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Northwood-Kensett 'Promdemic' a huge success

The 2020 Northwood-Kensett prom was a huge success on Saturday evening. Due to COVID-19, prom was held outdoors in beautiful weather at the Worth County Fairgrounds. Pictured above is the junior class with Rod and Teresa Stehn, Grand March Emcees. Their daughter Cassidy would have been celebrating her junior prom, but she died in an accident in 2012. Cassidy, and her parents, have remained a big part of her class through the years. Pictured to the right are the Stehns standing by a photo of Cassidy with the signatures of her classmates.

Briefs

Fireworks fundraising continues

With Northwood's Fourth festivities taking shape, the annual events will again close with an explosive display with the fireworks at the Northwood Airport.

The patriotic pyrotechnic performance is made possible with community contributions.

Those interested in contributing to the Ol' Crackers fireworks fund drive may drop off donations at Farmers State Bank in Northwood or at the Northwood Anchor office.

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Cars and pancakes to celebrate summer solstice in Hanlontown

Hanlontown's annual Sundown Day festivities, celebrating the view of the sun setting between the railroad tracks on the first day of summer, have been canceled. The Hanlontown Fire Department will be holding events on June 20 instead.

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by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Council considers if and how pool may re-open

At a meeting held on June 8, the Northwood City Council learned more about how the pool would run, if the City open it this year.

At the time of the meeting, pools were not open to general swimming in Iowa. That changed on Friday.

Pool manager Heather Rheingans was at the meeting to talk about guidelines for operating pools amidst concerns of COVID-19.

Rheingans had taken part in training and had researched the guidelines set by the CDC and professional pool organizations.

Rheingans said that it is recommended that people should wear masks outside of the water, that social distance be maintained in and out of the water and that other hygiene procedures be undertaken.

As to pool equipment and furniture, Rheingans noted that it would have to be cleaned and sanitized after each use, which would be difficult for the slides, kickboards, pool noodles, chairs and tables. It was suggested that, if insurance allows, those coming to the pool could bring their own chairs instead, or use towels for seating outside of the pool.

Restrooms would also have to be sanitized frequently, but

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Worth parks closed amidst safety concerns

Kuennen's Quarry and Worth County Lake have been closed, after excessive crowds and unsafe activities led to considerable safety and COVID-19 concerns for Worth County officials.

At Monday's meeting of the Worth County Board of supervisors, county officials shared that five times more than normal people were visiting the park on a daily basis, and a year's worth of law enforcement calls had happened since the park reopened in late May.

Those excessive visitors brought COVID-19 concerns beyond CDC guidelines, in addition to other unsafe and illegal activity, leading officials from

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Additional COVID-19 case confirmed in Worth

An additional case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in a Worth County resident.

As of June 12, an additional COVID-19 case has been confirmed, in an individual in the 41-60 age range.

This marks the fourth Worth County resident to be confirmed with the virus.

The previous three cases were in the 18-40 and 41-60 age ranges. All three are listed as recovered.

As of press time on Monday, 397 Worth County residents had been tested for COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever (100.4 or greater) and shortness of breath. Anyone experiencing any of these symptoms, should call their health care provider before going into the office. The provider may have special instructions and will determine if they should be tested.

Those with symptoms, or who may be interested in being tested can take an assessment and get more information at testiowa.com.

Health officials continue to remind people to take preventive measures to slow the spread of this virus. It is important for everyone to practice social distanc-

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Fourth activities announced, with safety in mind

The city of Northwood will once again celebrate Independence Day with a variety of activities. While there will be some limitations to accommodate the safety of those taking part, the day's two big traditions will be held, along with some additional activities.

A number of tournaments will be held throughout the day. Softball begins at 8 a.m. in Swensrud Park. Horse shoes begin at 1 p.m. Strike Zone will host bean bag and volleyball tournaments starting at 5 p.m.

The annual Fourth of July parade will begin at 11 a.m., with

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NVFC fans flames for barbecue, while foregoing annual raffle

One of the Fourth of July traditions each year is the annual Northwood Volunteer Fire Company raffle. However, COVID-19 concerns have made that impractical this year. Instead, the local firefighters are barbecuing, and offering the meal to the community for donations. The barbecue will be held this Saturday, June 20, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the fire station.

According to NVFC chief Mitch Hanson, in other years, the department would contact local businesses for donations, to be used to gather prizes for the raffle. However, members of the department decided not to ask for donations when businesses have seen an economic hit from virus restrictions.

Another concern was the less than socially distant contact involved in the selling of raffle tickets.

Social distancing and limiting contact is something that the department is also looking at for the fall, as they will be encouraging more mail in donations during their annual drive, to cut back on the door-to-door calls.

Calling off the Fourth of July raffle wasn't an easy decision for the department. As Hanson noted, it is the department's biggest fundraising event each year, bringing in roughly $7,000 each Independence Day.

"The raffle pays for a lot of emergency sup-

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Youth basketball contests set for July 5

The Fourth of July weekend activities will include free throw, three point and dunk contests at the Northwood basketball courts for those going into grades 4-12, on Sunday, July 5.

The contest will start at 1 p.m., with check-in from 12-12:45 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to winners and all those entering will be eligible to win a raffle prize.

Basketballs will be provided and will be sanitized after each kid's turn. All those participating and watching will be asked to observe social distancing.

All young people that would like to take part in the contest are required to pre-register by contacting Joe Fierova on Facebook or texting 641-390-0423. Registrations will be accepted until July 1.

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plies," Hanson said. "So we're hoping the community will support us with the barbecue instead."

The volunteer firefighters are preparing 60 pork butts, amounting to about 550 pounds of meat. They will bring their smokers to the fire station this Friday to begin cooking Saturday's barbecue meal, which will also include beans cooked by the firefighters, along with salad.

Those coming for the food should look for signs directing traffic to pick up the meal. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the fire station in Northwood

Hanson said that the NVFC team is excited for the cookout and, while they're disappointed that the raffle wasn't possible this year, they'll enjoy the chance to have the afternoon off on the Fourth, instead of spending several hours writing names on raffle tickets.

Of course they'll be busy at the end of the day, as they travel to the airport to set off the Fourth of July fireworks.

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safety recommendations in mind.

Those watching the parade are asked to socially distance between groups. Those watching the parade are also encouraged, but not required, to wear masks.

No candy or other items will be handed out during the parade, as public officials have advised organizers that it is not recommended, with COVID-19 concerns in mind.

Following the parade local vendors will offer food at the Worth County Fairgrounds. That includes Signature's Supper Club, Hot Beef Sundaes, Mr. Taco and Mini Donuts of Northwood.

Northwood businesses open for food and drink options, following the parade, will include Tequila's, Subway, Strike Zone and Worth Brewing.

The day's events will end at 10 p.m., with the annual fireworks display at the Northwood airport.

One more competition will be held to close out the weekend on Sunday, with a three throw and dunk contest at the downtown basketball courts. See more in this week's Anchor.

Other typical Fourth of July events have been postponed to Founders Day, including the naming of Miss and Mr. Northwood, and their younger counterparts; the Lions Club Duck Race; and more.

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As donations begin, the Northwood Anchor will publish the names of those contributing to the fund.

People may also support the fund drive by donating cans in the receptacle located underneath the water tower in downtown Northwood. Organizers say that these can donations have had a significant impact on raising the funds needed for the annual show and they expect an entertaining display for this year's Fourth as a result.

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ing, which is staying away from groups of people and keeping a 6-foot distance from other individuals.

All residents should:

• Stay home when even mildly ill (the kind of illness that normally wouldn't prevent you from your everyday activities)

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

• Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Information on COVID-19, including the number and locations in Iowa, can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

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p.m., with a cruise that will travel through the area, ending at 5 p.m. in Hanlontown.

The firemen of the Hanlontown Fire Department will be holding a Show-N-Shine pancake supper, offering the breakfast staple for dinner from 4 p.m. to sunset, with people invited to enjoy pancakes while watching the sun set.

The pancakes will be offered with a free will donation, but organizers are recommending $10 per car.

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several Worth County departments to make the difficult decision to temporarily close Kuennen's Quarry. Worth County Lake was also closed, to prevent the problems from moving to that park instead.

In addition to the closing of the park, 450th Street, from Highway 65 to Pheasant Avenue, the road adjacent to Kuennen's, has been closed to parking, to prevent walk-in traffic.

See more in next week's Anchor on the decision to close the parks.

Council
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Rheingans said that wouldn't be an issue.

As far as the capacity of the pool is concerned, at the time of the meeting, most of the State of the Iowa's rules were limited to 50% of the capacity of buildings and businesses. That limit has since been lifted as well.

However, recommendations for pools were to divide the square footage of the area outside of the water so that people could maintain six feet distance, and use that to determine the number allowed in. Rheingans noted that would mean less than half of the pool's capacity would be allowed at any one time, regardless of state limits.

Those buying passes to the pool would likely be asked to sign waivers, acknowledging that anyone using the pool was doing so at their own risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Rheingans noted that, based on public health guidelines, if any swimmer tests positive, all others swimming at the same time may have to be contacted about potential exposure. She said that the City may need to collect contact information of each day's swimmers.

Rheingans added that, if a lifeguard were to test positive, they would have to quarantine, and everyone that worked with them on a shift would as well.

That brought her to another issue, a lack of certified lifeguards. With the shutdowns, it had been difficult to find teachers to get additional lifeguards the lessons needed. She said that there are 15 lifeguards currently available.

