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Briefs

Flu vaccinations available at WCPH

Worth County Public Health is once again offering flu vaccinations, via drive up, at its office in Northwood.

WCPH is offering flu shot and mist vaccinations by appointment only, at its office at 95 Ninth Street N. Shots are available to those six months and older. The flu mist is available for those ages 19-49.

At the time of an appointment, those being vaccinated should park in front of the WCPH office entrance and remain in their vehicle. A staff member will come out to the vehicle and a nurse will administer the vaccination in the vehicle.

Masks are recommended. People should bring their own pen to fill out paperwork. Those that would like to have the vaccination billed to Medicare or Medicaid should bring their card. For others, the cost is $25.

Those that would like to schedule a flu vaccination may call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vaccination appointments are available from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Vaccinations are available while supplies last.

WCHS meets October 20

The Worth County Historical Society will meet at the Community Room in Grafton on Tuesday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. Oct. 6	79	46	
Wed. Oct. 7	75	45	
Thurs. Oct. 8	72	38	
Fri. Oct. 9	83	55	
Sat. Oct. 10	72	46	
Sun. Oct. 11	79	50	
Mon. Oct. 12	69	42	0.18



Fire Prevention Week

Northwood-Kensett Elementary students ended last week's Fire Prevention Week with a visit from the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. Some students met on the playground for an open air, socially distant discussion of various ways to stay safe in a fire. The kindergarten class got to take a look at NVFC outside of their classroom. See more pictures on page 12.

County supervisor Ken Abrams dies at age 77



KEN ABRAMS

On Monday, October 5, Worth County supervisor Ken Abrams died at the age of 77 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

At the time of his death, Abrams was serving his 14th year as a Worth County supervisor, including terms from 2002-2006 and from 2010 to the present day.

Abrams was somewhat unusual as he sought the opportunity to serve in government, being elected as an independent and also representing both major political parties.

In his first election for supervisor, in 2002, he ran as an independent and was elected to the office.

In 2010, Abrams ran a write-in campaign for both parties prior to that year's primary election and received more write-in votes than any other candidate for the Democratic nomination. He appeared on ballots in that year's general election as the Democratic party's nominee and returned to the office of supervisor.

In 2014, he ran in the primary as the incumbent representing the Republican party and was re-elected. He was elected again in 2018 representing the Republican Party.

In his role as supervisor, Abrams represented Worth County on area and state groups and agencies, including recent years, where he took a particular interest in working to realign mental health regions to provide better access for Worth County residents.

Abrams was also a founding member of the WCDA as the casino opened, and served on

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Supervisor vacancy to be filled in March election

With the passing of Ken Abrams last week, there is a vacancy on the Worth County Board of Supervisors. That left a committee of County officials to determine the method by which the position would be filled.

Per Iowa code, a committee consisting of the county auditor, recorder and treasurer has one of two choices to fill a supervisor vacancy. The committee can either appoint a new supervisor or call for a special election to be held.

Auditor Jacki Backhaus, recorder Teresa Olson and trea-

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Northwood's clean up days start today

Northwood's annual Clean Up Days began today, Wednesday, October 14, and continue through this Saturday, October 17.

The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items. Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Appliances will be accepted with a sticker, available at Northwood City Hall for $20.

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.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers

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Absentee voting open

Absentee voting is open and voter registration deadlines are approaching for the November 3 general election.

Absentee voting in the Worth County Auditor's office continues through November 2. Curbside assistance will also be available in the north parking lot of the court house by calling the auditor's office.

For those looking to vote absentee at the auditor's office, regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The auditor's office will also be open on Saturday, October 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This date is also the deadline to register and be listed in the Election Day registers. It is also the deadline to request that the auditor mail out absentee ballots.

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One charged, one wanted for stolen signs

One juvenile has been charged and a warrant was issued for an adult recently following the theft of political signs.

According to a release from the Worth County Sheriff's Office, on September 29, the WCSO received complaints about political signs being stolen in Northwood and in Worth County.

Following an investigation, the WCSO charged one juvenile with theft in the fifth degree, criminal mischief and trespassing.

A warrant was also issued for the arrest of a 20-year-old male related to the investigation.



Banking on the activity center

Last week NSB Bank made a contribution to the Vikings Activity Center as fundraising continues with construction set to begin in 2021 and support needed for the finishing touches. Pictured accepting the contribution are VAC committee members (from left) Bradley Christianson and Amber Julseth, presented by NSB Bank vice president Andy Julseth and executive vice president Aaron Carman.

Vikings improve playoff position — See Sports Page 5

Supervisors discuss options to support industrial expansion

The Worth County supervisors recently discussed options to provide an incentive that would allow an industrial expansion near Manly.

At their meeting on October 5, the supervisors discussed Sukup Manufacturing's plan to expand their facilities in the rail loop north of Manly.

As Sukup pursues that expansion, the company plans to apply for the Iowa Economic Development Authority's High Quality Jobs Program (HQPA). The program provides tax credits to businesses developing projects that will add new jobs.

However, to qualify for the program, businesses like Sukup have to show local government investment before the IEDA will consider its own contribution.

For information on ways the County could provide an incentive, the supervisors turned to Joe Myhre, executive director of the North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG).

Myhre outlined three options for the supervisors to consider for financial incentives, should they choose to provide one.

One option would be to pass an ordinance to incorporate an incentive through Iowa Code 427B, which allows counties to provide property tax exemptions in zoned areas of the county.

While the area Sukup would expand in is not a zoned area of Worth County, the City of Manly has extended its zoning to two miles beyond its city limits, as allowed by state law. That zoning extension would include areas that Sukup would expand on, and would make the area qualify for 427B exemptions.

Under the code, Sukup, and any other industrial zoned business adding taxable value qualifies for declining exemptions on that added value. That starts with a 75% exemption in the first year, down to 15% in the fifth and final year.

If the supervisors pass an ordinance to institute this incentive, any industrial expansion within two miles of Manly, in the three zoned townships along Interstate 35 or in cities that have zoning could apply for the tax exemptions.

Another financial incentive would be a revitalization tax incentive.

The supervisors would institute a revitalization program that would set a schedule for tax abatements that could be more generous than the 427B option.

Again, this program would be open to any commercial or industrial applicant, should the supervisors choose.

A third option would be a tax increment financing (TIF) rebate agreement.

Under that option, the County would rebate taxes that would be collected on the increased value the completed project would bring in.

In each case, the County would be foregoing or returning property taxes on the expansion. The estimated annual value, based on the planned expansion was roughly $10,000 annually.

At their meeting on October 12, the supervisors approved their involvement in Sukup's application, which is expected to be reviewed by the IEDA this week.

The supervisors also indicated that they planned to pursue the revitalization program option. That will take several weeks to complete publication and public hearings.

An IEDA official said that the Sukup award could be approved contingent on the County's support. Sukup could then begin its initial site preparations before a County program is in place.

Pregnancy and infant loss memorial service held Oct. 15

MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, in partnership with Fullerton Funeral Home, will hold its annual memorial service for families who have experienced a pregnancy and infant loss.

The memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Fullerton Funeral Home located at 123 Second Street S.E. in Mason City.

Following the memorial service, an inurnment prayer will take place at Lullaby Lane in Elmwood Cemetery, located at 1224 S. Washington Avenue in Mason City.

Anyone who has experienced a loss at any gestation and at any time, even prior to this past year, is welcome to attend.

Event attendees will be required to wear a face mask and social distancing measures will be practiced.

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will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

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

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open today Wednesday, October 14, and Friday, October 16, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; tomorrow, Thursday, October 15, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and this Saturday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The City will pick up brush trimmings in the following weeks.

More information is by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075. Those that need assistance may also call City Hall.

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

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

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

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

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The auditor's office will also be open on Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for voter registration, in-person voting and returning absentee ballots.

On Monday, November 2, the auditor's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for voter registration, in-person voting and returning absentee ballots.

On Tuesday, November 3, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. absentee voters may return their absentee ballot to the auditor's office.

For those who would rather vote from home, Saturday, October 24 is the last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed out.

The Voter's Affidavit on the return envelope must be signed before returning the envelope. Mailed in ballots must be postmarked by midnight the day prior to the election, on November 2, or dropped off at the auditor's office before the polls close on Election Day, November 3.

New for this election, an election drop box has been installed inside the Sheriff's entrance to the courthouse for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week convenience.

Anyone with election questions may contact the Auditor's office at 641-324-2316.

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the WCDA board for several years following, including time spent as the group's president.

Abrams was a lifelong resident of Worth County, attending country school in the Deer Creek area and graduating from Northwood High School and the Hamilton Business School.

He then went on to serve in the U.S. Navy for over 25 years.

Ken moved back to Northwood and Worth County to work with his dad at Abrams Drainage Service until Ken took over the business in 1974. After 30 years, Ken passed the family business to the next generation with his son, Matt.

Abrams' experience in the business proved a valuable asset as the supervisors' role as drainage district trustees became more prominent in recent years.

Besides his service in the Navy, and as Worth County supervisor, Abrams also served his church as a board member, as a member and president of the Northwood Lions Clubs and on the boards of several professional and service organizations.

As several of his colleagues in Worth County have noted in different ways, his experience was invaluable, his service to his community was appreciated and both will be missed.

See Abrams' obituary on page 9.

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surer Jake Hanson have decided that a special election will be held to fill the District 3 supervisor seat.

District 3 includes Grove, Hartland and nine sections in the northwest corner of Deer Creek Township. That includes the city of Northwood.

The next available date for a special election would be Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

As that date approaches, the County will share information about how District 3 candidates and voters may participate in the election.

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From barn to home to event center, Winan Creek ready for celebrations

By JoAnn Lower

This is a story about Angie Lester, guidance counselor at Clear Lake's Middle School, and her husband Mike, Clear Lake's Middle School principal. Their daughters are Piper, a seventh grader, and Josie, an eighth grader.

Something you may not know about Angie is that she has always loved barns.

"A high school friend of mine lived in a barn, and I knew that someday I wanted to live in a barn."

