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Briefs

Voting deadlines approach

Those planning to register before this year's election or request an absentee ballot by mail have until this Saturday to do so. Those registered can also currently vote absentee in person before 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 this Saturday, October 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Election Day.

For those who would rather vote from home, this 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.

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
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Wed. Oct. 14	60	36	
Fri. Oct. 15	63	31	
Thurs. Oct. 16	48	29	
Sat. Oct. 17	45	32	
Sun. Oct. 18	63	29	T
Mon. Oct. 19	36	21	



Eagle eyed

This eagle was sitting patiently waiting for vehicles to pass so he could capture his prey before another eagle was able to steal his meal.

Burn ban in place in Worth

A burn ban was in place in Worth County as of Monday, as conditions for open burning presented a threat to life and property, according to county officials.

On October 16, Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank requested that the Iowa Fire Marshall's office institute a burn ban in the county, on behalf of the county's fire departments. Following an investigation, the marshall's office agreed that conditions were right that open burning presented a danger.

With a burn ban in place, no one in the county is allowed to engage in open burning in the county.

A burn ban does not prevent supervised controlled burns with a

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Northwood asks residents to avoid burning leaves

With leaves falling, many in the area are looking for ways to dispose of their lawn refuse. The City of Northwood offers several options while asking residents to avoid burning leaves, which may create health issues for others.

For many years, the City has instituted a voluntary burn ban, with residents requested, but not required, to refrain from burning leaves.

Smoke from burning leaves contains many elements that can cause health problems that can make life difficult, or even cause serious, potentially fatal, health complications for some in the community.

The visible smoke released by burning leaves consists of particulate matter that contains a number of pollutants. If inhaled, the particulates reach the deepest part of the lungs, and may cause respiratory infection and asthma attacks and reduce the volume of air in the lungs and impair how that air is used.

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Halloween activities set with safety in mind

The Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Halloween parade and costume contest for children up to 10 years old. This year, those taking part are encouraged to practice social distancing and wear masks for safety.

The parade begins at the City Hall parking lot at 5 p.m. on Halloween, Saturday, October 31. The costumed kids, and their accompanying adults, costumed or other

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Public health emergency declaration extended

On October 16, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation that extended the State Public Health Emergency Declaration regarding COVID-19.

Prior to Friday's proclamation, the declaration was set to expire on October 18. The new proclamation extends the public health declaration through Sunday, November 15.

The proclamation extended the declaration with no significant changes.

Those Iowans in at risk groups are encouraged to take special care to avoid situations that would put them at risk for COVID-19.

All Iowans age two or older are strongly encouraged to follow the recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Board of Medicine and wear a mask or other face covering in public

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City Council discusses dollar lots

At recent meetings, the Northwood city council has discussed the disposition of several $1 lots.

At the September 14 meeting, the council was approached by a neighboring property owner of a dollar lot in the south part of the city. The lot borders the railroad tracks and has remained unclaimed for some time.

A request was made to purchase the lot for a purpose other than what is intended with the dollar lot program.

With the program, the City has purchased properties where dilapidated and rundown homes sit. The property owner demolishes the home before selling the property to the City. The City then takes care of the foundation and makes the lot ready for new development. The City then offers the lots for $1 to anyone that agrees to build a home with a minimum value within a set period of time.

The neighbor of the dollar lot at 208 15th Street South made a request to purchase the property for use for a shed to store vehicles and equipment.

The lot, as discussed at the meeting, is one of the least favorable of the ones purchased by the City, and may soon be the only one remaining.

It sits near the railroad tracks on the east side of the city and is unusually shaped to build a home on.

The council didn't have an issue with the alternate use of the property. However, they have rejected similar offers to buy a dollar lot for alternate uses three times in the past.

Council members noted that this lot is not as marketable as the other lots that they had denied in the past.

Also mentioned was a loophole in the dollar lot program.

One of the original intentions of the pro-

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The City of Northwood recently received a request to purchase the last remaining dollar lot for an alternate use.

Volleyball, football seasons come to an end — See Sports Page 1B

Worth an orange zone, while Iowa remained red

As COVID-19 cases in Worth County continued a slow rise, the state of Iowa has been a "red zone," a coronavirus hot spot, according to the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

In the October 11 state report for Iowa, the Task Force notes that Iowa is one of the states with 101 or more new cases per 100,000 population. According to the report, Iowa had the seventh highest rate in the U.S.

In regards to test positivity, the percentage of positive results out of the total tested, Iowa was in an orange zone, which with a rate between 8% and 10%, the 11th highest rate in the country.

Based on the data, the task force's recommendations for the state focusing on reducing community spread as "critical," using methods that include mask wearing, physical distancing, hand hygiene and avoiding crowds in public and private, including social gatherings.

Also mentioned was the importance of being vaccinated against the flu to limit the impact of that illness at the same time as COVID-19 rates are high in the state.

While COVID-19 numbers in Iowa remain high compared to other states, Worth County numbers remain low, compared to other counties in the state, ranking 96th out of 99 counties in cases per 100,000 population as of October 19.

Independent of the state of Iowa, Worth County's "per 100,000" rate was up 94 since October 12, from 1,597 to 1,691, which would make the county an orange zone, according to the White House Task Force documents.

As of October 19, at press time, Worth County had 126 , COVID cases, up 7 from October 12. With 1,894 Worth County residents tested, that made a positivity rate of 6.7%, up slightly from last week's rate of 6.6%. That would also make Worth an orange zone, according to the White House Task Force.

Meanwhile, the 14 day positivity rate in Worth County decreased to 3.6%, down from 4.7% on October 12. That number is one of the considerations for Iowa schools as they decide if they need to take additional precautions.

A rate of 3.6% 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 Mitchell County, with 5.7%. all four counties that include Central Springs were in the minimal range. The lowest rate for CS counties was Worth County.

Of the cases currently confirmed in Worth County, 20 are in those 0-17 (up 2), 54 in the 18-40 age group (up 2), 35 in those 41-60 (up 2), 15 in those 61-80 (up 1) and 2 over the age of 80.

In Worth County, there are 103 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 23 potentially remaining active.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 4,710 cases, as of Monday, including 433 in Winnebago, 279 in Hancock, 1,235 in Cerro Gordo, 412 in Floyd and 230 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 632 in Freeborn and 1,489 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.

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gram was to have someone build and live in a home. However, at the time it was implemented, the council had received legal advice that there would be no way enforce a residency requirement for the new homes, as the City didn't have a financial stake once the home was built.

With that in mind, anyone could build a home that qualified and then spend a minimal amount of time in the home before selling it.

The interested neighbor suggested that he could build a shed with an apartment attached, that he could then rent.

By their next meeting, on September 28, the City had received two offers to purchase the lot for other purposes.

The council ultimately decided that they would keep the lot in the dollar lot home program.

Also, at the September 28 meeting, the council took action that would leave the aforementioned property as the only remaining dollar lot in the city.

The council approved the dollar sale of the lot at 97 Eighth Street South, adjacent to a city parking lot.