With that in mind, if a lifeguard were diagnosed, the six guards sharing their shift would also be out for 14 days, making it difficult to remain fully staffed every day.

Council member Dan Reeder suggested that she could hire lifeguards from communities where pools had closed for the season.

Rheingans also noted that lifeguard duties are to watch the water, and so additional staff may be needed to supervise COVID-19 cleaning and social distance guidelines.

Rheingans was asked how comfortable she was opening the pool.

She said that, as a parent, she wants her children to have a chance to have fun at the pool. But, as a nurse (Rheingans works as Northwood-Kensett's district nurse during the school year), she was worried about the potential for infection. "I'm at about 50% comfortable with it," Rheingans said. She added that ultimately, it wasn't her decision and that she would make it work if the council wants to open the pool. She said she wouldn't do it halfway, and would work with CDC guidance.

Reeder said that he thinks the City needs the pool, to give something for kids to do. He said that he was worried about the pools being placed in yards in the city, and potential dangers.

Reeder also said that he wanted to open it to local residents who bought passes for the season, to help mitigate worries of swimmers coming from areas with closed pools.

Other council members agreed with that option, but worried about families that purchase passes and can't use the pool when it reaches capacity early in the day.

Council member Gary Nerlien said that he wants to open the pool if it can be done safely. But, if the pool can't open safely, it would only be for one year.

Council member Russ Meyer said that he wants to see the pool open as well, but that if Rheingans and city superintendent Dirk VanRyswyk aren't comfortable with how that would work, the council needs to support them.

The council asked VanRyswyk to begin preparing the pool, in case it will be used. He said that would take about 10 days, meaning the soonest it could open would be June 17, assuming opening was allowed by the State, or that the City wanted to allow lap swimming and lessons.

The Council planned to meet on June 15, after press time, to hear plans for reopening. See next week's Anchor, the Anchor's Facebook page and the Anchor website, www.nwdanchor.com, for more information.

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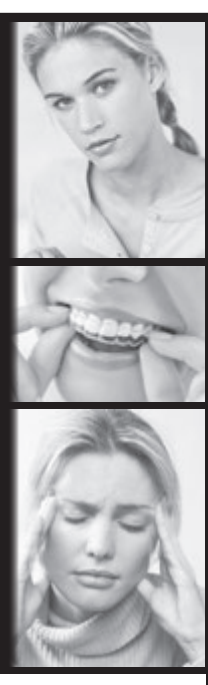


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Pangburn receives Iowa Masonic scholarship



PEYTON PANGBURN

Northwood-Kensett graduate Peyton Pangburn has been announced as a recipient of an Iowa Masonic scholarship, from the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & M.

Pangburn was one of 70 scholarship recipients, selected from 467 applicants. Each will receive a scholarship of $1,850.

In announcing the award, the following quote was shared about Pangburn, from her school counselor:

"Peyton adds a lot to our school, and I am certain that she will add a lot to any college that she is considering."

Since the program began in 1970, 2,515 scholarships totaling $3,650,400 have been awarded.



NVFC accepts a donation from N-K post prom 2020

The 2020 Northwood-Kensett post prom donated $100 to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company on Tuesday, June 9, for helping to spray out four buildings at the Worth County Fairgrounds for prom that was held on Saturday, June 13. Junior Olivia Stilley is shown handing the check to NVFC member Sawyer Schulz.

Capacity limits lifted as pools, senior centers open

On June 10, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced the latest measure that extended business openings, removed capacity restrictions and allowed remaining closed businesses and facilities to reopen.

The governor's latest proclamation began on June 12 and continues through Thursday, June 25.

In the proclamation, Reynolds lifted the restriction that businesses, clubs and other gathering places could only operate at 50% capacity. This applies to retail, restaurants, casinos, movie theatres, social clubs and all other places where the capacity limits were in place.

All places of business must still operate so that social distancing guidelines are observed, meaning restaurants and theatres must place six feet distance between seating and stores have to ensure six feet of distance between customers and employees, for example.

Also removed from the most recent proclamation was language that prohibited restaurants, social clubs and other food-service establishments from offering self-service and buffets.

Limits on pools were also lifted in the proclamation. Previously pools were only allowed to offer lap swimming and swimming lessons. That restriction is no longer in place, effective June 12.

Other gathering places that had been closed will be allowed to open on Friday. This includes senior centers and adult day cares, live theatre venues and indoor playgrounds.

All the newly opened and more broadly opened businesses and gathering places must operate to ensure social distancing, stepped up hygiene practice and compliance with public health guidelines.

University of Iowa announces 2020 spring semester dean's list honorees

More than 8,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2020 spring semester.

Courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) or pass/nonpass (P/N) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the dean's list.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business and University College who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on nine semester hours (spring 2020) or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine with fewer than nine semester hours (spring 2020) of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college.

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of nine semester hours of earned credit (spring 2020), with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Local students named to the list include Brianna Bork of Grafton, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Hannah Bruns of Hanlontown, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Mackenzi Duvall of Northwood, Iowa College of Education; Hannah Groth of Saint Ansgar, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Laura Knudtson of Lake Mills, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Tara Kramer of Saint Ansgar, Iowa, Tippie College of Business; Scott Magnuson of Hanlontown, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Stephanie Nettleton of Joice, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Jacob Olson of Joice, Iowa, Tippie College of Business; Sarah Pederson of Northwood, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Sarika Rademacher of Grafton, Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Katie Van Cleve of Hanlontown, Iowa, College of Nursing.

Iowa State Fair postponed to 2021

The Iowa State Fair Board, the governing body who oversees the Iowa State Fair, voted last week to postpone the 2020 Iowa State Fair until August 12-22, 2021, amid ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns. The decision was made to protect the health and safety of all fairgoers.

"After a thorough review of possible options, while carefully reviewing current health guidelines and examining operating limitations, it became clear that holding the 2020 Iowa State Fair, which attracts approximately one million people over 11 days, would not be responsible."

"The top priority of the Iowa State Fair has and always will be to protect the health and safety of fairgoers. While the decision of the Iowa State Fair Board will certainly come as a disappointment to many, the Board determined that holding a Fair in accordance with current health guidelines related to COVID-19 wasn't feasible," said Iowa State Fair Manager and CEO Gary Slater. "We appreciate the support of Fairgoers over the past few months as we've reviewed various options for the 2020 Iowa State Fair. We certainly look forward to welcoming over one million people back to the Fair in 2021."

The Iowa State Fair had been scheduled for August 13-23, 2020. The Iowa State Fair Board delayed a decision as long as possible and believed it was important to make a decision on the Fair now in order to give concessionaires, vendors and Fairgoers planning a trip to the Fair ample notice.

Iowa State Fair staff and management have already begun the process of booking entertainment and planning for the 2021 Iowa State Fair scheduled for August 12-22.

According to the Iowa State Fair website, alternatives are being looked at for 4-H projects. Some will be allowed to submit in 2021. Alternatives are being investigated for livestock entries.

Anyone purchasing advanced tickets may be eligible for a refund, to carry over their ticket to next year's Iowa State Fair or to donate funds to the fair.

More information is available online at www.iowastatefair.org.

Iowa 4-H events to be determined, with Iowa State Fair postponed

As COVID-19 safety considerations have led to the postponement of the 2020 Iowa State Fair, a decision on 4-H youth learning exhibits is still underway.

"We understand this difficult decision was made to protect the health of everyone, including our youth and families," said Debbie Nistler, Iowa 4-H state program leader. "We thank the Iowa State Fair Board for their continued support and look forward to continuing to partner with them for many years to come."

4-H staff are currently working with the Iowa State Fair Board on opportunities for youth exhibits and shows and will be releasing more information in the coming weeks.

"4-H gives youth the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe while actively engaging in activities," said Nistler. "This year, safety is especially important to consider as we implement our positive youth development programs."

More information on the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program, is available by contacting ISU Extension and Outreach county office or online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.

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2020 Softball Schedule

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6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Nashua-Plainfield @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School
7:30 p.m. JV @Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School

Friday, June 19
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. West Fork @ West Fork High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. West Fork @ West Fork High School

Monday, June 22
6 p.m. Varsity Game (Time Changed) vs. Rockford Senior @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game (Time Changed) vs. Rockford Senior @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School

Tuesday, June 23
5 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Riceville @ Riceville High School
6:45 p.m. JV Game vs. Riceville @ Riceville High School

Friday, June 26
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Newman Catholic High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Newman Catholic High School

Monday, June 29
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Central Springs @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. Central Springs @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School

Tuesday, June 30
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Lake Mills @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. Lake Mills @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School

Wednesday, July 1
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. St. Ansgar @ St. Ansgar High School

Thursday, July 2
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Osage @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School Softball
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. Osage @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School Softball

Monday, July 6
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. St. Ansgar @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. St. Ansgar @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School

Thursday, July 9
6 p.m. Varsity Game vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School
7:30 p.m. JV Game vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School

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FLC holding outdoor services

First Lutheran Church in Northwood announced last week that worship services would move from remote options to outdoor services, beginning this past Sunday.

A letter to members of the congregation announced that the church had moved to phase two of its reopening plan. Phase one had continued online worship services, with some additional use of the church for other events and rituals, while limiting the size of groups and taking certain precautions.

In phase two, worship services will be held outside, weather permitting. When the service is held outdoors, members of the congregation will be asked to bring lawn chairs and wear masks. They will be seated by ushers, who will place people with social distancing in mind.