In 2016 Angie's wish was coming true when she and Mike purchased a barn on Winan Creek and slowly began making it into a house – until one day they switched gears.

That's the day a coworker asked Mike if he could use the barn for his daughter's wedding. At the same time he thought it a good idea to turn the barn into a wedding/event center.

"He reminded us that there's nothing like a real barn available," Mike said. "So I talked to Angie that night, and we decided to go with it."

And, go with it they did. The barn that nearly became a house is now a wedding/event center. Nestled next to a beautiful stretch of Winan Creek, the barn has already witnessed the weddings of nine brides and grooms since the end of July.

Its large capacity holds up to 330 people inside, 140 outside. Glass barn doors, patio lighting across each wing and lights around all the beams creates a magical mood.

"Every love story is beautiful, every wedding memorable," smiles Angie, whose passion it is to plan and decorate and whose father does much of the officiating.

"My goal is to make sure each couple's special day is stress free, and I so enjoy watching each couple's reaction at seeing their dream sitting there in front of them."

A grand opening of the Winan Creek Barn at 708 342nd Street, Hanlontown, will be held this Saturday, October 17, with drawings for discounts and an opportunity to tour this uniquely beautiful facility.

For more information about the shuttle or 2-day or 3-day packages, contact Angie Lester at 641-529-2520 or Mike Lester at 641-529-3067.





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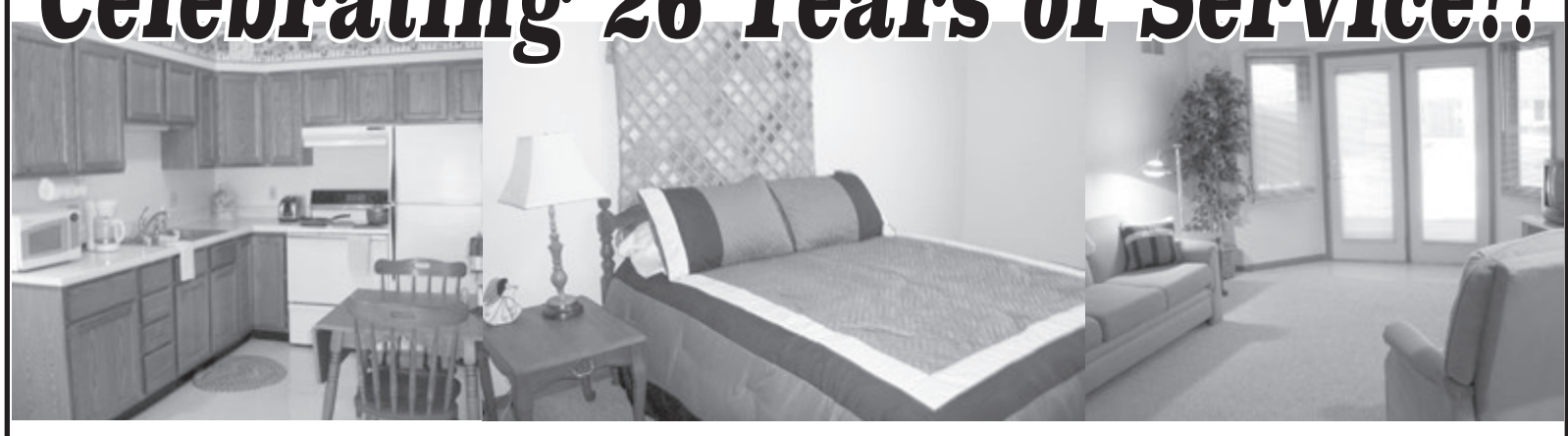
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COVID rates up slightly

Following a small uptick in COVID-19 cases, Worth County's case rates fluctuated slightly.

At press time on October 12, Worth County's percentage of positive cases out of those tested was down, while the 14 day trend was up from the previous week.

As of press time on Monday, October 12, the number of COVID-19 cases was 119.

Since the last time the Anchor and Signal shared figures, from October 5, COVID-19 cases in Worth County have increased 4 from 115.

A total of 1,838 Worth County residents have been tested for COVID-19. With 119 confirmed, that makes a current positivity rate of 6.5%, down from 6.6% last week.

Meanwhile, the 14 day positivity rate in Worth County increased to 4.7%, up from 4.6% on October 5. That number is one of the considerations for Iowa schools as they decide if they need to take additional precautions.

A rate of 4.7% means that Northwood-Kensett remains in the category of minimal transmission, in the range where schools are recommended to use basic COVID-19 safety measures.

Central Springs falls within three other counties. Amongst those, the highest 14-day rate was in Floyd County, with 7.6%, in the minimal to moderate range. That range brings additional restrictions on gatherings and events. The lowest rate for CS counties was 3.7% in Mitchell County.

Of the cases currently confirmed in Worth County, 18 are in those 0-17 (up 2), 52 (up 1) in the 18-40 age group, 33 (up 1) in those 41-60, 14 in those 61-80 and 2 over the age of 80.

In Worth County, there are 96 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 23 potentially remaining active.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 4,420 cases, as of Monday, including 367 in Winnebago, 250 in Hancock, 1,181 in Cerro Gordo, 393 in Floyd and 210 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 590 in Freeborn and 1,429 in Mower 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.



An eventful delivery

TUNE had some special helpers recently as they unloaded 400 chairs and 48 tables that will be placed inside "The Timbers," the name of Northwood's new events center, made from the former Northwood Lumber building. Pictured are (in front, from left) Emma Logeman, Madelyn Berge, Kael Julseth, Dalton Logeman, Casson Moretz, (in back) Cary VanVeldhuizen and Brian Schutz.

Iowa COVID-19 utility disruption prevention program announced

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) recently announced the launch of the new Residential Utility Disruption Prevention Program.

The program will provide eligible households with up to $2,000 towards electric, natural gas and water bills if they are at risk of disconnection due to an inability to pay due to a COVID-19 related loss of income. Payments through the program will be made directly to utility providers and applied to the applicant's account.

"We are facing an unprecedented pandemic and from the very beginning the state has made it a priority to provide critical assistance to families, farmers, renters, homeowners, and small business owners," said Reynolds. "For Iowans who lost their job or saw their paycheck shrink as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Residential Utility Disruption Prevention Program will help them keep the power on and their water running."

The state allocated approximately $14.5 million of federal CARES Act funds for utility assistance programs (the Small Business Utility Disruption Prevention Program launched in mid-July). To be eligible to receive assistance, a residential electric, natural gas and/or water utility customer must have:

• A primary Iowa residence with active residential utility accounts, renters may apply as long as the utility account is in the applicant's name;

• An unpaid utility bill balance or have previously entered into a payment plan with their utility provider;

• An annual income that is 80% of the median family income, based on county and household size

• Experienced a COVID-19 loss of income (job loss, reduction in hours, reduction in pay) on or after March 17, 2020, that resulted in hardship in paying bills for electric, natural gas, and/or water utility service provided between March 17, 2020, and October 31, 2020.

"Iowans, especially our low-income citizens have been greatly impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said IEDA and Iowa Finance Authority Director Debi Durham. "We are proud to make available this program offering to help our most vulnerable maintain critical utility services."

A full list of eligibility requirements, additional information and ways to apply can be found by visiting iowahousingrecovery.com.

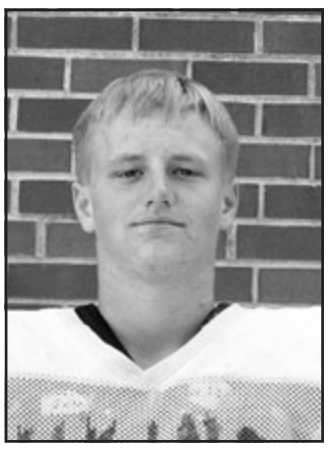
Applications will be accepted between October 8 and November 20, 2020, or until funding is depleted, whichever comes first.

Assistance will be awarded based on application completeness and eligibility in order received until all funds have been exhausted.



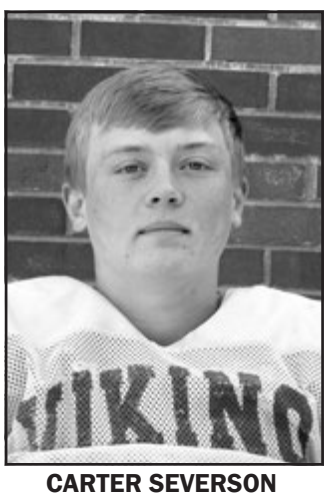


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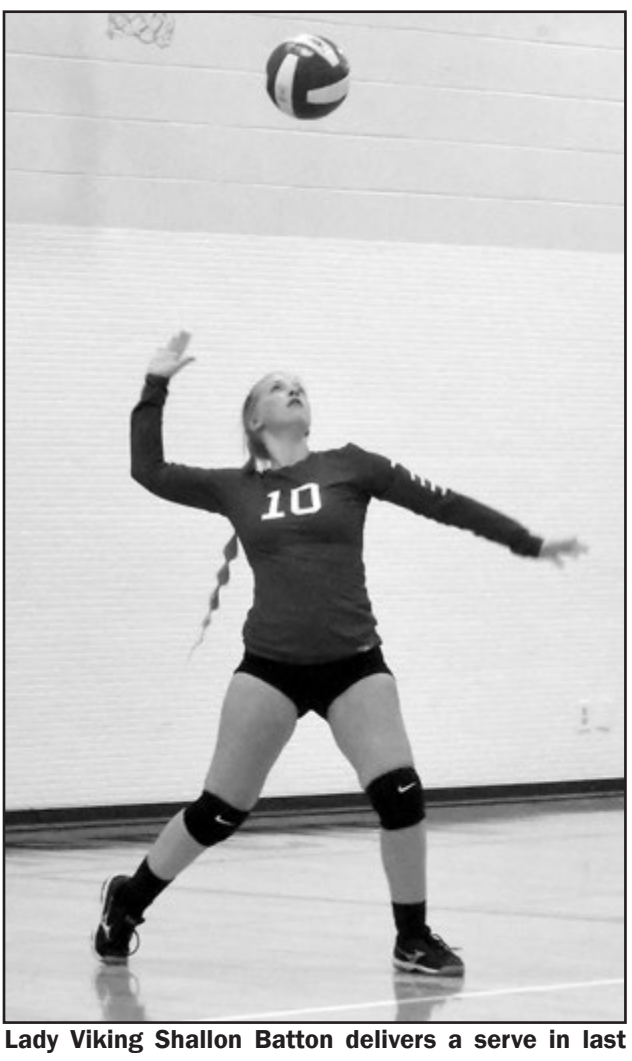
Stat of the Week: *The Vikings offense has been firing on all cylinders the past few weeks, racking up 196 points in the last three games, all wins. That success is tied to the quarterback, Kael Julseth. The talented senior, in last Friday night's 70-21 win over Central Elkader, threw for two touchdowns on just three attempts, giving him a passer rating of 314.4. Julseth now has four touchdowns on the year with no interceptions, giving him a passer rating NFL Hall of Famers would die for at 164.2.*