At their meeting on October 12, the council also approved the dollar sale of the lot at 1200 Second Avenue North.

The council had to set a new policy for that sale, as two requests had come in the same day, in the same morning, for the same property.

The council ultimately agreed to offer the lot to the person that made the request first. That person's plans are also for the home that will be of higher value, adding more to the city's tax base.

Leaves
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Cost saving alternatives exist, including mulching and composting.

The City of Northwood also provides a number of other leaf disposal alternatives.

The City is once again collecting leaves and grass with a bailer this fall.

Leaves must be placed on the hard surface of the road and will be picked up early in the week. Leaves will not be picked up in alleys. Piles should be raked into the street in rows and should be no more than four feet wide and three feet high.

Northwood residents may also haul their leaves to the city's old dumpsite. Leaves may be left loose or in biodegradable bags. Loose leaves must be transported under a tarp. Plastic bags and boxes may not be left at the dumpsite, for the Code of Iowa.

Though the burn ban in Northwood remains a voluntary one, the city's ordinances do include some restrictions. Burning is not permitted until after 4 p.m. Only yard waste materials should be burned. It is against city code to burn other items, including lumber, tires or any garbage. Burning is not allowed on city streets.

Burn Ban
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permit from a fire chief or the use of outdoor fireplaces, barbecue grills, trash incinerators and trash burners made of metal, concrete, masonry or heavy one-inch wire mesh, with no openings over one square inch.

Violations of the burn ban are a simple misdemeanor.

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wise, will parade to the basketball courts in Central Park.

At the park, a contest will be held, with prizes going to the winners in three age groups, children three and under, 4-6 and 7-10. All kids under the age of 10 taking part will receive a bag of candy, while supplies last.

Following the parade, from 5-8 p.m., children will be trick or treating throughout Northwood.

Those handing out candy are asked to turn on their porch lights to signal that they are welcoming trick or treaters. They are also encouraged to consider creative ways to hand out candy and observe social distancing.

Possible options include placing a bowl of candy on a porch with hand sanitizer, setting up a table in a driveway with small cups or bags of individual treat portions, using long kitchen utensils to give candy to children, placing or hiding candy in yards for a treat hunt or even decorating and setting up a candy chute to drop candy into bags or buckets.

Voting
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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 hour a day, 7 day a week convenience.

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

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settings, especially when six foot social distancing is not possible.

The extended declaration retains requirements for restaurants, bars and other businesses to use practices and policies that ensure social distancing and increased hygiene measures. The same is true of gatherings of people in social, recreational and religious settings.

All other provisions of the state's disaster declaration remain in place.

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November 3, General Election

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Friends and Neighbors –
Thank you for your support in the primary election. Although I didn't win, I have been encouraged to do a write-in campaign in the Nov. 3rd general election and I would like to ask for your support in this process.

There are many projects the Board of Supervisors have in process and I would love to help see them completed for Worth County.

Please remember to vote, it's your right!
– Mark Smeby
Worth County Supervisor, District 2

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October 18-24 is National Teen Driver Safety Week

From the Iowa Department of Public Safety

Parenting is not an easy task, and parenting teenagers comes with its own unique set of challenges. During National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 18-24, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau is teaming up with law enforcement across the state to help empower parents to discuss the importance of safe driving habits with their young drivers. This week and every week, parents should have conversations with their teens about the important rules they need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel. This week, or any time, is a perfect time to begin and continue the conversation, and to remind parents not to hand over the car keys until their teen knows the rules of the road.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15 to 18 years old) in the United States - ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence. In 2018, there were 2,121 people killed in crashes involving a teen driver (15 to 18 years old), of which 719 deaths were the teen driver.

• Alcohol and Drugs: All teens are too young to legally buy, possess, or consume alcohol. However, nationally in 2018, 16% of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes had alcohol in their system. But alcohol isn't the only substance that can keep teens from driving safely. Like other drugs, marijuana affects a driver's ability to react to their surroundings. Remind teens that driving under the influence of any impairing substance could have deadly consequences.

• Seat Belts: Wearing a seat belt is one of the simplest ways for teens to stay safe in a vehicle. Yet too many teens aren't buckling up. In 2018, almost half (45%) of the teen passenger vehicle drives who died were unbuckled. Even more troubling, when the teen driver involved in the fatal crash was unbuckled, nine out of ten of the passengers who died were also unbuckled.

• Distracted Driving: Distractions while driving are more than just risky—they can be deadly. In 2018, among teen drivers involved in fatal crashes, almost 10% were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. The use of mobile devices while driving is a big problem, but there are other causes of teen distracted driving which pose dangers as well. They include adjusting the radio, applying makeup, eating or drinking, or distractions from other passengers in the vehicle.

• Speeding: In 2018, almost one-quarter (28%) of all teen passenger vehicle drivers involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of the crash, and males were more likely to be involved in fatal crashes than females.

• Passengers: Teen drivers transporting passengers can lead to disastrous results. Research shows the risk of a fatal crash goes up in direct relation to the number of passengers in a car. The likelihood of teen drivers engaging in risky behavior triples when traveling with multiple passengers.

• Drowsy Driving: Teens are busier than ever: studying, extracurricular activities, part-time jobs, and spending time with friends are among the long list of things they do to fill their time. However, with all of these activities, teens tend to compromise something very important—sleep. This is a dangerous habit that can lead to drowsy driving or falling asleep at the wheel.

In 2019, Iowa lost 39 young drivers between the ages of 14 – 20 in motor vehicle crashes. Seven of those drivers had a blood alcohol over the legal limit. The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau encourages you to talk to your teen drivers about safe driving practices. Losing even one is one too many, don't you think?

School responds to student's death

Over the weekend, the Northwood-Kensett community learned that a student had died by suicide. Since then, the school has set up resources for its students and staff, as the community prepared to honor his memory.

On Friday, October 16, Ian Husske died by suicide at his home.

Husske left a note thanking those that made his life happy and telling those that ever feel suicidal to get help.

For the students and staff impacted by Husske's death, N-K has enlisted the help of Area Education Agency counseling, faith leaders and other community agencies and resources.

Husske's classmates have organized a vigil for tonight, Wednesday, October 21, starting at 7 p.m. in the front parking lot of the high school. Those attending will be able to share stories, music and memories. Those coming should park in the in the main lots or on the streets.

Suicide Prevention Resources

Your Life Iowa
Online at yourlifeiowa.org
Call 855-581-8111
Text 855-895-8398

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line
Text HOME to 741741

Sharing suicide prevention resources

With the past weekend's tragic loss, many may be looking for resources or have questions about suicide and suicide prevention.

Below are a number of online, phone and text options for adults, parents, young people and others who are worried about love ones or are facing issues themselves.

The Iowa Department of Public Health offers Your Life Iowa, at yourlifeiowa.org, which includes resources for people or their loved ones facing a variety of issues, including thoughts of suicide. The website includes a live chat feature. Those with concerns can also call Your Life Iowa at 855-581-8111 or text 855-895-8398.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a hotline for individuals in crisis or for those looking to help someone else. Anyone may speak to a certified listener by calling 1-800-273-8255.