Anyone that is feeling ill or who is at risk for severe COVID-19 complications is asked to stay home. Worship services will continue to be offered online as well.

More information, including information on whether a weekly service will be held outside or solely online, will be shared on local TV and radio stations, the church's Facebook page and the church's website, www.flcnorthwood.org.

DOE provides summer sports transportation guidance

The Iowa Department of Education (DOE) has released guidance for how Iowa school districts will safely transport student athletes during the summer sports season.

According to the DOE guidance, players and coaches should have their temperatures checked at home before they begin any travel. Those with temperatures above 100.3 degrees should not go to games.

Players should also be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, per the most recent CDC guidelines, which includes fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

Those that are sick or that have been in contact with a sick person or someone confirmed to have COVID-19 should not be in group settings.

Drivers with symptoms are told to notify supervisors and stay home.

The DOE guidance also notes that in many cases Iowa's school bus drivers may be in at-risk groups for COVID-19. With that in mind, it is encouraged that drivers be the last one to board and first one to get off the bus, to minimize contact as students and coaches board and exit buses. The seat behind the driver is also to remain unoccupied.

Besides the order for the driver to exit and enter the bus, it is also noted that students should load from the back of the bus forward and exist from the front of the bus back.

Transportation staff should be trained in how to effectively clean buses in between uses, making sure that "high-touch" surfaces, like hand rails, seats, seatbelts, door handles, etc., are cleaned thoroughly.

Those on trips are encouraged to increase the circulation of outdoor air into the vehicle as much as possible.

Food and drink containers should not be allowed on buses or school vehicles.

All those entering a vehicle should be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer beforehand.

Social distancing will impact the number of students on a bus, as well as how they can be seated. According to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, athletes and coaches should sit one per seat, in every other seat, in alternating rows on buses.

The DOE gives an example that, under the guidance, a 77-passenger bus would only be able to transport 13 socially-distanced students.

The DOE guidance says that, when that is not possible, students should be asked to wear masks, siblings and those in the same households should share seats, students should sit in the same seat going to and from a game and whenever possible students should be encouraged to ride with family.

Bolan

The Bethel UM Church and Trinity UM Church will continue having worship services via the "Bethel of Manly" Facebook page. The Service starts at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Cory Allard.

You may see it at a later time by going to the Bolan Trinity UM Church Facebook page.

Meetings will continue to decide when the best time will be for our congregations to have face to face worship services.

Readers sought for Bible Reading Marathon



The annual 99 county Bible Reading Marathon will take place again this year, including at the Worth County courthouse from Saturday, June 27, through Sunday, July 5.

Organizer Sharyl Ferley said, that, amidst all that is happening in the world, "We welcome the privilege to read the entire Bible on our Worth County Courthouse lawn."

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has once again signed a proclamation for the fifth annual 99 county Bible reading, encouraging all Iowans to take part in their county, or in their home.

The Worth County supervisors have approved the reading on the courthouse lawn.

Ferley is asking for individuals, families and small groups of friends to commit to reading a book or more of the Bible at the courthouse. Those taking part should bring their own Bible, chair, blanket, golf cart or car, and make sure to observe social distancing as appropriate.

Several people may be reading different chapters simultaneously.

Readers may choose what time to read and do not have to complete the reading in one sitting.

Anyone that would like to take part may call Ferley at 641-324-1279 or 641-390-0194 to reserve the book of the Bible they would like to read aloud.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Ruth Circle, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, Grace Circle, 2 p.m.; Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Thursday, EC Share Shoppe, 1-4 p.m., MANNA Open 4:30-6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Communion Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Lions - EC, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Tom Martin

One In Christ Lutheran Parish

Wednesday, Summer Food & Fun - Salem, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Celebration & Praise Teams Practice - Winnebago, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Summer Food & Fun - Salem, 10:30 a.m., Summer Food & Fun - Salem, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Friday, Summer Food & Fun - Salem, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Bethany Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Summer Food & Fun, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m., Stephen's Ministry - Salem, 7 p.m.

Check with your local church about online services, updates and changes.

Wayfaring Stranger



If you've never heard the American folk song Wayfaring Stranger, you owe it to yourself to look it up. My favorite version is the one sung by Charlie Haden, but there are many beautiful versions. The song is very meaningful for anyone who is facing death or who has ever lost someone who they love. The first verse laments "I am a poor wayfaring stranger, wandering through this world of woe. And there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go. I'm going home to see my father. I'm going there no more to roam. I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home." You can't hear this song and not be moved, for those we've lost we long to see again, and this is the great hope for all of us, to see our families once more. Would any of us really want to go to heaven if we wouldn't see our families there? This song also reminds us of how many poor wayfaring strangers there are in the world today! And how many of them are kept from seeing loved ones because of borders and barriers set up by governments, who often seem to not consider the human cost of keeping families from seeing each other. –Christopher Simon

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
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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

I have been part of community cookbook projects several times but the first was in 1980. I was working at the Otsego County Mental Health Clinic in Oneonta, New York and we did a fund raising cookbook. This type of undertaking is very time consuming but great fun for anyone who enjoys cooking and seeing what the favorite of their friends and neighbors might be. "Otsego County Cooks" was published for us by Women's Club Publishing Co, Inc. in Chicago. The following are some submissions by my co-workers as well as one of my favorites too.

Carolyn Battista's Stuffed Mushrooms

24 large white mushrooms
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
4 tablespoons grated Romano
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
4 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
Dash of black pepper
White wine
3 tablespoons real butter

Wash the mushrooms quickly or wipe with a wet paper towel so they don't get soggy. Remove the stems close to the cap and chop them finely. Gently scoop out a bit of the pleated area in the middle of the cap to form a hollow. Melt the butter in a heavy skillet and sauté the onions and chopped stems for about 5 minutes over medium-low heat. Add the rest of the ingredients except the wine and stir to blend. Add about 1/3 cup of wine (or more if it looks dry) and combine. Put the mushroom caps into a baking dish and fill each cap with the stuffing mixture. Add 1/2 cup wine and 1/4 cup water to the pan but not so much that the stuffing gets wet. NOTE: you can use chicken stock instead of wine in this recipe. Add a pat of butter to the pan too. Bake at 325 degrees F. for 20 minutes or until the mushrooms are cooked through. Serve warm, not hot.

Doris Markel's Spanish Rice Meatballs

1 cup raw white rice
1 pound lean ground beef
1/2 cup tomato juice
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 teaspoons grated onion
1/2 teaspoon sugar
2 cans (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 teaspoon black pepper
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon marjoram

Combine the ground beef, rice, egg, onion, spices and tomato juice. Form this mixture into about 18 meatballs. Pour the tomato sauce into a large heavy skillet and place the meatballs on top of the sauce. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat and simmer about 15 minutes. Cover the pan and simmer until the rice is cooked through, basting occasionally. NOTE: add a little beef broth if the sauce starts to get to thick or begins to stick.

Bryna Silbert's Cheesecake (My Favorite)

3 packages (8 oz.) Philadelphia Brand ® cream cheese, softened NOTE: you can't use store-brand or less expensive cream cheese in this recipe; it won't be creamy enough.
4 eggs at room temperature
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1/3 cup milk or half and half
1 cup sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Cream the cheese. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well between additions. Add the sugar, milk and vanilla and combine well. Pour into a 9-inch springform pan that has a graham cracker crust in it. NOTE: instructions for crust are on the graham cracker box. Bake the cake for 45 minutes, turn off the oven but leave the cake undisturbed for another 20 minutes. It make develop a crack on top; this is okay as it will be covered with topping.

Remove from the oven and let cool for 20 minutes before finishing.

Topping:
1 pint real sour cream, not low-fat or non-fat
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon real vanilla

Reheat the oven to 475 degrees F. (yes, 475!) Combine the topping ingredients stirring well. Spread this mixture on the warm cake and bake for 10 minutes at the high temperature. Remove from the oven and cool. The cake can be served the same day but is much better if allowed to sit overnight in the refrigerator to become more dense. You can serve with a berry sauce, canned cherry or strawberry pie filling or just as it is…your choice. It's a rich dessert that will serve about 10-12 people.

As I've mentioned many times, community cookbooks are the very best in my opinion. The dishes are tried and true and are always the cooks' best efforts. No one wants his/her name on a less than stellar recipe. There are usually no strange or exotic ingredients that can't be found locally and no long list of instructions. And, the author of the recipes can often be found in case there are questions. What's not to like? And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Moretzes celebrate 60 years

Sharon and Arthur Moretz will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 19, 1960, at Silver Lake Lutheran Church in Northwood. Rev. B.E. Nyjordet performed the ceremony.

The couple have three children, Dean (Tanna) Moretz, Teri (Darin) Dahlby and Lisa (Troy) Christiansen. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



SHARON AND ARTHUR MORETZ



Oh deer

Recent weather has meant flourishing flora for the fauna, including former fawns, that are abundant at this time of year. This deer is one of many that can be seen along and near North Iowa roads as crops begin to emerge, providing food, and various other plant life provide sources of shelter and resting spots.

Absolute Energy seeds monarch fueling station

Absolute Energy, an ethanol plant near St. Ansgar, is one step closer to providing crucial habitat for monarch butterflies. Plant employees recently completed a seeding of its Monarch Fueling Station

The seed mixture included native grasses and other plants that attract pollinators but had a special emphasis on milkweed plants. Milkweed is the only plant monarchs can lay their eggs on.

