love. –Christopher Simon

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
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Northwood Anchor Early Files

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November 19, 1919

Word has been received from Knut Bjorkka the new county agent for Worth County, that he will arrive in Northwood the latter part of this week ready to take up his duties on December 1. It will be remembered that Agent E.M. Torblaa resigned some time ago and will move to a farm which he purchased.

In Minneapolis, Miss Emilia Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Thompson, south of Northwood, was married to Ray Palmer Rygmir of Forest City. The wedding was a quiet affair, the bride's father and only a few Twin City friends being present at the ceremony.

Rev. M.M. Londahl, the Norwegian Lutheran pastor who was recently called by the Northwood congregation, preached in the local church and won his way into the hearts of the people. For 10 years, Rev. Londahl has been chaplain in the United States Army and his experience has been wide.

The celebration given by the Sons of Norway in honor of their returned soldier members was an entertaining affair and enjoyed by all present. The entertainment was for members and their families and a large crowd was present. Following a program at the S. of N. Hall, a banquet was served at the Dwelle hall and alter dancing was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rustad drove to Glenville and attended the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the corner stone of the new Lutheran church in that town. There was a large crowd present.

75 years ago

November 23, 1944

Pfc. George Thompson of Northwood is reported wounded in action in France and has received the Purple Heart award. In word to his mother, Mrs. Sena Thompson of Northwood and his sister, Mrs. Clarence Nelson, he merely said that he has been wounded and had spent some time in a hospital.

Northwood is in need of a recreational center for young people of high school age, was the general opinion expressed by a number of local business men and others who were interviewed by high school students two weeks ago.

Billy Wolff, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wolff who lives northeast of Northwood, suffered a triple fracture of his right arm last Thursday evening when the motor of his tractor he was cranking backfired and the handle struck his arm as it flew back from the recoil.

The Worth County delinquent tax list is the smallest in Worth County for over 20 years, according to Louie Mostrom, county treasurer. In Northwood there is only one description on the delinquent list. The tax sale will be held on Monday, December 6, at the county treasurers office, as prescribed by law.

A family reunion will be in order over Thanksgiving at the A.T. Huso home with their older son, Corp. Wilford Huso home from Shepard Field, Texas; Miss Gladys Huso is here from Chicago, Clarice home from teaching duties at Milaca, Minnesota and Doris from Mankato, Minnesota, where she attends Bethany College.

50 years ago

November 20, 1969

State of Iowa versus Timothy J. Mix, sentenced to five years at the men's reformatory at Anamosa for attempted breaking and entering at the Larry Diedrich home on May 6, 1969. Sentence suspended on good behavior in Judge John F. Stones court. Appeal bond set at $1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. August Benker of Osage, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley De Ann, to John Thomas Levendusky of Waterloo. Miss Benker is a graduate of the Osage Community High School and is employed at Winnebago Inc. at Forest City. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Anna Levendusky and the late Leo Levendusky of Hazelton. He attended Hazelton Community High School and the Hawkeye Institute of Technology at Cedar Falls. He is employed at John Deere at Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meinke celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary and the birthday of their son Steven Sunday by serving dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Meinke, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Nibbe and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steer and family of Lake City and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Will and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Will.

Larry Lau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lau, Glenville, has been named program administrator for plans and controls of I.B.M. at White Plain, N.Y. The firm installs and services information handling system's equipment and computer programs. He is a graduate of Austin high school, attended Dunwoody Institute at Minneapolis and went to IBM in 1961.

25 years ago

November 23, 1994

There were smiles all around the Worth County as Deputy Sheriff Arnold Dorenkamp handed the prize "D.A.R.E. Bear" to Northwood-Kensett fifth grader Justina Smith at the start of this year's Drug Abuse Resistance Education course at N-K. Joining in the fun was N-K fifth-grade teacher Karen Belville.

Victorian Treasures partner Connie Kenison introduced her three-year-old niece, Courtney Meyer, to a toy Christmas angel while unpacking a shipment of holiday goods at the Central Avenue store. Courtney is the daughter of Connie's sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Dennis Meyer.

Worth County Fair board member Jerry Hopperstad presented the Dudley Peterson Award to Steve Helgeson of rural Northwood. The family of the late Kensett farmer, fair director and 4-H booster Dudley Peterson awards the honor every year to a Worth County high school senior who has been involved in numerous 4-H school and community activities.

Four Northwood-Kensett student-athletes were recently named players of the year in the respective fall sports. Most valuable football lineman was Tim Thofson, most valuable back was Steve Helgeson, most valuable cross country runner was Kristi Halvorsen, and most valuable volleyball player was Jody Schmidt.

10 years ago

November 18, 2009

At their most recent regular meeting, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education discussed upcoming "big ticket" items, which will be undertaken in the district in the next year, and items that are being considered for the future. Projects planned for 2010 include heating upgrades in the older classrooms of the elementary school, renovation of elementary classrooms, tuck pointing at the junior/senior high school, the purchase of several vehicles and security upgrades.

In honor of Veterans Day and to recognize and welcome local veterans, the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW hosted a reception at the VFW Post Home in Northwood.

Allyson Janelle Dierenfeld of Ames and Chad Allen Krull of Ames were married on August 1, 2009, at First Lutheran church in Northwood. Allyson is the daughter of Mike and Joan Dierenfeld of Northwood. Chad is the son of Deanna Krull, of St. Paul, and Jim and Teresa Krull, of Northwood.

Sarah Hovey, Shea Kruger, Laura Medlang, Michelle Medlang, Lisa Nelson, Briar Tenold, Ben Nettleton, and Sarah Tweeten were the eight Worth County 4-H'ers that received state project awards.