Those looking for emotional crisis support may also message with a trained listener at the Crisis Text Line by texting HELLO to 741741. The service is free and confidential.

Warning signs of suicide

Talking about wanting to die
Looking for a way to kill oneself
Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
Talking about feeling trapped or being in unbearable pain
Talking about being a burden to others
Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
Acting anxious, agitated or recklessly
Sleeping too little or too much
Withdrawing or feeling isolated
Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
Displaying extreme mood swings

What to do

Do not leave the person alone.

Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt.

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Take the person to an emergency room or seek help from a medical or mental health professional.

Brett Mulkey, DO, joins MercyOne Forest Park Family Medicine

Dr. Brett Mulkey has joined the staff of MercyOne Forest Park Family Medicine.

Mulkey grew up in Mason City, and received his doctor of Osteopathy from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, Colorado. He completed his residency at the MercyOne North Iowa Family Medicine Residency program.


BRETT MULKEY

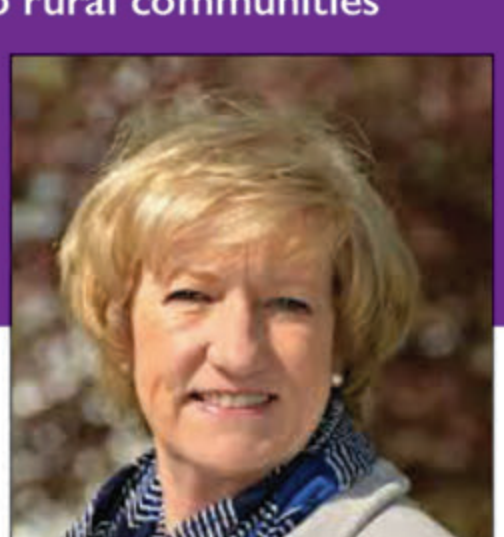
Mulkey has enjoyed developing close relationships with his patients. "My father is a surgeon and growing up I saw him help a lot of people through his work," said Mulkey. "I knew I wanted a career that was fulfilling and would allow me to impact people's lives in the same way."

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, MercyOne has implemented expanded safety protocols to help protect patients and care teams, including temperature and symptom screening for all individuals who enter care locations, requiring face masks for all, implementing practices to ensure physical separation and increased cleaning. Virtual visits are an additional way MercyOne is helping ensure continued access to personalized care for patients. To learn more, visit MercyOne.org.

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- Balanced the budget and cut taxes for the middle class and small businesses
- Invested in rural K-12 schools, worker training programs, public safety, and rural EMS
- Increased access to affordable health care, mental health, and telehealth services
- Incentivized the expansion of high-speed internet to rural communities
- Named Legislator of the Year by the Iowa Pet Alliance for efforts to protect pets and animals from torture and neglect

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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.



Cutting the ribbon on Strike Zone improvements

While his family has owned the Strike Zone for over a year, Matt Grunzke has been working on a variety of improvements, with more on the way. That includes electronic scoring and video displays on the lanes, along with new tables and seating, and handicapped accessible improvements. Last week members of the Northwood Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Grunzke's efforts with a ribbon cutting.

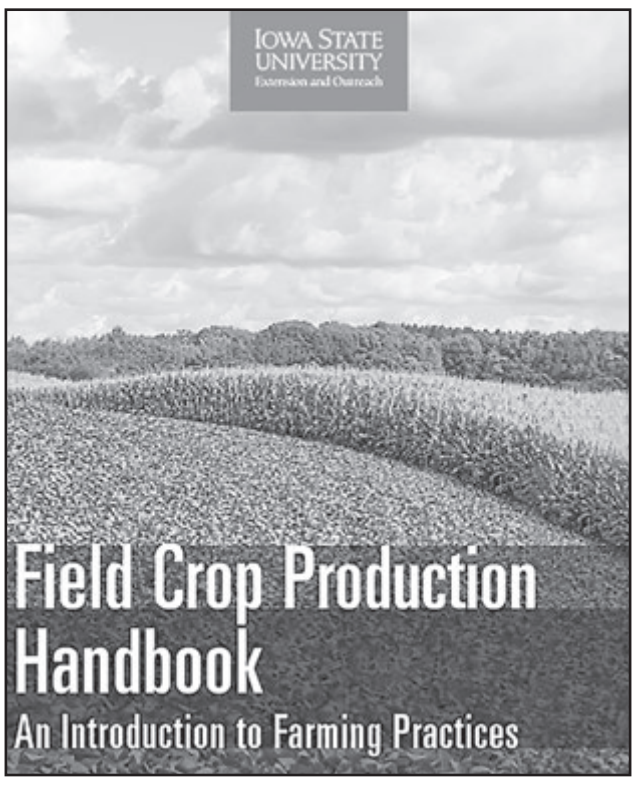
Field crop production handbook offers valuable insight for Iowa growers

By Mark Licht, Agronomy
Erin Hodgson, Department of Entomology

Growing successful field crops is a science, one that is learned and improved upon with years of experience. But sometimes it just makes sense to start with the basics.

That's the approach of a new publication from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach called the "Field Crop Production Handbook."

This 144-page handbook provides a general overview of the essential aspects of producing field crops in Iowa. It focuses on the basics of crop establishment, but also on care and harvest, as well as the impacts on soil, water and wildlife.



"The handbook is useful for people who are new to agriculture or may be joining the family farm and want to get reacquainted with some of the basics of crop production," said Erin Hodgson, professor and extension specialist in entomology at Iowa State University.

Sixteen chapters cover the most common field crops grown in Iowa, including corn and soybean, but also small grains and forages. Each chapter includes a glossary of terms and additional resources, if producers want to learn more.

The printed copy includes glossy pages with pictures and graphics, at a cost of $12 per copy or $6 per copy if purchased in boxed quantities of 37. The publication is also available digitally on the Iowa State University Extension Store and can be downloaded for $6.

"There is a lot of practical information in the handbook to help get people up to speed and refresh their knowledge," said Mark Licht, assistant professor in agronomy and cropping systems specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The handbook is also useful for high school and college ag programs, where students and teachers may be looking for a basic primer that covers crop production.

Licht said it was an enjoyable project that included input from a diverse group of faculty and staff at Iowa State. The publication is written and organized in a way that is intended to be accessible to those with or without a farming background, and to audiences not traditionally associated with agriculture.

The primary authors were Hodgson and Licht, along with Adam Sisson, extension specialist for the Integrated Pest Management program at Iowa State.

More information is available by contacting Hodgson at 515-294-2847 or ewh@iastate.edu. Licht can be reached at 515-294-0877 or lichtma@iastate.edu. Sisson is available at ajsisson@iastate.edu.

NOTICE

The City of Northwood is requesting that all citizens cooperate with a

BURNING BAN

of leaves and garden waste.