"Providing fuel for travelers is what we are all about at Absolute Energy," said Tyler Schwarck, environmental, health, and safety technician at Absolute Energy "We see our Monarch Fueling Station as another way we can do that for an important pollinator that crosses through Iowa each summer. We look forward to seeing what we planted today grow and provided much-needed habitat for monarch butterflies."

Absolute Energy began prepping their 1.3-acre Monarch Fueling Station last summer.

The Monarch Fueling Station Project was established by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) in partnership with the Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium in December 2017. It is a program to help Iowa's ethanol and biodiesel plants establish patches of monarch habitat on plant grounds. To learn more about the IRFA Monarch Fueling Station Project, contact IRFA at info@IowaRFA.org or 515-252-6249.



Absolute Energy staff seed the ethanol plant's Monarch Fueling Station.

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association represents the state's liquid renewable fuels industry and works to foster its growth. Iowa is the nation's leader in renewable fuels production with 43 ethanol refineries capable of producing over 4.5 billion gallons annually – including 34 million gallons of annual cellulosic ethanol production capacity – and 11 biodiesel facilities with the capacity to produce nearly 400 million gallons annually. For more information, visit the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association website at: www.IowaRFA.org.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

Art & Sharon Moretz
on June 19



Veterans in Worth County!

Jeff Gorball (USMC 1976-2000) is looking for 4 of the oldest veterans to ride the troops seats in the back of his 1967 M715 in the Worth County 4th of July parade to keep separation.



Also looking for a couple of the youngest veterans or interested High School students to walk alongside these vets to help hand out pocket Constitutions.

I have steps to help get in and out and can meet you at the parade start or pick you up (in another vehicle). I have candy to throw for the kids and pocket Constitutions for others. I'll select the oldest responders and let you know Monday, June 29.

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Northwood Anchor Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

From January 1987 to September 1999 I worked as a psychotherapist at the Mental Health Center of North Iowa. At that time, this private, non-profit agency provided outpatient mental health care for 10 counties, Worth County being one of them. While the main office was located in Mason City, the Center provided therapists to travel to the other nine counties so their residents would have access to services without traveling long distances from home. Part of my job was to operate the satellite offices in Worth, Hancock and Franklin counties, each one day a week. The Mental Health Center has since closed its doors and the staff either retired or scattered to other outpatient service providers.

When I read Erin McCord's article on Worth County joining several other counties as part of the Northwest Iowa Care Connections, my first thought was where will clients who live in our county receive their outpatient services: psychotherapy, nurse visits, appointments with a psychiatrist and medication reviews/refills?

In the article that appeared in the June 2 edition of the Anchor, it stated that Barry Anderson of Clay County, who is chair of the NWIACC (North West Iowa Care Connections), welcomed new partners in Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth counties but he clearly stated, "..... no new treatment centers will be opened in the incoming counties" and that "NWIACC will be working on developing relationships with local providers in order to contract for services." This all sounds well and good but my question is where and who ARE those "local providers"? I would like a response from Mr. Abrams or other Worth County supervisors regarding the convenient accessibility of services for those in our county who depend upon mental health services. In this particular time of stress, loneliness and vulnerability due to COVID-19, there is no doubt that people who have not before needed counseling and/or medication might benefit from it now. Having life as we know it turned upside down is a concern for all of us and more so for those who have added stressors of financial worry, kids that need to be educated and jobs that have disappeared. And, of course, there are people who are living with serious and persistent mental illness and who require regular support to remain out of the hospital and enjoying their own homes. Do they need to travel distances to find that support?

Since I worked in the field for years, I still occasionally get a question from someone regarding who or where I would recommend a person find someone to talk to about depression, anxiety, marital problems, family issues, and more. When this does happen, I don't know of any resources other than MercyOne (if one has resources or good insurance) and a couple of private clinicians in Mason City. So, Supervisors, with this new affiliation with NWIACC, who are "working on contracting for service", what should my response be if asked? Thank you for any clarification you can provide since you have indicated Worth County will be receiving "better, more cost-effective services now". I would greatly appreciate your response in the Anchor so others who are interested will have the necessary information.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Outdoor Meeting

I want to be a millionaire just like my father.

Your father was wealthy?

No, but he wanted to be a millionaire too.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Thunderstorms are a seasonal joy. When I was someone who spent many hours in a dairy barn, a barn fire anywhere in the word-of-mouth area brought out the lightning-rod salesmen and their enthusiastic sales pitches featuring promises of dire consequences if no business was transacted. Sales of everything from life insurance to furnaces are based at least partially on fear.

Ben Franklin's invention, the lightning rod, was never meant to repel or attract lightning. If lightning was to strike a structure, a lightning rod was supposed to channel the discharge through an attached grounding wire to the ground, sparing the building. It wasn't easy for Ben. Some church elders feared the wrath of God if Franklin was allowed to "control the artillery of heaven" with his "heretical rod." The pastor of Boston's Old South Church blamed lightning rods for causing an earthquake. My father and I listened to their sales talks maintaining we were in an unequal battle with the elements and lightning rods would help even things up. The Statue of Liberty gets hit often by lightning, so why wouldn't our buildings? In the country, lightning doesn't have as many houses to pick from as in town. Our troubles would end with the purchase of handsomely constructed lighting rods. "You may never have lost a barn, but your neighbor has. Install lightning rods and your insurance rates will drop. The insurance company will pay you."

We'd heard it all before. My father pointed out a barn swallow's muddy nest in the barn. He declared that a barn housing a barn swallow nest is never hit by lightning. We were protected by swallows.

"How about you, son, don't you believe in lightning rods?" asked the lightning-rod man.

"I believe they exist," I replied.

Those thrilling days of yesteryear

Locations were given in the number of miles to the nearest paved road. Mother described town as being just a hop, skip and a jump from our farm. Have you ever tried traveling that way for a few miles? It's exhausting. Fortunately, it wasn't the only way to get there.

My neighbor Crandall says

"I was born with nothing and I still have most of it. My son told me that I don't know anything about computers. Why does he insist on telling me what I already know I don't know?"

The old joke department

A priest, a minister and a rabbit walked into a bar while social distancing. The rabbit was there because of autocorrect.

What is the closest thing to Silver? Lone Ranger's bottom.

What did the green grape say to the purple grape? Breathe! Breathe!

What do you call a wet baby owl? A moist owlet.

Nature notes

The man told me he's spending more time with his small dog. He and the dog spend 15 minutes each morning staring out the window. The dog points things out with its eyes. They particularly enjoy watching the crows. Crows are always up to something.

American white pelicans flew overhead. Their 9-foot wingspans carry them unusually long distances to forage for food. Fishing trips of 30 miles one-way isn't uncommon.

I find great joy in seeing Canada anemone, a North American native perennial growing in moist meadows, along wet wooded edges, in road ditches and along stream banks. Its white flowers have showy yellow center stamens on long, stalked branches. They compete with oxeye daisies for my attention.

June brings summer and is our wettest month of the year. Summer coaxes flowers from the woods to bloom in the open. June is typically when I first see flashing fireflies. Some years, I see them in May, but from the middle of June through July is when I see them most often.

Dragonflies on wing become numerous after emerging from their larval stages in the water. I noticed small masses of sticky, frothy bubbles at leaf nodes of plants. The white foam blobs are produced by the nymphs of spittlebugs, which are small insects getting their name from the globs of foamy spit they create along the stems of plants. The foam serves a number of purposes: Protecting the nymph from predators as well as providing the tender nymph with insulation from temperature extremes and low humidity.

Meeting adjourned

Appreciate those who do favors you didn't ask for. It's a good deal. Be kind.

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Fit to print...

A Mom's Story

By JoAnn Lower

It was the day after my sixth birthday I learned everyone isn't white. That's the day I first saw a black person, a woman who cleaned the underground bathrooms at Central Park in Mason City. I was afraid of the bathroom's dark tile walls, its slippery floors, and I was afraid of her.

"That woman was black!" I later said to my mother. "Does God make people with black skin?" She said she didn't know, and it was obvious from the look on her face she didn't care.

After that when I was being bad, Mom would threaten another visit to those bathrooms saying I'd better watch out or she would leave me there with that black woman.

In her defense, if there was a defense, Mom had also been born into a white Iowa farm family. Growing up two miles south of Scarville, all she knew was men in overalls, teams of horses and the Norwegian Lutheran Church. From a little girl on, she feared people of color and tried to transmit that fear to me.

It didn't work.

I am blessed to have an international family. My sister-in-law Lillian is Puerto Rican. My daughter-in-law Almira was born in the Philippines. My grandson Henry is Philippine-American, and my daughter Laurie was born in Seoul, South Korea.

This story is about being Laurie's mom.

Most of you know about the kind policeman who found her abandoned in the woods one winter and how we adopted her as an infant.

Fast-forward three years. Living at that time near Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, we had many visitors. This particular day I had volunteered to take a Vietnamese family to see the famous monument.



Thinking that my three-year-old might enjoy playing with other kids more than going to see Mount Rushmore for the umpteenth time, I took her to the house of a daycare provider for the afternoon.

The woman met us at the door, a little three-year-old boy at her side. The boy took one look at Laurie and said, "You dumb Chinese!"

My heart sank. What kind of afternoon would my little girl have? How did a three-year-old child learn to be so cruel?

The Vietnamese family I drove to Mount Rushmore seemed to enjoy seeing all the presidents' faces, but I couldn't wait to get back to my daughter.

