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WHEN YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, WE ARE THERE WITH YOU.

As the United States faces the worst public health crisis in a generation, we want you to know we are here for you — and with you.

Whatever happens, whenever it happens, your newspaper will be there for you. We'll be there to let you know how our community is managing through this crisis — from business to government to the health care system and schools to the drastic impact on individuals and families.

And we'll be there to let you know about the good and extraordinary things happening in the midst of this crisis — the volunteers bringing food to elderly people who cannot leave their homes, the teachers dedicating themselves to their students, the kids sharing words of reassurance with neighbors seen and unseen and all those that are seeking ways they can help out. We're also glad to share letters about the situation and do all we can to remain the community resource that the Anchor always has been.

Amidst the sadness and anxiety, there are uplifting moments that remind us of the resilience of the human spirit, and we'll be there to document those.

We are here to help you make sense of the situation and to help you navigate it.

Having fact-based, reliable reporting that provides public scrutiny and oversight is more important than ever. Together, across the decades, this newspaper and its readers have navigated horrific events — natural disasters, terrorism, financial downturns, periods of extreme political and societal division.

This challenge is greater than any of those, but, rest assured, we'll be here for you. Northwood, Worth County and North Iowa are resilient when people come together to build and rebuild. Let's stick together, and we will come through this, too.

Briefs

Easter egg hunt canceled

For the first time in many years, the Northwood Chamber of Commerce will not be holdings its annual Easter Egg Hunt the day before Easter.

The hunt has been called off for the safety of those that would attend and to comply with recommendations preventing gatherings of 10 or more people.

Bethany Lutheran invites everyone for Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 5, at noon everyone is invited to drive to Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett, where people will stay in their cars and receive palm branches handed out by Pastor Tom Martin.

The mobile congregation will then drive around Kensett like Jesus rode around Jerusalem, a follow the leader event, calling the world to Holy Week.

Clean Up Days set for April 22-25

With most finding themselves with unexpected time around the home, many have taken to tidying up and do some spring cleaning. The City of Northwood once again plans to offer a chance to dispose of items at its city yard.

The City of Northwood will hold its annual spring clean up days beginning on Wednesday, April 22, and continuing through Saturday, April 25.

The City will provide dumpsters for Northwood residents at the Northwood city

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Governor extends, expands business closure, stops non-essential medical procedures

Last Thursday, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a new proclamation extending and expanding the closures of businesses in the state, confirming school closures and other measures through April 16.

Local businesses will remain closed through April 7, including some that have been doing so since March 17, and adding others.

Restaurants and bars may remain open, but only to offer carry-out, drive-through or delivery.

Businesses that are required to stay closed include fitness centers and gyms, pools, salons, spas, barbershops, tattoo establishments, tanning facilities, massage facilities, theaters, casinos, senior citizen cen-

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Mason City man disappears in Winnebago River Friday

A man has been missing since Friday, following an accident while he and another man were fishing on the Winnebago River near Hanlontown.

First responders were called to respond to a spot near Hanlontown, at 12:12 p.m. on Friday, March 27.

A man had called 911 to report that the person he was fishing with was missing in the river.

First responders responded to between Finch and Grose Ave., where the reporting party was located.

The man said that he and the other man, Adam D. Vansyoc, 43, of Mason City, had been fishing when their boat became tangled on a cable across the river.

Search efforts were started to locate the missing Vansyoc shortly after officials arrived on the scene, and ran until dark. They were unsuccessful on Friday.

Search efforts continued on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. As of press time Monday, Vansyoc had not been found.

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Community support keeping local eateries in business

By Erin McCord
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"I just feel so lucky" are not the first words one would expect from a restaurateur whose business had been reduced to carry-out only on March 18 by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds in an effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Those were the words expressed by Sue Harris of Sue's Corner Post when asked how business was going under the new restrictions.

"I have gotten so much support from the community," Sue said. "We've served anywhere between 10 and 35 meals a day just doing carry outs. This is a very supportive community."

She went on to say that she also feels lucky that she can still go to work and have her regular routine. "It gives me a little normalcy," she said.

Jennifer Lombard, owner of the Bean and Bistro, echoed Sue's sentiments. "We have been blessed with customers who are patient, supportive and generous. We have all had to make adjustments with store hours and our staff but we are pulling through this unsettling time together as a family."

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Schacht experiences COVID-19 effects in China

Ian Schacht is a 2008 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School. He and his family live in China. Below is his account of the COVID-19's impact where he lives.

I've been living in China for over three years, with an apartment and job in Shanghai on the east coast of the country. I am married to a Chinese national and I have a 15-month-old daughter who is a registered American citizen.

Life in Shanghai was pleasant, outside of the hustle and bustle of a big city. We only travel to visit my wife's family in Sichuan province for the Chinese New Year celebration, but not really much else.

Due to this virus, I find myself still sitting in Sichuan with my family because travel is still not completely safe.

In early January of this year, my wife, daughter, and myself boarded a flight from Shanghai to Chongqing, a city about two hours from my wife's home town. We heard news that there was viral infection spreading around Wuhan, which

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Ian Schacht, his wife Alina and baby Octavia



The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. March 24	43	36	
Wed. March 25	48	28	
Thurs. March 26	49	37	0.22
Fri. March 27	53	36	
Sat. March 28	49	43	
Sun. March 29	50	35	0.48
Mon. March 30	58	30	

Candidates file for primary election

On Tuesday, June 2, voters will choose who will represent their political parties in the November general election. Last Wednesday, March 25, was the deadline to file as candidates for county offices. The deadline for state and federal offices was March 13.

Incumbent Jacki Backhaus, rural Kensett, filed for the Republican nomincation for Worth County Auditor. No one field for the Democratic nomination.

Sheriff Dan Fank, Manly, filed for the Republican nomination. No Democrat filed as a candidate for the office.

Three candidates filed for the Republican nomination for Worth County supervisor representing District 2. That includes incumbent Mark Smeby, of rural Joice; William Schulte, Manly; and Gary A. Hanson, of rural Northwood.

Filing for the nominations for State Representative from District 51 were incumbent Republican Jane Bloomingdale and Democrat Jane Podgorniak, both of Northwood.

Filing for the nomination for State Senate from District 26 was Republican Waylon Brown, of Osage. No one filed for the Democratic nomination.

Filing for their party's nominations for the office of U.S. Representative from District 1 were Democratic incumbent Abby Finkenauer, of Dubuque, and Republicans Thomas Hansen, Decorah, and Ashley Hinson, Marion.

Filing for their party nominations for U.S. Senator were incumbent Republican Joni Ernst, Des Moines, and Democrats Michael Franken, Sioux City, Kimberly Graham, Indianola, Theresa Greenfield, Des Moines, Eddie J. Mauro, Des Moines, and Cal Woods, Des Moines.

The primary election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 2. Voters that are registered for either political party will choose the candidates for their party in the election.

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yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

Appliance pick up will take place during the fall clean up days in October.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Thursday, April 23, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The following week the City will pick up piles of brush trimmings throughout the city.

More information is available in the ad in this week's Northwood Anchor or by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up days may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthc ounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

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Agencies assisting the Worth County Sheriff's Office at the scene have been the Iowa State Patrol; Iowa Department of Natural Resources; Winnebago County Sheriff's Office; Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office; Hanlontown, Fertile, Northwood, Clear Lake, and Ventura fire departments; Forest City Ambulance; Worth County Emergency Management; Worth County IT; Mercy Air Med; Iowa Underwater Search and Rescue; POET Bio-Refinery; and Worth County Sheriff's Reserves.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resource command center reminded anyone considering being on or around a river that rapidly changing and high water levels are dangerous and deserve a person's utmost respect. Any small mistakes can be catastrophic in these conditions.

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is about half way between Shanghai and Sichuan. On our flight, and subsequent train ride, no one was wearing masks, and the virus was really a minor story at this time.

From around the 20th of January, the news started reporting on the spread much more. We noticed that the government had setup medical checkpoints at the airports and train stations. The city where I am sitting, Langzhong, and most of the whole of the Sichuan province did not detect many cases, so we didn't think much of the threat. We went to family style restaurants, spent time at relatives' houses and socialized as if the city we were in was immune.

By the end of January and the first week of February everything changed in an instant. The positive cases in Sichuan had exceeded 150, the hospitals had limited their access to only fever patients and suddenly everyone was wearing a mask. The government closed the vegetable markets, group dining restaurants and put a restriction on gatherings such as weddings or parties.

The supermarket made it mandatory to wear a mask before you entered, and were taking forehead temperatures before you were allowed to shop. At this time I wore a mask anytime I left the apartment, used tissues to touch door handles and washed my hands frequently when I was home.

On the second week of February, the lockdown hit its extreme. We received notice that the community would lock down all access points except for one gate, and families could only send one member out to get groceries every two days with a permission slip. The government closed all shops except for grocery stores and pharmacies, and there was even talk of closing pharmacies to force those who were experiencing symptoms to seek help. The number of cases in Sichuan had skyrocketed to over 350, and our town had four positives. City buses, taxis and trains all stopped at this time. The city streets became empty except for emergency personnel.

The number of cases continued to rise throughout February, but with the lockdown in full affect, we also saw an increase in the number of patients being treated and released. By the first week in March we saw the number of cases peak around 500 in Sichuan, and 39 in our district, where the city is located.

After 14 days of no cases, taxi and bus service resumed in the city. The trains resumed their scheduled routes and intercity travel was accessible again. The community soon after began to allow unrestricted access to residents, and no longer limits the number of trips. Most employers have restarted work, while many have allowed for remote working to continue for the foreseeable future.

Today we find ourselves in the last week of March, in a familiar yet alien world. People still wear masks outside, and don't gather in large groups. Weddings and large celebrations are still restricted, and entertainment such as movie theaters are still closed. We still need to wear masks inside the supermarket, but no longer get our temperature checked. While Langzhong has not had a case in the month of March, we still practice safe protocols.

