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Surrogacy gives new life to local teacher's family

By JoAnn Lower

"My mom's having a baby, but we're not going to keep him," Bea announced.

Bea, a precocious second grader, was speaking about her mother, Nikkole Koenig, who had volunteered to be a surrogate mother for her cousin Luke and his wife Amanda.

"People's reactions varied," Nikkole said. "Some couldn't believe it, some were emotional, some thought it was wonderful, and some wished they could have had something like that."

Amanda's medical condition was such that she didn't have any eggs, so she looked into getting a donor egg that would allow her to carry the pregnancy herself. However, because of another underlying medical condition, the doctor said it would not be safe for Amanda to carry the baby herself.



Nikkole at 39 weeks



Amanda, Luke and baby Logan

When Nikkole told the young couple she was willing to be their surrogate, they were astonished at her generous offer. It took a couple of months before they could even digest Nikkole's words, but they finally agreed to accept the gift so lovingly offered.

The doctor then came up with a plan for in vitro fertilization, using a donor egg and Luke's sperm. Because Luke and Amanda live in Wisconsin, there were pages and pages of legal documents, a process that took almost a year

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Briefs

N-K blood drive Sept. 9

Northwood-Kensett High School will host a blood drive next Wednesday, September 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the high school gym.

The blood drive is sponsored by the N-K FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) group.

Appointments are required. Those interested in donating blood may contact FCCLA advisor Megan Thorson at 641-324-2142 or mthorson@nwood-kensett.k12.ia.us. Appointments may also be scheduled by texting LIFESERVE to 999-777, calling 800-287-4903 or online at lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Donors can fill out their donor history in advance using the QuickPass system, online at lifeserve-bloodcenter.org/quick-pass.

Cemetery Walk set for Sept. 12

The annual Founders Day events will once again include a morning spent learning about area residents that made an impact on their community.

This year's cemetery walk will feature three people laid to rest in Sunset Rest Cemetery, Lowell Gangstad, Homer Doolittle and Mrs. H.A. "Nellie" Dwelle.

Lowell Gangstad was the music teacher at Northwood-Kensett and choir director at First Lutheran Church for many years.

Homer Doolittle was the last member of the G.A.R. post. He ran a livery business in Northwood. He was 93 when he died in 1933.

Mrs. H.A. "Nellie" Dwelle died of influenza in 1919, a reminder of the previous pandemic to have a massive nationwide impact.

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Aug. 25	85	66	T
Wed. Aug. 26	87	68	
Thurs. Aug. 27	88	66	
Fri. Aug. 28	88	65	.43
Sat. Aug. 29	81	54	
Sun. Aug. 30	72	50	
Mon. Aug. 31	74	49	.10

Opening enrollment down 5 as 59 students learn from home

School started at Northwood-Kensett on August 24. As school began, the number of students in district classrooms saw a decrease, both due to a small drop in total of numbers enrolled at N-K, and as a group of families opted to take part in distance learning options.

Between the starts of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years there was a decrease of five students in grades K-12 at N-K, going from 515 in August 2019 to 510 in August 2020.

The number of students at the elementary level increased by 2 since the previous school year, from 270 in August 2019 to 272 at the start of classes last week.

At the elementary, class sizes mostly stayed the same as students moved up a grade. Last year's kindergarten class dropped one, from 38 to 37 as first graders. Last year's fifth graders dropped two, from 36 to 34 in the sixth grade.

Meanwhile, this year's kindergarten class had five more students than the sixth grade class that moved on to the junior high school.

At the junior-senior high school, the number of students was down 7, from 245 in August 2019 to 238 in the first week of the 2020-2021 school year.

Four grades saw decreases coming into junior/senior high school for the coming school year, with the current seventh graders, freshmen, sophomore and senior classes decreasing 2, 1, 4 and 1 respectively.

There are 47 seniors this year, compared to 37 seniors at N-K at the start of classes last year.

As far as the district's preschool is concerned, in its eighth year, the number of students enrolled is down 21, to 68, from the previous school year.

The number of four year olds in the district's preschool, those that could make up next year's kindergarten class, is down just 1, to 49, from the number of four year olds in the district's preschool at this time last year.

Meanwhile, the number of three year old preschoolers, those that could be kindergarten students in two years, is down 20, to 19. However, that is no doubt impacted by COVID-19 concerns and measures in place this year, as well as the City of Northwood having to close its transit services to students this year.

While the figures above show the number of students enrolled in the district, it does not reflect the total number of

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One day done

The 2020-2021 school year kicked off last Monday, August 24. The changes in place for the students can be seen as they are pictured exiting at the end of the first day with masks in place. All reports suggest that they are adapting and getting back to learning amidst efforts to make sure their classrooms stay a safe place for education.

Founders Day set for Sept. 12

The annual Founders Day celebration will return on Saturday, September 12. While the day will be limited, due to COVID-19 precautions, there will still be several events, and opportunities to see several of them safely from home.

Currently planned Founders Day events include annual traditions, along with events rescheduled from the Fourth of July and the Worth County Fair.

The day starts with a VFW pancake breakfast.

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COVID-19 pandemic illness guidelines for N-K

Below is information sent to Northwood-Kensett families last week by district nurse Heather Rheingans:

COVID-19 pandemic illness guidelines

The Northwood-Kensett Community School District references the CDC and the Iowa Department of Public Health. We continue to work very closely with the Worth County Public Health office and local family healthcare providers to provide guidelines which define when a student is well enough to attend school during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance will be modified to meet appropriate public health and safety needs as necessary.

Please consult your child's

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Vikings win season opener — See Sports Page 5

Worth COVID-19 cases up 4

Since the previous week, Worth County has seen a slowing increase in COVID-19 cases, as the daily and 14 daily positivity rates continue to decrease.

The 14 day average positivity rate is used by schools in the state as guidance to how they offer education.

With a 14 day average positivity rate of 3.6% in Worth County, Northwood-Kensett remains in the minimal transmission category.

The minimal category brings basic COVID-19 safety measures, including safety education, masks, distancing, hygiene, etc.

Central Springs' borders are in four counties, three of which fell into the minimal to moderate category of transmission. The highest was 7.9% in Mitchell County.

The minimal/moderate category brings reduced group activities, limited inter-school interactions and efforts to limit students moving through buildings.

At press time on Monday, August 31, COVID-19 cases in Worth County had reached 79. Since the last time the Anchor and Signal shared figures, from August 24, COVID-19 cases in Worth County have increased 4.

Of the cases currently confirmed in Worth County, 13 are in those 0-17 (up 2), 36 (up 1) in the 18-40 age group, 20 in those 41-60, 9 (up 1) in those 61-80 and one person over the age of 80.

In Worth County, there are 62 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 17 potentially remaining active.

A total of 1,316 Worth County residents have been tested for COVID-19. With 79 confirmed, that makes a current positivity rate of 6%.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 3,041 cases, as of Monday, including 161 in Winnebago, 155 in Hancock, 825 in Cerro Gordo, 213 in Floyd and 107 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 401 in Freeborn and 1,179 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found online at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html. Those experiencing symptoms should call a health care provider before going into the office.

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

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

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students physically at N-K schools.

With COVID-19 a concern, Iowa families were given the option to keep their children home for distance learning. There were 5 preschool students, 29 elementary students and 25 secondary students remotely learning as of last week, a total of 59, and 54 in grades K-12.

As always, early counts are good indicators of the size of the student body taking classes at N-K, but may not accurately reflect the increase or decrease seen when it comes time to make enrollment figures official.

Certified enrollment numbers will be taken in October. Those official figures include students enrolled at N-K, as well as those dual enrolled, open enrolled and/or tuitioned in and out of the district, which are not reflected in the numbers above. Some preschool students are also included in the certified enrollment numbers, though the district receives a partial credit for each preschool student.

The Iowa Department of Education uses the official count to determine the amount of money the school district can spend in the coming school year.

Last year's certified enrollment was 507.8 students, which includes all the students living in the district, including some that are enrolled in other schools.

At the same time, according to the official enrollment numbers taken last October, there were 512 students actually in classes at N-K, which includes students coming into the district for their education.

Following is a grade-by-grade breakdown of opening day enrollment numbers for the past two years:

Grade	20-21	19-20
PK 3	19	39
PK 4	49	50
K	43	38
1	37	46
2	46	36
3	36	43
4	43	33
5	33	36
6	34	38
K-6	272	270
7	36	42
8	42	41
9	40	37
10	33	40
11	40	48
12	47	37
7-12	238	245
Total	510	515

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primary healthcare provider to provide guidance regarding your child's specific health needs.

The general message to NK's students, and staff is to stay home if you are not feeling well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• As previously noted, students and staff will not have their temperature taken upon arrival unless NEW onset of illness symptoms. We ask you for your help in screening your children daily before sending them to school.

• Students who become ill at school will be taken to a separate room and will need to be picked up from school within 45 minutes of receiving a phone call from school. Please make sure all phone numbers are accurate within JMC and that you have an emergency contact listed that is able to pick up your ill student if you are unable. Plan ahead how your child will be cared for at home due to illness.

• Notify the school when your child is ill and will be absent from school. The secretaries will ask your child's symptoms for documentation and tracking purposes.

• Notify the school if your child is positive for COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 (close contact is contact within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes).

Symptoms requiring students to stay home:

(The CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health have outlined the following guidelines on when to stay or be sent home from school.)

• The first 24 hours of antibiotic treatments (i.e. strep throat, pink eye, etc)

• Rash or skin condition that is of unknown cause, undiagnosed, new, and/or needing treatment for a contagious cause

• Active vomiting or diarrhea due to a suspected contagious illness

• Doctor's note requiring an individualized plan of care to stay home

• Other communicable illnesses which pose a risk of disease transmission to others.

• If you have given your child ibuprofen, acetaminophen, or other fever reducing medication within 12 hours of school starting, closely evaluate the reason the medicine was given. (If it was given for possible symptoms of COVID-19, then the student should stay home.)