As a service to Northwood Residents the City will pick up leaves with its bailer under the following guidelines:

- Leaves will be picked-up early in the week
  Giving residents the weekend for yard work.
- All leaves must be placed on the hard surface of the road
- No pickup in alleys.
- Only leaves and grass may be picked-up.
- For best results, piles should be raked into the street in rows and should be no more than 4-feet wide, by 3-feet high, for best results.
- Residents may haul leaves to the old dump site from Monday - Sunday. Loose leaves and/or biodegradable bags may be used, however loose leaves must be transported under a tarp. The loose leaves and/or biodegradable bags are to be placed with the piles at the site. Plastic bags and boxes may not be left at the site with the leaves. These are State Code of Iowa requirements.

Please show your concern for our citizens who have respiratory and heart difficulties by voluntarily not burning.

Thank you,
Doug Moehle, Mayor

OPERATION Christmas Child — Samaritan's Purse

BUILD A SHOEBOX!

Bless a Child with a Special Gift!

As You Prayerfully Prepare to Pack your Shoebox Gift . . .

Remember to pack quality items that will last.

1. SHOEBOX: Get a standard sized shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.
2. "WOW" ITEM: Select a "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal.
3. OTHER GIFTS: Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items or school supplies.
4. PRAY: Pray for the child receiving your gift. Add a personal note or photo.
5. DONATE $9 PER BOX: A donation of $9 per box to cover shipping and project costs.
6. DROP OFF: Take your shoebox to a local drop off.

Drop off by November 8 to

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or contact Rose Fredericks 641-390-1299

Gift Ideas

"WOW" ITEM
- Soccer Ball with Pump
- Doll
- Shoes
- Stuffed Animal

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- Toy Cars
- Yo-Yos
- Jump Ropes
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Taking it slow

Worth County recently received the results of a traffic study at the Interstate 35/Highway 105 interchange, conducted by the Iowa Department of Transportation. It showed that traffic patterns at the interchange warranted a reduced speed zone to keep drivers safe. The zone extends from the east side of the interstate on Highway 105, before the on and off ramps, to beyond Kum & Go on the west, as well as north of the casino on Wheelerwood Road. Pictured are the 45 mph speed limit signs that were recently installed on Highway 105.

Winter may be warmer or cooler, depending on who you ask

Whether it be warmer or cooler, snowier or not, there are sources that provide a variety of outlooks for winter weather once again this year.

Justan Glisan, state climatologist with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, said that the main indicator of winter weather suggests colder and wetter conditions are on the way.

Glisan said that a La Nina period is beginning, referring to the cold version of the cycle of temperatures between the ocean and atmosphere in the equatorial Pacific Ocean.

Weather forecasters use recorded impacts of previous La Nina and its opposite, El Nino, events as a primary predictor of weather to come.

"Typically, that means colder than average temperatures and wetter conditions through the winter," Glisan said.

For northern Iowa specifically, Glisan said colder temperatures are more likely than they are in the central and southern parts of the state.

Precipitation is also more likely to be higher in northeastern and northern Iowa, but only slightly so, according to Glisan.

Glisan did give two disclaimers.

One, the affects of a La Nina depend on the strength of fluctuations of temperatures between the ocean and the atmosphere.

Two, he noted that the current forecast is based on the current projection for "meteorological winter," which he said lasts from the start of December to the end of February. As the season approaches, the forecast is improved.

Another potential indicator is the National Weather Service's 90 day outlooks, which show the likelihood that a 90 day period will be different from the average.

NWS maps at press time showed that the period of October, November and December would have a slight chance of being warmer than average. The 90 day outlooks that start in November and end in March all show equal chances of warmer or cooler than average conditions.

For precipitation, the outlooks show equal chances of above or below average conditions for October-November-December and November-December-January. For the 90 day outlooks that start in December and end in March, there is a slight chance for above average precipitation.

A third prognosticator of winter provides a bit of a different forecast, one that some may welcome.

The Old Farmer's Almanac derives its forecasts from a secret formula developed in 1792, based on the influence of sunspots on the Earth's weather patterns. That formula is refined by modern technology and calculations.

For the "Heartland" region, which includes all of Iowa and areas to the south and southwest, the Old Farmer's Almanac predicts that winter will bring temperatures well above normal and precipitation below normal, with below normal snowfall.

For the north part of the region, which would include Worth County, from November to March, the Almanac predicts above average temperatures each month, including up to 10 degrees above in February.

For the northern part of the region, the Almanac forecasts that precipitation will be average in November, below average in December and January, average in February and below average in March.



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Pictured are those at Cynthia Vold Forde's one year old birthday party 80 years ago.



Pictured at Ann Sandburg Johnson's fifth birthday party are (from left to right) Mary Bakketun, Dianne Halland, Dick Halland, Ann Sandberg, Karen Mostrom, Dale Sandberg and Cynthia Forde.

Class and family/friend reunions held

The NHS Class of 1957 had a 63 year reunion at the Woodfire Grille Restaurant in Diamond Jo's Casino on October 3.

The "odd-year" reunion was a success, despite just a few attendees, due to COVID fears. Included were Jerry and Betty Brunsvold of Lake Mills, Ann and Dave Stevens of Northwood, LaVerne Anderson of Lake Mills and Arizona, Dr. Victor and Nola Edwards of Iowa Cit, and the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Forde, and her husband Ron Beatty, from Montgomery, Texas. All agreed they are indeed happy to have lived long enough to experience the disadvantages of aging.

On Sunday, October 4, Ann and Dale Johnson and family picnicked in Swensrud Park with Cynthia Forde and Ron Beatty celebrating eight decades of friendship between the two ladies. Ann Sandberg Johnson attended Cynthia Vold Forde's first birthday party 80 years ago. And Cynthia attended Ann's 75th birthday party. They were each other's first playmates.

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University of Iowa class of 2024 set yet another new academic benchmark

The incoming undergraduate class at the University of Iowa for fall 2021 has yet again topped previous records in achievement with a higher average high school grade-point average (GPA), at 3.78, than any previous class. The average high school GPA for the classes of 2023 and 2022 were 3.76 and 3.71, respectively.

"These newest Hawkeyes are going to bring so much to our campus through their individual talents and perspectives, not to mention the incredible determination and tenacity they have demonstrated over these last months," said Kevin Kregel, interim executive vice president and provost. "We look forward to making sure they have the breadth and depth of opportunities they deserve and the support they need to achieve their academic goals."

The Class of 2024 is composed of 4,530 students, 456 fewer than last year. A decrease in enrollment was anticipated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

About 21% of the class (971) are first-generation students, and about 21% (961) identify as African American, American Indian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Asian, Latinx/a/o, or two or more ethnicities.

Despite the challenges brought forth by the pandemic, Sarah Hansen, vice president for student life, said the Hawkeye spirit is strong and resilient.

"Just as we have overcome adversity in the past, we will overcome the considerable challenges we face with COVID-19. This year's incoming class is as accomplished and diverse as ever, and I know that they will make their mark on the University of Iowa," she said. "The Class of 2024 has already shown their resiliency as their senior year in high school was disrupted. We are so grateful to have them here on campus, and I look forward to working with our new students to continue our commitment to building a diverse, equitable and inclusive campus community for all Hawkeyes."