CARTER SEVERSON

Stat of the Week: *N-K's Carter Severson is a man of few words on or off the field. It seems that he prefers to let his game do the talking, at least on Friday nights. The talented senior's fingerprints were all the Vikings' 70-21 win over Central Elkader, rushing the ball for 40 yards and one touchdown while adding another 52 yards through the air and another touchdown. Severson also had an interception, three tackles and two kick returns, for an average of 26.5 yards each.*

Lady Vikings fall to No. 1 (3A) Osage in three sets



Lady Viking Shallon Batton delivers a serve in last Tuesday night's 3-0 (5-25, 8-25, 14-25) loss to No. 1 (3A) Osage. Batton was 3-3 on the night and has faced the pressure of the service line with coolness and composure this season, going 18-19 on the year and boasting the top percentage on the team at 94.7 percent.

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

As if the last few weeks weren't difficult enough with having to face Central Springs and Saint Ansgar, who boast a combined record of 33-14, but to top it all off the Northwood-Kensett volleyball team last Tuesday night had to face its biggest challenge yet when it hosted class 3A's No. 1 team, the Green Devils of Osage (25-2).

To say things didn't go well might be an understatement as the Lady Vikings dropped the match in three sets, 25-5, 25-8 and 25-14. Having said that though, the night wasn't as bad as the score suggests.

"They're a great team and I think we were a little shell shocked by just how good they really are," said Lady Vikings head coach Heather Rheingans.



N-K's Carly Hengesteg tries to score the point against Osage defenders in last Tuesday's 3-0 loss in Northwood. Hengesteg, for the year, has 10 kills and 45 digs and she's 36-46 at the service line.

If shell shocked means falling behind 15-1 in the first set, then yes, the Lady Vikings were shell shocked, finally falling 25-5 in that first set.

In the second set N-K once again fell behind early, trailing 10-1 and 20-5 before losing the second set 25-8.

But following that trend, despite the lopsided losses, the Lady Vikings did make progress with each set they played, eventually losing the third and final set 25-14.

"With as good as they are, this is kind of what we expected, but we're pretty happy with the way we played," Rheingans said. "We set some small goals for the night and we met or exceeded those, so despite the loss we're not disappointed at all at losing to Osage."

With the Green Devils' big front line they effectively eliminated N-K's big hitters. The team combined for only five kills, one each by Madelyn Berge, Brylee Hoeppner, Carly Hengesteg, Ruthie Conlin and Addy Bachtle.

With the loss to Osage the Lady Vikings are now 3-6 overall and 2-6 in the Top of Iowa Conference East.

N-K wrapped up regular season play on Tuesday night when it hosted North Iowa for the season finale and will start class 1A, region six regional play on Monday when it faces the 18-4 Saints, who are ranked No. 9.

TIC East Standings

		Overall	TIC East
1.	Osage	25-2	8-0
2.	Saint Ansgar	18-4	7-1
3.	North Butler	17-4	6-2
4.	Central Springs	13-10	5-3
5.	MC Newman	9-12	3-5
6.	Nashua-Plainfield	10-15	4-4
7.	Northwood-Kensett	3-6	2-6
8.	West Fork	3-13	1-7
9.	RRMR	1-19	0-8

Ocel places fourth, Moore and Hanneman secure spots in top 15

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Iowa high school cross country season is slowly coming to a close with Northwood-Kensett's teams competing for the last time last week before the Top of Iowa Conference meet this Thursday.

The Vikings cross country teams traveled to Lake Mills last Monday for a race at the Rice Lake Golf and Country Club, where Megan Ocel continued her ascent up the ranks of the area's best runners.

Ocel, just a freshman, ran a strategically smart race and placed fourth out of 40 competitors, finishing with a time of 23:11.53, a seven minute mile on average.

Rounding out the field for the girls team, Rachel Hill and Samantha Tindall placed 27th and 40th respectively.

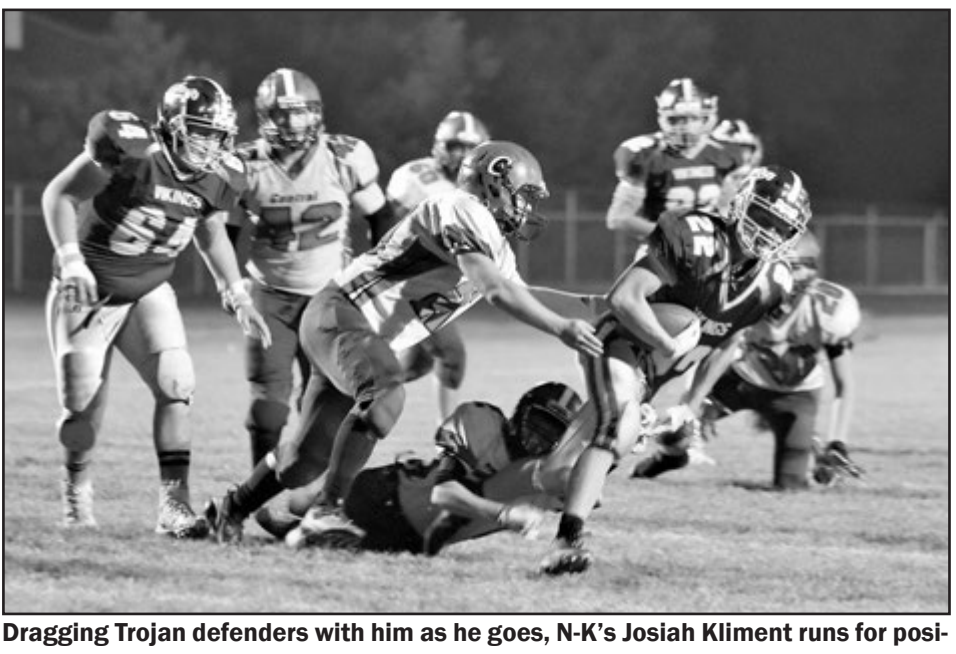
For the boys it was familiar faces Hayden Moore and Nathan Hanneman who were the top runners for the Vikings, placing 14th and 15th, just ahead of a runner that's starting to make a name for himself, Thomas Block, who crossed the line in 17th place with a time of 19:59.61.

Other runners for the boys were Drake Tiedemann (23rd) and Christopher Madsen (51st).

The cross country teams wrapped up the regular season at Lake Mills and will compete this Thursday at the TIC meet in Osage at the Mitchell County Nature Center, the first year the conference meet has not been held at NIACC.



Viking Tyler Mills outruns Central Elkader defenders in last Friday night's 70-21 district win in Northwood. Mills rushed for 63 yards and scored two touchdowns in the regular season finale. (Picture by Jesus Renteria)



Dragging Trojan defenders with him as he goes, N-K's Josiah Kliment runs for positive yardage in Friday's district win over Central Elkader. Kliment rushed for 21 yards on four attempts, an average of 5.3 yards per carry. (Picture by Jesus Renteria)

Vikings improve playoff position with third straight win

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett football team improved its playoff position when it crushed Central Elkader 70-21 last Friday night in Northwood, giving the team its third consecutive win and improving its overall record to one game over .500 at 4-3.

The Vikings wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard when Kael Julseth hit Carter Severson on a 52-yard pass for an early 7-0 lead just one minute and two seconds into the contest.

Just three minutes later it was Severson again, this time scoring from 20 yards out, his second touchdown of the game and his eighth rushing touchdown of the season, giving N-K a 14-0 lead after the Logan Mayberry extra point.

Before the halftime horn sounded the Vikings would hit pay dirt five more times, including rushing touchdowns by Julseth (2), Brandon Varner and Tyler Mills, and with no time remaining on the clock in the first half, a Julseth to TJ Whitelow 47-yard pass for a touchdown and a convincing 48-6 halftime lead.

With the clock running in the second half scoring was down for both teams but they nonetheless managed to put a combined 37 points on the board in the final 24 minutes of play with the Vikings coming away with the lopsided 70-21 district win.

The Vikings' success the last three weeks can be traced directly back to their success at running the ball. In the last three games against Riceville, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock and Central Elkader, N-K has gained 984 yards on the ground, an average of 328 yards per game. In the team's three losses, it has gained just 612 yards on the ground, an average of just 204 yards per game.

Leading the way for the Vikings against the Trojans were Varner (98 yards), Julseth (76 yards) and Tyler Mills (63 yards). As a team N-K rushed 34 times for 341 yards and eight touchdowns.

With the win the Vikings are now 4-3 overall and 3-3 in district play.

N-K's next game will be this Friday when it travels to Buffalo Center to face the 4-2 Bison of North Iowa in a first-round playoff game. Start time is 7 p.m.