Additional Requirements for Students to Stay Home:

• COVID-19 symptoms with NO other confirmed diagnosis, cause, or explanation for the symptom(s) warrants reason to not attend school.

o Any "High Risk" COVID-19 symptom

- New Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

o Any two or more "Low Risk" COVID-19 symptoms

- Fever of 100 degrees or great or chills-do not come to school if you have a fever regardless if you don't have other symptoms
- Headache, muscle/body aches, fatigue, sore throat, congestion, sinus pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

• If your child is reported to have 2 or more low risk symptoms (as indicated above) or 1 high risk symptom (as indicated above) out of their norm, Public Health requires them to be out of school until the following things occur if COVID-19 testing is not complete and no physician's note is given with a diagnosis for the illness.

o Symptoms have improved

AND

o They have had no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine)

AND

o At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

• Children reported to have 2 or more low risk symptoms or 1 high risk symptom out of their norm can return if they get tested for COVID-19 and receive a negative result AFTER 24 hours symptom free.

• If your child has had a "close contact" with someone positive with COVID-19. Public Health defines "close contact" as being less than 6 feet from a person positive of COVID-19 for longer than 15 minutes.

• Testing positive for COVID-19

Guidelines for returning to school for either testing positive for COVID-19 or being exposed to someone with COVID-19 are very specific. You will need to consult with Public Health and Nurse Heather in these situations to determine when your child is able to return to school.

It is important to differentiate your child's typical heath status from abnormal symptoms. However, in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is important to err on the side of caution; contact Nurse Heather if you question if you should send your child to school.

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of planning.

In January 2019 Nikkole had the embryo transfer. "Of course, we had the usual nerves," she remembers. "We wondered if this was going to work. How thrilled we were when it worked the first time."

"Everything went smoothly. I kept them in the loop; we talked once a week. When I started feeling movements I sent them updates. They came with me to some appointments. The three of us went together the day of the ultrasound to find out the gender. They were thrilled; I loved watching them go through the phases of planning."

Ms. Koenig, as you know, teaches music at N-K. So, instead of waiting for her students to whisper about their teacher being pregnant, Nikkole shared early on that she had chosen to become a surrogate mother. No doubt, many questions followed, but what a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved.

On October 10, 2019, baby Logan Dean, 8 lbs., 5 oz., 21 inches long, was welcomed into the world.

"We went to the baby shower together," Nikkole said. "Since everyone there had known for a long time that Amanda wasn't able to have a baby, they were all open about it."

Logan is just over 10 months now, crawling, pulling himself up and getting teeth.

"It has been a gift to me from the beginning to see the excitement in their eyes, so cute watching them grow into their parent roles."

"If there was anything I could have changed, it would be not to have a C-section.



Logan at 10 months

Other than that I had no morning sickness and felt pretty good. I was off school for six weeks and luckily had some really good subs when I was gone."

Because of COVID-19, Amanda calls Nikkole about once a month and sends pictures once a week.

Even after Logan was born there has been lots of paperwork. Logan is not Nikkole's baby, but it's her name on the birth certificate, so Luke and Amanda had to go through the adoption process. Finally in July this year the last piece of paperwork was completed.



Four generations: Great-grandma Ruth, Grandpa Steve, Luke and Logan

People normally pay large sums of money for a surrogate, but that is not the case here. Nikkole didn't want any money. "I just wanted to help them out," she smiled.

Ms. Koenig teaches K-12 vocal and general music, holds concerts and co-directs the church choir at First Lutheran. She manages the Bee Hive Ballroom above Worth Brewing Company, where she also acts as beer tender.

And that's just the beginning. The best part of Nikkole's life is being a mom to Bea, to her stepsons Hunter, a seventh grader, and Noah, a ninth grader, as well as a loving wife to Tommy Fierova.

Mask use encouraged as college town bars closed

Last week, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation that implored state peace officers to enforce social distancing and other state safety requirements, as well as closing bars and similar businesses in counties with college towns and students.

On August 27, Reynolds issued a proclamation that closed bars, breweries, wineries and other places of businesses that primarily serve alocohol in Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Polk and Story counties.

In a press conference announcing the closings, Reynolds mentioned that college age students made up a significant portion of a rise in COVID-19 that took place last week, and so she ordered the closing of establishments that serve alcohol in counties with large college student populations.

As in earlier proclamations that closed businesses, alcohol-serving establishments in those six counties may still offer food and alcohol to-go, but not serve them on-site.

Besides the bar closings in select counties, last week's proclamation also mentions masks and face coverings. While Reynolds did not order Iowans to use the protective attire, she "strongly" encouraged anyone over the age of two to wear a face covering in public settings, especially when six feet of social distancing may not be possible.

At the end of the proclamation, Reynolds called upon all state peace officers to assist in enforcing the measures of the proclamation and the social distancing and other measures of the ongoing state health disaster declaration.

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The annual cemetery walk will once again offer a look at notable area residents found at Sunset Rest Cemetery.

Horse shoe and bean bag tournaments will be held.

The Worth County Fair baby contest and annual Little, Junior and Miss and Mr. Northwood contest and citizen awards will be held. Those contests, as well as the cemetery walk, will be shown on Facebook Live for those that would prefer to stay safe at home while viewing the events.

The events remained tentative as press time, with a final decision to be made on September 1.

An update, with schedule, will be shared in the September 9 issue of the Northwood Anchor, and on the Northwood Anchor Facebook page once

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The annual Cemetery Walk will be held at Sunset Rest Cemetery starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 12.

It will also be streamed live on the Northwood Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for those that would like to watch safely from home.

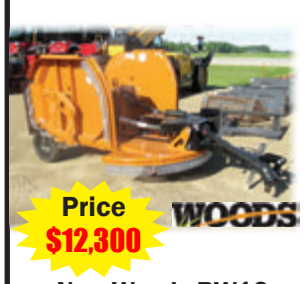
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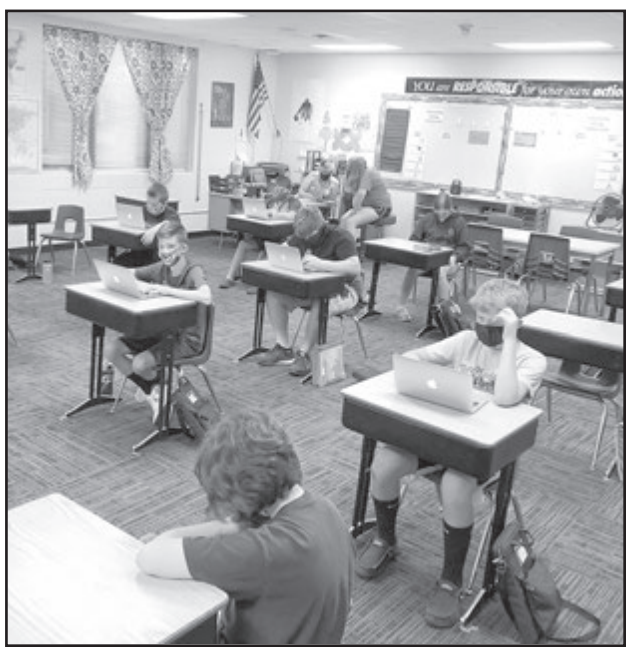
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Scenes of holding school safely

When classes got underway last week, students and staff were introduced to some of the accommodations they will be making this year to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As seen above, students, teachers and other staff are seated with social distance in mind, and wearing masks throughout their day. Water fountains are shut off and there are plenty of signs with reminders posted throughout buildings, as are there stations with hand sanitizer. In the lunchroom, students are handed loaded trays, instead of carrying their own trays through the line. These and other changes were put in place by N-K staff, working with Worth County Public Health, based on CDC guidelines.

Celebrate Labor Day weekend safely

From the Iowa Department of Public Safety and Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau:

Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer and we celebrate with barbecues and road trips. But be aware as you hit the highways that the Labor Day holiday weekend is one of the deadliest times of the year in terms of drunk-driving fatalities.

During the 2018 Labor Day holiday period (August 31 – September 4), there were 439 traffic fatalities nationwide. Forty-three percent of those fatalities involved drivers who had been drinking and more than one-third (38%) of the fatalities involved drivers who were over the legal limit. Ultimately, drinking and driving is a choice, and it is a choice that puts all road users at risk.

It is imperative that we all do our part to end drunk and drugged driving. Remember that it is never okay to drink/drug and drive. Even if you plan to have only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or use a ride serve to get home safely. If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement. Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. These are small tasks that can make a BIG difference to save lives.

Last year, in Iowa, there were six fatalities over the three-day Labor Day weekend. Three of these fatalities involved a drunk driver. To help keep people safe on our roadways and put an end to drunk driving, extra law enforcement will be out, both locally and nationally, in support of the 2020 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. From August 21 through September 7, 2020, officers will be out there keeping our roads safe by removing impaired drivers and addressing other serious traffic violations.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau reminds you:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Northwood fall clean up begins Oct. 14

The annual fall clean up in Northwood has been set for Wednesday, October 14, continuing through Saturday, October 17, with the City offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some fall cleaning.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city 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.

The City will also pick up appliances, for $20 each, which covers the costs to the City.

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Calendar of Events for September 2020

September 10—Iowa State 4-H Monthly Educational Webinar at Via Virtual Adobe Connect, 9 A.M., Brenda Allen, Iowa State 4-H Program Assistant with Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
September 10—Worth County Fair Board Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
September 14—Worth County 4-H National Barrow Show Swine Judging Contest at Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, Minnesota, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
September 14—North Iowa Extension and Viafield Crop and Farm Management Meeting at Country Inn and Suites, Rural Northwood, 10 A.M. with Angie Rieck-Hinz, Iowa State University Extension Field Agronomist, Kelvin Leibold, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist and Dennis Johnson
September 14—Iowa State University Extension County Services Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson and Andrea Nelson, ISU Extension and Outreach Assistant Vice-President
September 15—North Iowa Foods Coalition Meeting at North Iowa Land Fill, Mason City, 3:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
September 17—State 4-H Youth Staff Meeting at Virtual WebEx Connect, 2 P.M. with Mindy Tenold, Debbie Nistler, Iowa State 4-H Program Leader and Dennis Johnson
September 23—Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood and Virtual Zoom, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Jayne Lupkes, Worth County Extension Council President and Donovan Olson, Region 4 Extension Education Director
September 24—North Central Agriculture Extension Team Meeting at Hancock County Extension Office, Garner, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson
September 24—Worth County "Top of Iowa Trail" meeting at Fertile Community Center, 6:30 P.M. with Tom Reid, "Top of Iowa Trail" Committee Chair and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension and Vice-President "Top of Iowa Trail"
September 26—Iowa State 4-H Meats Judging Contest at Virtual Zoom Competition at Worth County Extension Office, All Day Contest with Dennis Johnson
September 28—North Iowa Central Area Extension Meeting at Virtual Zoom Workshop, 9 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager, Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator, Donovan Olson, Region 4 ISU Extension and Outreach Director and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist
September 28—Iowa State University Extension County Services Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 1 P.M. with Dennis Johnson
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1—National Association of County Agricultural Agents at Virtual Zoom Conference with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