"Did you have fun with the kids this afternoon?" I later asked. "Yes, Mama, I did," she smiled. "One of the boys called me a dumb Chinese, but I told him I was Korean."

At three years old, Laurie had already begun handling racial prejudice. Years of name-calling and being left out of things at school taught her to build a hard crust around her soft heart. But when she felt safe in the arms of people who loved her, the crust crumbled into tears.

I particularly remember one afternoon when 16-year-old Laurie and I were shopping at Macy's. We were a couple of aisles apart when I heard the words, "Mom, would you come over here, please?"

Glancing in Laurie's direction I saw a clerk closely following her. Seeing me, the woman turned away, her glaring look turning to embarrassment.

My daughter has grown into a young woman, as beautiful on the outside as she is on the inside. A Luther College grad, she is now employed at Harvard Law School in Boston, Massachusetts. Earlier this year she received the Dean's Award for Excellence, translating text into braille for blind students. She and her husband Jim have two golden retrievers.

Thank God for creating people in different colors. How boring it would be to live in an all white world.

Prejudice in all its forms is heartbreaking. Thankfully, in the story I have just shared with you, it has not broken my daughter's beautiful spirit.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

June 16, 1920

During the electrical storm, a barn on the farm of the Ole Halvorsons, west of Kensett, was completely destroyed by fire caused by a lightning bolt. A horse and a calf in the barn were killed by the same stroke. With great difficulty, Mr. Halvorson and his daughter managed to get the horses from the burning building.

In honor of Captain and Mrs. Leland G. Hewitt, who have been spending the last week in the home of the former's father, a series of receptions was given by Dr. and Mrs. L.G. Hewitt Saturday afternoon and evening. The first reception was given from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and a second group enjoyed the hospitality of the Hewitt home and paid their respects to the captain and his charming wife from 8 p.m. and on.

Mrs. R.M. Berg, of Northwood, who has been visiting for several weeks at the home of her son, Victor Berg, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, met with an accident one day last week in which both her arms were broken. The word was received here by her daughter Mrs. Elmer L. Harmon, who left for Sioux Falls immediately.

The opening of the rebuilt Slosson opera house took place, Manager G.W. Haight presenting an excellent program of photo-plays with Harold Lloyd in "An Eastern Westerner" and Mary Mac-Laren in "Rouge and Riches." A large crowd attended the opening. The theatre is practically finished inside with the exception of the scenery and some minor furniture and fixture which have been delayed in arrival.

75 years ago

June 21, 1945

Sgt. and Mrs. H.H. Perton, survivors of more than three years of the horrors of Japanese prison camps in the Philippines, were guests Sunday and Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nielandt. Sgt. Perton served under Major C.H. White, son-in-law of the Nielandts, in the Philippines. They came from Mason City, where they are visiting.

Increased sunshine and slightly warmer weather has resulted in some degree of improvement in the color of growing corn, but the growth has been slow. Few fields are reported more than four inches high. It is estimated that the crop is at least two weeks behind normal.

Sale of the Joice elevator belonging to the estate of the late Gerhard Larson to a farmers' cooperative group was approved in district court at Forest City and details are being worked out rapidly this week for the completion of the organization that will operate the business.

Official confirmation of the death in action of Pvt. Lloyd V. Hagen of Nora Springs, formerly of Northwood, was received from the war department last week by his widow, the former Miss Gladys Sheka, who resides in Nora Springs.

T.E. Bolton was made happy when his grandson, T/Sgt. Ted Bolton with his bride, arrived from St. Joseph, Missouri, where they were married. Sgt. Bolton, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bolton of Billings, Montana, was released on April 29 after spending 14 months in German prison camps, and arrived in this country one month later.

50 years ago

June 18, 1970

Harold Quisley, Northwood, is a new part-time member of the Northwood police department according to action taken by the council at the last meeting on June 9. Quisley will be on duty two nights each week, and the regular policeman, Charles Stoffregen, will be on duty full time. In other action, the council approved cigarette and liquor licenses and approved the annual audit of the town finances.

Paul H. Ohland, Soil Conservation Service District Conservationist with the Worth County Soil Conservation District observes the mulch left by a tiller planter in newly-planted soybeans on the Lemoyne Ellingson farm in Hartland township.

Dilla Kae Kabrick, Britt, daughter of Mrs. Willis Niederfrank, Garner, and the late Willis Niederfrank and Curtis Arneson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Arneson, Joice, were married on June 5, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice. The Rev. James Quitno conducted the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Robert Johnsrud and Mrs. Elton Kuhlmann won sixth place in the auxiliary doubles at the State VFW bowling tournament held at Fort Dodge in April. Other local members winning cash awards were Mrs. Herschel Drury and Mrs. W.W. Hudson in the women's singles; Herscchel Drury and Don Harris in the men's doubles; Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Drury in the mixed doubles and Don Harris in the men's singles.

25 years ago

June 21, 1995

Gary Gilliam, his wife Nicole and daughter Brittany, 5, of Albert Lea were just a few of the swimmers who found the water to their liking at Kuennen's Quarry this past weekend as temperature soared into he 90's. According to Gilliam, the Worth County park one mile south of Northwood is one of his family's favorite summertime spots.

Jim Bloomingdale chipped onto the No. 9 green last Thursday afternoon under the watchful eye of his Town and Country Day partners, Dan Hendrikson, Butch Perkins, Ralph Ehlenfeldt and Harlan Helgeson.

A bevy of Worth County residents turned out at the Northwood Country Club last Friday to enjoy unlimited golf and a steak fry at the annual Town & Country Day festivities sponsored by the Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce. The experienced chefs shown here grilling ribeye steaks to perfection are Gary Hengesteg, Russell and Teresa Olson, Pam Perkins and Denise Ehlenfeldt.

The University of Iowa held spring commencement ceremonies May 11 and 12, awarding 2,979 degrees. Among the students from the Northwood area who received degrees at the UI commencement are Joleen Johnson, with highest distinction, BS degree in pharmacy, and Ramona Schipull, MS, science education.

10 years ago

June 23, 2010

John Bachtle, a member of the Worth County Hoofprints 4-H Club, is practicing barrels on "Sunny." He will be one of many competitors at the Worth County Fair horse show.

NSB Bank pledged $50,000 towards the Northwood-Kensett Athletic Complex this week. NSB assistant vice president Andy Julseth and vice present Aaron Carmen showing the bank's commitment to the future of the school and athletic programs to N-K School Board member Roger Harris.

Joel and Kris Gordon, rural Kensett, don't know whether the damage to their farmstead was caused by high winds or a tornado. In either, case, the doors of their new shed were ripped off and wrapped around their tractor. The winds also hit over a dozen trees, either topping them or up rooting them.

Bryan Sime and Michael and Eric Otis helped out the Worth County Historical Society by moving the items from the machine museum to an empty building at the fairgrounds. The museum was emptied out to receive a new floor.

Young people from throughout the area traveled to the small town of Bolan to take part in the annual Vacation Bible School, presented as a cooperative effort of several local United Methodist churches. The theme of this year's even was "High Seas Expedition, Exploring God's Word." There were 82 kids and 40 volunteers of all ages taking part.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Ruvella Barnd



RUVELLA BARND

Ruvella B. Barnd, 99, of Northwood and formerly Mason City, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood, Iowa.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood, IA 50459 with Pastor Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating. Ruvella will be buried in London Deer Creek Cemetery, rural Northwood, with her late husband, Ferguson Hickman.

Visitation and public viewing was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the funeral chapel.

To further honor Ruvella, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

Ruvella Butrice Brunsvold was born on January 18, 1921 on the family farm near Kensett, the daughter of Albert E. and Cora (Roslein) Brunsvold. She attended country school in Northern Minnesota and then near Hanlontown, graduating from Northwood High School in 1938.

On July 20, 1941 Ruvella married Ferguson "Ferg" Hickman at Elk Creek Lutheran. The couple was blessed with five children, Carol Dee, Robert, Russell, Harold and Marvin. Ferg died in a tragic car accident in 1963. Later, on July 28, 1972 Ruvella married Harry L. Barnd and two families became one. She and Harry wintered in Arizona for over 30 years.

She was a longtime member of Eastern Star and a dedicated participant in Ladies Aid. In her younger years Ruvella was a skilled bowler and enjoyed evenings spent dancing. She was the typical American Gothic. She worked hard to maintain the family's farm life, tending the gardens, canning, with cooking skills to feed everyone. Ruvella loved time spent around the table playing board games and cards, especially 51, Shanghai and Rummy. She was a kind, caring, gracious woman who found the bright side of every situation.

Ruvella was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and was blessed to become a great-great grandmother.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Robert "Buck" (Rebecca) Hickman, Russell Hickman, Harold "Pep" (Sally) Hickman all of Northwood, Marvin (Nancy) Hickman of Forest City; Harry's daughter, Francis Gaffney; a son-in-law, Roger Egan; a multitude of beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren that she loved dearly; brothers, Orlan Brunsvold and Richard Moen; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Greeting her at the gates of Heaven are her husband, Harry Barnd who passed in 2013; her first husband, Ferguson Hickman; parents, Albert and Cora Brunsvold; step-mother, Sylvia (Moen); a daughter, Carol Dee Reyerson; a grandson, Gary Reyerson; daughter-in-law, Judy Hickman; Harry's daughter, Harriet Egan; son-in-law, Robert Gaffney; half brother, Donald Brunsvold; step-brothers, Kenneth Moen, Dale Moen; an infant sister, Audra C. Brunsvold; as well as aunts, uncles and extended family members.