About 58% of the class (2,612) are Iowa residents and about 2% (69) are international students. The class represents 95 of Iowa's 99 counties, 43 U.S. states (as well as Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and bases for the U.S. Armed Forces) and 35 countries.

This year, 22,405 undergraduates are enrolled at Iowa. Total enrollment this fall is 30,448 students. About 46% of Iowa's students identify as male, about 54% as female. Graduate students total 6,170, and professional students total 1,873.

This information represents a snapshot of enrollment information from early in the fall 2020 semester and may change with time.

Students attending the University of Iowa this fall include Danielle Miles of Manly, Undergraduate - First Year, enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Joshua Olson of Joice, Undergraduate - First Year, enrolled in the Tippie College of Business; Peyton Pangburn of Northwood, Undergraduate - First Year enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Braxton Pinske of Manly, Undergraduate - First Year, enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Alexis Oppman of Manly, Undergraduate - Third Year, enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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

Keep your Foot on Satan's Neck



There is a classic painting of the Archangel Michael by Guido Reni which depicts the angel with his foot on Satan's neck, or more accurately, on his head, and with his sword poised to strike. The Archangel Michael appears calm and completely in control, and almost femininely serene. When I was growing up, my Italian grandmother had a statue in her house of the Virgin Mary which depicted Mary with her foot on the neck of a serpent, clearly meant to represent Satan. What I most remember about that statue is the nonchalant way in which Mary keeps her foot on the serpent's neck. It was almost as if Mary was oblivious to the serpent underfoot. That there are serpents at loose in the world, and a world where Satan seems to have free reign, certainly lends a note of seriousness to our earthly journey. But, if we are soldiers in God's army, like the Archangel Michael and the Virgin Mary, we can go through life calmly and do battle with Satan without being overly concerned. A good man or woman will do God's will, regardless of the circumstances, and will always be on the side of truth and goodness, and thus can be confident that he or she is keeping his or her foot on Satan's neck. —Christopher Simon

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." – Romans 16: 20

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

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

Our Share Shoppe is a treasure trove of goodies and cookbooks are just one of them. When people outgrow their cookbooks, some are donated to the Shoppe so are just waiting for cooks to scoop them up. The most recent one I found is OLD…so old that the cover price is 95 cents! It was published by Family Circle Magazine in 1966 but the recipes are timeless. Great Ground-Beef Recipes is a coffee-table-sized soft cover book that boasts "more than 350 ideas: burgers, family and party meat loaves, meat balls, casseroles, cookouts, gourmet specials"… whew! That's quite a list. Let's focus on meatloaves…I LOVE meatloaf. It's easy, economical and the leftovers make great sandwiches, either cold or hot covered with gravy. Don't forget you can also combine ground meats such as beef with pork; chicken and turkey; beef and ham and even wild game with pork to moisten it. I've adapted them somewhat for our kitchens.

Caraway Loaf
(a bit of a German twist)

1 tablespoon dried minced onion
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 slices caraway rye bread
3/4 cup milk (not skim)
1 pound lean ground beef
1/2 pound ground pork
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/8 teaspoon pepper
Optional: 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Make crumbs of the bread slices; you'll need about 1 1/2 cups. Combine the onion, lemon juice, bread crumbs and milk. Let this stand until the milk is absorbed. Mix with the ground meats, egg, parsley, salt and pepper until well-blended. Mix gently or the loaf will be tough but make sure the bread is well distributed and the meats combined. Press into an 8x8-inch baking pan and bake for 50 minutes or until brown. Cut into rectangles to serve.

SANDY'S NOTE: you can always form it into a loaf and bake on a cookie sheet if you like a crispy exterior. They didn't use instant-read thermometers in the 60s but checking for internal temp is a good idea now. The free-formed loaf might take less baking time.

Busy-Day Beef Round

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1 cup peeled, grated carrot
1 cup peeled grated potato
1 small onion, grated
1 cup real sour cream
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 can (3-4 oz.) chopped mushrooms
with their liquid. Chop smaller if necessary so they blend in well.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the ground beef lightly with the rest of the ingredients in a bowl large enough to fit everything. Using clean hands to mix meatloaf is the most efficient way to treat the mixture gently. Shape the mixture into a round loaf about 1-inch thick and flat on top, using a shallow baking pan. Bake for 1 hour or until brown and cooked through. Cut into 6 wedges to serve.

Cheese-and-Cracker Meat Loaf

1 large sweet red pepper
1 large onion, chopped
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
2 cups crushed saltine crackers
1/2 teaspoon paprika
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 pound Cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon real butter
1 cup milk (not skim)

Cut the cheese into 1/2-inch cubes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Cut the stem end from the red pepper and remove the seeds. Cut 8 thin rings from the center of the pepper and set aside for topping. Chop the remaining pepper; there should be about 1/2 cup. Sauté the chopped pepper and onion in the oil, just until soft. Mix the cracker crumbs, seasonings, eggs and milk until well blended; stir in the pepper and onion combination. Mix gently but well then fold in the cheese cubes so they are pretty much evenly distributed throughout the meat. Using a 6-cup oval or round baking dish as a mold, pack the meatloaf mixture into it and then unmold into a shallow baking pan. Bake for 1 hour or until brown and cooked through. In the meantime, sauté the red pepper rings in the butter turning once, until slightly browned and wilted. Arrange on top of the cooked loaf before cutting into 8 servings.

Whether it's 1966 or 2020, when making meatloaf be to use ground beef with 85% lean. If you use fattier meat your loaf will be swimming in grease. If you use extra lean, the loaf will be dry. Also, as soon as the loaf is baked, remove it from the pan so it doesn't soak up the drippings on the bottom. Use those drippings to make the wonderful gravy for your hot meatloaf sandwiches! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



An eventful contribution

TUNE members Teresa Olson and Wendy Weisert accepted a donation for The Timbers, Northwood's new event center, from the Viafield Community Enhancement Foundation. Presenting the donation on behalf of Viafield were Chris Menke, Courtney Bartz, Brandon Severson and Jerry Keleher.

Extension to develop national food systems curriculum web portal

By Courtney Long
Farm, Food and Enterprise Development

A new cooperative agreement between USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Farm, Food and Enterprise Development supports development of a web portal to highlight existing curricula, resources and tools to support food systems practitioners across the country.

This agreement builds on work completed in 2019 through an initial AMS project led by FFED's food systems team. The members worked with 30 partners nationwide to understand and identify core competencies for food systems practitioners. The project included multiple facilitated conversations as well as two national surveys to understand key areas and topics within local and regional food systems development nationwide.

"Vibrant local and regional food systems are more crucial now than ever, as the pandemic disrupts our globalized food supply chain," said Courtney Long, program manager for farm, food and enterprise development with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Many people are engaged in supporting this work in communities of all sizes around the U.S. They frequently express a need for tools to identify professional development opportunities that can help them do their work more effectively."