N-K 70, CE 21

CE	0	6	0	15 – 21
NK	20	28	14	8 – 70

Team Totals

Vikings	Trojans
First Downs	
15	10
Rush-Yards-TD	
34-341-8	30-47-0
Pass Yards	
114	230
Comp.-Att.-TD-Int.	
3-4-2-0	9-23-3-1
Total Yards	
455	277
Penalty-Yards	
1-15	4-20
Turnovers-Lost	
1-1	2-2

Scoring

First Quarter; NK – Carter Severson 52 pass from Kael Julseth (PAT good); NK – Severson 20 run (PAT good)

NK – Julseth 3 run (PAT failed); **Second Quarter;** NK – Julseth 10 run (PAT good); NK – Brandon Varner 42 run ((PAT good); NK – Tyler Mills 41 run (PAT good); CE – Haxen Loan 47 reception (Conv. failed); NK – TJ Whitelow 47 pass from Julseth (PAT good); **Third Quarter;** NK – Varner 41 run (PAT good); NK – Mills 2 run (PAT good); **Fourth Quarter**

CE – Loan 52 pass from Evan Schroeder (Conv. good); NK – Donte Sims 10 run (Conv. good); CE – Loan 20 pass from Schroeder (PAT good)

8-Man District 2 Standings

1.	Janesville	6-1
2	Tripoli	5-1
3.	AGWSR	4-3
4.	North Iowa	4-2
5.	Northwood-Kensett	4-3
6.	Riceville	2-5
7.	RRMR	2-5
8.	Turkey Valley	2-4
9.	Clarksville	0-4

IDPH releases safe Halloween guidance

As Iowans prepares to celebrate Halloween, the Iowa Department of Public Health wants to remind all that COVID-19 is still circulating in Iowa and encourages all Iowans to continue to take precautions to protect the health of themselves and their families.

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. For 2020 Halloween festivities, IDPH strongly encourages Iowans to follow CDC's guidance when deciding what is appropriate for their families as described below.

Lower risk activities include carving and decorating pumpkins in households or socially distant with neighbors; decorating living spaces; doing Halloween scavenger hunts with lists of things for kids to look for while walking on Halloween; having a candy hunt at home; taking part in virtual Halloween costume contests; and having a Halloween movie night.

Halloween activities listed as a moderate risk include trick or treating where items are left a distance from a home for families to grab while remaining socially distant; having small outdoor costume parades with six feet of distance between participants; attending outdoor, socially distant, mask-wearing costume parties; using themed face coverings instead of Halloween masks over face masks; taking part in open air haunted forest walks with precautions observed, allowing more distance if screaming is likely; visiting pumpkin patches or orchards with distancing, masks and sanitizing in place; and having outdoor movie nights with friends, family or neighbors distanced as much as possible.

Halloween high risk activities that should be avoided include traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door; attending crowded costume parties held indoors; going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming; going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household; using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors; traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in the community in an area with community spread of COVID-19.

Other recommendations from the IDPH include:

If you have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you SHOULD NOT participate in in-person Halloween festivities and SHOULD NOT give out candy to trick-or-treaters

For Parents/ Guardian:

• If taking your children trick-or-treating, limit the number of houses you visit and ask your children to maintain at least six feet distance from treat-givers. For small children, consider holding the bag for them.

• Only accept factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.

• Wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes when you arrive home. (NOTE: Never wipe unpackaged food with sanitizing wipes.)

• If your child is at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, contact your doctor before allowing participation in Halloween activities.

• Stay local. Avoid the urge to attend events in another town – it can lead to greater spread of the virus.

• Think before you go. Use the CDC's guidance on deciding to go out to assess what's best for you and your family when it comes to celebrating this year.

• Get vaccinated against the flu. Consider getting the flu vaccine before Halloween to keep you healthier overall. While the flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, it can minimize your risk of getting sick or being hospitalized from the flu.

For Community Members:

• If your community hosts trick-or-treating this year, do it more safely.

o Refrain from having children select their own treats from a bowl/ common container. Leave individual grab bags (or paper cups) filled with goodies outside your door for children to take.

o If you can, watch and wave to trick-or-treaters through a window. Or, leave Halloween treats outside the door where friends and loved ones live for a contact-free way of celebrating.





An updated design

As progress continues towards the construction of the Vikings Activity Center, the design of the facility remains in the works, as the project is streamlined for a more effective use of funding. One of the big changes from early designs is the front entry of the building. Previously, the front was a glass feature that district officials decided added too much to the cost. Pictured above is a newly designed entrance at top, and the Vikings Activity Center and N-K high school below, along with a new parking layout that may be in the secondary campus' future.

Northwood Anchor

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Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
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Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

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Wednesday, Confirmation; Thursday, MANNA Open, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Elk Creek, 9 a.m., Radio Broadcast of Worship on 97.1 FM or Kensettia.com, Worship Bethany, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School - Elk Creek, 9:45 a.m.; Monday, MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon, Bethany Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Sunday, Worship in Person, 9:10 a.m., Streaming on Bethel of Manly Facebook Page, 10:30 a.m., Radio Station 97.1.
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Rev. Rob Lanphere

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Pride in a Scar



If you have lived a relatively normal life, then no doubt you have a few scars to show for it: the scar below the knee from a childhood accident, the chipped tooth from a fearless wagon ride down a steep hill, or a burn scar from a red-hot ember sent flying from the campfire by a rock thrown into the fire. Those are likely to be the scars of childhood, and we can easily take a sort of whimsical pride in them, as if to say we were reckless as kids, but oh what fun we had! The broken arm or leg is a bit more serious, but people often remember those more serious accidents with fondness once they are sufficiently distant from the event. There is a certain well-earned pride in surviving these accidents, illnesses and surgeries. Everyone in my family remembers vividly when we all caught the Hong Kong flu in 1969. Misery loves company, and there is almost nothing more miserable than being miserable alone. Perhaps the pride we take in our scars, both physical and emotional, is a testimony to our toughness. Sure, I broke my tooth on the wagon handle, and sure, she broke my heart, but I'm still standing, and I'm not giving up yet. There will be a time when it's appropriate to give up and let go. There is a time for living, and a time for dying, but until then, keep on living, and acquiring those scars. —Christopher Simon

"Let us also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."
– Romans 5:3-4

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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

Many people keep searching for ways to improve their health and bolster their immune system in this crazy time of COVID-19. "Fire Cider!: 101 Zesty Recipes for Health-Boosting Remedies Made With Apple Cider Vinegar" by Rosemary Gladstar and Friends (Storey Publishing, North Adams, Maine) was published in 2019, before the current health situation. It has some interesting ideas about tonics and elixirs that are said to help one's system stay in sync. In full disclosure, I haven't tried them yet as I'm still reading the recipes to find one that sounds tasty. Since this is such a different "cookbook" I wanted to present it to Anchor readers in case it piques interest and people might want to buy the book for themselves. I definitely make no claims or recommendations; let your head and your curiosity guide you if you mix up some of these beverages.

Rosemary's Recipe
Rosemary Gladstar, Herbs and Earth Awareness, Milton, Vermont

1/2 cup grated fresh horseradish root
1/4 cup grated fresh ginger
1/2 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped garlic
Apple cider vinegar, preferable raw and organic
Honey, to taste

NOTE: you can add more of any of the horseradish, ginger, onions or garlic as your taste dictates. You'll know after you taste your first batch!

Place the herbs/veggies into a clean half-gallon jar and add enough vinegar to cover them by 3 to 4 inches. Seal with a tight-fitting lid and place the jar in a warm spot for 4 weeks. Shake the jar every day to help in the maceration process. After the waiting time, strain out the solids reserving the liquid. Warm some honey and add it to the vinegar, to taste. This is an individual preference; the tonic should be hot, spicy and sweet. The honey helps cool down the fiery ingredients, moisten and balance everything. Pour into a smaller bottle and label it. A small shot glass of this tonic daily will help fight off colds as it helps your immune system "do battle". Or you can sip it by teaspoonsful during the day if you feel a cold coming on. Fire cider will keep for several months at room temperature if stored in a dark, cool place but if you have room in the fridge, it's better in there.

Habanero Fire Cider
Cathi Duffy, Kitchen Table Herbalist, Massachusetts

1 large purple onion, chopped
1/2 cup grated horseradish root
1/2 cup grated fresh ginger root
2 habanero peppers, chopped
1 head garlic
1 lemon, with peel, chopped
4-6 sprigs fresh oregano
Apple cidar vinegar, raw
Honey, to taste

Separate the head of garlic into individual cloves and peel them. Combine all ingredients in a quart mason job and cover with the raw apple cider. Store in a warm place and shake daily, for 4 weeks. Strain and add enough honey to make it palatable for you. Use as in the recipe above; a tonic and immune system booster.

Honey-Onion Syrup

This is a very old, time-tested recipe for colds, coughs, sore throat etc. The "recipe" does not give exact amounts as is true with many older concoctions so use your own judgement.

Slice yellow onions thinly and toss into a heavy non-reactive pot, such as stainless steel. Add enough raw honey to cover the onions. Cover the pot but leave the lid ajar to let a little steam out as it cooks. Slowly heat the onions over heat that is low enough so the honey is warm but not simmering, boiling or burning. Cook for 30-40 minutes; the onions should be very soft and the honey deeply infused with the onion juice. Strain the mixture if you want a clear syrup. Some people leave it as is and "eat" the syrup rather than drinking it! You can also add chopped garlic before cooking for an even more powerful syrup. You can also add some previously made fire cider to thin out the finished syrup a bit and add more zip. Place in a glass bottle, label it and store in the refrigerator where it will keep 4-6 weeks. Take by the teaspoonful as needed when you feel a cold coming on.

Folk medicine has made a serious comeback in the last decade and not just on the left coast. Many people are hesitant to take chemical cures for simple ailments or prefer natural ingredients over processed ones. I definitely don't have the answers but I'm going to brew up a batch of fire cider to be ready for the cold season. Anything full of onions and garlic can't be bad! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Chad, Tyler and Justin Mills are pictured with the chair and books donated to the Northwood Public Library in memory of Kathryn Mills.

Northwood Public Library

By Morgan Johnson
Library Director

The Northwood Public Library wishes to extend an immense and belated appreciation to the class of 2022 for their donation to the library in memory of classmate Tyler Mills' mom, Kathryn. Kathryn was a beloved patron and has been sorely missed this past year. Per the class' request we used the donation to purchase a chair that will serve the library for many years to come. Kathryn was a fan of historical fiction, so we used the other donations given by family and friends to purchase books Kathryn would have enjoyed reading. Also an appreciation to Chad, Tyler and Justin for stopping by the library to show off the new chair and books.