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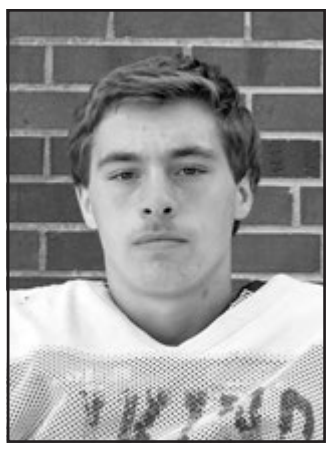
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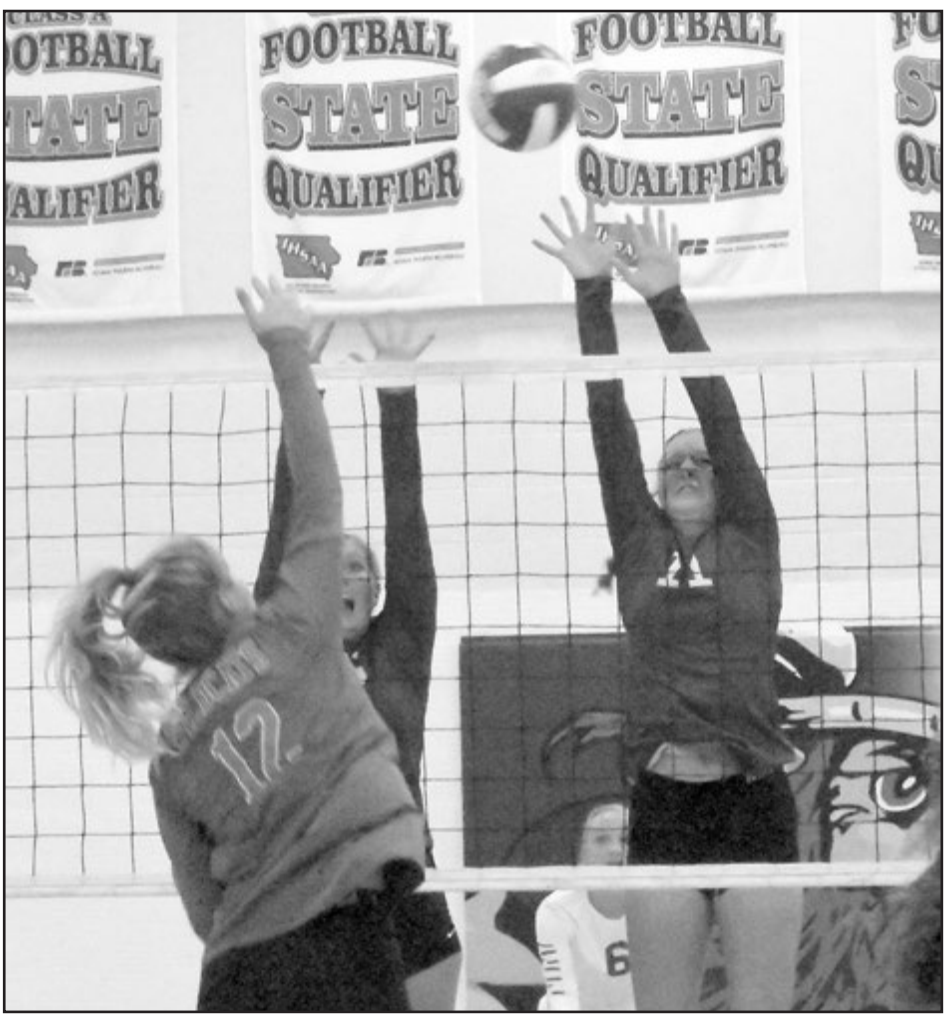
BRYLEE HOEPPNER

Stat of the Week: *N-K's Brylee Hoeppner got the 2020 volleyball season started on a high note when she led the Lady Vikings to an opening night win over Riceville. N-K ended the week at 1-1 but it was not for a lack of effort on the talented senior's part, who went 30-31 (96.8 percent) at the service line and also led the team in the two matches with 10 total kills.*

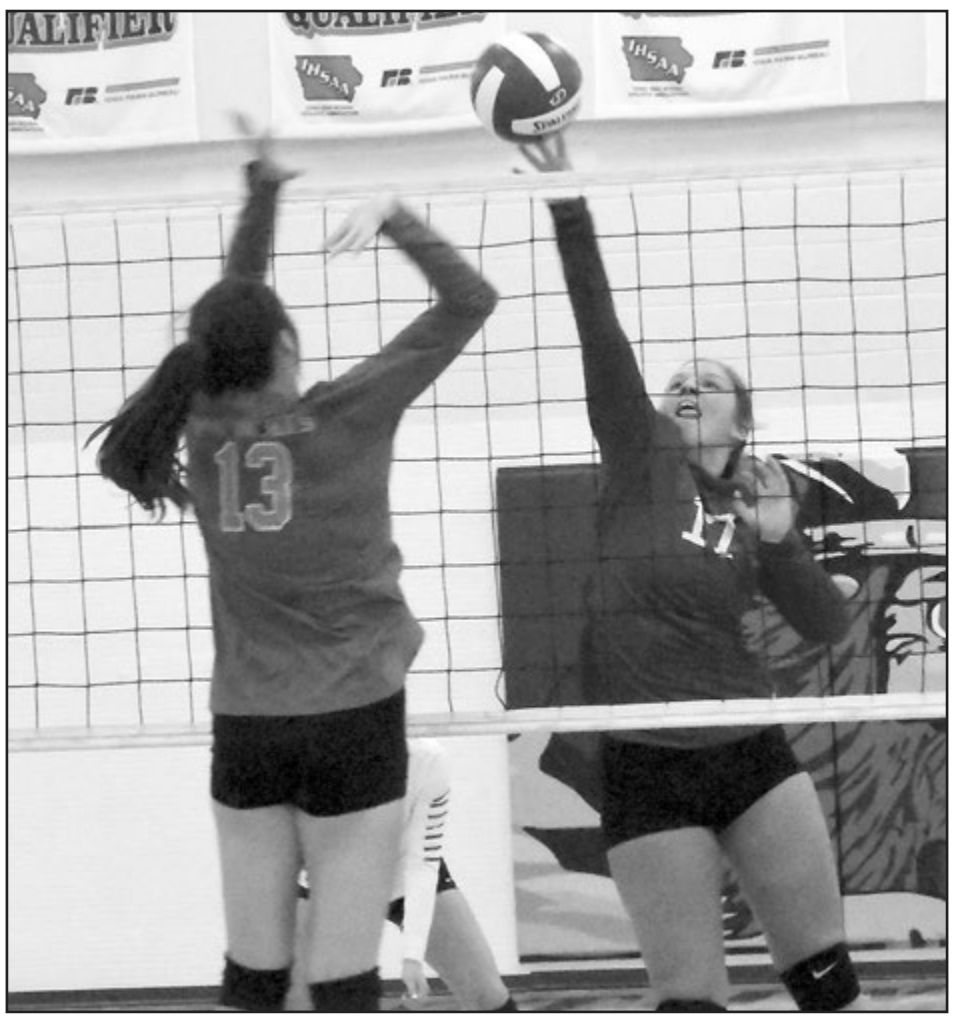


BRANDON VARNER

Stat of the Week: *Perhaps for next week's football game N-K's Brandon Varner should ditch the No. 53 and just go with an S on his jersey. That's because Varner played like Superman on Friday night despite the Vikings suffering a 38-21 loss to North Iowa. All Varner did was rush for 82 yards (6.3 yard per carry) and a touchdown, had a 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and led team with six solo tackles and 10 overall.*



N-K's Kayla Senne gets the block in last Tuesday's opening night win over the Wildcats. After the first week of action Senne leads the team with 15 assists and is 20-26 (76.9) at the service line.



Lady Viking Olivia Stilley taps the ball over the net for a point in last Tuesday night's 3-2 win over Riceville. The talented senior had five kills and one block in the opening night win.

Lady Vikings rally from 2-1 deficit to beat Riceville 3-2 in season opener

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With masks, social distancing and frequent ball washing the 2020 volleyball season got underway for the Lady Vikings of Northwood-Kensett last Tuesday night when they opened the season with a 3-2 (23-25, 25-16, 22-25, 28-26, 15-13) non-conference win over Riceville.

N-K struggled in the first set, trailing nearly all the way before evening the score at 22-22, the first tie of the game, before falling 25-23 in a set where they never once had the advantage on the scoreboard.

The Lady Vikings' first lead of the match came in the second set when they took the lead at 5-4 and never relinquished it, finishing off the Wildcats 25-16 to even the match at 1-1.

The third set was a barnburner with neither team holding more than a three-point advantage throughout. N-K tied it up at 23-23 but failed to close it out, leaving the Wildcats to take the narrow 25-23 win.

Trailing now 2-1 and on the brink of losing on opening night, the Vikings dug deep once again to win the final two sets, 28-26 and 15-13 to seal the victory, 3-2.

Kayla Senne and Emma Davidson combined for 21 assists, while Brylee Hoeppner, Carly Hengesteg and Olivia Stilley had seven, six and five kills respectively. Hoeppner started the season at the service line with perfection, going 24-24 with one ace.

The boost from that opening night win over Riceville didn't last long though after the Lady Vikings dropped three straight sets on Thursday night to North Butler 18-25, 17-25 and 17-25.

N-K has now lost the last five contests to the Bearcats by a combined score of 15-5.

Hallie Varner (12-12), Senne (7-7) and Davidson (9-9) all had perfect nights at the service line, combining for a 28-28 performance.

With the loss to North Butler the Lady Vikings end the first week of the season at 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the Top of Iowa Conference East.

N-K had two matches this week, Tuesday versus Nashua-Plainfield and Thursday at West Fork.

Vikings get pushed around by North Iowa in 38-21 loss

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Bison of North Iowa have been taken to the woodshed for a beating many times by the Northwood-Kensett football team, losing their last three games to the Vikings by a combined score of 155-6, including last year's 40-0 shutout.