At the Booster Club fall supper, Polly Schiltz, Northwood-Kensett High School Director of Special Education, and mother of senior Nick Schiltz, spoke out on all the support she has received since being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Helen Holstad

Helen M. Holstad, 92, of Lake Mills, died on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Lake Mills Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, at Emmons Lutheran Church, 490 Pearl Street in Emmons, Minnesota, with Pastor David E. Schafer officiating.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Cremation took place after the service with burial of the ashes at a later date in Salem Lutheran Cemetery in Lake Mills.



HELEN HOLSTAD

Helen Mae (Bjelland) Holstad was born on January 6, 1927, rural Joice, Iowa, to John and Esther (Hanson) Bjelland. She was blessed to have an older brother Thayne. Helen was baptized by Pastor O.R. Sletten and confirmed by Pastor Joseph L. Knutson at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. She attended Country School District 4, Silver Lake Township grades 1-8 and graduated from Lake Mills High School Class of 1944. She always loved music, playing piano for many events in school and played percussion in the band.

On March 24, 1946 Helen married Virgil Holstad at Salem Lutheran Church by Pastor Howard Blegan. They were blessed with three daughters, Vonice Marie, Julie Ann and Amy Jo. Helen and Virgil spent their life farming together-initially on three different farms by Emmons and one by Round Prairie Church until they purchased the "farm on the hill," rural Twin Lakes, Minnesota, in 1963. They moved to Lake Mills in 2007. Helen actively participated in their dairy farm, even having her own special John Deere tractor. Two things that brought her great joy on the farm were being outside mowing their large yard and maintaining her garden.

Community was an important part of her life, being involved in circles, Ladies Aid and being the church organist at Round Prairie Lutheran Church for 44 1/2 years. She also accompanied many singing ensembles and played for numerous weddings. Helen also had a large number of piano students for many years, of which two are now organists themselves.

Grandma Helen enjoyed passing on many traditions to her family including freezing corn, canning tomato soup, making lefse and popcorn balls. No Christmas was complete without her Swedish meatballs and special cheese ball. She always had goulash and apple pie in her freezer for when company dropped by.

Special times in their lives were spent playing cards with friends and grandchildren. Both Helen and Virgil loved square dancing and ballroom dancing, and enjoyed the fellowship with those friends for many years. Many miles were traveled in their motorhome with either one driving. They were snowbirds to Texas, Arizona and California from 1990-2008. The couple also traveled to Norway twice, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. The highlight of their life was a family trip to Norway and Sweden to the ancestral farm in 2005.

Helen Mae was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was joyful, hardworking and humble, with God and family at the center of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil of Lake Mills; two daughters, Julie (Arlow) Rugland of rural Northwood, Iowa and Amy (Roger) Olson of Lake Mills; son-in-law, Loren Stene of St. Ansgar, Iowa; grandchildren Jon (Tara) Stene of Zumbrota, Minnesota, Erich (Julie) Stene of Lake Mills, Andrew (Kendra) Stene of Lake Mills, Amber (John) Pearson of rural St. Charles, Minnesota, Benjamin (Anna) Stene of Lake Mills, Jessica Rugland of Chaska, Minnesota, Kristoffer (Addie) Rugland of rural Northwood, Iowa, Chad Rugland of Mason City, Iowa, Katie Olson of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Jack Olson of Rochester, Minnesota; 14 great-grandchildren; and siblings-in-law, Ellen Bjelland, Dean (Senora) Holstad, Mavis Bergo, Eva (Milt) Haroldson, and Jerry (Dorothy) Holstad.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents John and Esther Bjelland; parents-in-law John and Edith Holstad; brother Thayne Bjelland; daughter Vonice Stene; son-in-law John Rygh; and brother-in-law Ernie Bergo.

You can contact the family with on-line condolences at www.mittelstadtfuneralhome.com.

Green Shamrocks 4-H Club holds November 10 meeting

Nine members attended the Green Shamrocks November 10 meeting. Roll call and pledges done by Marli Backhaus.

Presentation done by Kinley Stambaugh.

Old business: spaghetti supper, thank you card from Laura Hopperstad, Lions soup supper.

New business: welcomed a new member, new secretary for group, November 16 Scott and Lisa Lestrud, club dues on January 12, 4-H banquet on November 15, re-enrollment, bell ringing on December 14 from 12 - 2 p.m. Hy-Vee West, games for potluck.

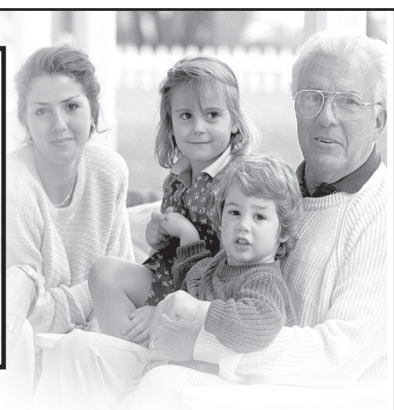
Meeting adjourned by Camryn Rheingans and seconded by Jadyn Beland.

Reporter,
Kelsi Liddle

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

One great cat

Slices of Life
By Jill Pertler

My husband thinks our cat is dying. Or is close to death or is succumbing to old age.

I don't disagree.

The cat in question is 19-years-old. He's lived a good life – an extremely good and long life.

He still goes outside every day, albeit for shorter jaunts than in his younger years. He still comes down for his afternoon treat each day. He may not catch snakes and bring them into the house anymore but he still runs his routine, just not at the breakneck speed of his youth.

I understand he is slowing down. I know 19 is old for a cat. I know. I understand.