Although there has been phenomenal progress, we still see the cases rise, which means the battle isn't done. China has recently closed their borders to foreigners due to the amount of cases arriving from abroad outnumbering those from community spread. It is essential to maintain proper protocols, and continue to contain the spread.

In the U.S., we see the rise in cases due mainly to community spread. As of today there is only one way to slow it down and get on top of it, and that is through isolation and social distancing. This does not necessarily mean to the extremes I dealt with in China, but it does mean making a sacrifice for the time being. Social distancing means reducing the number of trips to the grocery to once per week, and it means delaying a social event or gathering to a later date.

In China, Wuhan became world news because the cases overwhelmed the hospital and staff, which created chaos and anger. In New York, and other metropolitan areas, you see the same thing unfolding. It is essential to reduce the rate of the virus to allow our medical system to be able to handle the influx, and that starts with every individual.

Please take this time to stay proactive and act defensively. Wash your hands often, and don't touch your face. Reduce trips to the store, but don't buy out the freezer section. Don't rush back to school or start group activities unless absolutely essential. If we all act proactively, the virus will peak soon, and although you will still see cases rise, the rate will decrease and we will soon overcome it.

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Resumes may be sent to Kimberly Wilson, 215 W. 4th St. Suite 6, Spencer, IA 51301 by Wednesday April 15, 2020.

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For more information about the position, please contact Regional CEO, Kim Wilson at 712-262-9438.Northwest Iowa Care Connections is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Clay/Palo Alto/Kossuth County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

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Meals on Wheels continues delivering through the crisis



Judy Olson and Janet Quam prepare meals.



Brian and Kim Odegaard and Jill Ehrhardt are ready to set out on their deliveries.

For many years Northwood Meals on Wheels has delivered a hot, nutritious noon meal to those in the community who are unable to cook for themselves.

The meals are prepared in the Northwood Senior Center, and delivered by numerous individual volunteers and organizations Monday through Friday throughout the year.

This service is continuing during the current COVID-19 crisis, thanks in part to an increased number of volunteers, some who are not presently working or who are working from home and willing to help out with this much needed service.

The requests for Meals on Wheels have doubled in the past two weeks, causing a need for twice as many volunteers as well. Having these additional people to deliver meals has allowed the Meals on Wheels program to keep going, without asking the faithful long-term volunteers for extra hours.

Those desiring to receive meals for themselves, family, friends or neighbors are encouraged to call the Northwood Senior Center at 324-1244 between 8 a.m. and noon on Monday through Friday.



Kris Gordon gets her car loaded for her delivery route.

Minnesota governor issues stay at home order

As Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced additional and extended restrictions on businesses and interactions, those in the state of Minnesota were put under a stay-at-home order that mirrors many of the restrictions in place in Iowa.

To slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz last week signed an executive order directing Minnesotans to stay at home and limit movements outside of their home beyond essential needs. The order was in place as of 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 27, and ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 10.

"We must take bold action to save the lives of Minnesotans," said Governor Walz. "Having served as a Command Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard, I know the importance of having a plan. While the virus will still be here when this order ends, this action will slow the spread of COVID-19 and give Minnesota time to ready for battle."

Modeling released by the Minnesota Department of Health and University of Minnesota predicted that more than 70,000 Minnesotans could die from COVID-19 if no action was taken, according to a release from the Governor's office.

Governor Walz's two-week order to stay home is designed to significantly slow the spread of COVID-19 and allow the state time to make key preparations for the pandemic.

These preparations include building hospital capacity, increasing access to life-saving equipment like ventilators, increasing testing, planning for how to care for vulnerable populations and assessing public health data to determine which community mitigation strategies are most effective.

Minnesotans may leave their residences only to perform any of the following activities, and while doing so, they should practice social distancing:

- Health and safety activities, such as obtaining emergency services or medical supplies
- Outdoor activities, such as walking, hiking, running, biking, hunting or fishing
- Necessary supplies and services, such as getting groceries, gasoline or carry-out
- Essential and interstate travel, such as returning to a home from outside this state
- Care of others, such as caring for a family member, friend or pet in another household
- Displacement, such as moving between emergency shelters for those without a home
- Relocation to ensure safety, such as relocating to a different location if someone's home has been unsafe due to domestic violence, sanitation or essential operations reasons
- Tribal activities and lands, such as activities by members within the boundaries of their tribal reservation

The executive order does not restrict travel into and out of Minnesota, including those leaving the state for work or those traveling into the state for any of the essential needs listed above. This includes those living across the border in Iowa.

"Public health and health care workers around the state are working incredibly hard to protect Minnesotans from this outbreak, and we need all Minnesotans to do their part to slow the spread," Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said. "These new measures will buy us much-needed time to secure additional resources and line up additional protections for our most vulnerable Minnesotans."

Those who work in critical sectors during this time are exempt from the stay at home order. These exemptions are based on federal guidance from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with some Minnesota-specific additions. This includes, but is not limited to, jobs in:

- Healthcare and public health;
- Law enforcement, public safety, and first responders;
- Emergency shelters, congregate living facilities, drop-in centers;
- Child care;
- Food and agriculture;
- News media;
- Energy;
- Water and wastewater; and
- Critical manufacturing.

Governor Walz also issued executive orders extending the closure of bars, restaurants and other public accommodations in Minnesota until May 1 at 5 p.m. and authorizing the Commissioner of Education to implement a Distance Learning Period for Minnesota's students beginning on March 30 through May 4.

Updates on the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota are available online at mn.gov/stay-homemn. Frequently asked questions are available online at mn.gov/governor/covid-19/faq.jsp.

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ters and adult daycares and any mass gatherings of more than 10 people, including social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure and sporting events.

A list of additional types of retail establishments was added to those that must remain closed through April 7. That includes bookstores, clothing stores, shoe stores, jewelry stores, luggage stores, cosmetic and perfume stores, florists and furniture and home furnishing stores. Stores that sell these items in addition to groceries, medical supplies and other household items are not affected.

The proclamation stopped any nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures that use personal protective equipment in Iowa. The order also limited those using PPE in necessary surgeries to those that are essential to the procedure. The goal is to preserve the PPE for the COVID-19 response.

The proclamation also stops all dental work that is elective, including routine hygiene, crowns, bridges or dentures and other orthodontics. The exceptions are for those dental procedures that are necessary to relieve pain or infection or to restore normal mouth function. Emergency procedures are still allowed as well.

All hospitals, nursing facilities, residential care facilities, hospices and assisted living programs were ordered to screen staff for signs of COVID-19 at the beginning of their shifts.

The proclamation also prevents residential care and nursing facilities from discharging or transferring a resident that can't pay for their services.

The proclamation suspends penalties for those that have retired from work in disaster response or public health jobs that would return to work, who would otherwise lose retirement benefits.

Other orders in the proclamation relaxed requirements for nurse licensure and health facility regulations and officially extended various deadlines that may require someone to appear in person for renewal.

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Other area restaurants and bars that are offering carry-out or curbside pick-up are Burger King, Subway, Tequila's, MJ's Bar, Gobbler's Roost in Grafton, the Carpenter Bar and Grill and Cafe Mir in Fertile. Worth Brewing Company in Northwood is also offering pick up of bottles and growlers.

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Northwood Dental plans to re-open in April, if safe

In the front page story on businesses adapting to COVID-19 that appeared in last week's Anchor, it was listed that Northwood Dental would be closed through April. Barring any new restrictions, the office plans to open earlier in the month.

As of now, the State of Iowa has ordered that dentist offices close through April 16. Northwood Dental is complying with State guidelines and recommendations from the American Dentists Association and plans to open again when it allowed and when it is recommended to be safe.

Existing appointments will be rescheduled. Those with dental emergencies may still be seen. Anyone with questions may call Northwood Dental at 641-324-1364.

Funds sought to provide Meals on Wheels to seniors in need

With many seniors in the community facing challenges in safely acquiring meals, and many having additional financial and health concerns, a fund has been set up to help provide meals for those in need.

The money will be used to provide meals from the Meals on Wheels program in Northwood.

Those that would like to contribute may take their donation to Judy Johnson at the Senior Center, at 720 Central Avenue, between 8 and 11 a.m., or mail donations to the Northwood Senior Center, 720 Central Avenue, Northwood, IA 50459.

Money designated for this purpose will only be used to provide meals for those that need help.



A sign of hope

Amongst the signs of hope that have appeared in the weeks since social distancing became the norm is this literal sign of hope, which was raised at MCT Construction, along Highway 65 North in Northwood. The sign features the word Hope, surrounded by messages of children in Northwood daycares.

Iowa courts adapt to COVID-19 social restrictions

Iowa courts have changed their procedures to adapt to the threats and concerns of COVID-19, limiting some court procedures and offering alternatives that allow social distancing.

Courthouse access for Iowa court services, like the county offices that are also located there, is being done by appointment only. And like most places, those that are sick are asked not to visit

Any criminal trial that was not in process when the first Public Health Disaster announcement was made on March 17 was postponed until after April 20.

All civil jury and bench trials scheduled before May 4 were to be rescheduled at a later date.

Video conferencing was to be used when necessary, including testimony and other proceedings.

All jury trials have been canceled through April 19. Jury summons are still being sent for court sessions that begin on April 20 or after.

As far as fines and other court fees are concerned, there are four ways to pay, offering options to avoid in-person interaction and mitigate possible spread of COVID-19.

All fines and fees can be mailed to the appropriate clerk of court office. The Iowa Judicial Branch offers a pay online option. People with multiple fines or fees on multiple cases can pay with a single payment using the shopping cart feature on Iowa Courts Online. And, the newest option, now available, is a single statewide number to pay by phone.

The "Pay a Fine or Court Fee" page on the Iowa Judicial Branch website (www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/pay-a-fine/) is the fastest way to pay a traffic ticket or outstanding court debt any time of the day or night using a major credit card. The payer must know the type of case, the county in which the charge or citation was issued, the case number or the name of the person charged. The page includes the answers to more than 20 commonly asked questions about paying court fines and fees.