But with those beatings come experience and a desire for revenge, and that's exactly what the Bison got with Friday night's 38-21 district 2 win. North Iowa played Viking football to get the victory, rushing the ball 54 times for 373 yards and five touchdowns.

As the first quarter got underway the Bison fumbled the ball on just their fourth play from scrimmage, giving the Vikings their first opportunity on offense with 10:21 still remaining in the quarter.

After N-K failed to move the ball, going three and out on its first possession, the Bison went on an eight-play drive, including a fourth down and one at the N-K two for the first score of the game and led 6-0.

The Vikings offense struggled in the first half of play while North Iowa's senior-laden team racked up the yards, out-rushing N-K 178 to 54 in the first 24 minutes of play, eventually leading it to a convincing 18-0 halftime advantage.

If the Vikings were going to get back in this game they would have to get a quick start in the second half, and senior quarterback Kael Julseth delivered, rushing 33 yards on just the third play of the second half for the score, narrowing the Bison lead to 12 at 18-6.

A fumble on the Vikings' next possession led to another North Iowa score, who now led 24-6 with half of the third quarter left to play. Responding again, and quickly, the Vikings' Brandon Varner received the kickoff at his own five and out ran everyone for the 75-yard touchdown. The score is now 24-13 in the Bison's favor.

Looking now to not only score but to take time off the clock, the Bison went on a 10-play scoring drive that ate up four minutes of game clock and put them in front 32-13 after a 25-yard score by Riley Sabin.

N-K started its last drive of the third quarter on its own 28-yard line, where, on the first play, Varner took the inside handoff and burst through the defensive line, through the linebackers and left the D-backs in the dust, going 52 yards literally untouched for the score.

The Vikings came out of the locker room at the half and put up 21 points in 12 minutes of play in the third quarter but still trailed 32-21 heading into the final 12 minutes of play.

Unable to stop the Bison offense N-K dropped its first game of the season, 38-21 to North Iowa.

Julseth and Varner led the team on the ground with 96 and 82 yards respectively while Tyler Mills and Varner collected 10 tackles each on the defensive side of the ball.

The Vikings fall to 0-1 and will be on the road this Friday, where they will face Clarksville.

NI 38, N-K 21

NI	6	12	14	6 – 38
NK	0	0	21	0 – 21

Team Totals

	Vikings	Bison
First Downs	7	19
Rush-Yards-TD	33-169-2	54-374-5
Pass Yards	31	64
Comp.-Att.-TD-Int.	2-11-0-0	7-14-1-0
Total Yards	200	438
Penalty-Yards	1-5	6-51
Turnover-Lost	2-2	1-1

Scoring

First Quarter
NI – Tyler Murray 2- yard run (conv. failed)
Second Quarter
NI – Max Schaefer 35-yard run (conv. failed)
NI – Murray 9-yard run (conv. failed)
Third Quarter
NK – Kael Julseth 33-yard run (conv. failed)
NI – Caiden Fleener 30-yard pass from Brett Doege (conv. failed)
NK – Brandon Varner 75-yard kickoff return (PAT kick good)
NI – Riley Sabin 25-yard run (2-pt. conv. good)
NK – Varner 52-yard run (2-pt. conv. good)
Fourth Quarter
NI – Sabin 58-yard run (conv. failed)



N-K's TJ Whitelow (23) and carter Severson (21) tackle a North Iowa ball carrier for a loss in Friday's 38-21 loss. Whitelow and Severson combined for 9.5 tackles in the opening night contest.



Viking Brandon Varner looks to turn the corner on a North Iowa defender in Friday night's 38-21 loss to the Bison. Varner rushed for 89 yards on 13 carries and scored one rushing touchdown on a 52- yard run.

Constitution Week celebrated the week of September 17-23

Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23.

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights.

This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

• Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.

• Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

• Encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us.

The following is the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The Constitution was written at the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention from May 25 through September 17, 1787. It was signed on September 17, 1787.

Following the Convention, the new constitution was sent out to the states for their approval. It was ratified by the required nine states in 1788 after adding the Bill of Rights to protect the rights of individual citizens.

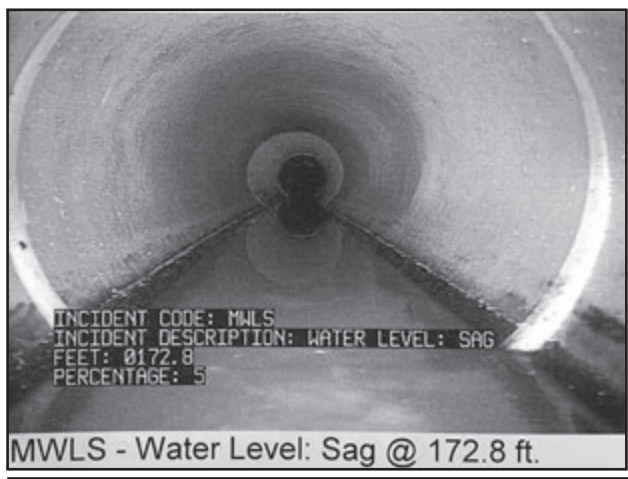
The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education.

Any woman 18 years or older, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible. In the 50 states and District of Columbia, there are 3,000 chapters. The local chapter is the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter (Northwood, Iowa) If you are eligible and interested in joining the local chapter, please contact Registrar Kay Day, 641-355-3735 or kay_day@cltel.net (the space between kay and day is on underline).

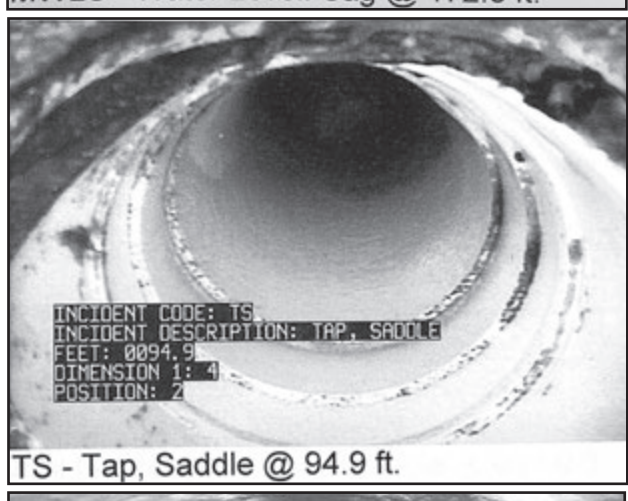
Help will be provided with the necessary research and the completion of the application. Please give us a call or send an email at shar49@mchsi.com.

This message has been sent to local newspapers where members of the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution live and hope that everyone will help celebrate Constitution Week this year.

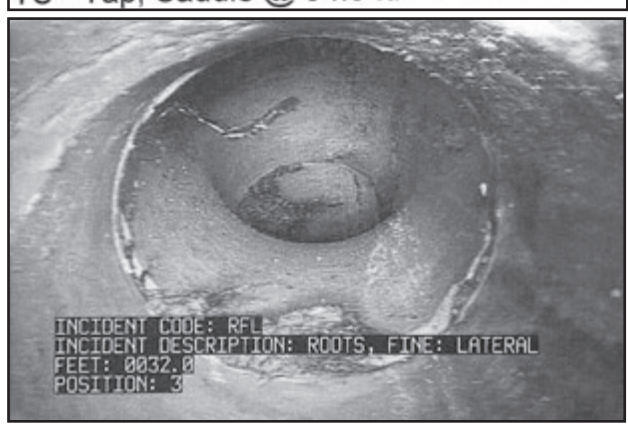
Submitted by Sharlene Stoddard, Secretary and Treasurer of the Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter DAR.



MWLS - Water Level: Sag @ 172.8 ft.



TS - Tap, Saddle @ 94.9 ft.



Sewer sightseeing

The City of Northwood recently got a better look at the sewer system running under a portion of the city. The City hired a service that runs a video camera through the pipes, to assess the condition and see where repairs may be necessary in the future. Pictured above are some examples of the images that the City public works department now has access to.

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

A big topic on the minds of everyone right now, especially parents, teachers and children, is going back to school. Amid all the uncertainty, everybody is doing their best in trying to provide some stability and certainty for students and their education. While things may be constantly changing for school districts, one thing they can depend on is sustainable and predictable state funding for schools, which is even more important given the economic impact of the coronavirus on the state budget.

Every year the legislature has a big debate on education funding for K-12 schools. Every year during my first term in the Iowa Senate, funding for K-12 schools increased by millions of dollars, on top of the funding they received the previous year. However, that is only part of the story. I am really proud of our work on transportation and per-pupil equity when it comes to education funding. It will have real benefits to many students in rural areas.

Rural schools, because the population is spread out over a larger geographic area, often must spend much more than urban schools on transportation in order to get students to and from school each day. Spending more on transportation meant less money was available to be spent in the classroom and less money on the tools students need to learn. Senate File 2164, which was passed and signed into law this year, was the legislature's transportation and per pupil equity bill. It closed that gap in funding and leveled the playing field for transportation costs for school districts across the state.

Transportation equity among school districts is just one way to help ensure money for education is being spent in the classrooms and preparing Iowa students for success in school and beyond. I know the beginning of this school year is different for many students and educators, whether class is taking place at home, in the classroom, or both. I am confident everybody is working to achieve the same goal – helping students learn to the best of their abilities, while keeping everyone as safe as possible.

As always, please feel free to reach out by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Northwood Anchor Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
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Pastor Tom Martin

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
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Pastor Cory Allard

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Wednesday, Esther/Ruth Circle - W, 7 p.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins - W, 1-2 p.m., Thompson/Christ Wedding Rehearsal - W, 5 p.m.; Saturday, Chelsea Thompson/Craig Christ Wedding - W, 4 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Immanuel, 8 a.m., Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Worship - Silver Lake, 9:30 a.m., Worship - Winnebago, 10:30 a.m., Worship - Lunder, 11 a.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Lake Mills Area Ministerial Meeting, 10 a.m., Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m., Parish Council Meeting - W/Zoom, 7 p.m.