I just don't want to talk about it.

My husband disagrees. He brings up the subject every chance he gets.

This is odd – beyond odd, actually – my husband wanting to talk about something (something remotely related to feelings) and me being on the opposing end of that chatter.

Usually, I want to hash out everything. Every. Thing. More than once. Multiple times. Extendedly.

When I attempt to revisit an issue, my husband will often say, "We talked about this."

I remind him that sometimes I need to reach a decision at least three times before I consider it decided.

I am sure this infuriates him.

Which is why our current situation has me so confounded. Our cat's ill-health is not a pleasant topic. It is distressing, dark, dismal and sad. My husband typically avoids topics that are distressing, not to mention dismal. Yet our cat is on his mind.

He was a rescue cat. Someone found him abandoned in a cardboard box on the side of the road 19 years ago. There were three sibling kittens in total; and it was bitterly cold. Two survived. One died. He's been a survivor ever since.

And he's done it in style. All nine lives of it.

Back about 15 years ago, we had two cats – he and a beautiful white female. At the time one of our cats began using our middle son's bed as its litter box. We didn't know which one it was so we watched. We observed our male cat on the bed scratching with his front paws in the manner a feline does to bury its urine. We concluded he was the culprit and understood we'd have to make a drastic decision. You can't have a cat peeing on your son's bed on a daily basis – even if the mattress is covered in plastic.

Thing was, we had to leave town for the weekend. It was during the summer, so we decided to put our guilty male cat in the garage before having to decide his ultimate fate. We made him a nice cozy bed and left him with plenty of water and food and, of course, a litter box.

We returned two days later and he looked at us with curiosity as if to say, "Why did you leave me in the garage?"

When we entered the house we understood why. Our guilty male cat had been sentenced to a weekend in the garage, yet our son's bed was wet with cat urine. We'd convicted the wrong pet. And thankfully he'd been granted a reprieve.

That was 15 years ago.

He's been a great cat before that and ever since. Rescued from a freezing cardboard box. Almost convicted of a crime he didn't commit. King of the neighborhood. Thoroughly living all of his nine lives.

My husband wants to talk about his dying and I don't have it in me. I guess I'd rather write about his living. Neither of us – my husband nor me – is right or wrong, it's just how we individually grapple with our grief.

That's what this is: grief. Losing a pet, or anticipating losing a pet is beyond difficult. Our cat has been a part of our family for nearly two decades. That's longer than many marriages last. And he's been a good boy. A tough, loyal, fluffy, handsome, loving, aloof and strong kitty. I hope he's part of our family for many years to come, but in reality that probably won't be the case.

But I don't want to talk about it.

Let's just leave it at this: We will love him the best we can until the end. And then later we will see him on the other side.

Love you, Mickey.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Can I help you change your tire?

No, I've got it, but I appreciate your asking.

I appreciate your saying no.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I came out of a hotel in Juneau, Alaska, easing around the morning by eating a breakfast apple. Juneau is a city that looks up to mountains and makes me feel as if a glacier is always watching. A raven, obviously accustomed to begging from humans, flew close and stared at me. The common raven is our largest songbird. I tossed the apple core to it. It grabbed it greedily as a bear would snatch a salmon. Then the cavalry flew in. The raven, with the fruit held securely in its beak, flew off with a dozen other ravens in mad pursuit. The ravens were flying. The plane I'd wanted to be on wasn't due to uncooperative weather.

Cafe chronicles

The smell of cigarette smoke lingered outside the door. I ordered a BLT. It was good, but the lettuce was weary. A curator of local gossip talked as if each word cost him money. Then he put too many spoonfuls of sugar into his coffee. It must have been half sugar. He didn't stir it because he didn't like his coffee too sweet. One sip and the gossip flowed faster than the coffee.

A plethora of pulchritude

Haines is advertised as the adventure capital of Alaska. Folks come to Haines in an attempt to wear out cameras. A man from Colorado showed me photos of bald eagles he'd taken one morning along the Chilkat River. They were extraordinary. He was so happy with the beauty of Haines, he told me that if his camera broke and he was unable to take another photo on his trip, he'd be OK with that. Another person told me she was an avowed atheist, but she believed in heaven. She'd seen it in Haines. I've not been everywhere, but as an unabashed celebrator of life, I've found that everywhere I've been had a beauty. I visit Haines regularly. I didn't realize how often until someone in Minneapolis showed me a lovely photo of a bald eagle in a tree. I said, "That's in Haines."

The surprised photographer said, "It is. Did you recognize the tree?"

"Yes, and I know the eagle," I replied.

Don't back down or up

I was going to use a friend's 1997 vehicle that had more character than miles. It had a personality. Its garage, arranged in a neat and orderly fashion, held two vehicles, a boat, a 4-wheeler, and all the necessary accoutrements garages attract. "Back it out," my friend said. He'd told me about another visitor breaking its rear window and I saw one of the outside mirrors was broken. I looked at the width of the vehicle and saw it wasn't far short of the width of the garage door. Discretion, being the better part of valor, was my choice. He backed his vehicle out slowly without a hitch. I was happily humbled.

The whales of November

Walk a mile in my shoes and you'll end up in a bookstore. I walked miles in the Sitka, Alaska, sunshine — rain. My thoughts had become soggy. My presence in a bookstore was limited because I didn't want to drip on any books.

I saw humpback whales in Sitka. Cellphones and cameras documented every whale movement. A thing of beauty would be a joy forever. You'd have thought the whales were holding a press conference regarding an impeachment. One whale led to an otter, a sea otter. I smiled and wished everyone could see what I saw.