Using the shopping cart feature to pay multiple fines and fees is similar to making multiple online purchases using an e-commerce shopping website. A person can pay court costs, fines, surcharges, and other court-related debt using the Trial Court Case Search on Iowa Courts Online (www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/ESAWebApp//SelectFrame) by typing the full name of a party to the case into the search fields.

If unsuccessful trying all the above options, the new statewide pay by phone number is 515-348-4788. Previously, people with court debt were asked to call the clerk of court in the county where the citation was issued or fine was ordered. Now, the single number will be answered by a clerk from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Multiple, convenient payments options for Iowans to use from their homes is particularly important now during the statewide effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19," State Court Administrator Todd Nuccio said. "With reduced staff in all of our clerk of court offices, the multiple payment options also helps the judicial branch do its part to slow the spread of the virus by distributing the incoming calls to multiple clerks offices and to clerk staff working from home."

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Cleaning up the streets

The Northwood city crew has kept busy even while there has been less activity in the community in the wake of social safety guidelines. That included spring cleaning on the city's streets last week.

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

As the situation in Iowa rapidly changes in response to the spread of COVID-19, I am getting a lot of questions about what resources exist to help Iowans who have been affected.

Iowa Economic Development Authority has put together a number of resources for both businesses and employees affected by COVID-19. This includes a small business relief program, information on the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance program, Community Development Block Grant funds to support infectious disease response, and unemployment related to the pandemic. All of this information can be found by going to www.iowabusinessrecovery.com.

Additionally, Iowa Workforce Development has a lot of information and resources on unemployment insurance on their website, www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/COVID-19. If you contact them for questions or information, I encourage you to be patient. People all over our state are calling and they are receiving a very high volume of calls. I know they are trying to be helpful to every Iowan in their time of need.

If you are looking for other resources, and not sure where to go, the Iowa Senate Republicans have put together a web page with links to various state agencies and departments and their information on COVID-19. This site includes updates from the governor's office, tax information, and links to the above information. Please visit www.iowasenaterepublicans.com/covid-19-resources/ or contact me with questions you may have.

I have also gotten many questions on the availability of testing for coronavirus. The decision on whether or not to administer a test is made by a doctor following the guidance of the CDC. Since this virus is new, it took time to develop and replicate the tests and the quantity of tests is limited. As a result, only individuals who meet certain criteria are allowed to receive a test. The volume of testing will continue to increase as more and more tests are produced. Another concern is the dwindling supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect health care workers from the contagion while working. The White House has called on private-sector companies to ramp up production of these safety items.

For more information on what is happening with COVID-19 in Iowa and across the country, here are additional resources you can use coronavirus.iowa.gov/, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html, idph.iowa.gov/emerging-health-issues/novel-coronavirus or dhs.iowa.gov/COVID19

A hotline has been set up for Iowans to call with COVID-19 related questions. It is available 24/7 and can be reached by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431.

The State of Iowa is doing whatever it can to help Iowans through this crisis. At the federal level, they are also working on a legislative package to help citizens and assist those who have been affected. Please stay home if you are feeling sick, wash your hands, check on your loved ones, and as always, call or email me with your questions and concerns as we navigate this crisis together.

Unemployment insurance tax extension to assist small businesses

Governor Reynolds announced last week that first quarter unemployment tax payments that are due on April 30 will be delayed until the end of the 2nd quarter on July 31, 2020. Eligible employers include those employers with 50 oyr fewer employees. Eligible employers also must be in good standing with no delinquencies in quarterly payments.

"Iowa's small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and the engine behind our economy. Now more than ever we need to make sure they have the ability to manage their cash flow," said Governor Reynolds. "It's critically important that we continue to take steps in support of our small business community during these challenging times."

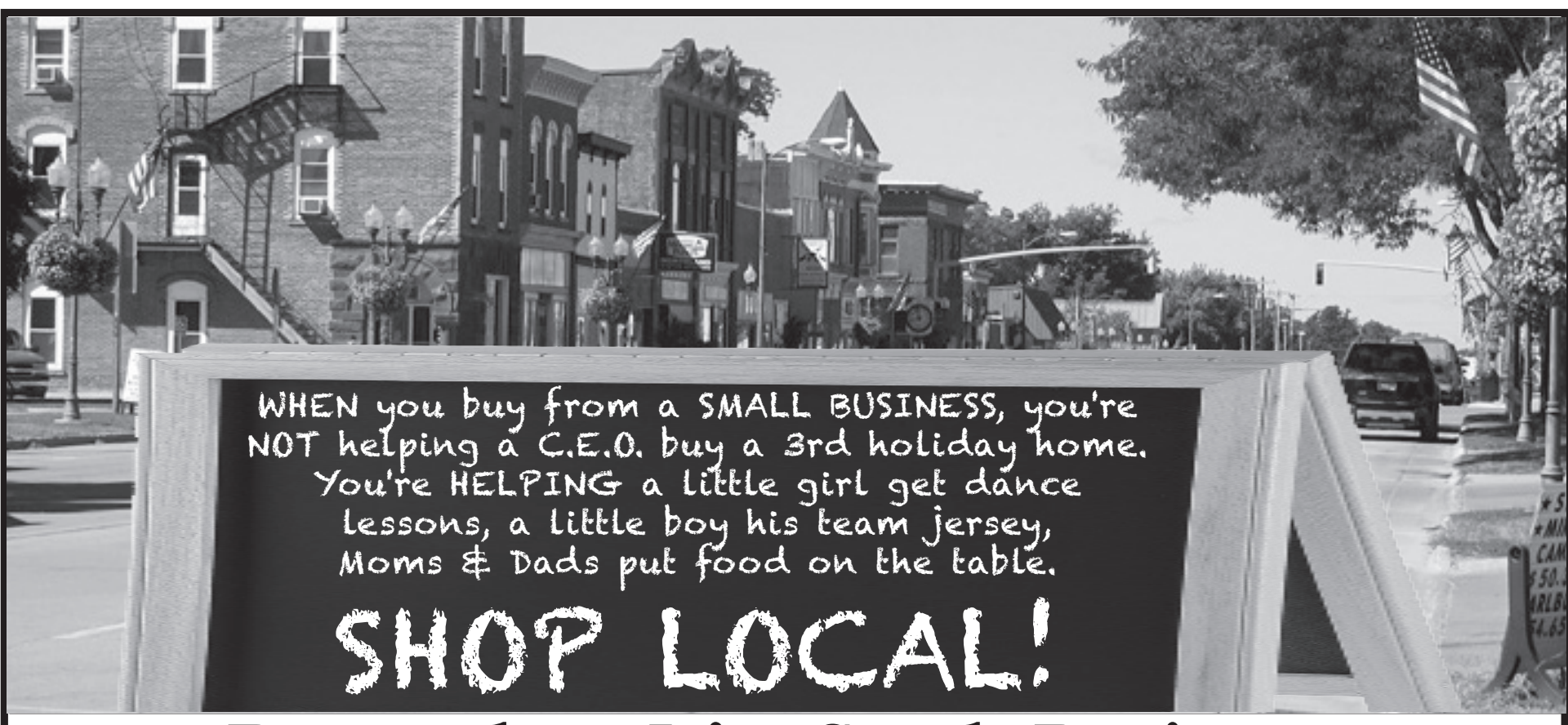
To qualify for the extension, the employer must be current on all quarterly tax payments before the first quarter of 2020 regardless of whether or not they are seeking an extension of tax payment. All employers must file Quarterly Employers Contribution and Payroll Report electronically by 4:30 on Friday, April 24, to avoid late report filing penalty.

Payments for Q1 would be due when Q2 payments are due, July 31, 2020. No interest or penalties will accrue for delayed payments for the eligible group. The extension of payment deadline without interest is not a holiday or forgiveness and the taxes will be due July 31, 2020. Employers still need to file their quarterly reports, which contain employee wage data necessary to compute benefit eligibility and amounts to be paid.

"More than 95% of businesses in Iowa, or 72,264 employers, have 50 or fewer employees. They employ a total of 417,536 Iowans, pay approximately $4.2 billion in wages. Providing an extension to paying unemployment insurance taxes will help the vast majority of employers during this difficult time," said Director Beth Townsend, of Iowa Workforce Development.

Employers who elect to take advantage of the extension, may contact the Unemployment Insurance Tax division at either 1-888-848-7442 or by sending an email to Q1tax@iwd.iowa.gov.

Employers that would like to request additional time to pay the tax may contact the Unemployment Insurance Tax Division. IWD recommends sending an email versus a phone call as there is a high call volume during this time that may lead to extended wait times. Employers must notify IWD of intent to delay payment by Friday, April 24, at 4:30 pm.



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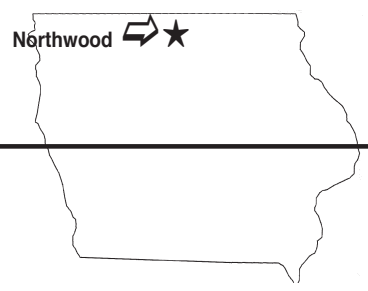
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Most Important, thank you to our health care and essential service workers for everything you are doing. Additionally, thank you to our teachers providing resources and materials for our students to continue learning at home. Stay Safe.

While the Legislature is not in session, things continue to evolve as state and national officials work to slow the spread of COVID-19. As legislators, we are continuing to work… answering emails, answering phone calls, and trying to keep you all updated on the actions our state is taking to keep our families and communities safe.

Since the Legislature suspended its session, the Governor has exercised her emergency powers in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa. This includes the closing of businesses where people tend to congregate, such as bars and restaurants, entertainment venues, and salons and barbershops. Elective and non-essential surgeries have been postponed. State departments have taken action to help Iowans by pushing back tax deadlines, extending unemployment benefits to workers impacted by COVID, and providing child care resources for parents working in essential businesses and industries.