A reminder that our open hours (with restrictions) are Mondays and Fridays 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Feel free to call ahead if you have any questions 641-324-1340. Also remember if you are concerned about entering the library, we do offer curbside during all of our open hours. And if you'd like to use a computer please call ahead to reserve your time as we can only have one computer available at a time due to social distancing practices.

Are you an e-book Bridges user? Have you had trouble logging in lately? I inadvertently might have caused your trouble, so please call the library if you can't log in. I probably need to resubmit your barcode and reactivate you. I'm so sorry!

Do you miss our Friday morning story hours? I do too! Although we still aren't ready to meet in person, you can join my Facebook group and listen to me read stories each week. We also have a to-go craft kit available every other week. So far we have made a turtle, a football and a pom pom. This week we are making apple trees! Call ahead to reserve your craft kit or just stop in and grab one!

New at the library this month:

Adult Fiction: "The Return" by Nicholas Sparks, "The Coast to Coast Murders" by James Patterson, "All the Devils Are Here" by Louise Penny, "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman, "Two reasons to Run" by Colleen Coble, "The book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel, "Chaos" by Iris Johansen, "One by One" by Ruth Ware and "The book of Two Ways" by Jodi Picoult.

Large Print: "The Family Journal" by Carolyn Brown, "The Vineyards of Champagne" by Juliet Blackwell, "Everything Beautiful in its Time" by Jenna Bush Hager, "The Holdout" by Graham Moore and "The Return" by Nicholas Sparks.

Books on CD: "Thick as Thieves" by Sandra Brown, "Cajun Justice" by James Patterson, "All the Devils are Here" by Louise Penny and "The Return" by Nicholas Sparks.

As always be sure to check us out on Facebook (www.facebook.com/northwoodlibrary) and/or contact us with any questions or concerns. My new e-mail address is morgan@northwood.lib.ia.us! We hope you are all staying safe and healthy!



JAMES AND GRACE MUNSON

Skellenger – Munson wed

Grace Skellenger and James Munson were married on Saturday, August 8, 2020, in Northwood.

Grace is the daughter Shelly Krafka and Mike Skellenger. Her grandparents are Marilyn and Ron Skellenger and Sharon and Dean Krafka. She is a 2018 Northwood-Kensett graduate.

James is the son of Romie Williams. His grandparents are Cindy and Bill Grouette and Brad Williams. He is a 2020 Northwood-Kensett graduate.

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Northwood Anchor Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Losing a community icon

We just lost an icon in our community in my humble opinion. He could, or should, have written a book on what it means to be a dedicated public servant. His intent was to represent his constituents in the best possible way he could. We are going to miss you Ken Abrams in so many ways!

I will miss you my friend, and so will many of us. Your willingness to ask for our opinions when making a decision, etc. Your willingness to be helpful and to me always ready to help, are attributes we could all benefit from.

Rest in peace Ken, I for one will miss you very much.

Bob Perry

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

My wife threw a surprise birthday party for me.

Were you surprised?

I sure was. I'd forgotten it was my birthday.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: No one is fit for the times. I move about as if the world's paint would never dry. My ballot was mailed Monday. I received it on Wednesday. My gratitude to the County Auditor's office and the Post Office for their excellent work. The garden is being put to bed. It did fine. The peas weren't as good as I hoped. It was a half-pea ending.

The wind whistled through the pines. They must have been high-pitched pines. When I lived in Minneapolis, a neighbor told me he liked to rake leaves into separate piles according to tree species. He had three trees. As near as I could tell, they were of the same species. I didn't tell him that. A secret to getting along is to not tell everything you know.

I loved listening to "Peter and the Wolf" when I was in grade school. The teacher played a record of it on a record player. I know, weird, right? I listened to it recently, hoping it'd be the day's secret sauce. Hygge is a coziness that makes a person feel content and comfortable. The Danes borrowed the word from the Norwegian. I felt relaxed and centered, as if I were wearing comfortable fuzzy slippers if I were the kind to wear comfortable fuzzy slippers. I settled into a chair that fit me. I had a cup of hot tea and a good book. "Peter and the Wolf" played, life was good. Then a multicolored Asian lady beetle flew into my tea. A kamikaze flight that befouled my beverage. These beetles secrete a strong-smelling, yellowish liquid from their leg joints. The liquid can stain light-colored surfaces and destroy a fine cup of tea. I guess I'm not meant to be too comfortable.

Weird Al

A few years ago, I journeyed to Darwin to see the largest ball of twine rolled by one man — a 17,400-pound, 12-foot high and 40-foot around sphere showcased in a plexiglass-sheltered gazebo. Francis Johnson, a master whittler who crafted working pliers from wood, created it in 1950. Johnson spent four hours each day for 29 years rolling twine. In 1958, Johnson traveled to New York City to be on the TV show "I've Got a Secret." Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" tried to buy the ball, but was rebuffed. Weird Al Yankovic sang "Biggest Ball of Twine in Minnesota." The ball was better than the Mall of America, which gets 40 million visitors annually. Johnson died from emphysema. He never smoked. I hoped it wasn't the twine dust.

The candy corn crop looks good this year

The more the scarier. We have Halloween because there aren't enough nightmares to go around. Why have Halloween? For the candy, of course. And the chance to say, "Trick or treat, smell my feet. Give me something good to eat." The favored candies are M&M's, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Snickers, Starburst and Skittles. My favorite is Swedish Fish. Then there is Candy Corn and Circus Peanuts. I realize that taste buds differ from one human to another, but those two taste like someone sprinkled sugar on things they've found behind the sofa cushions. There is a Turkey Dinner Candy Corn with green beans, roasted turkey, cranberry sauce, ginger glazed carrot, sweet potato pie and stuffing flavors.

Nature notes

1. Raccoons and skunks dig into lawns in search of grubs. Raccoons do the most damage and roll back sod in their quest. Skunks are more likely to tear clumps out of the grass.

2. Indian summer is a short period of above normal temperatures occurring on sunny, calm, and hazy days following fall's first frost.

3. The first deer rubs on trees show up around the middle of October.

4. Woolly bear caterpillars (woolly worms) crawl across roads. Folklore maintains that the narrower the black band on a caterpillar, the milder the coming winter will be. The wider that band, the more severe the winter will be.

5. Someone will swear he isn't turning on the furnace until he has numbness in his extremities.

6. People will channel the flannel.

7. House sparrows chirp cheerfully. The ingenious spatzies have learned the skill of opening automatic doors of stores by fluttering in the right spot to activate electric-eye sensors.

Meeting adjourned

The bad news is that the world is out to get you. The good news is that it hasn't gotten you yet. Be kind.

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Fit to print...

How COVID-19 is changing the English language

By Roger Kreuz
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In April, the editors of the Oxford English Dictionary did something unusual. For the previous 20 years, they had issued quarterly updates to announce new words and meanings selected for inclusion. These updates have typically been made available in March, June, September and December.

In the late spring, however, and again in July, the dictionary's editors released special updates, citing a need to document the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the English language.

Although the editors have documented many coronavirus-related linguistic shifts, some of their observations are surprising. They claim, for example, that the pandemic has produced only one truly new word: the acronym COVID-19.

Most of the coronavirus-related changes that the editors have noted have to do with older, more obscure words and phrases being catapulted into common usage, such as reproduction number and social distancing. They've also documented the creation of new word blends based on previously existing vocabulary.

The dictionary of record

The Oxford English Dictionary aspires to be the most extensive and complete record of the language and its history.

In 1884, parts of the first edition were released. It wasn't completed until 1928. Over the ensuing years, additional volumes of new words were published to supplement the first edition, and these were integrated into a second edition that appeared in 1989. This is the version you'll find in most libraries. A digital release, on CD-ROM, followed in 1992.

In March 2000, the dictionary launched an online version. For this new edition, the editors have been revising definitions dating from the first edition that are, in many cases, over a century old. Due to its size, this third edition will not appear in printed form, and these revisions may not be completed until 2034.

At the same time, the editors continue to document the language as it grows, changes and evolves. The quarterly updates provide a list of new words and revisions. The September update, for example, includes "craftivist" and "Cookie Monster."

Something old,
something new

The special, coronavirus-related updates give us a glimpse into how language can quickly change in the face of unprecedented social and economic disruption. For example, one of the effects of the pandemic is that it's brought previously obscure medical terms to the forefront of everyday speech.

Traditionally, dictionary editors include scientific and technical terms only if they achieve some degree of currency outside of their disciplines. This is the case for the names of drugs, since there are many thousands of these. For example, you'll see Ritalin and Oxycontin in the dictionary, but you won't see Aripiprazole.

However, the pandemic has seen at least two drug names jump into public discourse.

Hydroxychloroquine, a malaria treatment touted by some as a magic bullet against the virus, was added to the Oxford English Dictionary in July, although the drug's name had appeared in print as early as 1951.

Another newly famous drug is dexamethasone, a corticosteroid that has reduced the COVID-19 death rate. It appeared in print as early as 1958 and was included in the dictionary's second edition. In the July update, the editors provided a quotation illustrating the drug's current use to combat the coronavirus.

The updates also include new citations for such terms as community transmission, which dates to 1959, and community spread, which was first documented in print in 1903.

The language of
quarantining

Terms related to social isolation existed long before the COVID-19 pandemic, but they've become much more common in 2020.

Self-isolate, self-isolated and shelter in place all received new citations to illustrate their current usage.

Some terms have seen a shift in meaning. Originally, sheltering in place referred to seeking safety during a circumscribed event, like a tornado or an active shooter attack. It's now being used to refer to a prolonged period of social isolation.

Similarly, elbow bump has evolved from a gesture akin to a high-five, as documented in 1981, to its present form: a safe way to greet another person.

Some regional differences are also emerging in COVID-19 language. Self-isolate has been the preferred term in British English, whereas self-quarantine is more commonly employed in the U.S. "Rona" or "the rona" as slang for coronavirus has been observed in the U.S. and Australia, but the dictionary editors haven't documented wide enough usage to warrant its inclusion.