Nature notes

Barb Thompson of New Richland asked if large muskrat houses foretell a harsh winter. Muskrat houses are dome-shaped mounds of piled marsh plants that cover holes in the ice. Muskrat mounds can be confused with beaver lodges, but aren't made of woody material. The rodents feed and rest inside. Folklore says muskrat houses are built big before a bad winter. I enjoy folklore, but was unable to find any scientific credibility in this one. Why are muskrat houses so big? Maybe the muskrats are eager beavers. I look at the size of ice-fishing shacks, the thickness of fishermen's clothing, and the horsepower of their ice augers to forecast winters.

Folklore says when rabbits are fat in November, expect a long, cold winter. I spent a fruitless day trying to get a rabbit to sit on the bathroom scale I'd put outside.

Meeting adjourned

"The world needs you at the party starting real conversations, saying, 'I don't know,' and being kind." — Charlie Kaufman. Happy Thanksgiving.

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Fit to print...

Rural Students, Claim Your Story in Admissions Essays

By Tara Kaprowy
From The Daily Yonder, dailyyonder.com

I live in a place where one of the best lunches you can get is a bologna sandwich from Nelson Valley gas station. It's not a fancy sandwich and it's not a fancy place, but there is something about it that is good and honest and makes you feel like you are suddenly sitting snugly inside 1962.

Pretty often in the summer, it can take some time to get to Nelson Valley because cars get hung up behind a tractor on the road, creating an impromptu parade. I don't ever really mind though, because it forces me to sit back and look at the day, wonder about the weather, and think about how the lady at the grocery said it was going to be a long winter because the wooly worms are black. No amber in sight.

If you live in this kind of a place, you're lucky like I am — even though it doesn't always feel like it. And if you live in this kind of a place, you have the material to write an exceptional personal statement.

Two Facts You Need to Know

Fact No. 1: Rural schools educate just 18 percent of the nation's public school students, though 72 percent of the country's land is designated as rural.

Fact No. 2: Colleges and universities want student populations that are diverse.

When it comes to college and graduate school apps, we tend to think of diversity as pertaining to race, ethnicity, gender, or socio-economic background. But schools want geographically-diverse students and their perspectives, too, because they, you, strengthen the fabric of the academic conversation.

The take-home message here? You're special. In fact, 82 percent of students don't know what it's like to have the experiences you've had. They don't have a Nelson Valley. And they haven't eaten that bologna sandwich either. So, if you're wondering and wondering and wondering what to write about, I have a suggestion for you: Write about your rural life.

Not only will you get to write about something that you know, your rural background may not be obvious in any other part of your application. That means you'll get to showcase another essential side of yourself, which is exactly what a personal statement is for. Another advantage? Writing rural can make a beautiful piece of writing.

Pull Your Story Through a Small Lens

In order to pull off a compelling essay, it's important that you do a few things. First off, no matter what your prompt is, make sure your lens is small. If your goal is to put us where you live, then make sure you don't tell us about the whole town or county. Your bedroom in that town works. Your kitchen. In the gym bleachers where you watch basketball games. Beside a creek where you have a lot of growing-up history. In the Walmart parking lot. In Sonic or Sonny's. In the spot beside the road where there is a cross and flowers.

Your lens is meant to help you enter your story. Most prompts are designed to make you write about what you learned, realized, solved, or tried to solve within a specific set of circumstances. So the place and scenario you choose should act as a springboard that leads to you revealing parts of yourself and showing how your mind works.

As you write, it's important that you focus on what is unique to your experience. I would avoid too many images of hay lofts, horses and climbing fences, for example. Instead, look for the gritty, hauntingly beautiful, out-of-the-ordinary and very ordinary stuff. A dog running by with a deer leg in its mouth during hunting season (it, umm, happens). The gum you're chewing. The winter remnants of your grandmother's garden. And if you do write about a horse, do so in a way that shows your knowledge about him. I don't want to know he's glossy or colored like a chestnut. Tell me about what he's thinking. And how you know it.

For example, one of my students wrote about how he worked on a ranch one year, and one of his jobs was to move the sprinkler lines in the fields on icy cold mornings. What made his beginning beautiful wasn't the ice or the ranch or that it was morning. It was the sprinkler lines. They grounded the story in honesty, and that's how you knew he was telling the truth. When you know the writer is being truthful with you, that's when you know you're reading exceptional writing.

Rural Doesn't Have to Mean Agrarian

As I write this, I'm thinking of the little apartment building I drove by today. I had to get some antibiotic foam at this medical supply store, and I took the wrong turn, so went all the way down Bogle Street to the end, which I'd never been down before. Well, Bogle Street is a pretty busy one because the town's hospital backs onto it and, thus, many doctor's offices do, too. But head a ways down the wrong end of Bogle and you'll see that, very quickly, it becomes pleasantly windy and lined on either side with grassy fields dotted with brushy, woody pieces.

In the midst of it is this apartment building, sitting both in the middle of town and yet, somehow, in the middle of nowhere. And I thought to myself: "Man. I wonder what a personal statement from someone who lives there would be like. I bet it would be amazing."

My point is: You don't have to have a dad who's a farmer to write about your rural life. You don't need a tractor, a horse or a meemaw who cooks the best fried green tomatoes and lets them dry on newspaper. What you're after is your take in your place. And how your place has created your take. You're after that bologna sandwich from Nelson Valley.

Tara Kaprowy is a freelance journalist and the proprietor of Sway Essay, which provides writing coaching for college applicants. She lives in Somerset, Kentucky. This column was originally published in the London (Kentucky) Sentinel-Echo.