While the Governor has not ordered a "shelter in place" or "stay at home" order, Iowans are encouraged to remain home and practice social distancing. Social distancing does not mean not socializing. I have had several "zoom" calls with family and friends to keep in touch. When you can't visit, call, especially older friends and relatives that are more vulnerable to this virus, making sure they have what they need to remain home.

This is a difficult time for many small businesses. These businesses have supported our schools, fire departments, town celebrations, and various other fundraisers. While restaurants are prohibited from dine-in customers, several are offering curbside and to-go orders. Some small businesses are selling gift cards and certificates that can be used once the Governor's order is lifted. Let's make sure we are supporting those who have supported us.

Governor Announces Small Business Relief

• Iowa Small Business Relief Grants – Grant awards ranging from $5,000-$25,000 for businesses with between 2-25 employees. Applications due on March 31.

• Iowa Small Business Tax Deferral – The Iowa Department of Revenue is allowing sales/use and withholding tax deferral for businesses affected by COVID-19. Applications due on March 31.

• Targeted Small Business Sole Operator Relief Fund – Grant awards ranging from $5,000-$10,000 for sole proprietorship or single member LLCs that are also certified as Targeted Small Businesses. The business must have been in existence for 12 months prior to April 10, 2020.

More information and full eligibility requirements can be found at IowaBusinessRecovery.com.

Early Voting Extended for June Primary

Secretary of State Paul Pate has extended the absentee voting window from 29 to 40 days for the Primary Election that is scheduled to be held on June 2. The Secretary of State's Office is encouraging Iowans to vote by mail beginning April 23. Iowans can already request absentee ballots.

Eviction and Foreclosure Protections

Through emergency orders, the Governor has temporarily suspended evictions for renters and foreclosures of residential, commercial, and agricultural real property. Individuals must continue to pay rent, mortgages, and leases, but they are protected from losing their homes while the proclamation is in place.

The Governor is also holding regular press conferences to keep the public informed on the state's response. These press conferences are held at 2:30 pm, Sunday-Friday. Many TV news stations broadcast the press conference live, or you can watch on the Governor's Facebook page, Facebook.com/IAGovernor.

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





Former schoolhouses on 14th Street

Information was recently posted on Facebook by the Forgotten Iowa Historical Society that shared the location of 10 former rural schoolhouses that were relocated into Northwood and, for the most part, turned into homes. In the next few weeks, the Anchor will share a current look at these homes, along with information from the Historical Society. Pictured at top is a rural schoolhouse, whose origins are unknown, that can currently be found at 202 14th Street South in Northwood. Pictured below is another rural schoolhouse, whose original location is not known. It is now used as a home at 204 14th Street North.

Alliant Energy temporarily suspends disconnects for non-payment

Alliant Energy (NASDAQ: LNT) is temporarily suspending disconnections for all of Iowa and Wisconsin customers during the public health emergency related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In addition, the company plans to waive late fees in Iowa to help customers who are suffering financial hardships and will collaborate with partners and organizations in Wisconsin to offer a similar solution. In the midst of all the uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus, worrying about continued access to utility service should not be anyone's top concern.

This temporary suspension will alleviate customer concerns about continued access to their utility service and allows them to concentrate on the health of their families and businesses during this unprecedented and rapidly changing situation. This complements the recent directive extending the winter moratorium for residential customers.

While the ongoing COVID-19 situation may create financial stress and difficulty for some customers, Alliant Energy is encouraging them to set up payment plans based on their ability to pay. This can be done online at the company's new My Account site, which allows for fee-free credit card payments. The site, alliantenergy.com/myaccount, and the company's mobile app (compatible with Apple and Android devices), are available 24/7, and provide customers fast, reliable access to up-to-date account information as well as the opportunity to report outages.

Another resource available to customers is 211. Via call, text or chat, customers can talk with local 211 community resource specialists to discuss a variety of services and resources that are available to help them through this difficult situation.

Alliant Energy prides itself on doing everything it can to minimize risks and continue serving customers while living its Values to Do the right thing and Care for others. Earlier today, the company announced a $100,000 donation to help non-profits and assist with rising community needs.

More information about Alliant Energy, is available by visiting aliantenergy.com.

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Relationship problems are a common cause of depression and anxiety. When others hurt us, we understandably become anxious, depressed, and often angry. Many people turn to drugs and alcohol to soothe the pain or quell their anger. Drugs and alcohol often provide a quick relief from the pain that we are feeling, but when the drugs wear off, we feel worse than we did in the first place, and eventually the drugs don't do the trick. The source of our bad feelings is within us, and as long as we hold onto it, we will suffer. This is why we say "you have to let go of your anger." And often this can be something we literally hold and feel in our bodies. We feel tension in our necks and back. Anger may burn in our chests, and our throats may "choke up" with sorrow. An appropriate metaphor for anger is the burning stone, which we want to use to harm others, but as long as we hold onto that stone (i.e., our anger), we're the ones who are hurt. Ultimately, if we want to be relieved of our bad feelings, we have to forgive the person who has hurt us. This can be difficult, requiring time and effort, and an almost super-human willingness to let go of the harm, especially when we are feeling betrayed and undeserving of the wrong done to us. – Christopher Simon

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." – Colossians 3:13 NIV

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

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

David Zinczenko is the guru of "Eat This, Not That" books. They show you healthier switches when you are eating at fast food places or the big chain restaurants. But, if you don't eat in those establishments often, his wisdom also extends to healthy smoothies you can make at home. "Zero Belly Smoothies" (2016, Ballantine Books, NYC) announces on its cover "Lose up to 16 Pounds in 14 Days and Sip Your Way to a Lean & Healthy you." Wow, that's some claim! But, regardless of whether a person wants to lose weight or just eat cleaner, healthier foods, these drinks are convenient, can replace a meal during the day and have none of the preservatives, chemicals and other unknown stuff that commercially prepared smoothies in cans and powders sometimes contain. Here are a few choices adapted from this book. Be sure to use unsweetened ingredients.

Red Pepper Punch

1/4 red bell pepper
1 small jalapeno pepper, seeds and veins removed
1/2 ripe tomato (or two Romas if it's winter)
1 stalk of celery, cut in half or quarters
1/2 cup plain, unsweetened almond milk
1 scoop plant-based plain protein powder

Put all the ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth. Add an ice cube if you want it colder.

Nutrition count, approximate: calories-170; 2g fat; 10g carbs; 3g fiber; 5g sugar; 26g protein.

Pumpkin Spice

1/2 frozen banana
1/3 cup pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
1/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1/8 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 teaspoon flax seed
1 cup unsweetened almond milk
1 scoop plant-based plain protein powder

Add everything to the blender and process until smooth. Add ice if you want it thinner or colder.

Calories – 292; 5g fat; 33g carbs; 7g fiber; 14g sugar; 29g protein

Tea for One

1 cup home-brewed green tea (NOT from a bottle)
1/2 frozen banana
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/8 ripe avocado
1 scoop vanilla plant-based protein powder
Cold water to blend

Put all ingredients into a blender and process until smooth. Use the water to get the consistency you like to drink.

Calories – 226; 1.3g fat; 26g carbs; 6g fiber; 13g sugar; 28g protein

Blueberry Dazzler

1/2 cup frozen blueberries
1/2 tablespoon almond butter
1/2 cup unsweetened almond milk
1 scoop vanilla plant-based protein powder
Water to blend

Put everything into the blender, starting with 1/2 cup cold water. If you find the smoothie is still too thick, add small amounts of water until it achieves the consistency you prefer.

Calories – 254; 7g fat; 19g carbs; 4g fiber; 10g sugar; 20g protein

The premise of Mr. Zinczenko's meal plan is to substitute one or two of these smoothies for a meal and eat a moderate "regular" meal as well. The nutritional count may seem high for some of the smoothies but when you consider it's the entire meal it becomes more reasonable. They are not low-carb so keto and carb watchers might not find them to their liking. These drinks can get you out of the house quickly in the morning or reside in your thermos until lunch. If anyone would like to try this way to lose belly fat, just let me know and you can have the book. I'll leave it at the Anchor office. And….that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society





Now you see tree, now you don't

Last week the large tree in Northwood's downtown mini-park was removed. The tree was in bad shape and its roots were in danger of encroaching on neighboring properties. While Northwood officials were sad to see the living landmark go, the decision was made that it was time to have it removed. There has been no word on what may be put in the tree's place.

MercyOne increases visitor restrictions

MercyOne, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and local public health organizations, want to provide the safest possible environment for our patients, families, community and colleagues. Based on the latest information, one important way to enhance health and safety is to reduce exposure to potential disease carriers. The fewer people that patients come in contact with, the less likely they will be to contract COVID-19 or other infectious diseases.

For the protection of patients and staff, no visitors are currently being allowed at MercyOne North Iowa clinics, outpatient areas, emergency department or hospital.

Some exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis, including:

- Children admitted to the hospital
- Maternity units
- Patients receiving end-of-life care as determined by medical professionals

For approved exceptions, only one visitor per patient will be allowed. They must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- Either immediate family members, powers of attorney, guardians or patient representatives
- Healthy with no symptoms of illness, including respiratory or fever

Anyone that has symptoms of COVID-19 that are more than mild, such as feeling short of breath, should call the MercyOne Family Healthline at 641-428-7777. The nurse will instruct people on the best next steps for care and whether people qualify for testing, based on symptoms.

Anyone with general questions may call the COVID-19 call center at 641-494-3543, 641-494-3546 or 641-494-3547. COVID-19 testing will not be performed in the MercyOne North Iowa Emergency Department.

The best way to show support is to practice social distancing and staying home whenever possible. MercyOne also encourages people to share a message of support on social media for staff using the hashtag #PowerofMercyOne.