The project team identified nine core competencies and several subcompetencies across the food system. They range from equity and community capacity to leadership and evaluation. The summary is available online.

This led to research and identification of existing trainings and curricula.

Phase two of the project began in September 2020. Partners will develop an online web portal managed through Iowa State's Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC), with a home page on Colorado State University's Local Food Economics website. A core team of national partners will develop the web portal and an outreach plan to engage practitioners across the U.S.

Learn more about this ongoing work on the Community Food Systems Program web page.

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Northwood Anchor Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Operation Christmas Child time

It is Operation Christmas Child time again. This is such an amazing and exciting opportunity to make a difference in a child's life. This is one of Samaritan's Purse Ministries.

Each year in October and the first part of November, caring congregations across the country fill shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and an assortment of many other gifts. These boxes can be dropped off at First Lutheran Church's main entrance or my front porch, by Sunday, November 8, 2020.

After November 8, the boxes will be taken to a regional processing center, where thousands of volunteers prepare them for overseas shipment. Each child that receives a shoe box is blessed by the items inside. They also go through "The Greatest Journey," a 12 lesson discipleship course for the children. Many of these children have asked Jesus to come into their lives, just like Emmanuel from Malawi. They receive a Bible written in their own language. Emmanuel shared his lesson with two friends and told them about Jesus. Soon several more children wanted to learn about Jesus. Emmanuel started a Bible club with 10 of his friends. As children around the world share the Word of God with family and friends they in turn are telling others about the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This year you have many ways to participate.

First choice is to put a box together by yourself, as a family or as a group. Example: a club, Sunday school class, daycare and many more.

Second choice: donate items to fill shoe boxes, or

Third choice: give a donation towards Operation Christmas Child.

The pamphlets are on the display table at the top of the steps at First Lutheran. There is a box that is ready to go on display on that table. This will give you an idea of what to fill your box with. Have fun and enjoy the experience!

Once again, I hope you will make a difference in the life of a child!

God bless you.

Any questions please call me at 641-390-1299. My address is 107 Seventh Street N, Northwood.

Rose Fredericks

Political letter policy

The Northwood Anchor will accept letters to the editor of a political nature up to this Thursday, October 22, to be published in the last week in October, before the November election.

The Anchor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published, but will make a good faith effort to make sure Worth County residents and each candidate's supporters are represented, should a decision have to be made about whether or not to publish a letter.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

What are you smiling about?

I wore this when I was in high school and it still fits.

It's a hat!

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I was idling rough. I'd slept too little at both ends. I stumbled outside. I'm no longer all that excited about the weather setting any records on my watch and I can wait for snow. It was time for the changing of the guard. I moved the rain gauge into the house and the ice scraper to a prominent position in the car. We always get one more nice day until we don't. That's the way of fall. I must come from people who enjoyed scraping windshields. Fall would last longer if winter didn't insist on snapping it with a frozen towel.

Town ball

I was fortunate to travel through Union Hill and St. Patrick one day. These are ball towns I think of as having a baseball field, a bar, a Catholic Church and not much more or in that order. I recall being a batboy years ago for a local squad in a town slightly larger than those, but lacking a Catholic Church. I offered bats to batters and retrieved foul balls and home runs. I snagged a ball and 25 cents became involved. I didn't last long at the task. I couldn't afford to pay a quarter each time I returned a ball.

I've learned

It's not a good idea to have the Ne'er Do Well Company dig your well.

"The weather isn't usually like this," says everyone to an out-of-state guest.

No matter how cheap it is, a bottle of wine with a corn pad in it isn't worth the price.

Underwear should have an expiration date.

I wonder

Why pears are pear-shaped?

How many syllables a word could have and still fit into Rhode Island?

Did people hoard toilet paper because they had a great need to leave a paper trail?

An ambling Alabaman

Geoff Hill, a professor at Auburn University in Alabama, visited his 50th state this year. Most people guessed it was North Dakota. That's unfair. I love visiting North Dakota. Geoff told me his 50th state was Nevada. He's not much of a gambler. Hill has written 12 books. His most recent is "Mitonuclear Ecology." It's not a murder mystery. I'll stick with his "Ivorybill Hunters: The Search for Proof in a Flooded Wilderness."

In local news

Weasels vaccinations available at the clinic.

The city of Two Bits votes by paper airplane.

A visitor to Two Bits is injured when hit by the sidewalk being rolled up.

Slick's Carwash reminds those who want the inside of a car cleaned to leave its windows open.

Bad joke department

What's it called when one banana eats another banana? Cannibananalism.

How many surrealists does it take to change a light bulb? Kohlrabi.

"What vest is most common in the fall?" The harvest.

"Knock, knock." "Who's there?" "Billy-Bob Ignatius Throgmorton Poffenberger-Musslewhite." "Billy-Bob Ignatius Throgmorton Poffenberger-Musslewhite who?" "You know more than one?"

Grandma cooks carrots and peas in the same pot.

Give a man a shirt and he'll wear it once. Tell him it looks good on him and he'll wear it a lifetime.

Things to note in nature

1. Gray squirrels build leafy nests called dreys.

2. Thirteen-lined ground squirrels begin to hibernate.

3. Cattails shed seeds.

4. Short-tailed weasels (ermine) start changing from brown to white.

5. Barred owls call day or night, "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you, all?" The barred owl is opportunistic in its feeding habits and preys upon fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, mice, squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits and insects. I don't doubt it'd take a skunk out to lunch, but maybe not a full-grown adult. Great horned owls eat both skunks and barred owls.

6. Chipmunks gather food to store in their burrows and collect leaves for bedding.

7. Restless flocks of robins. Robin migration is complicated by individual variations as to where they spend the winter. Robins are nomadic, short- to medium-distance migrants with most of Minnesota's breeding robins wintering in the southern U.S. and Mexico. Males are more likely to remain in the north than are females. In the spring, males need to find and defend territories as soon as possible. A female's job is to lay eggs, which requires good nutrition, so they go where they find abundant food in winter.

8. Pine siskins, resembling goldfinches in striped pajamas, proliferate at the feeders.

Meeting adjourned

Write down three things you are grateful for and be kind because of them.

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Fit to print...

Enjoy your usual life, but vote

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Occasionally we all feel like we are living in a rut. Our days and weeks are filled with the same activities and schedules. We mow grass, rake leaves, clean the house, sweep out the garage and do the same jobs. We go to the same grocery store on a certain day, wash our car at the same place and see the same people along the way. We go to the same place of worship, and read the same daily or weekly newspaper. Our lives are made up of routines, schedules and the usual.

Occasionally we get bored with the usual and do something different. We enjoy the change briefly. There is always a rush of adrenaline with something different. For example, you may change grocery stores for the week or even drive out of town to try out a restaurant. You may even take a trip to a distant part of the state to see something different. While the unusual is stimulating it often makes us tired and we pine to return to the usual.