Bolan

On Wednesday evening, after the basketball game in Forest City with the Grand View Women's team and the Waldorf Women's team, a few friends who live in the St. Ansgar area stopped by the Joe Nydegger home for lunch and visiting time. Kelsie Willert, who plays with the Grand View team, had quite a few people in the stands to see the team play. This is the only time the team heads north of Des Moines for a game.

On Saturday, Scott and Lori Willert and Joe and Linda Nydegger drove to the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum which is located on Camp Dodge, an active National Guard post, in Johnston, Iowa. Kelsie Willert, who is studying History at Grand View University in Des Moines, has been doing her internship at Camp Dodge this semester and she was able to give them a tour on Saturday morning. If you want to experience the story of Iowa's Military past, this is the place to take time to visit. Later in the afternoon they attended the basketball game with the Grand View Vikings against Central Methodist Eagles of Fayette, Missouri. The Vikings battled but came out on the losing end 93-85. In the evening they drove to the American Legion in Bondurant to attend the retirement party of Gary and Lori Reed. Gary is a cousin of Linda's. He retired from the maintenance department of Adventure Land on September 1, and Lori from many years as a nurse at a hospital in Des Moines on October 1. To celebrate they did a two week trip touring Peru. They were also able to visit with Brad and Lori Reed who drove in from Nashville, Tennessee for the event.

Congratulations to the Bethel United Methodist Church of Manly on celebrating 140 years!

Northwood Anchor

Bowling

HAIRY/PICKLE LEAGUE

Perkins Farms	26	10
J & L Auto Body	24	12
Gentz Labs	20	16
Quality Composites	20	16
Strike Zone	20	16
Mason City Motors	17	19
Farm Bureau	15	21

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High Team Series & Game: 2,393 & 822
Mens High Series & Game: Tim Ritzert 573 & 222
Women's High Series & Game: Eldora Stehn 520 & 187

Supervisors

November 12, 2019
Forty-fifth Day

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

Smeby led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the November 12, 2019 board agenda.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Letter of Intent for Consideration to Join Northwest Iowa Care Connections Mental Health & Disability Services.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the 2019 Certification of Cost Allocation Plan.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the clerk of court and sheriff's monthly reports.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from Dwayne Christiansen for Facility #59555 located in Section 36, Union Township, Worth County.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve tax abatement for Parcel #05-08-201-007 in the amount of $46.00 and #05-08-201-009 in the amount of $84.00 for two exempt properties.

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to canvass the results of the votes of the 2019 Regular City/School Election. We here by certify that 828 ballots were cast in Worth County at the City/School Election on November 5, 2019. Winners were declared as follows:

CITY OF FERTILE
MAYOR
(Vote for no more than one)
Nick Bailey

COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than two)
Ronald Rachut
Cynthia A Peters

FERTILE PUBLIC MEASURE A
PASSED

CITY OF GRAFTON
MAYOR
(Vote for no more than one)
Gregg Urbatsch

COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than five)

Tom Kruger
Randy Hulshizer
Jane Dalluge
Michael Schaub
John Duval

CITY OF HANLONTOWN
MAYOR
(Vote for no more than one)
Richard Scholbrock

COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than five)
Julie Losee
Janet Fellin
Linda H Fulton
Scott E Hakes
Samuel J Fellin

HANLONTOWN PUBLIC MEASURE B
PASSED

CITY OF JOICE
MAYOR
(Vote for no more than one)
Mark Thoma

COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than three)
Ron Miller
Deb Potter
Chad Heagel

CITY OF KENSETT
COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than three)
David Heiken
LaRue Douglas
Kris Woltzen

CITY OF MANLY
MAYOR
(Vote for no more than one)
Regan Banks

COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than two)
Scott Heagel
Richard Dean Baird

COUNCIL-TFV
(Vote for no more than two)
Mary Northway Durner
Pete Andera

CITY OF NORTHWOOD
COUNCIL
(Vote for no more than three)
Daniel L Reeder
David Tenold
Gary A Nerlien

NORTHWOOD-KENSETT COMMUNTIY SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS

At Large
(Vote for no more than three)
John Anderson
Larry S Hovey
Cindy Pangburn