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

Pope Francis



In his first official meeting with journalists, the new pope gave some insight into why he chose the name Francis. After the two-thirds vote was reached, a fellow cardinal from Brazil, Claudio Hummes, embraced him and said to him "Don't forget about the poor." This stuck with him, he said, and immediately made him think of St. Francis, who was devoted to the poor, renouncing his father's considerable wealth as a young man and living essentially as a poor beggar. St. Francis was known as "Il Poverello," the little poor man. Pope Francis went on to say that as the vote-counting continued he thought about war, and St. Francis's devotion to peace. The first line of the prayer of St. Francis says "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace." And finally, St. Francis was enamored of nature and saw God's hand in all of physical creation. Pope Francis summarized his choice of names by saying "Francis of Assisi…the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and guards creation." This was a good choice of names, and inspiring ideals for the man leading the world's largest Christian denomination. – Christopher Simon

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." – Psalm 82: 3-4

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Cook Bookin'

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

Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

In 2016 I visited Transylvania. It wasn't a place on my bucket list but was recommended by someone who had been there and it was an optional extension to a river cruise in Eastern Europe. So..what the heck, you only live once and as long as I kept a lot of garlic nearby, I felt safe. The interesting thing is that Bram Stoker, who wrote Dracula, never visited the city of his writings; he based his book on folk tales and other incidents of so called vampire activity. Dracula was the common name of Vlad the Impaler, a real person, who according to legend, impaled his enemies but honest, law-abiding villagers were kept safe. Who knows? We found the people friendly, the scenery beautiful and the food tasty. Eastern Europe is not knows for gourmet meals; these recipes are more the hearty, peasant food of the people of Rumania, Hungary and Transylvania. "The Dracula Cookbook; Authentic Recipes From The Homeland of Count Dracula" (1978, Gramercy Books, NYC) was written by Marina Polvay. The recipes have been adapted from the chapter titled "Timeless Recipes To Ward Off Evil"

Tangy Cheese Spread
(enough for a crowd)

2 pounds cream cheese, softened
3 tablespoons chopped chives
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire
2 tablespoons whole caraway seeds
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2-3 drops Tabasco sauce
Olives, tiny onions, parsley

Place the softened cream cheese into a large bowl and mix with the remaining ingredients until smooth and creamy. Chill for about 30 minutes, then form into a ball. Cover with plastic wrap and chill overnight. Place on a serving platter, garnish with olives, green and ripe, tiny pickled onions and chopped fresh parsley. Serve as a spread with hearty crackers or crisp slices of baguette. Serves 12-18 as an appetizer.

Mitite
(Grilled Romanian Sausages)

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef, ground twice.
1/2 teaspoon EACH: thyme, marjoram, crushed bay leaf. (SANDY'S NOTE: crushed bay leaf will be difficult to find locally. You might score some online or substitute poultry seasoning.
1 large white onion, finely minced
Salt/pepper to taste
4 tablespoons cold water
3 tablespoons bacon drippings,cooled
3-4 thinly-sliced jalapeno peppers or other hot chiles, (optional but tasty)

In a large bowl combine the ground beef, onion and all the spices. Mix into a smooth paste (or use a food processor with pulses so it doesn't end up too mushy), adding the ice water a tablespoon at a time. Wrap the meat mixture in a clean dish towel and refrigerate overnight. The next day, add the bacon drippings and work them into the meat, using your hands gently, until completely absorbed. With wet hands, form the meat mixture into thin sausages, 2-3" long. Grill over charcoal or in a grill pan on the stove until browned and thoroughly cooked. Grill the hot peppers too and serve them on the side. These sausages may be eaten hot or cold.

Egg and Sausage Omelet

6 tablespoons real butter
3 tablespoons 1/2 and 1/2
4 medium boiled potatoes, thinly sliced
Salt/pepper to taste
12 cocktail-size frankfurters
1-2 green peppers, sliced
2 tablespoons minced green onion
6 eggs
3 tablespoons minced green pepper
2 tomatoes, cut into wedges

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. In a large skillet that is oven-proof, melt the butter. Add the sliced potatoes and the cock tail franks. Brown slightly for about 2-3 minutes, stirring gently. In a large bowl, beat the eggs with the cream, salt and pepper. Add the minced green onions and green pepper. Pour this mixture over the potatoes; cook for 1 minute over medium heat. Lift the side of the omelet so the uncooked egg can run underneat. Cook for another 30 seconds then place the skillet into the oven. Bake for 3-4 minutes or until the omelet is well puffed. Serve immediately, garnished with the tomato wedges and green pepper slices. Serves 6.

Garlic Soup
(just to be safe!)

5-6 large cloves fresh garlic
2 tablespoons shortening
1/4 cup small pieces of angel hair pasta
Salt to taste
5 cups chicken broth
1 teaspoon paprika
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Peel the garlic and smash into a paste. In a large saucepan, saute the garlic in the shortening only until pale yellow; be careful not to burn it, chopping into smaller pieces if necessary. Add the paprika and stir. Pour in the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Cook the small pasta pieces in the soup for about 20 minutes; they will be very well-done. Taste and add salt if necessary. Sprinkle with the chopped parsley and serve. 6 servings.

Along with garlic, this cookbook tell us vampires are afraid of long-stemmed yellow roses so having a bouquet of these on the dinner table gives an added sense of calm. There is a lot of information about these folk tales, Vlad himself and the area of Europe where it all took place. You might want to save these recipes for a Halloween dinner with stalwart friends. And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Katcher - O'Connor announces upcoming wedding

Jake Katcher and Megan O'Connor are proud to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Megan is the daughter of Jim and Kelli O'Connor of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. She is a 2014 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School (Awesome Bloooms!). Megan attended Rasmussen College in Mankato to become a paralegal, and is employed at Donnelly Law Offices in Austin, Minnesota.

Jake is the son of Tony and DeAnna Katcher of Northwood. He is a 2010 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School. Jake attended South Dakota State University and graduated with his bachelors in Ag Business. He is employed at Northwood Ag in Northwood.

Megan is the granddaughter of Barb O'Connor, Bob Haberman and Ruby Miller, all from Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. Jake is the grandson of Shirley and Larry Katcher of Cowell, Iowa, and Richard and Connie Buttjer of Charles City, Iowa.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, September 5, 2020, in Blooming Prairie with a reception in Joice, Iowa.

The couple will reside in Northwood.



JAKE KATCHER AND MEGAN O'CONNOR

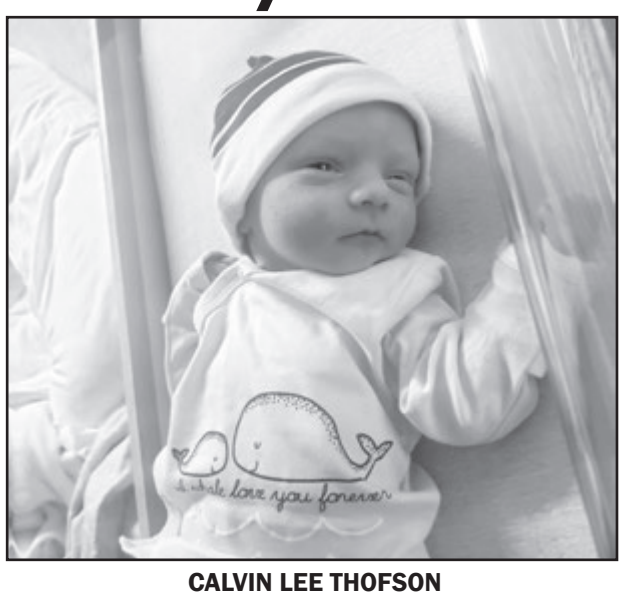
Welcome baby Thofson

Tyler and Katelyn Thofson are proud parents of a baby boy.

Calvin Lee Thofson was born at MercyOne in Mason City on August 24, 2020, at 5:35 a.m., weighing six pounds three ounces and was twenty and a half inches long.

Calvin has a brother, Carter, four years old.

Grandparents are Tim and Missy Thofson, Andy and Amber Julseth and Joel Jaspers, all of Northwood.



CALVIN LEE THOFSON

I35 parking only area to close as part of DOT plan

Last week the Iowa Department of Transportation released its updated long-range plan for Iowa's rest areas system.

Highlights of the final recommendations are as follows:

• 30 of the 38 exiting full-service rest areas will remain open

• Of those, 12 older sites to be upgraded prior to 2033

• Closure of eight full-service rest areas at the end of their usable life

• Closure of 10 smaller parking-only rest areas

• Upgrade and expansion of truck parking at six remaining strategically located parking-only rest areas

• Addition of 247 truck parking spaces throughout the system

With this plan, all 10 parking only rest area site closures and seven of the eight full-service closures will occur before 2028 when the facilities reach the end of their useful life.

Included in the 10 parking-only rest areas to be closed is the one on Interstate 35, northbound, at mile marker 211, south of the Northwood exit. That would be a loss of five truck parking spaces, according to the DOT.

The process of determining these final outcomes began in 2012. The time came to re-evaluate the needs of rest areas in enhancing a modern transportation system balanced with the need for investment in these facilities. The criticality of each rest area was systematically evaluated, and those aging and least critical sites were recommended for closure. This will allow available funding to be used for the upgrades at more critical and strategically located rest areas sites that are also in need of upgrades.

A number of rest areas in the state had reached an age of 50 years or older and required considerable expense to replace. The process has moved through several phases that included a study and documentation of customer needs and satisfaction with existing rest areas, two public input periods, and an initial implementation strategy for the rest area system.

Following the release of the initial implementation strategy, we heard significant feedback, especially regarding the need for increased truck parking along the transportation system. This allowed us to re-evaluate the implementation strategy and coordinate our plans with a freight truck parking study which assessed the current system's truck parking needs. This study documented the need to add additional truck parking which is reflected as part of the final rest area plan.

"We are committed to serving as good stewards for the state by continuing to invest taxpayer dollars to develop and maintain the statewide transportation system that best meets user needs. The decision to close an existing rest area facility is carefully considered and is informed by the Code of Federal Regulation (23 CFR 752)."

The full final rest area plan and other supporting information regarding the plan's process can be found at iowadot.gov/restareaplan. To watch an online public meeting and add comments, go to bit.ly/RestAreaOnlineMtg.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

PPP payroll portion may be taxed

From the National Newspaper Association and Iowa Newspaper Association

As if things weren't hard enough for Iowa's small businesses, news comes that the administration plans to claw back a chunk of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds legitimate businesses have used as a lifeline to keep their employees on the payroll.

When Congress passed PPP, the legislation made it clear that these loans would ultimately be forgiven if businesses used them for approved purposes, mostly payroll. And, the law ensured — in writing — that any forgiven amounts would not be taxable, meaning that businesses could use all those funds to keep folks employed.