On the watch list

A perennial issue for lexicographers is deciding whether or not a term has enough staying power to be enshrined in the dictionary. The COVID-19 pandemic has produced its fair share of new terms that are blends of other words, and many of these are on the editors' watch list. They include "maskne," an acne outbreak caused by facial coverings; "zoombombing," which is when strangers intrude on video conferences; and "quarantini," a cocktail consumed in isolation.

Other new blends include "covidiot," for someone who ignores public safety recommendations; "doomscrolling," which happens when you skim anxiety-inducing pandemic-related stories on your smartphone; and the German term "hamsterkauf," or panic buying. Whether such terms will be in common usage after the pandemic is anyone's guess.

'COVID' or 'Covid'?

And what of COVID-19 itself?

According to the dictionary's editors, it first appeared in a Feb. 11 World Health Organization situation report as shorthand for "coronavirus disease 2019."

But should it be written as COVID-19 or as Covid-19? The dictionary's editors report regional differences for this term as well.

"COVID" is dominant in the U.S., Canada and Australia, while "Covid" is more common in the U.K., Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa.

Because the Oxford English Dictionary is edited and published in England, British forms take precedence: in the online dictionary, it appears under the headword Covid-19...

By releasing updates online, the editors can track language changes as they occur in near real time, and the arbiters of the English language no longer have to play catch-up.

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

October 13, 1920

L.T. Dillon and C.H. Dwelle drove to Waterloo in Mr. Dillon's auto, the former to play with the El Kahir Shrine band of Cedar Rapids at a ceremonial session at Waterloo, and the latter to take part in the festivities as one of the candidates. As usual, all present reported a big time, especially for the candidates.

By a score of three to nothing, Cleveland defeated Brooklyn yesterday in the world series baseball game. This made the fifth game won by Cleveland out of the nine possible games and gives the Indians the pennant.

In the Silver Lake Lutheran Church on October 6, Mr. Roy Bergan and Miss Nora Nystuen were married at 4 p.m. by the Rev. Hans Fosnes in the presence of a large company of invited guests.

On Tuesday, October 12, Mr. Henry Noe and Miss Clara Dammen were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dammen in northwest Northwood. The Rev. W.A. Hanscom performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families.

Mesdames W.A. Hanscom, Kate Eno, S.A. Pangburn, E.D. Eckert, Iver Iverson, G.E. McQuatters, M.H. Kepler and E.K. Pitamn are in Osage today attending the annual fourth district convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

75 years ago

October 18, 1945

The family of Mrs. Olava Lee of Hanlontown bought a new Buick car in 1906, and after 39 years of service in the same family, the machine was sold to an antique dealer in New York City, to whom it will be shipped. The Lees say the car is still in good running order, but tires are in poor condition and it was thought inadvisable to attempt a long drive.

Fire destroyed the house and all its contents on the Leslie Larson farm 3.5 miles northeast of Hanlontown. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kline and three-year-old daughter, who live on the farm, escaped in their nightclothes but were able to save none of their other belongings.

Plans for a county-wide religious census will be considered in a county meeting of church leaders to be held at the courthouse in Northwood, according to the Rev. O.H. Hove of Northwood, who has been appointed temporary chairman.

With no rain for 15 days, soybeans have made a remarkable record in drying, with many testing as low as 11 percent moisture, to get the maximum $2.10 a bushel price. Combines have been running for 10 days in the southern part of the county and for more than a week around Northwood, according to W.H. St. Clair, county extension director, who estimates that 1/4 of the crop has already been combined.

50 years ago

October 15, 1970

Jon Fredrickson, president of the Northwood-Kensett student council, together with Steven Bendickson, secretary, and Norman Norland, representative, attended the state convention for student councils in Ames. The convention was held at Iowa State University.

Randy Navratil, Grafton, has been selected to the National FFA chorus, and will perform at the group's convention in Kansas City. He is one of 100 selected from 220 applicants from 34 states.

Mrs. H.A. Jackson has been named by Gov. Ray to the commission for the study of the status of women. The central office will be in the department of continuing education at Drake University.

Mrs. Irma Osmonson, St. Ansgar, announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Ann, to Horace Hendrickson, son of Mrs. Gilma Hendrickson, Northwood. Ann is employed as a secretary at Fountain Industries in Albert Lea and Horace is engaged in farming. A November 14 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Larence Gordon, rural Kensett, received a special award at the Democratic meeting held in Kensett on October 7. Party chairman Robert Smith, Manly, made the presentation.

Army Sergeant James M. Nelson, 32, son of Mr. and Mr. Richard F. Nelson, Glenville, recently received the Air Medal in Vietnam. Sgt. Nelson earned the award for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight in support of ground operations in Vietnam. During the same ceremony, he received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a rifleman and squad leader in the 101st Airborne Division.

25 years ago

October 18, 1995

A slow sales period and a brisk wind convinced 12-year-old Calsee Robb to nestle deep down in the merchandise and do a little reading during the Pumpkin Patch Fest. Robb helped her friend Ashley Dierenfeld sell the seasonal produce from her hay rack pumpkin stand on Central Avenue.

Northwood teenager Jody Hansen will compete in the Miss Iowa USA pageant in Cedar Rapids. Hansen, a senior at Northwood-Kensett High School, won the 1995 Miss Worth County Fair pageant in July. She is the daughter of Jill Hansen of Northwood and Larry Hansen of Grand Rapids.

Northwood volunteer fireman Mike Lee made himself useful hoisting Northwood-Kensett kindergarteners onto Engine No. 1 during a National Fire Prevention Week visit to N-K elementary.

A quartet of trumpet players carried their powder puffs in a conspicuous place while playing their part in halftime festivities at the N-K High football field. Bearing a resemblance to a famous cartoon rabbit were Kristi Halvorsen, Addie Harmon, Betsy Mellem and Janey Wallin.

Ingrid Thompson, 12-year-old daughter of Pastor Lewis and Karen Thompson, Bloomer, Wisconsin, caught a 17 lb. 9 oz. Chinook salmon on a 12 lb. test line on September 4 while fishing in the Iron River near Port Wing, Bayfield County.

10 years ago

October 20, 2010

The arrival of fall has meant changes to a number of the area's scenic landscapes. That includes the view of the Shell Rock River from a rural bridge northwest of Northwood. The scenery normally includes an overhead and surrounding swath of leaves, which has changed as the leaves have fallen and traveled downstream.

Fundraising for the Northwood-Kensett Athletic Complex continues. The latest contribution from a local business was recently received, in the form of a pledged donation of $5,000 from Advanced Components Technologies. Pictured with the donation were ACT general manager Jerry Derner and Jim Pratt, member of the N-K Athletic Complex Committee and thermal forming technician at ACT.

Worth County 4-H conducted their semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway Ditch cleanup along U.S. Highway 65 on October 16. Those 4-H members participating included Amy Presholt, Amber McLaughlin, Sarah Tweeten, Jayde Hapgood, John Krull, Hannah Medlang, Lisa Irons, Sophia Benjegerdes, Angela Benjegerdes, Vivian Benjegerdes and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist.

The Worth County Parenting Fair was held on October 13 at the N-K Elementary gym. Mike Donahue spoke to parents and students about the effects of bullying and how it has an impact on students in our schools. Donahue's son also joined the N-K fourth graders with activities.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Kenneth Abrams



KENNETH ABRAMS

Kenneth Abrams, 77, of Northwood died on Monday, October 5, 2020, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020, at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood with Reverend Linda Johnson-Prestholt officiating. Ken was laid to rest beside his wife, Betty Sue, and son, Jeffrey.

Visitation was held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. North, Northwood.

Kenneth James Abrams was born on January 23, 1943, the son of Donald and Marie Nora (Berberich) Abrams in Mason City, Iowa.

Growing up in the Northwood area, Ken attended Deer Creek Country School and graduated from Northwood High School in 1961.

Following graduation, Ken entered the United States Navy, honorably serving his country in active duty and the reserves for over 25 years.

On May 30, 1964, Ken married the love of his life, Betty Sue Johnson, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly. The couple was blessed with three children, Jeffrey, Theresa and Matthew.

The family eventually made their home in Northwood as Ken returned to work for his father at Abrams Drainage Service. He eventually took over the business and never truly retired.

Ken found pride in serving his community: serving on the WCDA Board as Board President for numerous years, the Heartland Power Board of Directors, the TUNE Board, Lions Club as current President and the Worth County District 3 Supervisor since 2010.

Ken enjoyed time outdoors, whether it was fishing, traveling or bird watching. He loved time spent with his grandchildren and looked forward to attending their activities.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Theresa (Eric) Cooper of Kensett and Matthew (Valerie) Abrams of Northwood; grandchildren, Warren Cooper of Kensett, Brooklyn Abrams of Duluth, Minn., and Bryck and Baylor Abrams of Northwood; sisters, Judy Abrams and Jane (Jim) Schroeder; a sister-in-law, Barb Abrams; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and treasured friends.

Preceding Ken in death are his parents, Don and Marie; brother, Robert Abrams; wife, Betty Sue; and a son, Jeffrey, whom he greeted in Heaven on the anniversary of his death.

Grief and loss, what to expect: Program available virtually to community



Across Iowa people are doing their best to adapt to significant changes to their lives and to a new normal. Not only has the pandemic brought many changes, but for many it has caused a loss of employment, community or connection with loved ones. This sense of loss, combined with the stress brought on with the pandemic, has left people in many walks of life feeling sad, down, lonely and depressed.

In response to this sense of loss and isolation, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in collaboration with COVID Recovery Iowa, will begin offering "Grief and Loss: What to Expect." This online program is designed to provide education about feelings of grief and loss and how to manage and process them.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has created a great deal of uncertainty about the future and a sense of loss over the past," said Diane Eischeid, a crisis/outreach counselor with COVID Recovery Iowa and ISU Extension and Outreach.

"It is important as we navigate this time that we recognize the signs and symptoms of grief, what to expect and how to manage these feelings," Eischeid said.