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:34 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, November 18, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Mark Smeby
Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 11/12/19 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Helgeland, Reeder. Absent: Meyer, Tenold.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under consent agenda: October 28, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB
Monthly ACH Fee $20.00
IA Dept of Revenue
Water Excise Tax .$1,325.00
IA Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $385.00
Principal, Insurance..$410.62
Wellmark
Insurance.....$10,560.99
Payroll, Wages.....$18,540.38
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phone,tr $107.72
Visa
Equipment & Expense-pw,cc $1,920.91
Alliant Energy
Services.....$13,372.56
US Postal Service
Mailing.....$283.15
Payroll, Wages.....$18,488.66
A & I Auto
Repairs-pw.....$80.86
Amber Julseth
Mileage-cc.....$204.74
Anne Bergman
Water Dep Refund-cc $130.00
Arnold Motor Supply
Parts-pw $210.99
Berge Oil
Fuel-pw, tr.....$1,160.15
Brown Supply Co
Supplies-pw $1,729.60
Bruce Rheinfels
Rental Inspections $1,316.00
CarQuest
Supplies-pw $1,006.22
Christopher Shores
Water Deposit Refund $80.00
Cintas
Emerg. Supplies-pw ..$74.34
Crysteel Truck Equipment
Parts-pw $340.26
D& L Equipment
Parts-pw $220.05
David Patrick
Services-cc,lib $57.00
Eilertson Repair
Battery, repairs-pw .$178.97
Fallgatters
Supplies-cc.....$8.36
Frank Dunn
High Performance Patch $799.00
GWorks
2020 Software Lic. & Support-cc $5,121.14
Greve Law Office
Abatement Court Costs $403.50
Holiday Inn Conference Center
IMFOA conference-cc.....$201.60
Hovey's Lawn & Garden
Mowing Services $650.00
Huber Supply
Rental-pw $35.62
IDALS
Certification-pw $15.00
In Control, Inc.
Services-pw.....$1,076.00
Iowa Municipalities Comp. Assoc.
Work Comp. Ins. Adj.....$1,101.00
Iowa One Call
Services.....$31.50
John Deere Financial
Freight, parts-pw $152.11
John Greve
Services.....$500.00
Johnson Ground Clearing
Tree Removal-pw $700.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-cc,pw.....$472.62
Kenison Construction
City Hall Remodel.....$11,027.00
Keystone Labs
Testing-wa,se.....$620.00
Knudtson Auto
Repairs-pw.....$41.20
Lawson Products
Supplies-pw $464.02
MacQueen Equipment
Parts-pw $933.78
Northwood Anchor
Publications.....$655.37
Northwood Chiropractic
DATA-tr.....$120.00
Northwood Sanitation
Fall Clean-up.....$5,412.60
Northwood Sanitation
Services.....$6,372.60
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation ...$550.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Dep. Transfer .$80.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Dep. Transfer .$10.00
Premier Polysteel
Loungers, table-pool.....$4,930.20
Quality Flow
Service check-pw ..$1,500.00
Richard Stotts
Water Dep. Refund ...$50.00
Shenque Trotter
Water Dep. Refund ...$66.75
Unity Point Clinic
DATA-,pw,tr.....$126.00
USA Blue Book
Supplies-pw $61.17
WCTA
Phone/internet.....$660.57
Worth Co. Extension
Trainings-pw $245.00
Worth Lumber Co.
Supplies-pw $91.33
Worth Co. Sheriff
28 E Police Services $29,087.66
Worth Co. Treasurer
Drainage Tax.....$8.40
Library
Petty Cash, Postage $50.39
Fallgatter's, Supplies $1.18
Gail Kittleson
Materials $17.99
Lyn Vandebrake
Materials $14.00
Baker & Taylor
Materials $156.67
Iowa Outdoors
Materials $15.00
Our Iowa
Materials $34.98

Summary of October 2019 receipts by fund type: General - $287,734.23; Special Revenue-$104,233.97; Debt Service - $196,148.26; Capital Projects-$99,019.69; Enterprise- $99,060.71; Trust & Agency - $0.

Summary of October 2019 disbursements by fund type: General - $139,994.94; Special Revenue-$56,473.52; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$85,386.28; Enterprise- $74,730.32; Trust & Agency- $0.

Roll was called and the following voted Aye: George-Zenz, Helgeland, Reeder. Absent: Meyer, Tenold

Motion to approve the sale of equipment by sealed bids as follows: 2008 Chev. Impala - $700 to Kevin Knudtson; 1986 Dump Truck - $1,700 to Kevin Knudtson; Monroe 12' Plow - $1,000 to Robert Schmidt; 1961 Road Grader - $750 to Scott Madsen; Pull Grader - $300 to Gene Eilertson. Unam.

Motion to approve the Revolving Loan Committee's recommendation to offer Casey Connor – Fallgatter's Market a new business loan in the amount of $50,000. Unam.

Motion to approve a contract for garbage & recycling services with Northwood Sanitation for 2020-2025. Unam.

Motion to give a monthly donation of $650 to the Northwood Senior Center for operations. Unam.

Motion to approve the estimate of $46,250 from Springer Construction for the 8th – 9th Street south alley project and finish the 400 feet of the 8th-9th Street north alley. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle
Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 in the Elementary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: none

(5-0) Approve the agenda, October 10th board minutes, Financial Reports for October, October bills for payment

(5-0) Adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm

Proceeding with the New Board:

Supt Crozier called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Reviewed Official Election Results. Elected for the offices of Director at large for a 4 year term were Larry Hovey, John Anderson, Cindy Pangburn

Board Secretary Athey administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members Larry Hovey, John Anderson, Cindy Pangburn

(5-0) Elected Larry Hovey as President and John Anderson as Vice President

Board Secretary Athey administered the Oath of Office to newly elected President Hovey and Vice President Anderson

Supt Crozier turned the meeting over to President Hovey

Reports

Education Presentation: Mrs. Thorson, FCS teacher and FCCLA Advisor, Andrew Breitsprecher, Marli Backhaus gave an overview of FCCLA and Viking Café activities. FCCLA team building activities and service projects are funded thru club fundraisers. Viking Café meals are prepared bi-weekly with students rotating roles each time. Desserts are sold on the non-café weeks.