Janet Fessler



JANET FESSLER

Janet (Ashland) Fessler, 76, of Newburgh, Indiana, passed away suddenly on Monday, June 1, 2020 at her home.

Janet Darlene Ashland was born on December 27, 1943 in Ft. Dodge, Iowa to the late Dean and Eleanor (Heggen) Ashland. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. Janet graduated in 1962 from Northwood-Kensett High School in Northwood, Iowa.

On August 5, 1967 Janet "Jan" was united in marriage to Jerry Fessler at Zion Lutheran Church in Northwood. In 1974 Jan and Jerry moved to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, where they owned and operated a Pizza Hut franchise while raising their daughter.

Jan was a very active member at Redeemer Lutheran Church and an avid volunteer in the community. She loved traveling and spending time in their winter home in Mesa, Arizona. Jan moved to Newburgh to be closer to her family after Jerry's passing and so enjoyed all the time spent with her two granddaughters and all their activities. She was a member of Newburgh United Methodist Church and looked forward to her outings with her friends through the Christian Fellowship Church group. Jan had a very generous heart and never met a stranger. Most of all, Jan was a loving Mom and devoted Grandma.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Jana (Rob) Ulrey; grandchildren, Kylie Rae Ulrey and Kyra Rae Ulrey; brother, Marlyn Dean Ashland; and her aunt, Beverly Gates; cousins and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents, Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Dean Fessler.

There will be no services at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City, Iowa on Saturday, June 13 at 11 a.m.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Warrick County Humane Society, 5722 S. Vann Rd., Newburgh, IN 47630.

Condolences may be made online at www.ziemerfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine McCloskey

Lorraine Marie (Lee) McCloskey, 60 years old, passed away on Sunday, February 29, 2020. She resided in Sioux Center, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on June 26, 2020 at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home, Northwood. Visitation will start at 1 p.m. on June 26. Burial will take place at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood.

Lorraine was born on April 13, 1959 in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of James D. and Madeline V. (Whiting) Lee. She was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, Iowa. She attended Northwood-Kensett Community School.

Lorraine married Thomas J. McCloskey on November 30, 1980. She was a member of Corner Stone Baptist Church in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Lorraine is survived by her husband, Thomas J. McCloskey; sons, Brian J. (Jenny) McCloskey and Adam J. McCloskey; grandchildren, Brandon, Vinny and Ireland; brother, Michael (Judith) Lee; sisters, Kathleen (Ronald) Gentz and Peggy (Rick) Holtz, all siblings are from Northwood; and many nieces and nephews.

Lorraine was preceded by her parents, James and Madeline Lee; grandparents; and a nephew, Brandon Thompson.

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: none

(5-0) Approved the agenda; May 14 regular meeting, May 26 special meeting and June 1 special meeting minutes; Financial Reports for May; June bills for payment

Reports

Elementary Principal: 1) Preschool schedule changes 2) Kindergarten orientation scheduled for August 11

Secondary Principal: 1) 29 students enrolled in Driver's Ed 2) Prom/Post Prom location moved to the fairgrounds 3) Graduation ceremony June 28 with limited capacity

Superintendent: 1) Still exploring possible sites for new transportation facility

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for July 9 2) Directors Hovey and Anderson will represent the school board on stage at graduation

Old Business:

Fitness Center Update: CAT Grant has been submitted and results are expected later in the summer. If grant is not received, project will proceed but interior may have to be completed in phases. Total funds raised or committed by the Viking Activity Center Fundraising Committee are $247,991.45. Borrowing potential against the district's Sales Tax Revenue has not been significantly altered by the pandemic.

New Business

(5-0) Approved the contract with NIACC for educational services for the 2020-2021 school year

(5-0) Approved Brian Costello and Keith Fritz as Level I Investigators and Shayne Hoch of the Worth County Sheriff's Dpt as Level II Investigator

(5-0) Approved the sharing agreement with Central Springs, Lake Mills and St Ansgar for the Social Worker position

(5-0) Approved the photography agreement with Michelle Skarpness for the 2020-2021 school year

(5-0) Approved Anderson Erickson Dairy for the milk bid and Pan-O-Gold for the bread bid for the 2020-2021 school year

(5-0) Approved the review of the 400 series policies – Employees

(5-0) Approved the first reading board policy changes: 104 Anti-Bullying/Anti-

Harassment; 104.R1 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Regulation; 302.7

Superintendent Civic Activities; 303.8 Administrator Civic Activities; 401.13 Staff

Technology Use/Social Networking; 401.13R1 Staff Technology Use/Social

Networking Regulation; 402.2 Child Abuse Reporting; 403.2 Employee Injury on the

Job; 403.6 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program; 403.6E1 Drug and Alcohol Testing

Program Notice to Employees; 409.2 Licensed Employee Personal Illness Leave;

414.2 Classified Employee Personal Illness Leave; new policy 403.6E3 Drug and

Alcohol Testing Program and Pre-Employment Testing Written consent to Share

Information Exhibit

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Suzanne Senne as cook effective June 10, 2020

(5-0) Approved Dakota Hansen as 4th grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at the BA-1 level

At 7:38, the board moved to the exterior of the secondary building to view a potential site for the transportation facility on the northwest corner of the property. Meeting resumed in the media center at 7:55

(5-0) Adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm

Northwood-Kensett CSD
6/11/2020

AHLERS & COONEY
legal services 420.00
AIRGAS, SUPPLIES ..170.38
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY.....2,712.39
Amazon, SUPPLIES 63.02
CAM CSD
open enrollment 7,811.10
CARQUEST
SUPPLIES.....161.66
CenterPoint Energy Services
natural gas 2,342.29
Central Rivers AEA
spec ed services 4,750.00
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD
shared positions; open enrollment 62,881.25
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 296.44
Clayton Ridge CSD
open enrollment 7,062.50
Corvus Industries
bleacher inspection ...495.00
D&D Sales, Inc
supplies.....19.00
DES MOINES REGISTER
subscription 10.69
EDUCATORS BENEFIT CONSULTANTS
Flex Plan.....175.00
Hanson, Ruth, refund .310.00
HOVEY'S LAWN AND GARDEN, LAWN CARE .2,500.00
IA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, medicaid.....1,065.34
Ia Water Management Co
boiler service.....200.00
JAMF SOFTWARE
software 12,265.00
JOSTENS, supplies.....675.79
JOURNEYED
SUPPLIES.....48.24
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES.....100.38
Kuypers Consulting
professional development ....
.....1,400.00
LAKE MILLS CSD
open enrollment ...24,718.75
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies.....1,672.56
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, repairs 298.26
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE
REPAIRS.....106.58
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION.....221.43
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL SERVICES ..
.....95.01
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, garbage.....610.00
TRADING POST
supplies.....262.78
POSTMASTER
box rent.....120.00
SOLUTION TREE
professional development ....
.....747.63
ST. ANSGAR CSD
open enrollment 7,225.75
Staples Business Credit
supplies.....125.33
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE
MEDICAID BILLING.....
.....228.24
USPS
postage supplies 1,557.15
VIAFIELD, supplies 57.38
WCTA, phone service..938.60
WORTH CO ENGINEER
diesel/gas 744.27
Worth Lumber Co
supplies.....8.88
Fund Number 10 ..147,674.07
BETHKE, MATT
official 95.00
BRACKEY, JIM
official 95.00
Bushbaum, Chris
official 105.00
DECKERS, supplies....181.75
DINGMAN, DAN
official 105.00
Emerson, Brandon
official 105.00
ERICKSON, DARYL
official 95.00
Fierova, Thomas
Official 95.00
FREDERICKSON, TIM
official 95.00
GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA CSD
medals.....123.95
Hansen, James
Official 105.00
Hebrink, Kevin
Official 105.00
Helena, supplies.....530.00
HOPPEL, SCOTT
official 105.00
ImPACT Applications
supplies.....435.00
IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY
supplies.....699.00
Jacobs, Justin
Official 105.00
JENSEN, STEVE
official 95.00
KING, DION
official 95.00
MEINDERS, DAVE
official 190.00
Meyer, Ryan, Official ..105.00
NALAN, MARK
official 95.00
NASSP, supplies 195.00
Newton, Jeff
official 95.00
ORIENTAL TRADING CO
supplies.....232.03
PEARCE, BRIAN
official 95.00
Rieman Music
supplies.....10.80
SLATOR, JASON
official 95.00
Smith, Jerry, Official ..105.00
STILES, RYAN
official 210.00
TROPHIES PLUS
supplies.....23.56
VISA, supplies.....239.97
WOOLDRIDGE, KARL
official 95.00
Yates, Mark, official....105.00
Fund Number 21.....5,261.06
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, repairs 656.23
Fund Number 33.....656.23
APPLE, iPads.....23,520.00
FLR Sanders
floor refinishing.....4,125.00
Marco, copier lease...1,148.48
RIVER CITY FENCE
fencing 6,398.00
TimeClock Plus
renewal 1,050.00
Fund Number 36....36,241.48
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, MILK 1,619.52
Branstad, Brian or Mary
refund 87.35
DAVIDSON, BRENDA OR STEVE, refund.....65.70
FALLGATTER'S MARKET
food.....2.78
HAGEN, GUS OR DIANE
REFUND 19.00
Halbach, Scott or Deanna
refund 8.80
HELGESON, KIM
refund 173.10
MARTIN BROTHERS
food.....5,801.17
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO
BREAD 264.18
Pangburn, Bryn
refund 69.70
Stambaugh, Kevin or Amy
refund 35.55
Thorson, Terry or Adrienne
refund 91.65
Trosper, Anthony or Christina, refund.....57.50
Fund Number 61.....8,296.00

Northwood Anchor

Legal

Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 655A

Grantors:
Adam B. Collins and Kelsi A. Collins, husband and wife

Grantees:
Marine Credit Union

Legal Description: Lot Ten (10) and the South One-half (S½) of Lot Nine (9), in Block Thirty-four (34), in Dwelle's Addition to Northwood, Worth County, Iowa.