Fishing and hunting regulations not affected by COVID-19

Iowa's hunting and fishing regulations are not affected by the current COVID-19 health emergency in Iowa. Despite rumors on social media channels, the DNR has no plans to eliminate seasons, relax regulations or change license prices.

"Fishing and hunting regulations exist to protect human safety as well as wildlife populations over the long-term," said Dale Garner, Conservation and Recreation division administrator at the Iowa DNR. "We balance the long-term sustainability of Iowa's natural resources with the well-being of Iowans, and will continue to take a thoughtful, science-based approach to Iowa's hunting and fishing laws."

More information about Iowa's hunting and fishing regulations can be found at the Iowa DNR website: www.iowadnr.gov.

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Assistance available by calling City Hall at 641-324-1075.

The City does NOT authorize the public to remove discarded items from the dumpsters.



RULES: Regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.
Following items will not be accepted: Computers & Accessories; Construction Debris; Tires; Batteries; Paint; Hazardous & Flammable Items; Fluorescent tubes/bulbs.

Appliances will be collected in October.

In addition, the City will be picking up brush trimmings in the following weeks.

Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading the sad story in the March 18 edition of the Anchor that announced the closing of the grocery store in Grafton after 27 years in business. The people in that little town will now be forced to travel for groceries.

It brought to mind one of my concerns about Northwood: those who don't shop at Fallgatter's because they feel the trip to Mason City or Albert Lea is more to their advantage or more interesting or more something else. I'm not talking about an occasional trip to buy something special; I make those trips too when I need an ingredient that Fallgatter's doesn't carry. After all, it's a small store compared to the big boxers and shelf space is at a premium.

I'm referring to those residents of our community who simply won't take advantage of the resource we have right here in town. Which big box store has real butchers who will cut meat to special orders if needed? When I make jerky or the Italian dishes that need special cuts of meat, Jason has always been more than happy to cut what I need.

Or how about a delivery service that will bring the food to your door and (in the past at least, not sure about with the new owners) would even carry your water softener salt down to the basement and load it into the softener if you were elderly or not able to lift those heavy bags?

Which checkers know you by name and greet you as friends when you enter the store? Not the big box stores I've shopped in!

We have a little gem in our local supermarket. If we don't shop there, we will lose it in the future and, like the people of Grafton, have to travel in all weather for the groceries we want and need. Senior citizens who no longer want to or are able to drive the 17 miles to Albert Lea or the 25 miles to Mason City will be forced to depend upon others or the transit bus to get their groceries. Or they would need to buy the limited amount of food that is available at the dollar or convenience stores, at whatever prices the stores feel they can charge.

I would not be truthful if I said I NEVER shop anywhere else but I get at least 80% of my groceries right in Northwood. The prices are competitive, the sales are good and the meat is excellent! I don't want to lose our grocery store; I don't want to go down the tough road that Grafton traveled because sales kept declining. Give it some serious thought.

Sandy Olson
Northwood

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My husband is pleading to get back into the house.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I read a contract the other day that said this just before the signature line, "the 25th day of March A.D. 2020." B.C. now stands for Before Covid-19, a time prior to life becoming a scary movie. Near the end of B.C., I led a bus trip in Nebraska. It was a great group. The bus driver was wonderful. Each time I've led a bus tour, the bus driver becomes my best friend. That day, I learned I'd lost five jobs due to COVID-19. "Hoover!" I said. It's the biggest dam I know. I asked what the driver had learned in all his many years of driving a bus. He said, "Never get yourself in a position where you need to back up." And forward I will go.

I was in Kearney in the middle of March. It snowed. There was sleet to go with it. I scraped my windshield, windows, mirrors and headlights. Then I scraped the roof of my car. Snow was frozen in place. It was a task, but I knocked it off. I saw a big SUV drive by, driven by a lady I knew from the bus. She, being short, had cleaned what snow she could reach from her car, leaving a white stripe of snow down the middle of its roof. You're familiar with the mohawk hairstyle in which the scalp is shaved except for an upright strip of hair that runs across the crown of the head. Her car had a snowhawk.

I enjoyed a Runza in Grand Island. Runza started in Lincoln in 1949. A Runza is a sandwich featuring bread stuffed with ground beef, onions, a secret blend of spices, and cabbage. Tuesdays in January and February are Temperature Tuesdays. The temperature at 6 a.m. is the price of a Runza sandwich that day.

I drove I-80, where the minimum speed is 80 mph. I-80, at 2,900 miles, is the second longest interstate highway, trailing only I-90, which stretches 3,020 miles from Boston to Seattle. As I drove I-80, which runs from San Francisco to Teaneck, New Jersey, I thought of another trip on that road with a stop at a truck stop in Sioux City to dine with friends on deep-fried gizzards. I didn't make that health food stop this time. Instead, my wife and I pulled into Le Mars, Iowa, the home of Blue Bunny ice cream. We stopped at the Visitor Center and Ice Cream Parlor downtown. The Iowa State Legislature declared Le Mars the Ice Cream Capital of the World. More than 80 years ago, a Sioux City man submitted an entry to a "Name that Ice Cream" contest after noticing how much his son enjoyed the blue bunnies in a department store window at Easter time. Blue Bunny was born. Vanilla is the most popular flavor produced, but salted caramel has been number one over the last few years at the Parlor.

I had butter pecan in a waffle cone. I needed something to fill the time before my second butter pecan in a waffle cone. Sadly, I had but one butter pecan in a waffle cone. Why did I eat ice cream on a cold day? What else could I do with it?

Nature notes

Grackles are here. My life has been measured in grackles -- when they come and go. Mourning doves do hula-hoop calls. Perched red-winged blackbirds sing, "Look at me." The first baby birds have arrived -- great horned owlets. I saw sandhill cranes, song sparrows and an American woodcock. The cocker spaniel was named for its specialty of flushing woodcock. I saw where rabbits had fed above the snow line. Rabbits don't dig much.

There were dog statues near a school. They were meant to keep the Canada geese away. I was shown a photo of a statue surrounded by the big birds. Geese are smart.

I'm sure you've thought, "I wish I had a cat that could predict the weather." Folklore says cats are capable of weather prognostication. When a cat sneezes, it's a sign of rain. Bad weather can be expected when a cat licks its fur against the grain. A snoring cat foretells foul weather. I'll add a caveat: A dog told me that all cats are liars.

Meeting adjourned

Sting sang, "When the world is running down, you make the best of what's still around."

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Fit to print...

Letter to the Editor- Learning from hard times

Dear Editor,

The residents of Northwood should be grateful to the many people who are known as "essential workers," who continue to serve us during this phase of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic illness.

The town has been following national and state mandates as they are announced. The nursing home and assisted living facilities are on lock down, schools and churches closed temporarily, homes and apartment residents were encouraged to remain home unless their jobs are considered essential for the public's safety, health and survival.

What would we do without the grocery store? Our medical needs? Law enforcement? The fire department? Also important is the transportation system from distant places and drivers to bring to town supplies as needed.

The nation has experienced serious health epidemics in the past that were resolved, so we live with the hope that this too shall pass.

Vaccines were discovered to wipe out the severe diseases of the ones we have almost forgotten about.

I have done much research into local history and family genealogy, so I am aware of several periods of extreme distress in the area.

In about 1880, my husband's grandmother lost four young siblings to diphtheria in Silver Lake Township. They were buried in the dark of night when nobody else was around to avoid the spread of germs. A tall metal monument can be seen in the Sion Luther Church Cemetery, west of Northwood, with the names, birth and death dates and the inscription, "God gave, God took. God is loved."

During the same era, my maternal grandmother's first husband and two young daughters also died of diphtheria. They lived on a farm west of Joice and are buried in the Winnebago Lutheran Church Cemetery, south of Lake Mills.

Grandmother's neighbor also lost his wife and baby in childbirth, so the two decided to marry, so her two surviving sons would have a father and his three children have a mother. This union resulted in a good "his, hers and ours" family group, with my mother becoming the youngest in the last group of three children.

Many have never experienced living quarantined. While growing up on a farm home south of Lake Mills, my family was quarantined two times. Before I had started school, my grandmother and I came down with Scarlet Fever. I barely recall a doctor from Lake Mills visiting us and I can almost still feel the red, itchy rash that covered my body.

Again, in 1943, a public health official posted a quarantine sign on the door of our home during the polio epidemic when my three-year-old brother was diagnosed with the disabling disease and taken to the Sister Kenny Institute in Minneapolis. He recovered fairly well, except for foot problems that required special arch supports. He joined the National Guard in high school and even survived in the U.S. Army a short time until it was discovered he couldn't march very well.

How did a family function during quarantine and epidemics in these days? My father and the hired man spent their days working with Dad's diversified livestock operation and their spare time around a small wood burning heater in the pump house. At meal times, Mom met Dad at the door of the house with plates of food.

The food supply was no problem because most farm owners had a good supply of canned meats, fruits and vegetables in their cellar, as well as bins of potatoes and carrots. I'm sure the men left good supplies of wood on the back porches of homes for the cook stove in the kitchen.

Fast forward to 2020 when the coronavirus is giving us concerns today.

How can we be helpful if we are confined to our homes? Everyone, regardless of age, could do something. Pray to God for the safety of our essential workers and that a vaccine can be discovered for the malady. Maintain a calm disposition, trusting in God's promises that He will take care of us. Encourage a despondent friend with a telephone call and a cheerful message from time to time. Follow without complaining, about any government directions given to us. Thank any employed essential worker or unpaid volunteer who helps us in various ways.

This, too, shall pass. Let's keep the chain of safety from the coronavirus strong and not be a weak link that breaks that safety.

Elaine Bergan
Northwood

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 31, 1920

Reports that the $40,000 in Liberty bonds and war savings stamps that were stolen from the Citizens Savings Bank at Hanlontown last October, were among papers found by farmers at LaPorte City, Iowa, are erroneous. Although papers of great value in the form of unrecorded abstracts, deeds and mortgages, taken in the haul were included in the roll of parchment discovered in the gunny sack, which had lain alongside the country roads for several months, the bonds and savings stamps are still missing, and the loss stands at a figure between $40,000 and $45,000 it is said.