The usual is the known and the expected. We've done it so many times and usually have the same results. The same results are good if they make us happy. You know what to expect at the little coffee place you frequent and that's why you keep returning. The grocery store has what you need and you know where to find everything. Unless they change everything around in the store and this drives us crazy until we learn our way around again.

We visit with the same people and often have the same types of conversations because those conversations are within our comfort zone. The usual things we do are all about our comfort levels. With Covid-19 you may not feel comfortable doing a lot because of the unknown. People's comfort levels have changed over the last year. Worship attendance has dramatically changed. Work places have changed. Community gatherings have changed or don't exist.

Whatever your usual is, try to continue to enjoy the familiar and the routine. Keith Urban sings a song about "All that wasted time." One line in the song says, "The best years of my life was all that wasted time." We seldom see the usual we do as wasting time. Usually it's moving forward with the routines of life. It's going to school. Doing our homework. Going to work. Earning a paycheck. Saving some money. Paying our bills. Maintaining our houses and cars. Going to the doctor and caring for ourselves. When you really think about it, we're very fortunate if we have daily and weekly routines. The best of life is often what we do every day.

We don't vote often. Once or twice a year we may go to the polls. Break with your routine and do something great for your local, state and national government. Go vote. When the election results come in then you'll know you did your part when you return back to doing your usual.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools, including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 12 books, including "Uncommon Sense." His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

October 20, 1920

The marriage of Miss Nona Ruth Thompson to Leslie R. Whipple, head of the insurance department of the Beck-Walker Company, at Mason City, took place at 10 a.m. at the home of the groom's parents at Northwood, the Rev. Robertson of the First Baptist church, officiating.

The County Livestock Breeder's Association was organized on October 15, when a good representation of livestock breeders of the county met at Northwood. C.W. McDonald, livestock specialist from Ames, was present and talked on the purposes and the value of an association of this kind in the county.

H.C. Stendel, butter maker at the Tenold creamery, has again won honors for his skills and excellence of product. At the National Dairy Show in Chicago he won first prize in the Iowa exhibits with a score of 94 1/2.

Joe Reidinger, of Plymouth, had the misfortune to strike a rut and turn over in his Ford car. The accident occurred about two miles west of the village. He suffered a sprained arm and bruised his face and leg considerably. The car suffered some damage, the windshield and fenders being smashed up.

The Northwood High School football team played Greene High at Northwood. Much interest centered in the game as it was the first of the season, also because football had been abandoned by the local school for many years. Greene won 40 to 0.

75 years ago

October 25, 1945

A truck-car crash eight miles east of Albert Lea took the lives of three Northwood men. Killed instantly were Albert "Ob" Thompson, 74, and Milton Winkleman, 42, while Leland Thompson, 48, son of Albert, died on the way to the Albert Lea Hospital.

Sgt. Glen Garnas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garnas, south of Northwood, arrived home from Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he had received his honorable discharge following service in the European war area. Glen had the pleasant experience of seeing for the first time his daughter, Genevieve, who will be three years old. He expects to resume farming here.

Less than a week after he arrived home with his honorable discharge from the armed services, Darrel Gavin started work as teller in the Northwood State Bank. He worked for 2 1/2 years in the Manly bank before entering the service some three years ago.

Taking a 7 to 0 lead in the very first half of last Friday night's football game with Buffalo Center on the Bison gridiron, the NHS Vikings swept on to a 20 to 6 victory, in their fifth Iowa conference game. The Vikings now have a record of 3 conference victories to 2 defeats, for a .600 point rating.

Misses Eva Keller and Helen Perry, both of whom are employed in the state treasurer's office at Des Moines, spent the weekend with Northwood folks at home. They drove up with Miss Katinka Myli of Kensett, who is also employed at the state house.

50 years ago

October 22, 1970

Roger Hofstad, Northwood feed dealer, has re-opened his business on Central Avenue and will call the firm Hofstad Feed Service. He discontinued his business in January of this year and joined the feed division of Central Soya Co. He resigned there last week to re-open his own firm.

Members of the kindergarten class of Northwood-Kensett school were guests at the Viking Restaurant recently. Anna Mae Wong, daughter of the proprietor, is a member of the class. Mrs. L.A. Bakken, Mrs. Dale Jones and Principal Howard Vorland accompanied the group.

The Viking freshman-sophomore football team was defeated on Monday 14-0 by Britt in a game played at Northwood. The Eagles led 6-0 until the last second of play, when they ran a touchdown from the one yard line and made a two point conversion. The team travels to Belmond on Monday for their final game of the season.

The beautiful Northwood Country Club closed last week for the 1970 season. An aerial view, looking west, showed the modern clubhouse, with the Shell Rock River in the background. Glenn Emmons, Northwood, was elected president for 1971 at a meeting of the membership earlier this month.

Even a pet dog gets a look at the fire equipment when Chief Dick Tuttle explained the equipment to Brownie Scouts on Monday. The girls were pictured with their leaders, Mrs. John Stumo, Mrs. Roger Swartwood, Mrs. Marvin Trogstad and Mrs. Harold Quisley.

Mrs. David (Ann) Stevens, rural Northwood, exhibited the Supreme Champion barrow at the Cattle Congress in Waterloo. Previously the barrow had won breed champion and grand champion awards.

25 years ago

October 25, 1995

Worth County Conservation Board executive director Dean Mueller and Iowa Department of Natural Resources trumpeter swan restoration specialist Ron Andrews had their hands full when they released a breeding pair of trumpeters in one of the ponds at Worth County Lake Park northeast of Kensett. The swans will be used to establish a breeding flock in Worth County.

Northwood VFW "Our Buddies" Post 6779 Ladies Auxiliary member Iola Bakken placed a reflective sticker on Northwood-Kensett third-grader Jacob Madsen's book bag recently as part of the auxiliary's the "Lite-a-tike" safety program Auxiliary members Doris Hudson and Ruth Ranum lent a hand, as did Maynis Aamodt, Eunice Bendickson and Anita Glaser.

The Northwood-Kensett High School mixed chorus, under the direction of Lowell Gangstad, will perform in "Fall Vocal Fest" at the West Elementary auditorium. Other groups scheduled to sing include the N-K Chorale, the N-K girls chorus and the N-K boys chorus.

Northwood-Kensett defensive back Ryan Buehrer avoided a pair of Mason City Newman Catholic tacklers after stealing the ball from a Knight ballcarrier. Teammates Rob Pixley, Adam Okerlund and Jake Stotts watched as the Viking junior returned the theft 15 yards to the original line of scrimmage.

10 years ago

October 27, 2010

Four representatives of the City of Kensett recently completed the installation of the Burma-Shave-style signs, sponsored by Our Iowa magazine. Kensett mayor Tom Dakin, Toni Dakin, Larry Larson and city clerk Lori McNally were pictured with the signs.