Mortgage Description: Mortgage in the amount of $85,500 dated October 18, 2018, filed October 23, 2018, in Document Number 20181274 of the Worth County Iowa Recorder

You have not complied with the following terms of the Mortgage above referenced:

Covenant 1: Failure to make payments on the Note when due from and after 12/5/2018 including all payments of principal, interest, escrow items, and late charges in the total amount of at least $15,615.90 at the designated location of the credit union branch or payment center.

Covenant 3: Failure to pay escrowed amounts when due from and after 12/5/2018 included in the Covenant 1 amounts.

Covenant 4: Failure to pay liens for property taxes and assessments pursuant to Covenant 3.

Covenant 5: Failure to pay property insurance pursuant to Covenant 3.

Covenant 7: Failure to maintain property – failure to maintain utilities causing pipes to burst – must repair.

Unless within thirty days after the completed service of this notice, you perform the terms in default or file with the recorder of the county where the mortgaged property is located a rejection of the notice pursuant to section 655A.6 and serve a copy of the rejection upon the mortgagee, the mortgage will be foreclosed.

For purposes of service of a rejection as described above, you may address such rejection to:

Marine Credit Union
c/o Jonathan Kramer
699 Walnut, Suite 2000
Des Moines, IA 50309

This is not an attempt to collect a debt against you personally. This is exclusively a notice required by Iowa Code chapter 655A to be provided to you prior to completion of a foreclosure of the real estate pursuant to that chapter.

WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST EITHER CURE THE DEFAULTS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE OR FILE WITH THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS LOCATED A REJECTION OF THIS NOTICE AND SERVE A COPY OF YOUR REJECTION ON THE MORTGAGEE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTION 655A.4. IF YOU WISH TO REJECT THIS NOTICE, YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY AS TO THE PROPER MANNER TO MAKE THE REJECTION. IF YOU DO NOT TAKE EITHER OF THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE WITHIN THE THIRTY-DAY PERIOD, THE FORECLOSURE WILL BE COMPLETE AND YOU WILL LOSE TITLE TO THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. AFTER THE FORECLOSURE IS COMPLETE THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL BE EXTINGUISHED.

Preparer Information:
Jonathan Kramer
Whitfield & Eddy Law
699 Walnut Street,
Suite 2000
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 288-6041
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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 6/8/20 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Meyer, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020 with the following amendment;

The motion made by Tenold, second by Nerlien that unfortunately due to COVID-19 the swimming pool will not open this summer. Aye: Tenold, Nerlien (corrected from Reeder). Nay: Meyer, Reeder, George-Zenz. Motion did not pass. Future discussion about the 2020 pool season will resume at the next meeting on June 8, 2020; Treasurer Report; Approve Liquor License Refund for MJ's Bar; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
UMB
09 Bond Payment.....
..... $106,837.50
NSB
Monthly ACH Fee $20.00
Iowa Finance Authority
Sewer Revenue Bond .....
..... $211,218.41
Iowa Finance Authority
Sewer GO Bond.....
..... $190,910.00
Iowa Finance Authority
Drinking Water GO Bond...
..... $116,063.75
Payroll, Wages..... $16,790.84
Worth County Recorder
Release-cc $7.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance $10,983.30
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phone-tr,fd..... $107.44
Visa
..... I-Drive,
Supplies-cc,parks,pw .....
.....
..... $269.52
Office of Auditor of State
Filing Fee-cc $250.00
Principal, Insurance. $410.62
Kevin Springer Construction
Alley Project $23,125.00
Alliant Energy
Services..... $15,773.18
US Postal Service
Mailing..... $277.90
Payroll, Wages..... $18,633.23
Berge Oil
Fuel for May $1,708.92
Brown Supply
Parts-pw $43.00
Carquest, Part-pw.... $295.34
Cemstone
Supplies-pw $81.53
Central States Lab
Supplies-pw $993.72
Clear Lake Sanitary District
Testing-pw $121.00
David Patrick
Cleaning-cc,lib..... $57.00
Emily Haugerud
Water Deposit Refund-cc ....
..... $39.04
Harold Wolfe
Water Deposit Refund-cc ....
..... $80.00
Hawkins
Supplies-pw $5,918.02
Huber Supply Comp
Cylinder Rentals $35.62
ICAP, Insurance.. $61,714.37
IMWCA
Work Comp Premium .....
..... $3,157.00
Iowa One Call
Services..... $17.10
John Deere Financial
Freight, Parts $75.85
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Johnson Vinyl Graphics
Speed Limit Signs $40.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-cc,pw..... $530.51
Keystone Labs
Testing..... $780.50
Northway Corporation
Repairs-pw..... $7,146.24
Northwood Anchor
Publications-cc,pw.. $573.10
Northwood Sanitation
Services..... $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation .. $650.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Deposit, Transfer .....
..... $130.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Deposit Transfer .....
..... $130.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Deposit Transfer .....
..... $80.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Deposit Transfer .....
..... $130.00
Northwood Waterworks
Transfer Deposit from Rental $75.00
Office Depot
Supplies-cc,pw..... $81.13
Park & Rec Registrations
Refunds..... $3,040.00
Proline Dist
Supplies-pw $6.18
Sanco Equipment
Parts-cem..... $57.61
SCP, Power Supply .. $245.00
Three Oaks Greenhouse
Hanging Baskets. $3,155.50
Three Oaks Greenhouse
Cemetery Flowers $1,217.90
Total Glass Lock, Inc
Repairs-cc $90.00
Trading Post
Supplies-pw $52.73
Univar USA, Inc
Supplies-pw $1,546.60
WCTA
Phones/Internet..... $651.15
William Clowser
Water Dep. Refund $130.00
Worth Co. Sheriff
Police Services... $29,087.66
Worth Lumber
Supplies-pw $48.52
Library:
Northwood Post Office
PO BOX Rental $120.00
Baker & Taylor
Materials $616.38
Kelly Hardware
Supplies $27.93

Summary of May 2020 receipts by fund type: General - $35,933.33; Special Revenue-$48,413.93; Debt Service - $20,855.37; Capital Projects-$833.33; Enterprise-$83,978.14; Trust & Agency - $602.81.

Summary of May 2020 disbursements by fund type: General - $80,477.46; Special Revenue-$27,676.69; Debt Service-$106,837.50; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$82,876.02; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

Heather Rheingans, Swimming Pool Manager addressed the Mayor & City Council on the pool.

Motion to prep and fill the swimming pool and also call for a special meeting to be held on Monday June 15th with the presentation of two action plans for consideration on potentially opening for the 2020 season. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-19 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from TIF to Debt Service. Unam,

Motion to approve purchasing plants for the Northwood entrance signs. Unam.

Motion to approve the schedule of events for the 4th of July celebration with the recommendation that food vendors park on Central Avenue or 9th Street South. Unam.

Motion to hire a local contractor to clean-up court ordered nuisance properties and assess costs to the property owners. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

June 8, 2020
Twenty fourth Day

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

Electronic public access was made available by computer or telephone via Zoom.

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 amendment to agenda to add consideration of credit application for Heartland.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the June 8, 2020 agenda as amended.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the June 1, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $6,127.13 as per the following schedule:

Edgar Drainage & Excavating, DD #10/Lat 6.....
Repairs..... $897.00
James Rosenberg, DD #11/Lat 58, Repairs.. $120.00
James Rosenberg, DD #34/Lat 10B Repairs .....
..... $320.00
Popp Farm Drainage, DD #50, Repairs..... $34.08
Peterson Excavating & Drainage, DD #11/Lat 49.....
Repairs..... $1,730.00
Popp Farm Drainage, DD #22 Main, Repairs $470.80
Edgar Drainage & Excavating, DD #35/Lat 14, Repairs..... $2,555.25
Grand Total..... $6,127.13

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve claims in the amount of $747,021.72 as per the following schedule:

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Phd..... 63.33
Alliant Energy
Service-Eng 1,953.61
Ameripride Services Inc
Service-Gsr 239.86
Bell's Fire Stop Inc
Service-Shf..... 35.00
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng 2,899.29
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng 234.57
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 17,474.43
Bomgaars Supply, Inc
Supplies-Con 485.90
Brian Lund
Reserve-Shf 1.00
Brian M Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Parts & Supplies-Eng .....
..... 2,931.09
Central Ia Distributing Inc
Supplies-Con 133.70
Central Tank Coatings, Inc
Service-Wat 2,500.00
Centurylink
Service-Eng 53.00
City Of Fertile
Rutf-Eng 1,642.52
City Of Grafton
Rutf-Eng 944.18
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 383.84
City Of Joice
Rutf-Eng 1,014.96
City Of Kensett
Rutf-Eng 501.07
City Of Manly
Service-Eng 45.65
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 391.52
Cloud Cover Usa/, Inc
Service-Dap 200.00
Cnh Capital Prod Plus Account, Supplies-Con ... 106.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Phd..... 21.00
Denco Highway Construction Corp., Service-Eng121,196.62
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Shf 32.40
Electronic Engineering
Service-Shf..... 4,171.11
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng 10,394.25
Fastenal Company
Supplies-Trs 288.00
Government Forms & Supplies, Supplies-Trs..... 784.00
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 5,897.00
Guardian Rfid
Service-Shf..... 2,175.00
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,609.62
Henry M. Adkins & Son Inc.
Supplies-Aud 4,231.40
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 574.54
Ia Dept Of Agriculture
Levy-Taxes 775.07
Ia Dot, Supplies-Eng3,290.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy, Edu-Shf..... 2,500.00
Ia Secretary Of State
Notary-Shf..... 30.00
Imwca
Wk Comp Prem-Ins.....
..... 28,654.00
Interstate Motor Trucks Inc
Parts-Eng..... 52.96
J&L Autobody And Customs Llc, Service-Shf 350.00
Jake Jackson
Reimb-Eng..... 150.00
Justin Bruns
Reserve-Shf 1.00
Kathy Dahl
Service-San..... 1,000.00
Kayla Moon
Reserve-Shf 1.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Gsr..... 119.22
Kevin Springer Construction
Service-Gsr 500.00
Knudtson Automotive Service, Service-Shf..... 278.76
Mail Services Llc
Supplies-Trs 310.48
Marry Hanson Family Farm, Llc, Service-San..... 1,000.00
Martin Marietta Materials Inc, Rock-Eng 13,684.82
Mason City Glass Service
Service-Rec 1,294.00
Menards Inc
Parts-Eng..... 93.86
Michael Logeman
Reserve-Shf 1.00
Mike Bode
Reimb-Eng..... 196.81
Mk Service & Repair
Equip-Eng..... 1,300.00
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Nicholas Dvorak
Service-San..... 575.00
North Iowa Cooperative Elevator
Supplies-Con 993.65
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Shf..... 181.00
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr 191.50
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng..... 1,278.21
Olson Insurance Inc
Renewal-Ins..... 1,520.00
Pdjj Levang Farms
Service-San..... 1,000.00
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Con..... 36.40
Printing Services Inc
Supplies-Sdp..... 33.99
Purchase Power
Postage-Trs..... 697.89
Ram Systems
Service-Phd..... 720.00
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 337.88
Ryan Rollene
Refund-Con..... 70.00
Scott Butler
Reserve-Shf 1.00
Trading Post
Supplies-Con 62.96
U S Postal Service
Postage-Shf..... 431.60
Vanguard Appraisals Inc
Service-Asr 2,788.00
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Ndp 18,039.59
Verizon Wireless
Service-Shf..... 1,280.79
Visa
Service-Dap/Ndp/Gsr .....
..... 3,274.43
Wex Bank
Service-Tra 488.81
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn, Service-Gsr 3,091.31
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf..... 1,933.19
Wunsch Construction Inc
Service-Ndp 466,346.72
Xerox Corporation
Service-Dap 55.36
Grand Total 747,021.72

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to authorize auditor, Jacki Backhaus, to sign the business account credit application for Heartland and approve the request of a $1,500.00 credit amount for janitorial supplies.

Motion by Smeby, second Abrams, carried to approve the contract between Cost Advisory Services, Inc. and Worth County to provide professional consulting services to Worth County.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the monthly sheriff's report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the cigarette license for Kum & Go #119.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Canvas and Abstract of Votes cast at the June 2, 2020 Primary Election, as presented by the Commissioner of Elections, Jacki A. Backhaus, with the below local candidates receiving a place on the 2020 General Election Ballot in November with their party affiliation:

Worth County Supervisor District 2
Republican – Gary A. Hanson
Democrat – No Candidate
Worth County Auditor
Republican – Jacki A. Backhaus
Democrat – No Candidate
Worth County Sheriff
Republican – Dan Fank
Democrat – No Candidate

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:18 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

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After going 14-14 last year, still young Vikings want even more in 2020

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic still raging in many parts of the country, including Iowa, the boys of summer began practice two weeks ago and by the time you've read this preview they will have played their first games of the 2019-20 baseball season.

With the pandemic still on the players' minds and social distancing rules being applied to everything possible at practice, one could wonder if it would be hard to think about winning or losing this year, but not for this Vikings team.

"It feels really good to be back doing what we love," said Vikings ace Ethian Tasker. "Not just because we're getting to play again, but this team, even though it's going to be a short season, has a lot we want to accomplish."

With its 14-14 record a year ago Northwood-Kensett head coach Jeff Ferstein ran his four-year record to 36-68, a great improvement for a program that had went 15-139 in the previous six years before his arrival at N-K.

But despite last year's success, Ferstein knows this team has much more to prove. And even though this will be his final season at the helm of the program he has resurrected, Ferstein gives all the credit to his young players.

"It's all been different this summer for sure, like when there was lightning at practice but we're not allowed in the dugouts yet," said the fifth-year skipper after practice one day last week.

"This season is going to all come down to our guys and how bad they want it and how much they're able to put all these distractions behind them. From what I've seen I've been pleasantly surprised, they came ready to play and physically in shape, it shows me how bad they want this to be their year."

The Vikings did lose a lot of offense and a very capable backstop in Gavin Varner from last year, who led the team with 36 hits and a .414 batting average after playing in all 28 games.

But that production, as great as it was, will be offset by junior Cade Hengesteg, who, along with Varner, was the only other player to play in all 28 games. Hengesteg's numbers were nearly identical. He had 28 hits, a .359 average, two HRs, and 26 RBIs.

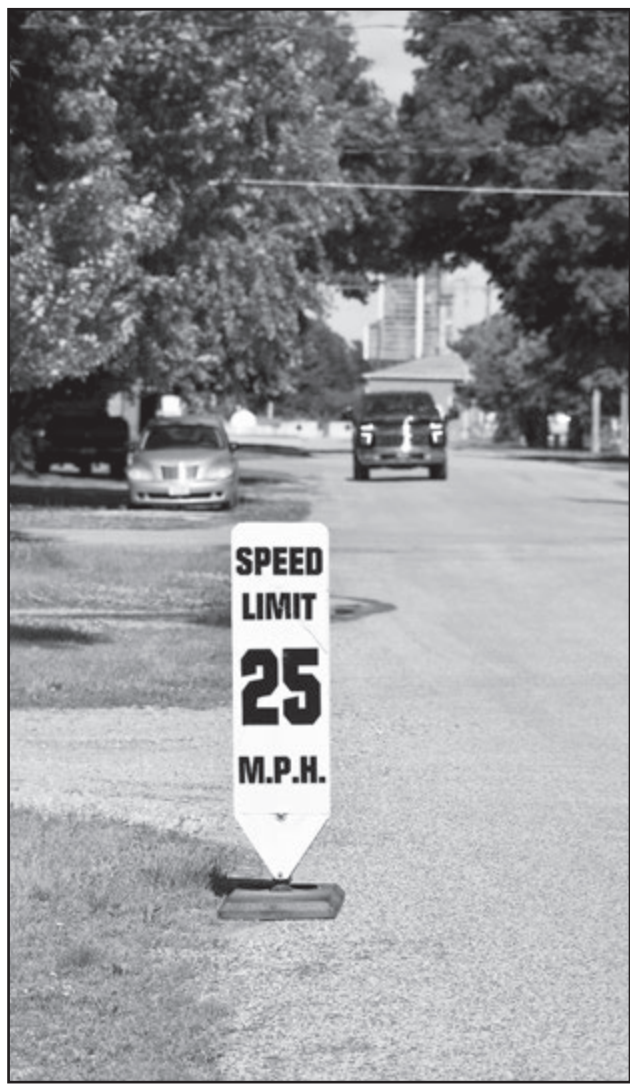
The Vikings will be equally as strong on the hill as well with the return of two of their top hurlers from last season.

Tasker was tops last season with a 5-1 record in 46 innings pitched and led the team with 63 Ks to go along with a very respectable ERA (2.89) and WHIP (1.22).

Junior Isaac Renteria, while not getting the innings that Tasker did, pitched only 16 innings but came up with even more impressive numbers, going 3-2 with an incredible 1.73 ERA and a 1.65 WHIP.

When you add it all up, this Vikings team could be the best we've seen coming out of N-K in a decade or more. The team opened its season on Monday in Allison against Top of Iowa Conference East rival North Butler.

This year's team includes Thomas Block, Grady Buenzow, Ross DeArmoun, Austin Efflandt, Jace Gentz, Cade Hengesteg, Kael Julseth, William Kraft, Justin Mills, Hayden Moore, Isaac Renteria, Brayden Reyerson, Tristan Rothove, Caden Schrage, Nolan Senne, Carter Severson, Ethian Tasker, Brandon Varner and Noah Woltzen.



Up to speed

At a recent meeting of the Northwood City Council, a group of concerned residents shared their desire for speed limit signs to curtail dangerous driving on their street. With such concerns in other locations in Northwood, the City has instead acquired a portable speed limit sign that can be relocated whenever speeding vehicles become a concern. The sign reminds motorists that the speed limit on residential streets is 25 mph.

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