John Stehn, Florence Sanders and Isabelle McQuatters were given a joint birthday party at the H.P. Stehn home Tuesday evening of last week by the members of the Baptist Young People's Union. Music games and the right kind of "eats" helped make up a happy evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Pixley were recently made the victims of about 75 of their neighbors and friends of the Grove neighborhood who called at the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. Pixley, north of town, and helped them celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary. An appropriate present was left by the visitors as a token of their admiration for this estimable couple.

A Literary Society was formed last week in Northwood School when Esther Hanson was elected president; Gena Bakken, vice president; Beatrice Krogh, secretary; and Agnes Torgerson, treasurer. It is composed of about 20 girls. The name of this club is "Excelsior Club."

75 years ago

April 5, 1945

Licenses have been issued in this county for 1,250 dogs since the first of the year and the fees realized amount to approximately $2,700, it was estimated at the office of the county auditor.

Carpenter won the 4-H boys basketball tournament played in the Northwood high school gymnasium, defeating Grafton 30-19 in the final game of the meet. This was the first 4-H club basketball tournament ever held in Worth County.

Remittance of $34,847.25 was received by County Treasurer Louie Mostrom as the first half of the annual homestead exemption funds for the year 1945. A like amount will be received next fall, bringing the annual apportionment for that purpose to $69,694.50.

Pfc. Frederick Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk of Fertile, was officially reported killed in action on March 20, somewhere in Germany, according to a war department telegram received by his parents.

With a fall of 14 inches or more of wet, heavy snow accompanied by a strong wind that caused the snow to drift in spite of its dampness, this part of north central Iowa suffered the worst storm of the present winter and spring season, and one of the severest April storms ever to hit this section.

Pvt. Phillip Norman Norland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Norland of Kensett, is at Kessler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, for examination at the AAF training command station as a pre-aviation cadet. Word of his arrival was received by The Anchor from the public relations office at Kessler Field.

50 years ago

April 2, 1970

Lloyd A. Austin, Bloomfield, was found dead in his hotel room at the Hotel Northwood at about 3:40 p.m. by Mrs. Harry Reeder, Jr., owner. His death was apparently due to a gunshot wound. Investigation is proceeding by Northwood policeman Charles Stroffregen, who was called to the scene. Austin was a construction worker on the "Tenold blacktop" west of Northwood, and had been in Northwood for about two weeks.

Anthony N. Jenkins, a registrant of the Worth County Selective Service Board, was inducted into the Army on March 17 at the Des Monies Induction Station and ordered to report to Ft. Lewis, Washington, for basic training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jenkins, Clear Lake.

Allan Hanson, Northwood, started work as field man for the Northwood Cooperative Elevator, Northwood and Carpenter. Hanson will sell fertilizers, chemicals and feeds, and will also do soil testing, according to Larry Wright, manager. Hanson farmed southeast of Northwood for many years and held a closing out auction of his personal property several weeks ago. The family will continue to live on the farm.

Glennis Garnas accepted Easter Seal donations from Northwood Mayor Joseph Orth in a photo. Mrs. Kenneth Logemann, background, rode the first lap around the state line to Northwood. The Pony Express Riders completed their rides to Camp Sunny Side in Des Monies.

25 years ago

April 5, 1995

Three-year-old Brianne Kilborn found room to romp when her mom, Jodi, took her on an outing to Swensrud Park. The early part of the week was made to order for such excursions with temperatures in the 70s on Sunday and in the 60s on Monday.

City superintendent Craig Toft had his hands full repairing a broken water main in southeastern Northwood, but had the damage repaired by early afternoon.

The Northwood Chamber picked Geraldine Peterson's rosemaling to grace the banners the organization will purchase to hang from the new Central Avenue lampposts. Chamber president Sue Waller and Peterson took over the design that topped approximately 40 others in the Chamber's recent banner design contest.

Northwood-Kensett Elementary Schools student Jeff Steiff was pictured as he showed his mom, Leann, how much gooey fun a guy can have with the right amount of "binary glue" at the "Pig Out on Reading" program in the East Elementary gym.

Northwood-Kensett High School students were named athletes of the year for the 1994-95 winter season. Gerd Bents, Matt Willand and Chris Estes shared the boys basketball honors. Also honored were Erin Gunderson, wrestlers Steve Helgeson and Bryan Christianson and cheerleader Erin Christianson.

10 years ago

April 7, 2010

The Meals on Wheels Association of America took part in its March for Meals campaign. Elderbridge Agency on Aging, of which the local Meals on Wheels program is a part, participated in the celebration. March 24 was Mayors for Meals Day. Locally, Northwood mayor Randy Severson took part, along with Chad Nelson from Farmers State Bank in Northwood, as they delivered meals throughout the community, including to Maple Court Apartment residents, like Margaret Wilkins.

Ron McMullen was photographed in Tunisia, where many Iowans, including the late Northwood resident Charlie Jones, fought in the Kasserine Pass campaign captured by German forces.

For several years, the arrival of Good Friday in the Northwood area has included a charitable tradition. That continued this year as members of the Worth County Saddle Seekers took part in "hold ups" of downtown businesses, seeking donations for the Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. The "hold ups" are part of a Pony Express Riders of Iowa fundraiser, in which the riders take donations from the Minnesota border to Camp Sunnyside, near Des Monies.

Megan Storvik completed the 1500 meter run and places third. Katie Hale was pictured finishing behind Storvik.

Brittany Low gets a smooth handoff from teammate Kate Hartman in the Distance Medley to place second.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Bernice "Sis" Glee Estes

Bernice "Sis" Glee Estes, 94, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at the Lutheran Retirement Home, in Northwood.

Bernice was born on April 13, 1925, the daughter of Manley and Blanche Low. She graduated from Northwood High School in 1943 and married Drexell Estes on April 23, 1943, at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa.

A funeral service will be held at a future date at Northwood United Methodist Church. She will be buried in Sunset Cemetery with her husband, Drexell.

Bernice was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northwood and a member of the women's circle.

During Sis' life, Bernice helped with farming, worked at the Northwood Sales Barn lunch room and the Corner Post.



BERNICE "SIS" GLEE ESTES

She enjoyed dancing and playing cards but mostly spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family.

Sis had a great love and talent for baking pies, making donuts and her special peanut brittle at Christmas time. She enjoyed baking for friends and family, the Farmers Market and Worth County Fair. Sis was still making pies for the Worth County Fair Foodstand at 90 years old.

Bernice will be remembered for her love of family, welcoming nature and sense of humor.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Gary Estes, Clear Lake, and Connie Buss, Omaha, Neb.; three grandchildren, Wesley (Missy) Estes, Elkhorn, Neb., Megan (Marlon) Bailey, Houston, Texas, and Allison (Mike) Munnings, Houston, Texas; eight great-grandchildren, Rylie, Haylie and Sydney Estes, Caleb Schlote, Elijah Latusik, Maxwell and Mason Bailey and Brooklyn Munnings; brother, Richard (Marge) Low of Northwood; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Drexell; daughter, Linda; and son-in-law, Andrew Buss.

Veronica 'Ronnie' Anderson

Veronica "Ronnie" Ann (Wagner) Anderson, 96, of Carpenter died on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Center in St. Ansgar. A Celebration of Her Life will be held at a later date and will be announced later. A private committal will be held with only the immediate family. The committal will be at the Deer Creek Lutheran Cemetery in Carpenter.

Veronica was born on September 19, 1923, on a farm near Stacyville, Iowa, the daughter of Barney and Katherine (Schneider) Wagner. She was the oldest of four daughters born to Barney and Katherine. Ronnie was united in marriage to Harvey Anderson on September 19, 1941, in Northwood.

Ronnie lived most of her life in Carpenter, Iowa. She worked at the Northwood Home and St. Ansgar Nursing Home while raising five children. She enjoyed gardening (especially her roses), embroidery, making jam, baking and cooking for her family.

She loved traveling with her children and was able to see Niagara Falls, Washington, D.C., Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and sites in California. One of her favorite trips was a trip to Santa Monica to see her double cousin.



VERONICA ANDERSON

She was a kind gentle soul who thought of others before herself.

Ronnie enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes with her kids. She loved her Lord and enjoyed studying the Bible and read her devotions daily. She knew every book in the Bible and loved memorizing certain scriptures, which gave her peace.

Veronica was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harvey; sister, Dorothy; stepsisters, JoAnn Holgate and Geraldine Hendershott; stepbrother, James Wolf; brothers-in-law, Elmer Klapperick, Leo Hemann and Arnold Stanek; and sister-in-law, Kay Wolf.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Gary Anderson of Westby, Wisc., Ann (Dennis) Christensen of Riceville and Keith, Marilyn and Patricia, of Carpenter; sisters, Marion Stanek of Rifle, Colo., and Jeannette Klapperick of Austin, Minn.; stepbrothers, Albert Wolf of Austin, Minn., and Robert Wolf of Buffalo, Wyoming; five grandchildren, Kathy (Dean) LaRue, Kevin (Tracie) Christensen, Lisa Turben Anderson, Brian (Melanie) Anderson and Sara Anderson; 11 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim Ackerman

Jim H. Ackerman, 63, died on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Jim was at home with family by his side.

Inurnment and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Connor Colonial Chapel, Northwood, is doing the arrangements.

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Bowling

Saturday Night Mixed 1-4-2020

Mason City Glass	4	0
Here 4 The Beer	3	1
Tipsy Turtles	2	2
Little Rascals	2	2
Northwood Sanitation	2	2
Worth Brewing	2	2
Worth Mutual	1	3
R80 Kensett Mafia	0	4

High Game & Series:
Team: Mason City Glass, 677 & 2,001; Men's: Matt Grunzke 206 & Drew Bendickson, 578; Women's: Eldora Stehn, 181 & 501.