More than 58,000 Iowa businesses, including this one, signed up in good faith, secure in the knowledge that if they used those funds as Congress intended, they would be forgiven and not taxed. This program helped support approximately 51 million jobs in our state.

Well, Congress may have said one thing, but President Trump's Treasury Secretary, Steve Mnuchin, has other ideas. According to the Treasury Department, forgiven funds may not be taxable, but the payroll businesses paid with those funds can no longer be considered a business expense. Now, we don't know Mr. Mnuchin personally, but our guess is that, as Treasury Secretary, he probably knows something about math: disallowing businesses from claiming that payroll as an expense is the same thing as taxing the forgiven loan.

Which means that Iowa's small businesses are going to get hit with a huge surprise tax bill, but most won't know it until — wait for it — after the November election! Surprise!

Now some members of the U.S. Senate weren't amused by this little "Lucy with the football" tomfoolery. Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) have led a fight in the Senate to tell the Treasury Department that they meant what they said: the forgiven loans should not be taxable, including through the back door. Other senators are worried about the "optics" of standing up for small businesses, if you can imagine.

Our own Sen. Chuck Grassley was an early supporter of a bill Sen. Cornyn introduced (S 3612) to fix the problem. Treasury cannot be allowed to override Congress' promise to our small business community.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

For over 37 years, I've been going to the same barber. And

how does he reward my loyalty?

I can't muster a guess.

He retires!

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I went to a cemetery to visit the graves of my parents. I listened to them spinning in their graves about a world that has become a bokeh, the blurred quality or effect seen in the out-of-focus portion of a photograph taken with a narrow depth of field. A devil's advocate has never been less appreciated than today. My mother and father didn't share the same political beliefs. Dad voted and Mom canceled his vote. Life was good with no evident rancor.

I think Blood, Sweat & Tears said it best when they sang, "What goes up must come down. Spinning wheel, got to go 'round. Talking 'bout your troubles, it's a crying sin. Ride a painted pony, let the spinning wheel spin." All the answers may be in those lyrics, but I doubt it. I blame myself. I didn't forward that one email to 10 other people and now we have 2020. It's my fault.

Before the world turned, I was in a hotel with many floors. I seldom use an elevator, but I had a heavy suitcase and my room was on a floor where nosebleeds were common. I entered the elevator with other folks. Someone had pushed the button for every floor. Nobody confessed to that crime. I didn't blame them.

I listened to "Who's on First?" a comedy routine made famous by Abbott & Costello. Bud Abbott identified a team of baseball players with unusual names to Lou Costello. First base: Who. Second base: What. Third base: I Don't Know. Left field: Why. Center field: Because. Pitcher: Tomorrow. Catcher: Today. Shortstop: I Don't Give a Darn. For some reason, the right fielder went unnamed.

I felt like a right fielder in an elevator with all its buttons pushed as we moved from standard time to daylight saving time to The Twilight Zone. Suddenly, people who never owned pajamas had daytime pajamas and nighttime pajamas, plus the good pajamas they wear to go shopping. I haven't gone that far, but I have begun to bark at squirrels.

Winter weather forecast

"The Old Farmer's Almanac"(since 1792) predicts snowfall in the Upper Midwest will be above normal. The snowiest periods will be in late December, early and late January, late February, and early March.

"Farmers' Almanac" (since 1818) has a long-range forecast calling for a cold winter with normal to below-normal temperatures and above normal snowfall in Iowa and Minnesota.

I believe we will have weather every day. That's my campaign promise.

Thoughts while not getting a haircut

Does bowling a mile in rented bowling shoes count?

The ruler is the king of school supplies.

Do rabbits watch the Hopping Channel?

How does a crappie feel about its name?

Nature notes

I sat on the deck and watched the yard's critters on a late August evening. Psalms reminds me to be still and know. A field cricket, nearly as black as a crow, moved past. The sky over the yard filled with hunters. Dragonflies flew the lowest, then swallows and common nighthawks took the highest sky road. What brought these mighty Nimrods to my neck of the woods? In the Bible, Nimrod was a mighty hunter. They were feasting upon swarms of what I've heard referred to as flying plankton — ant swarms.

A vulture performed a feeding frenzy of its own on a raccoon carcass on the road. In my boyhood, my family had a five-second rule. If we dropped something on the floor, we could still eat it if we picked it up within three seconds. We had a five-second rule for desserts. Turkey vultures adhere to a three-day rule.

A chipping sparrow weighs 11 - 16 grams. Items weighing approximately one gram include a regular paperclip, a dollar bill, a raisin or a thumbtack.

A hummingbird visited multiple flowers of jewelweed at a hectic pace, lapping up all the calories it could. I've read that when scaled to the size of a human, a hummingbird would need to take in 155,000 calories daily. Jewelweed or touch-me-not has juicy stems that when crushed may serve to relieve the itch of poison ivy and stinging nettle for some people. The fruits explode at the touch to eject the seeds in a distribution mode called ballistic dispersal.

Meeting adjourned

Be kind and your memories will be allies and not enemies.

Happy anniversary to my lovely bride.

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Fit to print...

Storm brings out the best in Iowans

By Elaine Bergan

The world continues to groan from a variety of problems affecting each of us, whether it is the worldwide corona virus pandemic, social, political, economic unrest or fear for safety of family members in various parts of the country and world.

I am thinking of three grandchildren in or near the Cedar Rapids area who have experienced the devastating effects of the powerful derecho windstorm that left Cedar Rapids, smaller communities and rural areas without electricity for well over a week. Farmland with tall corn standing proudly was laid flat with farm buildings and rural homes badly damaged.

Granddaughter Callie, a teacher in the Urbandale school district, was on the edge of the storm, but my two granddaughters originally from Thompson were caught in the Cedar Rapids path of damaged homes, businesses and schools.

Jessica and Josh were among the more fortunate residents whose property was not damaged like many others. She works for GoDaddy, a business that builds domains and websites, while Josh works for a small tool and die company. They had minor tree damage but lost electricity, as did the rest of the city. Josh had an old generator in the garage that had enough power to charge their cell phones and power their electric fry pan for meals. They shared the generator with neighbors who had small children.

Meteorologists weren't prepared for the strong, straight line hurricane force wind to occur in Iowa, of all places, so many people were caught unaware of the danger. Granddaughter Jennifer and her 11-year old daughter Avery had been school shopping that morning. While waiting in the Chick Fil A drive through for lunch, they experienced the storm's fury firsthand. The derecho whipped up winds well over 100 mph, tossing debris and other objects through the air. The car rocked back and forth with the force of the winds.

Jennifer admitted to never being this scared before, but had to remain strong for the sake of her daughter. Later, Avery said, "Mom and I were traumatized!"

After about 40 minutes, the wind subsided. They then made their way home.

What should have been a 10 minute trip turned into three hours. Jennifer admitted to driving on sidewalks and yards to get closer to home. They still ended up parking several blocks away and walking as city streets were impassable. City snowplows were used to clear paths for passage.

Jen and Dennis' three-story Colonial revival home had damage. Their roofs had just been re shingled earlier in the summer, but large tree limbs damaged the roof again. A couple of windows were damaged, one on the third floor and the other on the first floor. Carpeting in one room was subsequently damaged by heavy rain. A chimney was broken off and pushed the central air unit off its base. It took them several days to clear the branches and brush off their yard.

Dennis is a family counselor with a practice downtown while Jen is a mental health nurse practitioner who works from home. She meets with her patients electronically. Due to the storm, she was unable to work for two weeks. A friend from Mount Vernon had offered the use of her home internet as she didn't lose power.

Their goal was to get the branches cut up and placed along their street for the city employees and National Guard to haul out. They needed to uncover the downed wiring on the ground before electricity was restored. Jennifer drove to a nearby town to purchase a new chainsaw, associated equipment and food supplies. Her parents were able to find replacement chains and other needs for them as well. Avery came home with her grandparents for a few days and came back bearing two apple crisps she made for her family and her aunt and uncle. Jen and Dennis' neighbors had a gas stove, so they shared their meals together and were happy to share in the delicious apple crisp!

The disaster seemed to bring out the best in Iowans. A cousin from Waterloo offered shelter and the delivery of supplies if necessary. Neighbors shared food, company and helped each other with yard cleanup. Friends of their parents delivered ice to them to keep coolers with food cool. Both families had gas water heaters, so a warm shower at the end of a hard workday was appreciated.

On the 11th day of the power outage, electricity was restored to their homes. A group of utility workers from out-of-state were working in Jen and Dennis' neighborhood that day. They shared their evening meal of hot dogs and potato chips with them. The workers were very appreciative and said two things: It is true that Iowans are among the friendliest in the country and that this storm was among the most devastating they had ever been involved in.

President Trump made a surprise visit to the Cedar Rapids Airport, where a conference was held with city and state officials and politicians. He promised

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

September 1, 1920

Installation services will be held in the Norwegian Lutheran church in town, at which time Rev. G. Storaasli, the new pastor, will be formerly and officially installed in his new position. Rev. Storaasli comes from Lyle highly recommended as a man and a minister who will do much towards the upbuilding of the congregation of which he will be in charge. With his family he will occupy the parsonage on South Eighth.

Mr. John S. Veenker and Miss Ilah M. Pease were married at the Ella Pease, 2624 Forest Avenue, Des Monies, on August 25 at 10 p.m. On the afternoon train the same day they came to Manly and from there drove to Northwood going directly to their beautiful home in Southwest Northwood, which had previously been furnished and made ready for their occupancy.

Workman are making changes in the Wiley Auto Company's garage and livery, which will eliminate the horse stalls at the rear of the main building and provide instead of commodious auto repair workroom and storage for used areas. The demand for hours livery is so little now that the Wiley company feels that the portion of the large concrete building devoted to stable purposes can be put to better uses. H.I. Squires and L.W. Selta will both be working as auto mechanics for the Wileys.

75 years ago

September 6 , 1945

Otto Reinke, 69, a resident of this city for the past nine years, died in a Faribault, Minnesota, hospital, where he had been cared for in recent months following an extended period of ill health.

A fall festival sponsored by the Wm. T. Smith post of the American Legion is planned for the latter part of September or early in October, according to action taken at the regular meeting of the post.