ISU Extension and Outreach will offer "Grief and Loss: What to Expect" during lunch hours. Each program will last for approximately one hour. Those dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday, Oct. 15 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 22 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 29 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 5 at 12 p.m.

Eischeid is leading the program along with crisis/outreach counselor Andrea Gustafson. This program is being offered at no cost to all those in the community interested in learning about this topic. To register, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences//events?filter= and select the program, date and time you are interested in. Participants will receive a unique URL prior to the program to access the Zoom hosted program.

For more information, contact Andrea Gustafson at andreag3@iastate.edu or Diane Eischeid at dianee@iastate.edu.

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City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 9/14/20 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Parker, Heiken, & Douglas.

Absent: Pilkington & Woltzen.

Visitors: Lisa Lestrud, Linda Kauffman, Josh & Heather Kauffman.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes by Heiken, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Clerk discussed possible consent agenda, vacation, water issues and general correspondence.

Old Business: Sprayer is needed before Freedom Rock can be sealed. Water/sewer rate increase, correspondence. Water tower inspection presented, water leak discussed, lawnmower vosts for cemetery.

New Business: Lisa Lestrud asked if the Holi-daze fall craft fair could still be held due to co-vid, council approved as long as guidelines are followed.

Motion to approve R80 beer license by Douglas, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously. Heiken abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion to approve Resolution #600 – #604 – Transfer of Funds by Heiken, 2nd by Parker, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution #605 – 2019-2020 Street Finance Report by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call Vote taken, all ayes, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve possible volleyball league to use the community center for $20.00 per night by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: August 2020 Revenues by Fund: General 23,085.83, Utilities 6,031.73, Special 4,914.44. Total Revenues: $34,032.00. Stands approved as read.

Motion to pay bills by Heiken, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 1956.27, WCTA 273.22, B. Luckason 392.02 (net), S. Overy 483.97 (net), R. Bauer 1619.52 (net), L. McNally 1456.18 (net), Federal & SS 1454.71 (payroll), Ipers 869.47 (payroll), H. Thompson 150.00 (service – water), VISA 8.63 (gas – road use), T. Rollene 512.50 (mowing – general), Northwood Anchor 67.46 (minutes – general), Pioneer Critical Power 8000.00 (WCDA grant for generator – general), Ag Source 224.00 (water test), Kensett Water 100.50 (sewer fees), L. McNally 53.94 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1379.20 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #19 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), D & L Equipment 5.42 (parts – general), Northwood Anchor 62.01 (minutes – general), R80 122.03 (gas – city – road use), Iowa League of Cities 337.00 (dues – general), Iowa One Call 2.70 (service – water & sewer), Hydrite 500.00 (chemicals – water), Worth Lumber 24.65 (sign post – road use), Green Canopy 220.00 (service – general), Car Quest 13.59 (supplies – road use), Menards 13.88 (supplies – sewer), Peterson Excavating 3755.96 (hooking up 512 Maple – water), City of Northwood 2750.00 (mosquito spraying 11x – general), R80 91.06 (KFD – diesel – road use), North Iowa Sand & Gravel 49658.28 (streets – road use), Municipal Management 800.00 (service – water), Baker & Taylor 194.14 (books), Midwest Tape 166.90 (dvd's), Staples 2.86 (supplies), Culligan 10.70 (supplies), A. Bergdale 105.00 (service), State Library of Iowa 40.96, D & C Windows 30.00, Northwood Anchor 25.60.

Disbursements by Fund: General 15,397.29, Special 51,055.41, Utilities 5,927.74, Payroll 6,460.57 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $78,841.01.

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

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

Notice

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY JASPERS, DECEASED

Case No. ESPR009222

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in Bradley Jaspers, Deceased, who died on or about July 31, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on August 5, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Date September 21, 2020.

Patricia Muehl
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Date of second publication 14th day of October, 2020. 41-2t

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LAVONNE D. GREGORY REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 11, 2016

LAVONNE D. GREGORY, DECEASED

NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH IOWA CODE SECTION 633A.3110

To All Persons regarding Lavonne D. Gregory, Deceased, who died on or about August 31, 2020:

You are hereby notified that Clear Lake Bank and Trust Company, Joseph M. McKee, and Jon T. Schurtz are the Co-Trustees under the Amended and Restated Lavonne D. Gregory Trust Agreement, Dated the 11th day of May, 2016. At this time, no present probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above-referenced decedent's Estate. A Petition has been filed for Probate of the Will Without Present Administration in the Worth County Clerk's Office.

Any action to test the validity of the Trust must be brought in the District Court of Worth County, Iowa, within the latter to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this Notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and beneficiaries under the Trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any claim not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the Trust are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned Co-Trustee. Creditors having claims against the Trust must mail them to the Co-Trustees at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested. Unless creditor claims are mailed by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this Notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this Notice, a claim shall be forever barred, unless otherwise allowed or paid.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020

CLEAR LAKE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, JOSEPH M. MCKEE, AND JON T. SCHURTZ, AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LAVONNE D. GREGORY REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 11, 2016.

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Supervisors

October 5, 2020
Forty-first Day

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

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 and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Abrams.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the October 5, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the September 28, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the Construction Contract by and between Drainage District No. 13, Lateral 3, Worth County, Iowa and Cole Excavating, LLC in the amount of $432,343.00.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the Construction Contract by and between Drainage District No. 46, Lateral 9, Worth County, Iowa and Rognes Bros. Excavating, Inc. in the amount of $149,547.00.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from Jan Miszewski/Indigo Family Farms for Facility #59283 located in Section 11, Fertile Township, Worth County.

Motion by Stone, second by Smeby, carried to recess the regular session at 8:50 A.M.

Motion by Stone, second by Smeby, carried to reconvene the regular session at 9:19 A.M.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 10:02 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, October 12, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: none

(5-0) Approved the agenda; September 10 regular meeting minutes; Financial Reports for September; October bills for payment

Reports

Elementary Principal: 1) Fire Prevention Week activities Oct 5-9 2) School Bus Safety Week activities Oct 19-23 3) Preschool Advisory Board meeting Oct 28 4) Middle School study group

Secondary Principal: 1) Thank you to Kimberly Odegaard, Cindy Pangburn, Jordan Reindl, student council and cheerleaders for Homecoming 2) Trevor Hunt and Steve Hartman are hosting student teachers from Waldorf and UNI 3) Fall concert will be held at HS gym and musical has been moved to the spring 4) Forming study group on a middle school environment

Superintendent: 1) Preliminary Certified enrollment is at 504.8, down from 508.25 2) Budget history shows increase in unspent balance and strengthening financial position 3) Tech Committee meeting to discuss replacement of the current student laptops

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for November 12 at 7:00 pm

Old Business

1) Viking Activity Center: Awarded $453,000 CAT grant; fundraising efforts will continue to cover the gap of $163,863; Atura Architecture is proceeding with the new design

2) Transportation Facility: discussions continue with the City of Northwood to build a road back to the facility and a development site; Atura Architecture drawings have been developed

3) COVID-19 Issues:

Due to FERPA regulations, community notification of positive cases will not be released until 6 active cases have been reached

Updated Public Health guidance now suggests that close contacts do not have to quarantine if both parties properly wore masks

New Business

(5-0) Approved allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for the district's negative LEP balance for the 2019-2020 school year of $4,561.56

(5-0) Approved allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for district's negative special education balance for the 2019-2020 school year of $33,570.39

(5-0) Approved a joint project with the city of Northwood for developing a new road north of the secondary building with a contribution from the school and the understanding that the road will be turned over to the city

(5-0) Approved the District Advisory Committee membership for 2020-2021 as presented

(5-0) Approved the FY20 Certified Annual Financial Reports as presented Deb Athey

(5-0) Approved Matthew Pfaltzgraff as Head Baseball coach for 2021

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Tiffany Buchanan as secondary associate

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Deb Athey as Business Manager/Board Secretary effective November 20, 2020 with regrets