Saturday Night Mixed 2-1-2020

Here 4 The Beer	7	1
Worth Mutual	5	3
Northwood Sanitation	5	3
Worth Brewing	5	3
Mason City Glass	4	4
Tipsy Turtles	3	5
Little Rascals	3	5
R80 Kensett Mafia	0	8

High Game & Series:
Team: Worth Mutual, 637 & R80 Kensett Mafia & Worth Mutual 1,875; Men's: Tommy Fierova 235 & 651; Women's: Kris Woltzen 171 & 473.

Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO GRANT A PERMIT AUTHORIZING USE OF WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES IN WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 455B, there is now on file with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Water Supply Engineering Section, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 an application as described below.

Viafield Agriculture Cooperative (Log No. 30,462) requests a permit authorizing withdrawal of water from one Devonian well, about 382 feet deep, on land generally described as the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 28, T100N, R20W, Worth County, Iowa, in the maximum quantity of 2.0 million gallons per year at a maximum rate of 600 gallons per minute, throughout each year, for use in prepairing aqueous fertilizer solution at said facility, on land generally described as E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 28, T100N, R20W, Worth County, Iowa,

The Department has determined that this use of water conforms to the relevant criteria (Iowa Code Chapter 455B and Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 567) and recommends the permit be granted. A copy of the summary report for the application is available upon a request to the Department at the address listed above. Comments on the report and on this use of water must be received by April 21, 2020, and should be addressed "ATTN.: Water Supply Engineering Section" and should specify the applicant's log number. (By Jim Neleigh)

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
EQUITY NO. EQCV012705
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Bankers' Bank,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Sheila Olson, Executor of the Estate of Marlene Thelma Roberts; Spouse of Sheila Olson; Rhonda Schukei; Spouse of Rhonda Schukei; Ricky Olson; Spouse of Ricky Olson; and Parties in Possession,
Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants: Sheila Olson Spouse of Sheila Olson, Rhonda Schukei; Spouse of Rhonda Schukei

You are notified there was on January 23, 2020 filed in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court a Foreclosure Petition, which prays for foreclosure of a mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described herein and judgment in rem in the amount of $70,541.99 plus interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from April 1, 2019, such amount equaling $7.97 per day, the costs of the action including title costs of $235.00, and reasonable attorney fees and that said sums be declared a lien upon the following-described premises from March 9, 2012, located in Worth County, Iowa, to-wit:

Lot Thirteen (13), in Block One (1), County Auditor's Plat to Northwood, Worth County, Iowa, excepting the East 152 feet thereof that the mortgage on the above-described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew E. Laughlin, whose address is The Davis Brown Tower, 215 10th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3993, Phone: (515) 288-2500, Facsimile: (515) 243-0654.

NOTICE

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL SIX MONTHS (THREE MONTHS IF THE PETITION INCLUDES A WAIVER OF DEFICIENCY) FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS YOUR RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 20th day of April, 2020, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Worth County, Iowa. You are notified that Worth County District Court utilizes the Electronic Document Management System. You are directed to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and, in particular, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 641-421-0990. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (18007352942.) Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

Date of Third Publication the 1st day of April, 2020.

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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009203
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY W. MCCOLLOCH, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Randy W. McColloch, Deceased, who died on or about March 6, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on March 13, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on March 11, 2020.

Rodney L. McColloch
67592 State Line Road
Emmons, MN 56029
Administrator
of the Estate

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: 000008531
Attorney for
the Administrator
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 200
Northwood, Iowa 50459
Attorney for the
Administrator

Date of second publication 1st day of April, 2020.

13-2t

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Special Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 in the Elementary Media Center at 12:00 Noon

Members present: John Anderson; Roger Harris

Members present via phone: Cindy Pangburn; Susan Kliment

Members Absent: Larry Hovey

(4-0) Approved the agenda New Business

(4-0) Approved Annika Della Vedova as secondary science teacher at BA-1 for the 2020-2021 school year, pending background check and licensure

(4-0) Approved Kinsley Heckart as elementary special education teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at BA-2, pending background check

(4-0) Accepted the resignation of Jacke Groesbeck as secondary special education teacher at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

(4-0) Adjourn the meeting at 12:04 pm

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009204
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK ALLEN OPPMAN, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mark Allen Oppman, Deceased, who died on or about 13th day of March, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on 19th day of March, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated 23rd day of March, 2020.

Travis A. Oppman
17 Circle Terrace
Manly, IA 50456
Administrator
of the Estate

Donald E. Esser
ICIS PIN No: AT0002407
23 3rd Street NW
P.O. Box 1583
Mason City, IA 50402-1583
Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication 8th day of April, 2020.

14-2t

CITY NAME: Joice	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	CITY CODE: 98-944

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

Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:
4/13/2020	6:00 PM	Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice

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

City Web Site (if available): 0
City Telephone Number: 641-590-5710

Iowa Department of Management		Current Year Certified Property Tax 2019/2020	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2020/2021**	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2020/2021	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	1	9,438,975	9,977,412	9,977,412	
Tax Levies:					
Regular General	2	$76,456	$76,456	$80,817	
Contract for Use of Bridge	3	$0	$0	$0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit	4	$0	$0	$0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.	5	$0	$0	$0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center	6	$0	$0	$0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project	7	$0	$0	$0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	8	$0	$0	$0	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission	9	$0	$0	$0	
Emergency	10	$0	$0	$0	
Police & Fire Retirement	11	$0	$0	$0	
FICA & IPERS	12	$0	$0	$0	
Other Employee Benefits	13	$0	$0	$0	
*Total 384.15A Maximum Tax Levy	14	$76,456	$76,456	$80,817	5.70%
Calculated 384.15A MaximumTax Rate	15	$8.10003	$7.66291	$8.10000	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:
The increase reflects the increase in property valuation.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:
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*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy
**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

Supervisors

March 23, 2020
14th Day

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

This was an electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of board members and the public. Public access was made available by telephone.

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 March 23, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the March 20, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve moving the April 13, 2020 drainage hearings to May 18, 2020.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the claims in the amount of $127,055.86 per the following schedule:

911 Custom Supplies-Shf 265.00
A T & T Service-911 ..... 37.62
Abc Lock, Inc Service-Shf..... 187.00
Agvantage Fs Inc Fuel-Eng 9,675.26
Ajb Enterprise Llc Service-Gsr 158.75
All States Ag Parts Parts-Eng..... 266.97
Alliant Energy Service-Sdp..... 729.48
Ameripride Services Inc Service-Eng 193.87
Ann Marie Smith Election-Aud..... 137.75
Austin Office Products Supplies-Shf 39.50
Bell's Fire Stop Inc Supplies & Service-Shf 220.00
C J Cooper & Associates Inc Service-Tra 130.00
Cemstone Concrete Materials, Llc, Sand-Eng 521.35
Centurylink Service-911 ..... 349.52
Cintas Corporation Service-Eng 123.36
City Of Fertile Rutf-Eng 962.46
City Of Grafton Rutf-Eng 507.03
City Of Hanlontown Rutf-Eng 206.12
City Of Joice Rutf-Eng 580.94
City Of Kensett Rutf-Eng 242.65
Clay County Conservation Board Supplies-Con 1,250.00
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc, Parts-Eng 3,235.49
Culligan Of Mason City Service-Gsr 132.00
D & L Equipment Supplies-Con 582.48
Dana Young Service-Mex 50.00
Dawn Haacke Election-Aud..... 145.88
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co Supplies-Trs 102.00
Diamond Jo Casino Event Center Service-Wat 8,595.35
Falkstone Llc Rock-Eng 1,913.71
Fallgatter's Market Inc Supplies-Shf 439.81
Five Star Cooperative Parts-Eng..... 38.94
Galls, Llc Supplies-Shf 92.94
Gardiner + Company Service-Ndp 8,165.00
Genie Foss Election-Aud..... 137.75
Goodwin Law Office, Pc Service-Aud 50.00
Heartland Business Systems, Llc, Service-Dap 3,537.60
Heartland Power Coop Service-Wwt 4,062.49
Huber Supply Co Inc Supplies-Con 130.00
Ia County Recorders Assn Service-Rec 1,621.13
Ia Law Enforcement Academy, Edu-Shf..... 250.00
Ia Secretary Of State Notary-Aud..... 30.00
Iaccvso, Edu-Vaf..... 60.00
Ip Pathways Service-Dap 660.60
J & J Machining Welding & Fabricating Service-Eng 4,229.66
Jan Moretz Election-Aud..... 140.13
Jane Ohden Election-Aud..... 140.63
Janice Hare Election-Aud..... 137.75
Jean Fitzl Election-Aud..... 143.50
Jerry Maier Parts-Eng..... 1,200.00
Jessica Reyerson Reimb-Phd..... 50.00
Jill M Ehrhardt Election-Aud..... 137.75
Joel Rohne Mileage-It/Gis-Aud... 550.85
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc, Service-Shf 212.80
John Deere Financial Parts-Con & Eng 236.30
Kathryn Brodersen Election-Aud..... 141.20
Kelly Hardware Parts-Eng..... 592.96
Kenneth Abrams Reimb-Sup 878.23
Kirschbaum Elec & Plumbing Service-Con..... 401.80
Lawson Products Inc Supplies-Con 1,060.05
Lois Low Election-Aud..... 83.05
Manly Junction Signal Service-Sup & Aud... 669.66
Marco Technologies Llc Service- Dap & Asr... 879.30
Mardene S. Lien Election-Aud..... 137.75
Marilyn Holt Election-Aud..... 137.75
Mark Smeby Mileage-Sup..... 159.85
Marty Martin Reimb-Sup 12.61
Mason City Fire And Rescue Service-Mex 250.00
Matt Parrott/Storey Kenworthy, Supplies-Cap.... 2,338.00
Me Bulbs Supplies-Eng 1,399.08
Medline Industries Inc. Supplies-Phd & Dap. 943.01
Melinda Holden Election-Aud..... 138.90
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health Service-Tra 284.00
Myron Corp Supplies-Vaf 213.17
Nelson Family Trust Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Niacog, Service-Tra.... 908.93
Northwood Anchor Inc Service-Sup & Aud 1,526.51
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Optum Supplies-Phd 136.92
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City, Service-Eng 1,180.00
Penny Miller Election-Aud..... 72.40
Peopleservice Inc Service-Wat & Wwt..... ..... 16,085.00
Pinnacle Quality Insight Service-Phd..... 154.50
Pitney Bowes Global Service-Dap 402.99
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc Service-Ema 30.00
Purchase Power Postage-Trs..... 309.56
Ray Allen Manufacturing, Llc Supplies-Shf 320.97
Reinhart Food Service Llc Supplies-Shf 431.09
Reta Ulve Election-Aud..... 137.75
Rick Christeson Reimb-Eng..... 35.00
Road Groom Manufacturing Supplies-Eng 728.75
Sandra Holden Election-Aud..... 138.90
Sandra Trainer Election-Aud..... 146.95
Shred Right Service-Gsr 103.37
Singelstad's Hardware Parts-Eng..... 55.92
Staples Credit Plan Supplies-Phd 108.74
State Hygienic Laboratory Service-San..... 50.00
Teresa Olson Reimb-Rec..... 495.96
Trading Post Supplies-Eng 203.07
U S Postal Service Postage-Aty 85.00
Ver Helst Snyder Drug Supplies-Aty 172.12
Verizon Wireless Service-It/Gis..... 470.92
Visa, Service-Shf..... 881.92
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc, Service-Sdp..... 2,200.00
Westech Service-Wat 2,202.63
Windstream Service-Eng 14.26
Worth Co Sheriff Petty Cash Supplies-Shf 25.65
Worth County Engineer Fuel-Shf..... 4,465.83
Worth County Public Health Service-Gsr 150.00
Worth Lumber Co Supplies-Aud 362.03
Xerox Corporation Service-Dap 63.78
Ziegler Inc Supplies-Eng 23,130.90
Grand Total 127,055.86