The board of health of Mason City decided to postpone the opening of the schools of that city to September 17, as a precautionary measure owing to the prevalence of infantile paralysis in that city. Health Physician Franchere stated that 15 cases had been reported to him by Mason City physicians. Similar action was taken by Holy family and St. Joseph's Catholic parochial schools.

Presentation of the Bronze Star Medal to Martin G. Blegeberg, of southwest of Northwood, was made by Capt. Everett M. Robin, chaplain of the prisoner of war camp at Algona. The award was won by Mr. and Mrs. Blegeberg's son Pvt. Morris C. Blegeberg of the 45th infantry division, who was killed in action on May 31, 1944, in Italy.

Center parking on Central Avenue will be a violation of a town ordinance after publication in the Anchor of an ordinance passed by the town council at its regular meeting.

Articles of incorporation of the Deer Creek Valley Co-operative Cheese Assn. have been approved and the new co-operative expects to start business the first of next week.

50 years ago

September 3, 1970

New members of the Worth County 4-H council initiated at Kensett were Larry Borchert, Dennis Kruger, Kerry Knapp, Jean Jaspers, Lois Medlang, Mary Perkins, Margaret Hagen and Janice Julseth.

A float depicting a church session decades ago set the theme for the Centennial observance of the Northwood United Methodist Church. "Preacher" Harold Sawin gave a message to a congregation of adults and children, while Mrs. Florence Ness accompanied them at a pump organ in their gospel singing.

Members of the Northwood Park Board said that several baseball uniforms for pee wee and midgets are needed. Merchants who are interested may buy the suits and have the name of their firm stitched on the back for about $18.

The St. Answer FFA chapter exhibited 110 hogs at the Iowa State Fair to win the Supreme Market Exhibitors Award. The 21 members won 35 blue and 18 red ribbons. Jeff Gordon exhibited the first place Duroc Pen of market hogs.

Viking coach Bob Perry has nine returning lettermen as a nucleus for the 1970 football team with Jerry Jaspers, Steve Geerlings, Scott Roppe, Mark Millard, John Anderson, Gary Estes, Jim Anderson, David Halland and Greg Hanson. Perry said he thought the conference might be a toss-up this year, with Forest City having a slight edge. The Vikings open at St. Answer on September 11. A total of 48 boys have reported for practice.

25 years ago

September 6, 1995

Northwood-Kensett elementary teacher Nancy Hodson and elementary principal Julie Hansen shepherded a group of N-K kindergarteners through the East Elementary School door at the end of their first day of school.

Northwood model Carrie Estes found herself in the middle of a crowd during a photo shoot, which was used in a Des Moines police department benefit poster.

Cheerleaders for the fall sports season at Northwood-Kensett high, Abby Flo, Jana Patterson, Stacy Snyder, Katie Pixley, Jennifer Bugge, Sara Rosch and Betsy Mellem.

Truman and Lorraine Julseth will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, September 10, 1995, from 2-4 p.m. at Kuennen's Quarry in the shelter house.

Army National Guard Pvt. Donald C. Juenger has entered basic training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instructions in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations. Juenger is the son of Marie E. Juenger and stepson of Maurice D. Juenger of Carpenter.

Arlene Kuennen drove to Fort Atkinson to attend the funeral service of her aunt Della Huber, 95, who died at the Hospice in Ossian, Iowa. Arlene spent the Labor Day weekend with Allan and Marian Kuennen in Hudson, Iowa.

10 years ago

September 8, 2010

One activity that hasn't changed much over the years is fishing off of the car bridge entering Swensrud Park in Northwood. A group of Northwood boys were pictured relaxing on a late August day, with hopes of catching a trophy fish whether it be a bullhead, a northern or a carp.

In the 1950s Northwood celebrated Viking Days. Recently the children of Johnny van Der Linden, who was a co-owner of the Northwood Anchor during that time, found a series of colored slides and sent them to the Northwood Anchor. Jane Podgorniak, publisher of the Anchor, recently had those slides scanned and was surprised at the quality and uniqueness of the event.

The Northwood-Kensett FFA Chapter wrapped Central Avenue light poles with corn stalks again this year for decorations. The corn stalks add a touch of fall decor for Northwood's Founders Day activities. Businesses and organizations have been asked to decorate the group of stalks and the best decorators will receive prizes, announced at the Founders Day activities.

Northwood-Kensett High School held its first Quiz Bowl of the school year last August 31, hosting six area schools. The students buzzed in to answer a wide variety of quiz questions. The top scoring N-K team consisted of Dee Dee Dokken, Rosita Casino, Blair Nelson and Jayde Hapgood.



Putting on a fresh coat

The stripes, lines and arrows painted on Highway 65 through Northwood got a touch up recently as Iowa Department of Transportation crews moved along the highway.

Storm
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Governor Reynolds swift financial help and was personally surprised to hear of the devastation of the storm. Senator Grassley stated he'd farmed for over 50 years and hadn't seen crop damage such as this.

This strange phenomenon of nature will result in years of rebuilding, growth and endurance in an effort to return to near normal existence again.

The people who lived through the storm will never forget the generosity of friends, neighbors, family and strangers who helped them in the aftermath. Many volunteers, professionals and organizations also assisted to help bring order into a chaotic situation. I am sure that many folks have their own personal stories of neighbors and friends who pooled their resources and survival skills to get them through this once-in-a-lifetime storm.

Krull-Boutelle passes away on August 31

Thelma Krull-Boutelle, 95, of Northwood passed away peacefully on Monday, August 31, 2020, at her home.

Arrangements are pending with Conner Colonial Chapel.

MercyOne North Iowa welcomes new faces

Lindsey Faber, Certified Nurse Midwife joins MercyOne North Iowa Obstetrics and Gynecology. Faber, who is dually certified as a certified nurse midwife and women's health nurse practitioner, attended the University of Iowa College of Nursing and furthered her education at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where she received her certification as a nurse midwife. Faber's most recent position was at MercyOne North Iowa where she worked as a charge nurse in the Birth Center. "My work as a midwife allows me the unique opportunity to serve women in their health care needs across their entire lifespan," said Faber. "I love building individual relationships and am able to center care around each person's distinct needs. I enjoy meeting women at clinic visits providing screenings and diagnostic care, but also working with them in the inpatient setting and witnessing the entrance of new life."



LISA QUIDLEY



JOHN LEE

Lisa Quigley, ARNP joins MercyOne Mercy-One Center for Diabetes, Endocrinology, Kidney and Weight Loss. Quigley of Fredericksburg, Iowa graduated from Chamberlain College of Nursing in Addison, Illinois in 2017 and most recently worked as an ARNP at Unity Point in Waterloo, Iowa. Additionally, Lisa brings over 14 years of registered nurse experience in acute care, emergency care and geriatric care to MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center. Quigley found the love of taking care of others at a young age after she had a near death experience. Thereafter, making a difference in the lives of others became her passion. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, traveling and reading. Quidley is excited to continue her career as an ARNP at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center. She will work directly with Dr. Thangaraj and Dr. Hong in Kidney Center. To learn more about Lisa Quigley, ARNP visit www.mercyone.org/northiowa/provider/lisa-quigley-arnp-nephrology

John Lee, DO joins MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center. Dr. John Lee will work in the lab specializing in Surgical Pathology and Cytopathology. Lee originally from Mason City, started his medical journey at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC); he then earned his bachelor's degree at South Dakota State University where he studied Chemistry. In 2015 he graduated medical school at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. John completed his pathology residency in June 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. Dr. John Lee's interest in medicine began at a young age as he watched his father practice medicine as a physician. During school he enjoyed science - particularity chemistry and working in the lab. When he was in medical school he gravitated towards pathology because it gave him the opportunity to help people and provide patient care while being able to work in the lab. Lee is excited to start his career in his home town of Mason City and serve the North Iowa Community. To learn more about John Lee, DO visit www.mercyone.org/northiowa/provider/john-lee-do-anatomic-pathology-disease-diagnosis



HEIDI SMITH

Heidi Smith, ARNP has joined the Medical Oncology team at MercyOne North Iowa Cancer Center. This expert cancer care team offers patients the most sophisticated oncology care; including state-of-the-art radiation therapy, immunotherapy, chemotherapy, personalized medicine and surgery in combination with a survivorship program, a comprehensive breast center, genetic counseling and many support services. Smith received her education from Clarkson College and Creighton University School of Nursing in Omaha, NE. After 18 years as a nurse, Smith became an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP). She looks forward to helping cancer patients and their families navigate their cancer diagnosis and treatments. She also feels fortunate that patients allow her to be on this journey with them. MercyOne North Iowa Cancer Center is dedicated to providing a safe environment for patients and colleagues. We have implemented numerous precautions and safe practice guidelines. We are adhering to all CDC guidelines including social distancing, mandatory masks for everyone over two years of age and using increased cleaning procedures.

Another successful tournament

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

It was another successful Jerry Olson-Worth Mutual-NVFD Golf Tournament a few weeks ago with a total of 6,532.29 raised and donated to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Taking the title this year was the trio of Jayson Olson, Trent Midtgaard and Tyler Julseth who shot a 64, beating the next three teams by just one stroke. Taking the second, third and fourth place slots with identical scores of 65 were the teams of Andy Julseth, Bryan Odegaard and Mark Severson, Brad Miller, Bill Miller and Bud Halverson and Kyle Hebrink, Brad Helgeson and Chris Helgeson.

Longest drive of the day for the women went to Amber Julseth while the mens award went to Mitch Hanson. Longest putt was sunk by Vance Helgland on the eighth green.

A special thanks to the following people and businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes; Worth Lumber, Kent Nitcher, ADA, Denny and Val Paulson, Kris Woltzen, Julie Robb, Jennifer Wahl, Sherry Olson, Kim Hennigar, Mariah Ballantyne, Tiffany Tiedemann, Val Foss, Mary Reyerson, Comfort Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn & Suites, Shade Tree Liquors, Mortenson Construction, Peterson Excavating, Kris Gordon,



Winners of this years Jerry Olson-Worth Mutual-NVFD Golf Tournament were Trent Midtgaard, Jayson Olson and Tyler Julseth. The trio edged out second place by one stroke, winning with a score of 64.

NSB Bank, Van Butler Construction, Trading Post, TruStile, and Kelly's True value and Knudtson Automotive Services donated 335.00 from the chipping game. Also a big thank you to Worth Mutual Insurance who proudly donates money for all flight payouts and check-in gifts for the past 28 years.