(5-0) Approved Katie Herther as high school girls basketball volunteer coach

(5-0) Approved Greg Parks as a high school girls basketball volunteer coach

(5-0) Adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm

Northwood-Kensett CSD
10/8/20

A1 Storage, rental.....268.00
AGVANTAGE FS
propane.....348.00
AHLERS & COONEY
legal services.....204.50
Albert Lea Steel
repairs.....105.00
All Star Pest Control
pest control.....75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRICITY....14,221.40
Amazon, SUPPLIES3,035.77
APPLE, SUPPLIES.....89.00
Beland Tree Service
service.....25.00
BLICK ART MATERIALS
SUPPLIES.....193.89
CARQUEST
SUPPLIES.....113.83
Central Rivers AEA
assessments/online training
.....1,040.80
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer.....1,368.83
DEPT OF ADMIN SERVICES, TSA fees.....550.00
DES MOINES REGISTER
subscription.....10.69
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES.....431.57
FLINN SCIENTIFIC
supplies.....251.62
Grace Notes, supplies 274.99
Grizzly Industrial
equipment.....1,100.96
HOVEY'S LAWN AND GARDEN, LAWN CARE 2,500.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, fee.....95.00
Ia Water Management Co
boiler service.....200.00
Johnson, Tina
reimb supplies.....3.99
JOURNEYED
SUPPLIES.....48.24
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES.....456.81
John Deere
supplies.....15.54
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS
SUPPLIES.....130.01
LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING, repairs.....315.21
LEARNING A-Z
SUPPLIES.....230.90
LIGHTSPEED TECHNOLOGIES, equipment.....1,874.00
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs.....490.00
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies.....5,721.79
MASON CITY GLASS
windows replacement764.50
MCGRAW-HILL
TEXTBOOKS.....5,819.80
MIDWEST COMPUTER PRODUCTS
SUPPLIES.....589.00
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE
REPAIRS.....301.08
Musician's Friend
SUPPLIES.....35.40
NASCO, SUPPLIES.....10.64
NIACC Continuing Ed Dpt
bus driver class.....100.00
NOLTE, CORNMAN & JOHNSON
AUDIT SERVICES3,700.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, garbage.....610.00
TRADING POST
supplies.....132.86
One Source Background Check Co
background checks.....98.50
Orvedal, Annette
reimb supplies.....96.00
PERMA BOUND BOOKS
BOOKS.....43.29
PIONEER MANUFACTURING, supplies.....33.95
PLUMB SUPPLY CO
SUPPLIES.....563.42
REALLY GOOD STUFF
SUPPLIES.....432.94
Scholastic Math
supplies.....280.17
School Bus Sales
parts.....180.69
SCHOOL SPECIALTY
SUPPLIES.....2,218.87
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO, inspection.....925.00
Senor Wooly, supplies..85.00
Severson, Ryan
reimb supplies.....101.50
Smalley, Jordan
reimb supplies.....43.06
Staples, supplies.....1,273.09
Symmetry Energy Solutions
natural gas.....245.91
Teachers College Press
supplies.....49.17
Teachers Pay Teachers
supplies.....1,033.98
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies.....112.30
Titan Manufacturing and Distributing
supplies.....219.98
U S Cellular
distance learning internet..145.96
Unity School Bus Parts
parts.....133.61
US TOY CO
SUPPLIES.....19.99
WCTA
phone/internet service.....948.88
WORTH CO ENGINEER
diesel/gas.....333.68
Worth Lumber Co
supplies.....476.22
Fund Number 10...55,905.85
OLSON INSURANCE
insurance.....1,526.00
Fund Number 22.....1,526.00
Amazon, SUPPLIES....10.99
ANDERSON'S
supplies.....96.89
DECKERS
supplies.....75.00
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES.....225.35
FCCLA, dues.....504.00
FAUSNAUGH, TIM
official.....70.00
FCCLA Store/Centricity
supplies.....175.00
Flower Forager
flowers.....116.00
FOREST CITY CSD
entry fee.....100.00
Hi-Pod, camera.....2,649.00
Hudl, software.....2,650.00
Ia HS Athletic Directors Assoc, membership.....260.00
IA HS MUSIC ASSOC
registration.....51.00
IA SPORTS SUPPLY
uniforms.....2,170.00
JOHNSON VINYL GRAPHICS, supplies.....195.00
Music in Motion, DJ...350.00
NORTHWOOD ELECTRIC
installation.....464.01
Pepsi Beverages Co
beverages.....520.59
PEARCE, BRIAN
official.....70.00
SMITH, TROY
official.....70.00
Staudt, Steve
official.....70.00
SULLIVAN, TOM
official.....140.00
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies.....12.48
West Music
supplies.....42.70
Whye's Choice Fundraising
supplies.....5,337.00
Xenith, equipment.....236.00
Yakle, Jerry, official.....70.00
Fund Number 21...16,731.01
MANKATO CONTROL SYSTEMS, repairs.....2,644.38
Fund Number 33.....2,644.38
APPLE, iPads.....2,940.00
FALKSTONE, rock....611.01
Marco, copier lease..1,148.48
SCP, bus radio.....673.20
Fund Number 36.....5,372.69
UMB Bank
bond interest.....84,296.26
Fund Number 40...84,296.26
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, MILK.....2,497.88
FALLGATTER'S
food.....8.94
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP, repairs.....252.00
Hennigar, Amy
reimb supplies.....22.97
MARTIN BROTHERS
food/supplies.....12,552.01
PAN-O-GOLD
BREAD.....445.47
Staples, supplies.....17.42
Fund Number 61...15,796.69

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2016 Northwood Town Hall Meeting
2017 Northwood Farm Bureau Meeting
2018 Northwood Town Hall Meeting
2019 Northwood Worth Brewing Company Small Business Roundtable
2020 Hanlontown POET Biorefining-Hanlontown Tour

Joni knows she can't speak for Iowa in Washington without first listening to Iowans at home. No wonder she has done so much to help rural Iowa.

If you think you haven't seen her opponent in your community you are probably right. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley visited all 99 counties in 8 months this year. Joni's opponent still hasn't been to over 40 counties after 16 months.

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Club Notes

DAR Chapter

The Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter DAR met on September 28, 2020, at the home of Virginia Kingland in Lake Mills. Those in attendance included Colleen Lawler, Betty Evans, Sharlene Stoddard, Stacie LaMoore and Virginia.

In the absence of the Chaplain, Sharlene opened the meeting with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Daughter's Pledge and the American's Creed were recited. Colleen read the President General's message in the American Spirit magazine. Sharlene advised the chapter members that she had submitted a message regarding Constitution Week, September 17-23, to the Lake Mills, Northwood and Clear Lake newspapers for publication. Sharlene submitted a copy of the article to the ISDAR Chairman of the Constitution Week Committee ISDAR.

Sharlene announced that Stacie LaMoore and Shirley Skarlis were accepted as new members. The third application submitted in July was one for Janet Lawler. This application has not yet been reviewed by the National office.

Committee reports, short messages regarding the Constitution, the Flag, American Indians, National Defense, Women's Issues and Commemorative Events were presented. The members also read the Preamble to the Constitution.

Colleen presented the program entitled "Pen Pal Lessons" encouraging members to write notes to people who need contact and encouragement from others, especially now with the need for social distancing. She also provided members with note cards to use.

The next meeting will be held in the Friendship Room at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake with Stacie LaMoore as hostess.

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). Anyone eligible and interested in joining the local chapter, contact Sharlene Stoddard at 641-324-2394 or Stacie LaMoore at 872-205-0069. We look forward to meeting everyone.

Green Thumb Garden Club

The Green Thumb Garden Club met in the Olson Room on August 24, 2020, hosted by Theresa Cooper. Eight members answered roll call. Jean VanVeldhuizen presented an interesting program about the North Iowa Landfill. She presented facts about the types of materials that the landfill accepts. Certain items are redistributed to other locations. Organic waste gets composted. Only kin dried waste wood is accepted and ground up for woodchip products. Tree mulch can be taken for free. They are open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Green Thumb Garden Club met in the Olson Room on September 28, 2020, with Angie Wilkins, hostess. The club is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of October 5-9. Thanks to willing volunteers the slots were filled for the week with thanks to all who offered to help with this activity. Angie Wilkins presented a program on creating miniature arrangements. She explained that it all needs to be proportionate with your vase or base and all design rules apply. We received some good tips for future use when making petite entries for future flower show exhibits.

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- Knowledge of legal descriptions, real estate, basic accounting skills and office management procedures are preferred but willing to train the right person.
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Northwood Financial Services to acquire TSB Bank

Northwood Financial Services, Inc the parent company of NSB Bank in Mason City and Northwood has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire TSB Bank in Titonka, Thompson and Forest City Iowa.

TSB Bank serves the communities of Titonka, Thompson and Forest City, Iowa. NSB Bank has locations in Northwood and in east Mason City and west Mason City.

The Boyken Insurance Agency will remain with the Boyken Family and is not included in the definitive agreement.

Kirk Paulson, President and CEO of NSB Bank commented, "We are excited about the acquisition of TSB Bank. Both TSB and NSB are highly regarded family owned banks. There are many similarities in our markets as well as our customer and community-oriented approach to banking. We look forward to working with the wonderful TSB staff and their customers."

Allan Boyken, President of Titonka Bancshares said, "NSB is a very successful community bank and has shown consistent growth, stability and profitability. We are eager to bring together two strong community minded and family owned banks. At TSB, we have always used a customer first approach to our customers and communities and in NSB we found a partner that will continue that philosophy."

The transaction should be completed in the fourth quarter of 2020. TSB will operate as a separate organization within the Northwood Financial Services holding company until TSB is merged with and into NSB Bank in mid-2021.

Aquatic, forest and right-of-way pest management meeting held on October 21

The Worth County Extension Office will be offering a Commercial Applicators Recertification meeting for those certified in categories 2, 5, 6 and 10 on Wednesday, October 21.

The course will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. The class will be held at the Worth County Extension Office Community Room at the Worth County Fairgrounds in Northwood.

Those wanting to register are asked to contact the Worth County Extension Office Manager, Lacey Waller at the Worth County Extension Office in Northwood at 641-324-1531.

Pre-registrations are required this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Participants may email Lacey at ljwaller@iastate.edu to get signed up.

Alliant Energy reaches milestone, completes 1,000 MW of win in Iowa

Alliant Energy announces completion of its plan to add 1,000 megawatts (MW) of wind production in Iowa, several months ahead of schedule and within budget. This achievement comes as the company completes its 130-MW Richland Wind Farm in Sac County, located in west-central Iowa.

The now operational wind farm is among five wind projects across seven counties in the state. Collectively, the projects provide Iowa customers and communities with new renewable energy and are expected to provide power to approximately 430,000 Iowa homes.

"By continuing to advance cost-effective and clean energy, our customers, the communities we serve and the environment will benefit for decades to come," said Terry Kouba, President of Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company. "Investing in renewable energy sources, like wind and solar, is one more way that our purpose – to serve customers and build strong communities – comes to life."

Completing the Richland Wind project expands the company's total of owned and operated wind generation in the state to nearly 1,300 total MW. This investment in wind energy for Iowa customers generates significant financial benefits through tax revenue for communities and lease payments to landowners.

"Thank you to the many leaders throughout the state who have helped us deliver more renewable energy to our customers," added Kouba. "With wind, because there are no associated fuel costs, our investment in this renewable, natural resource provides long-term savings for our customers. At the same time, we'll continue delivering safe, reliable and affordable energy to the communities we serve."

Alliant Energy began construction on the Richland Wind Farm in July 2019 and is now the third largest utility owner-operator of regulated wind in the United States. The company reached a significant milestone over a two-day period in March 2020 when it generated enough renewable wind energy to meet all its Iowa customers' energy needs from its owned wind farms and wind purchase power agreements.

Alliant Energy's wind projects keep the company on its path toward achieving their new, aspirational goal of eliminating CO_2 emissions from the energy the company generates by 2050, a goal that's outlined in the company's latest Corporate Responsibility Report.

More information on Alliant Energy's wind development, is available by visiting allian tenergy.com/wind.

Northwood Volunteer Fire Company visits N-K kindergarten







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