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the preorder of manholes and storm sewer pipe for the sanitary sewer construction at the Top of Iowa Second Addition project. Materials for the whole project including the Diamond Jo land will be preordered.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:47 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 30, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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Iowa Department of Revenue to extend filing and payment deadline for income tax and other tax types

The Iowa Department of Revenue extended the filing and payment deadline for several state tax types, including income tax. The changes, prompted by COVID-19, are designed to provide flexibility to hard-working Iowans whose lives have been disrupted. The changes are a result of an order signed earlier today by Director of Revenue Kraig Paulsen.

The order extends filing and payment deadlines for income, franchise, and moneys and credits taxes with a due date on or after March 19, 2020, and before July 31, 2020, to a new deadline of July 31, 2020.

Specifically, the order includes:

- IA 1040 Individual Income Tax Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1040C Composite Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1041 Fiduciary Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1120 Corporation Income Tax Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1120F Franchise Tax Return for Financial Institutions and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1065 Iowa Partnership Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1120S S Corporation Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- Credit Union Moneys and Credits Tax Confidential Report

What does the deadline extension apply to?

The tax returns listed above and any tax due associated with those returns if the due date is on or after March 19 but before July 31 of this year. The extension does not apply to estimated tax payments.

Who does the deadline extension apply to?

Iowa residents or other taxpayers doing business in Iowa who are required to file the Iowa returns listed above.

How are penalties and interest handled?

No late-filing or underpayment penalties shall be due for qualifying taxpayers who comply with the extended filing and payment deadlines in this order. Interest on unpaid taxes covered by this order shall be due beginning on August 1, 2020.

State income tax refunds currently are being processed at about the 30-day mark. Taxpayers can check the status of their refunds at the Department's website where's my refund page.

Taxpayers and tax professionals who need assistance can contact the Department by email at idr@iowa.gov or call the taxpayer services phone line at 515-281-3114 or 1-800-367-3388.

Iowa DOT adjusts services in response to COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' issuance of a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency, the Iowa Department of Transportation seeks to combat the spread of the virus by taking the following immediate actions.

Those that have a driver's license that has an expiration date of January 16, 2020, or later do not have to renew their license at this time. It will remain valid for driving purposes until the declared disaster has ended.

Those that have a vehicle registration that expired on January 16, 2020, or later will be considered valid until the declared disaster has ended.

Those that are purchasing or transferring a vehicle will not be required to obtain a title and registration within 30 days. This will remain in effect until the declared disaster is over.

Those that purchase a vehicle from a dealer will not be required to obtain license plates within 45 days. This will remain in effect until the declared disaster is over.

On non-interstate roads only, trucks hauling food, medical supplies, cleaning products or other household goods may exceed the weights listed in Iowa Code 321.463 by 12.5 percent without a permit, so long as they don't exceed 20,000 pounds on an individual axle, and their total weight does not exceed 90,000 pounds. Trucks are still required to obey posted bridge restrictions.

Those that decide they must come into an Iowa DOT-operated service center should be aware:

Driver's license and ID business is being conducted by appointment. This move is being made to limit the number of people waiting in a location at a time. Customers should make appointments online or by calling 515-244-8725.

All non-commercial drive tests will be discontinued and rescheduled to a future date.

All customers entering a DOT service center will be asked a series of questions to evaluate their risk of exposure to COVID-19 and exposure to others being served. If it is determined that there may be a heightened risk for the customer to be served, they will be asked to delay services to a later date.

Staff will be monitoring the number of customers waiting for services inside the facility to encourage social distancing guidance provided by the CDC. Customers may be asked to wait in their vehicles or come back at another time if service areas become crowded.

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Appointments for license and ID services mandatory and available for essential services only until May 1

For the safety of both employees and customers, the Iowa Department of Transportation is restricting services offered via an appointment at driver's service centers until May 1. Appointments will be available to those seeking essential services only.

Thosing making an appointment prior to May 1 will need to call the Iowa DOT service center they intend to visit to determine if the service they wish to receive is essential. Contact information for DOT locations can be found online. People should call their preferred location directly for appointments.

Examples of essential services that will be offered by appointment in service centers are a customer who:

- has a commercial driver's license or chauffeur's license service need.
- may need services before May 1 related to a specific event such as starting a new job or to fulfill a work-related requirement, a financial loan or other financial business, school/education-related, to obtain benefits of any kind, or for a legal-related purpose.

For those that have already scheduled an appointment, DOT staff will be calling to confirm the reason for their appointment and rescheduling the appointment after May 1 if it is for a non-essential service. Anyone entering a driver's service center location will be screened before they enter.

As a reminder, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency on March 17 that postponed the need to renew a driver's license or ID that is expiring during this health crisis. In addition, the Transportation Safety Administration is now allowing expired licenses to be used as identification for air travel and the REAL ID Gold Star requirement does not take effect until October 1, 2020. Because of these actions, coming into a driver's service center for any of these reasons will not be considered an essential service.

In addition, the DOT encourages people to check out online services to see if they can conduct business with the Iowa DOT online.

At this time, people may schedule an appointment after May 1 for all driver's license and ID services.





A drive-by birthday party

While a birthday party wasn't possible with safe social distances and limits on group gatherings, the friends and family of Kinzley Nelson car-pooled their efforts to give her a special day. A total of 19 cars gathered at the Deer Creek Valley church on March 28 to give Kinzley a drive-by parade of seventh birthday wishes.





Sidewalk greeteers

Ariah and Kale Bode recently spent some time writing greetings and messages on the sidewalk near their home along Highway 65 in NOrthwood, hoping to bring good cheer to those that are venturing out while practicing social distancing.

Getting a jumpstart on learning

While they were awaiting online classes to begin, Hunter Fierova, sixth grade, and Noah Fierova, eighth grade, got a lesson at home, in practical skills, as they learned how to operate jumper cables to jump start a car.

DNR offers public drinking water assurance, flushing guidance

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is providing important information about COVID-19 as it relates to public drinking water to provide clarity to the public.

The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water supplies. Based on current evidence, the risk to water supplies is very low.

Disinfection methods used in drinking water treatment plants are effective for inactivation of coronaviruses and all other viruses. Iowans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual. The Iowa DNR recommends obtaining potable water from taps as much as possible to conserve bottled water for emergency situations if needed.

People may stay up to date on the latest news regarding coronavirus with the World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Know what to and what NOT to flush down your toilet

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is reminding Iowans of the importance of flushing ONLY toilet paper and human waste down toilets to avoid disruption of sewer systems.

The Department recognizes the temporary shortage of toilet paper products during the COVID-19 outbreak, but warns items such as flushable wipes, disinfecting wipes, surface cleaning wipes, baby wipes, even though advertised as flushable, are not recommended for disposal by flushing down a toilet. Diapers, paper towels, tissues and feminine hygiene products should also not be flushed down toilets.

Even though these products may not clog a sewer system at someone's residence, when deposited together, in an entire community, can pose a serious risk of overwhelming a community's sewer system. If a sewer system is clogged, it can lead to backups of sewage into residences and overflows into the environment. Additionally, it can cause pump failures and lead to several hours of repairs and expenses to city wastewater systems.

Residents are encouraged to dispose of the items in bags and dispose in the trash.

CDL holders offered relief

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders in Iowa who have an expired medical examiner's certificate or a certificate that is about to expire will not have their CDL downgraded during the COVID-19 emergency.

In addition, Iowa's disaster emergency proclamation signed on March 17, declared that any driver's license that expired on January 16 or later will not be enforced during the emergency period. That means that CDL holders can still continue to operate even if their license expired during the dates covered.

These moves are being made to support the movement of freight to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and reduce the number of people who need to come into an Iowa DOT facility in an effort to protect the health and safety of customers and staff.

Additional guidance for CDL holders can be found online at iowadot.gov/covid-19/Public-Response#cdlholders.

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