Elementary Principal: 1) Nursing home visit for grades K-2 wearing Halloween costumes on Oct 31 2) P/T conferences near 100% attendance 3) Next KCMR broadcast of the Pledge of Allegiance is Dec 2 at 6:00 am featuring Mrs. Ubben's class 4) Annual Manna food drive is changing to a request for personal hygiene products to be donated to the food banks at the elementary and high school. Donations accepted thru Dec 6 5) First Preschool Advisory Committee meeting Nov 20 and will meet minimum of semi-annually

Secondary Principal: 1) P/T Conference participation was 70% which is normal for secondary level 2) State champions sign on east side of town was damaged by high winds in October. Replacement will be done in the spring. 3) Community Connection Day is being retired after 17 years due to lack of individual-oriented need 4) Fundraising update for Vikings Activity Center is at $154,000

Superintendent: 1) NIACC president to present to board regarding March bond issue vote 2) Transportation Director, Daryl Love, has secured an Iowa DOT DERA grant for a new propane bus not to exceed $40,250

Board: 1) Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Dec 12 at the secondary media center (new location) 2) Directors Kliment and Anderson, Supt Crozier will be attending IASB Convention Nov 20-21

New Business

(5-0) Approved the time and location for regular school board meetings as 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Secondary Media Center

(5-0) Approved the second reading of new board policy 401.16R1 Employee Use of Credit Card Regulation

5-0) Approved SBRC Maximum Modified Supplemental amount for Open Enrolled Out in the amount of $33,680

(5-0) Approved the conversion of board policy numbers from our current system to match the IASB numbering

(5-0) Approved the first reading of board policy changes 200.2R1 Organizational Meeting Procedures; 202.4 Vacancies; 211.5 Meeting Notice; 211.6 Quorum; 212 Open Meetings; 219.2 Board of Directors' Member Development and Training; 404.R1 Code of Professional Ethics Regulation; 711.8 School Bus Safety Instruction; new policy 711.11 School Bus Passenger Restraints

(5-0) Approved agreement with North Iowa Area Council of Governments for grant writing

(5-0) Approved the Transit Services Agreement with the Worth County Emergency Management Commission

(5-0) Approved Jordan Reindl as Activity Director for the 2020-2021 school year at the Activity Director pay as per the negotiated Master Contract with the NKEA and a supplemental contract for 1/8 of his salary without TSS money to compensate for lack of one period for AD work during the school day. Approved a $2,000 stipend for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to train with current Athletic Director.

(5-0) Approved Michael Bachtle as volunteer assistant wrestling coach pending receiving his coaching authorization renewal

(5-0) Approved Denny Paulson as volunteer assistant wrestling coach

(5-0) Adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

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11/14/19

Activate Learning
curriculum 7,685.07
Adventureland Inn
lodging 244.16
AGVANTAGE
propane 183.75
AHLERS & COONEY
legal services 58.00
AIRGAS
SUPPLIES..... 1,083.62
All Star Pest Control
pest control 75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY.... 15,511.41
Amazon
SUPPLIES..... 853.23
APPLE
SUPPLIES..... 4,196.00
AssetGenie, parts..... 636.00
Bestul, Suzanne
reimb lodging/registration.. ..... 410.96
BLICK ART MATERIALS
SUPPLIES..... 431.72
Brett's Drain Cleaning
purchased service..... 210.00
CARQUEST
SUPPLIES..... 47.45
CDW GOVERNMENT
supplies..... 175.00
Center for the Collaborative Classroom
curriculum 324.00
CenterPoint Energy Services
natural gas 512.99
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 1,352.34
Cotter, Martin
reimb fuel/parking ... 152.00
Dalco, supplies 267.00
DeArmoun, Monte
reimb meals..... 10.13
DES MOINES REGISTER
subscription 10.69
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES..... 702.74
FASTENAL COMPANY
supplies..... 120.00
Ferstein, Jeffrey
reimb supplies 86.88
GEYER INSTRUCTIONAL PRODUCTS
SUPPLIES..... 466.32
GOPHER
SUPPLIES..... 1,643.29
Hartman, Steve
reimb supplies 40.00
HOVEY'S LAWN AND GARDEN
LAWN CARE..... 2,500.00
IA COUNCIL OF THE SOCIAL STUDIES
registration..... 130.00
Ia Dept of Ed
tuition 285.00
IA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, medicaid..... 1,017.10
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BACKGROUND CHECKS 15.00
JAY C. HORMEL NATURE CENTER
field trip 185.00
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES..... 222.67
L & M BOILER SYSTEMS
repairs..... 428.00
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, repairs..... 150.00
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies..... 869.36
MASON CITY GLASS
service 94.00
Medical Enterprises
fees 945.00
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES, repairs..... 59.70
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE
REPAIRS 139.69
National Geographic Explorer, subscription..... 104.50
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION..... 325.19
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, garbage..... 610.00
TRADING POST
supplies..... 73.90
OVERHEAD DOOR CO
repairs..... 411.90
Reality Works
supplies..... 86.00
Renwick, Amy
reimb supplies/meals . 41.09
SCHOOL HEALTH CORP
supplies..... 31.04
SCHOOL SPECIALTY
SUPPLIES..... 49.80
Security & Communication Professionals
security services 75.00
Seehusen, Shannon
reimb entry fees 13.00
Symonds, Rachel
reimb supplies 18.14
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies 145.05
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE
MEDICAID BILLING..... ..... 111.67
VISA, supplies.....(44.39)
Wagner, Carrie
reimb supplies 245.16
Williams, Ashley
reimb lodging..... 132.16
WCTA, phone service. 946.64
WORTH CO ENGINEER
diesel/gas 2,102.64
Worth Lumber Co
supplies..... 201.53
Fund Number 10 ... 50,210.29
Adrenaline Fund Raising
fundraiser..... 4,180.00
ALBERT LEA SEED
supplies..... 337.50
Athletico Management
athletic trainer 748.36
BETHKE, MATT
official 200.00
BMI, licensing 152.72
CARQUEST
SUPPLIES..... 52.89
Central Rivers AEA
supplies..... 298.00
Cotter, Martin
reimb lodging/meals..... ..... 1,713.44
Davis, Clifton
clock operator 100.00
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES..... 49.98
Family, Career & Community Leaders of America
dues..... 415.00
Green Canopy
rental 113.30
Hartman, Katherine
official 350.00
HAUGE, BENJAMIN
official 100.00
HAWKEYE STATE SCALE
purchased service..... 75.00
IA ASSOC OF TRACK COACHES
membership..... 50.00
IA FCCLA
supplies..... 206.85
Ia FFA Assoc
membership..... 876.00
Ia Girls Coaches Assoc
registration..... 50.00
IA SPORTS SUPPLY
uniforms..... 1,489.20
J.W. PEPPER & SON
supplies..... 4.20
KENNEDY INDUSTRIES
supplies..... 391.42
Kibble Equipment
supplies..... 11.24
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies..... 457.56
N-K GENERAL FUND
reimb officials..... 226.06
Nagle, Deborah
supplies..... 36.96
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CSD, entry fee 80.00
NASSP, membership . 385.00
NAT'L FFA ORG
registrations 350.00
National Geographic Bee
registration..... 120.00
Pangburn, Bryn
reimb fundraiser 28.00
Rheingans, Heather
reimb supplies 31.20
Rieman Music
supplies..... 90.00
SANKEY, AUGUST
official 100.00
Schroeder, Mel
Official 100.00
ST. ANSGAR CSD
entry fee..... 80.00
Thein, Trevor
entry fee..... 200.00
THOMPSON, TODD
official 100.00
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies 205.05
VISA, supplies..... 452.63
WALDERBACH, KURT
official 100.00
Wallin, Janet
reimb supplies 24.20
WEST FORK CSD
entry fee..... 50.00
Fund Number 21 ... 15,181.76
L & M BOILER SYSTEMS
repairs..... 537.80
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, plumbing 1,861.99
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES 1,739.49
Trane, repairs..... 1,442.36
Fund Number 33 ..... 5,581.64
Atura Architecture
architecture services 1,060.00
INTERSTATE MOTOR TRUCKS
REPAIRS..... 2,593.81
KENISON CONSTRUCTION
library renovation 47,500.00
Leland Woodworks
supplies..... 225.00
Marco, copier lease.. 1,075.35
RIVER CITY FENCE
fencing 12,705.97
Fund Number 36 ... 65,160.13
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, MILK 3,847.00
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES, SUPPLIES..... 657.40
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES..... 22.97
KECK FOOD DISTRIBUTION
COMMODITIES.... 2,302.53
MARTIN BROTHERS
food..... 11,419.64
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD 640.25
Fund Number 61 ... 18,889.79