Worth County recognized for Wind Energy Leadership

Iowa has many achievements to celebrate at the local, state, and national levels as Governor Kim Reynolds proclaimed last week American Wind Week. Ranked first in the nation for percentage of electricity generated by wind, Iowa once again surfaces in the national spotlight for its clean energy leadership. The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) recognized Governor Reynolds with the 2020 U.S. Wind Champion Award during recent a virtual event and also recognized Worth County for its local leadership. This marked the launch of the Iowa Wind County Seal Program and the first time that AWEA has selected Governors to receive the honor among the select group of bipartisan leaders who embrace a forward-thinking approach to energy policy.

"The wind industry is critical to Iowa's continued economic development, employing nearly 10,000 Iowans and providing affordable, reliable energy to all," said Governor Kim Reynolds. "We are proud to be a leader in harnessing wind energy, making up 42% of our in-state electricity generation. I am honored to receive AWEA's Wind Champion Award and look forward to further developing this Iowa industry."

But it's not only the state's top leader that has made Iowa a success story – many counties across the state, including Worth County, have harnessed the power of wind energy as an opportunity to stimulate their local communities.

AWEA, in conjunction with Governor Reynolds, launched the Iowa Wind County Seal Program in which eighteen counties were awarded with a gold, silver, or bronze seal in recognition of their leadership to embrace the wind industry and the economic benefits it has to offer. The following counties seized on the opportunity to be a part of wind energy's success and are building the future through job creation, power generation, and education.

Gold county seal recipients: Cass, Emmett, Ida, Jasper, Lee, Mitchell, O'Brien

Silver county seal recipients: Buena Vista, Carroll, Cherokee, Grundy, Linn, Marshall, Osceola, Sac, Story, Worth

Bronze county seal recipient: Fayette

As wind energy continues to grow across the state and the country, Worth County is helping lead the charge on educating future generations. Wind farms serve as a much-needed cash crop for rural communities in Iowa, providing $69 million in annual land lease payments and generating $61 million in state and local tax payments in 2019 alone, spurring development of schools, infrastructure, and public safety. Now representing Iowa's largest source of electricity generation, wind projects have also attracted nearly $19 billion dollars in investments.

Supervisors

August 24, 2020
Thirty-fifth 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 the August 24, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the August 17, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to accept the Engineer's plans for Project bid letting for DD #13/Lat #3 and DD #46/Lat 9 and set the bid letting date of September 14 at 9:30 A.M. for DD #13/Lat # and 9:45 A.M. for DD #46/Lat 9.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to engage Bolton & Menk Inc to prepare an Engineer's report on the private drainage district located in Sections 17, 20, 21, 28 & 29, Township 98 North Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian 11,000 Ln. feet of Ditch for 1,273 acres in Worth County, Iowa.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve claims in the amount of $478,808.59 as per the following schedule:

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Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 6,405.87
All Flags, Llc
Supplies-Vaf 43.65
Alliant Energy
Service-Soc 263.36
Alpha Graphics Of North Liberty, Supplies-Aud 3,955.00
Ameripride Services Inc
Service-Eng 193.78
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf 44.95
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 1,131.57
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Con 180.21
Cemstone Concrete Materials, Llc
Supplies-Eng 3,020.10
Centec Cast Metal Products
Supplies-Vaf 140.10
Centurylink
Service-911 ..... 352.08
City Of Fertile
Service-Eng 74.11
City Of Northwood
Service-Con 53.00
Connie Hickle
Service-Rec 30.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Phd 45.00
D & L Equipment
Service-Con 5,370.84
Diamond Mowers Inc
Supplies-Con 749.05
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng 29,430.67
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf 505.25
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng 119.22
Greve Law Office
Copies-Aty 80.50
Heartland Paper Company
Supplies-Gsr 157.11
Hotsy Equipment
Supplies-Shf 287.05
Ia Division Of Labor Service
Service-Gsr 80.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy, Edu-Shf 150.00
Ia Secretary Of State
Fee-Aud 965.65
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 620.20
Isac, Edu-Aud 50.00
J & J Machining Welding & Fabricating
Service-Eng 900.56
J & J Medical
Supplies-Shf 330.00
Jessica Reyerson
Reimb-Phd 50.00
Jim Hunt Electric Llc
Service-Ema 940.03
John Deere Financial
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Johnson Vinyl Graphics
Service-Ema 70.00
Kelly Hardware
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Kirschbaum Elec & Plumbing
Service-Con 80.00
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc, Service-Gsr 587.09
Lawson Products Inc
Parts-Eng 102.63
Legislative Services Agency
Supplies-Shf 100.00
Lexisnexis
Service-Aty 171.00
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup 479.74
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr 746.51
Martin Marietta Materials Inc, Supplies-Eng 116.03
Matt Parrott/Storey Kenworthy, Supplies-Aud 1,182.50
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health
Service-Eng 186.00
Midwest Pipe Supply Inc
Supplies-Eng 178.43
Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Equip-Eng 316,574.00
Niacog, Service-Tra 3,842.55
No Ia Juvenile Detention
Service-Juj 125.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Sup 655.74
Northwood Chiropractic, Pc
Service-Shf 115.00
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Parts-Eng 491.43
Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt 16,389.00
Pinnacle Quality Insight
Service-Phd 154.50
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Con 82.00
Popp Farm Drainage
Service-Eng 489.25
Reindl Repair
Service-Phd 32.74
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 574.60
Schneider Geospatial, Llc
Service-Dap 1,718.00
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies 136.75
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Waste Management Of Iowa Inc, Service-Sdp 2,650.00
Watson & Ryan, Plc
Service-Asr 3,012.50
Windstream
Service-Eng 14.87
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Eng 3,252.05
Worth County P H Petty Cash, Postage-San 59.50
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Eng 48.48
Xerox Corporation
Service-Dap 39.19
Grand Total 478,808.59

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve salary changes for Marilyn Stayner to $21.59/hour, David Reyerson to $56,172.36/year, Bryon Olson to $56,172.36/year and Lisa Boeckholt at $19.66/hour as submitted by the sheriff's department.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve a fireworks permit for Jim Hanson located at the John Tenold residence at 4356 Wheelerwood Road on August 29th.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from Johnson South by Michael Johnson for facility #67913 located in Section 13 of Mount Valley Township, Winnebago County.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:29 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, August 31, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Iowa Northern Railway Company plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2.

The storm water discharge will be from Grading of New Railraod Yard located in SE and NE of Section 9-T98N-R20W.

Storm water will be discharged from 2 point sources and will be discharged to the following streams: Local drainageway.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009224
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL L. SCHNEIDER, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carl L. Schneider, Deceased, who died on or about July 9, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on August 14, 2020, the last will and testament of Carl L. Schneider, deceased, bearing date of March 24, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that John C. Schneider was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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 of 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 August 27, 2020.

John C. Schneider
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Executor of the Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: AT0003086
Greve Law Office
736 Central Ave.
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for the Executor

Date of second publication 9th day of September, 2020.

36-2t

Teachers union files suit to stop in-person learning enforcement

Last week, the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) joined the Iowa City Community School District in filing a lawsuit against Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education (DOE), alleging her actions restricted choices of Iowa school districts.

The ISEA is a state union whose members include teachers at the Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs schools in Worth County.

The lawsuit calls into question the governor's and DOE's interpretation of Senate File 2310, in which the Iowa legislature laid out requirements for learning during the current pandemic. The lawsuit references the part of SF2310 that says in-person learning is the "presumed method" of instruction. The DOE and governor have interpreted that as having students in schools at least 50% of time. Any less and the instruction time does not county towards the hours that districts are required to provide in a school year.

In their suit the ISEA and Iowa City district claim that Reynolds and the DOE do not have the authority in forcing Iowa school districts to require in-person 50% in-person, as that is not the precise language of SF2310.

In the suit the ISEA and school district also claim that Reynolds is not upholding her duty to protect the health and safety of Iowans by putting teachers' health in jeopardy during a pandemic.

The lawsuit also alleges that the actions of the governor and DOE are circumventing Iowa school districts' authority to decide when they should close for the safety of their students, staff and community.

In the lawsuit, the ISEA and Iowa City district are asking the court to stop the governior's office and DOE from enforcing their orders and guidance, as mentioned above.

The DOE and governor's office had not responded to the lawsuit as of press time.

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Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

SFS Fertilizer, LLC plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit. General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities.

The storm water discharge will be from Grading field to change slope located in NE, 11, 99, 20, W, Worth.

Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source and will be discharged to the following streams: Shell Rock River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 8/24/20 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of 8/10/20. Unam.

Motion to approve Fall Clean-Up Days for October 14-17, 2020. Appliances will be accepted and stickers will be sold for $20.00. Ayes: George-Zenz, Nerlien, Tenold, Meyer. Nay: Reeder. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

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Five-state region results in joint effort to reduce excessive speeding

In July 2020, State Patrol agencies in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska joined forces to address the dangerous trend states are seeing with drivers traveling at excessive speeds, and to encourage drivers to take personal responsibility to keep roadways safe. The five State Patrols issued more than 33,000 speeding citations and removed 1,264 impaired drivers from the region's roadways.

In Iowa alone, Iowa State Patrol Troopers issued 7,809 speeding citations, 114 impaired driving and 686 seat belt citations.

Summer is a high-traffic volume month for the Midwest and across the country with an increase in road trips, especially now in a year shaped by the current public health emergency.

"These traffic trends are alarming and unprecedented," said Iowa State Patrol Colonel Nathan Fulk. "High speeds are not only making our Iowa roadways less safe on a daily basis for all of us, but speeding is one of the leading contributing factors in fatality crashes. We need motorists to understand that this type of driving behavior is not the new normal."

Since January 2020, the Iowa State Patrol has seen a 113% increase in citations issued (780) for speeds exceeding 100 mph over the four-year average, and a 70% increase in citations issued for speeds of 25 mph or more over the posted speed limit (2,119).

The region seeks to reduce the number of speed-related crashes each year. In 2018, the region saw 683 speed-related deaths or 28% of those killed in regional traffic crashes. As traffic returns to its normal rate, it is important to continue safe driving practices. Everyone has a role to play in promoting traffic safety on our roads and in our neighborhoods.

To see an additional message from NHTSA Deputy Administrator, James Owens, about the rising dangers of speeding, visit bit.ly/SpeedAdvisorySpot. For more information on the risks involving speeding, visit www.nhtsa.gov/speeding.

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