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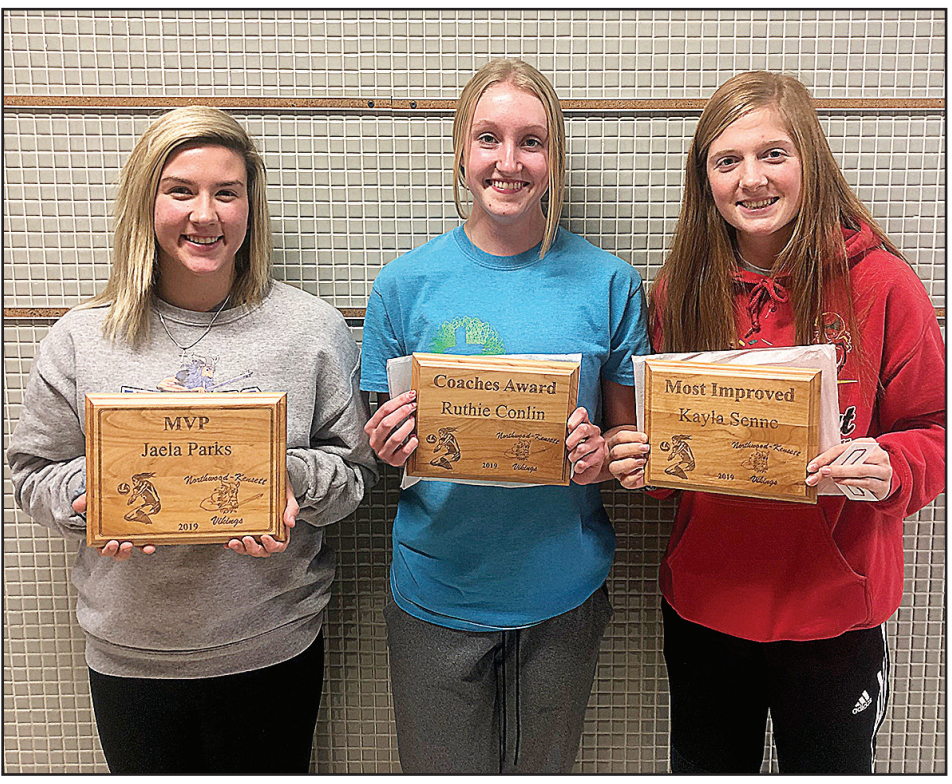
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Volleyball banquet

The Northwood-Kensett volleyball awards banquet was held on Tuesday, November 5. Awards went out to (from left), Jaela Parks, senior, MVP; Ruthie Conlin, junior, Coaches Award; Kayla Senne, junior, Most Improved.



Cross country banquet

The cross country banquet was held on Tuesday, November 5. MVP awards went to sophomore Drake Tiedemann and senior Lindsey Davidson.



Football banquet

The Northwood-Kensett football program held its annual awards banquet on Sunday night November 17. This year's award winners include (back row) Gideon Rollene (defensive MVP), Tyler Mills (9th Man), Triston Rothove (Outstanding Lineman), Ethan Thofson (Iron Man); (front row) – Isaac Renteria (Most Improved), Carter Severson (Most Improved) and Caden Schrage (Outstanding Back).

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