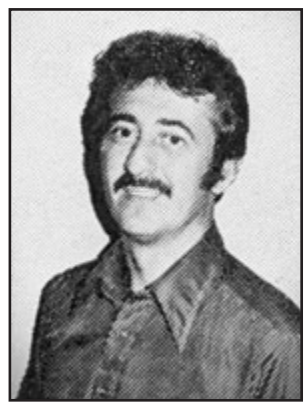
Another year has arrived for Halloween, and Lutheran Retirement Home residents Lillan Mammen, Delores Johnson, Deloris Low and Mildred Harris volunteered a portion of their day to fill bags of candy for the Northwood Chamber of Commerce Halloween parade. Every child participating in the downtown parade on October 31 will receive a bag of candy.

Margie and Van Butler hosted a hay ride for the Worth Joining Generations program. It took place on October 15. Following the hay ride, the group sat around the fire pit and ate hot dogs, chips and s'mores. There were about 50 people who were there to participate. They also had a group activity in Northwood that was a community project to rake leaves.

Trinity United Methodist Church of Bolan every-so-often recognizes its seniors in the congregation. Another generation of "Treasured Jewels" was honored on October 24, including Roger and June Erdmann, Stan and Bev Lucas, Forrie Urbatsch, Lois Krumm, Duane Anderson, Allan and Dorothy Bratrud and Howard and Jacie Erdmann. Absent were Dorothy Sherranard and Art and JoAnn White.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Charles 'Chuck' Stoffregen



CHARLES STOFFREGEN

Charles "Chuck" E. Stoffregen passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at his home outside of Northwood with his family at his side.

A public visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood. He was laid to rest at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood.

Charles "Chuck" Edwin Stoffregen was born on December 31, 1941, in Sac City, Iowa, the son of Edwin and Mina (Henson) Stoffregen. He attended country school in a one room schoolhouse in Eastern Iowa before the family moved to Northwood, where he finished his education, graduating from Northwood High School. Following his schooling, Chuck and three friends enlisted into the United States National Guard together, serving their country honorably. When he returned home, he served as a city police officer in Northwood, later serving the Rockford community and eventually returning to Northwood to farm.

Chuck was committed to public service. He believed in his community and cared for it with the utmost respect. No matter a person's history or status, Chuck was respectful and treated them with dignity. Serving the Northwood community for 18 years as Sheriff was one of his most fulfilling accomplishments. He was the most tenured Sheriff in the state of Iowa at the time, before his retirement in the mid 90s.

Chuck found peace in the outdoors, whether it was farming or bird watching, it brought him a sense of tranquility. Looking out on his farm he found no better words than, "God, I love this place." Car shows also brought Chuck happiness, especially a trip taken with his fellow veterans.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Jaret (Andrea) Stoffregen of Lakeville, Minn.; a daughter, Brenda Stoffregen of Des Moines, Iowa; grandsons, Connor Stoffregen of Mason City and Evan Stoffregen of Ames, Iowa; and his sister, Patricia Larson of Marshfield, Wis.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Edwin and Mina; and his sister, Laura Starkey, formerly of Nisswa, Minn.

Chris Mielke

Services are pending for Chris Mielke, 53, of East Chain, Minnesota.

Chris passed away on Monday evening, October 12, 2020, as the result of a motorcycle accident.

The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont, Minnesota, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bolan

It was great to finally be able to attend worship services in person at Bolan Trinity UMC last Sunday, October 11. We had a nice group doing the social distancing and using sanitizer and wearing their masks. This Sunday, October 18, we had more in attendance. We also had a church family meeting on Monday evening, October 12, to plan for the annual Church Conference that was held via Zoom on Sunday afternoon with representatives from Trinity and Bethel joining at the Bethel Fellowship Hall.

An upcoming event at Trinity UMC will be a "Drive In Take Out" swiss steak dinner on Sunday, November 8, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the landscaping that will be done around the church. The cost for this dinner will be $10 per person. The menu will feature Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, squash and a bar. Watch the paper for further details.

DSU holds postponed spring commencement

Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, held their spring/summer commencement ceremony on October 4, 2020, at 2 p.m. in the DSU Fieldhouse.

Of the 374 graduates earning 397 degrees, 37 received associate degrees, 238 earned baccalaureate degrees, 81 received master's degrees and 11 earned doctoral degrees.

Honors distinctions include Summa Cum Laude (3.9 Grade Point Average or higher); Magna Cum Laude (3.7 to 3.9 GPA); and Cum Laude (3.5 to 3.7 GPA). For associate degree graduates, the distinctions are With Highest Honors (3.9 GPA or above); With High Honor (3.7 to 3.9 GPA); and With Honor (3.5 to 3.7 GPA).

Candidates for graduation included Ethan Grahn of Northwood, with a Master of Science in Computer Science.

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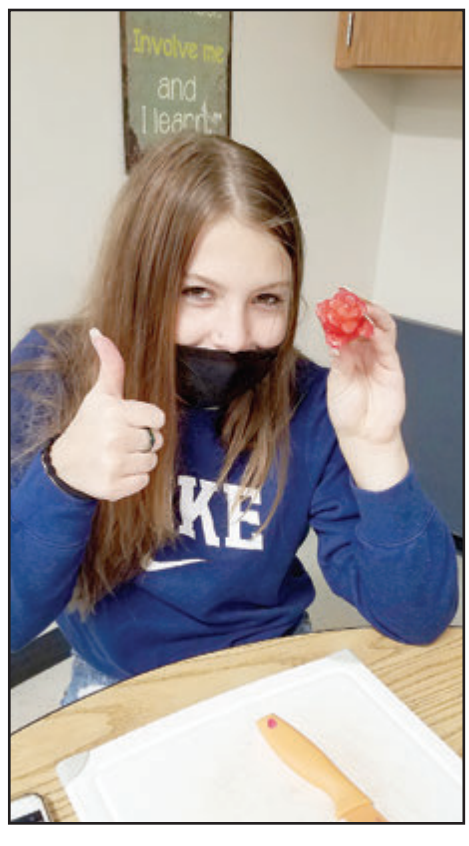
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Edible accents

Students in Northwood-Kensett's Foods class recently spent some time perfecting some creative edible garnishes. Pictured above are (from left) Lindsey Moore and Madalynn Hanson with their apple swans, Shawn Echelberger with a dolphin banana and Trinity Roush with a strawberry rose.

How teachers are effectively moving to teaching online with the support of their local Area Education Agency

By Dr. Julie Davies, Central Rivers AEA Executive Director of Educational Services



JULIE DAVIES

There is no doubt that 2020 has been a challenging year in education as classroom instruction abruptly stopped in the spring and educators scrambled to transition to online instruction.

Parents became more involved in the day-to-day learning of their children and quickly realized there was a lot more to the teaching and learning process. This unprecedented time in education also brought about the need and desire for more widespread online K-12 education.

The move to online education required many teachers to understand the foundations necessary for students to have a successful learning experience. Teachers were provided learning opportunities through their local Area Education Agency (AEA) on how to set up an online classroom, tools for engaging students, and support for video conversations. In addition, the Iowa AEA system purchased an Iowa-based product called Pear Deck to help teachers view student screens and monitor their learning progress.

Along with these supports, AEA consultants are helping local teachers learn the value of emphasizing structured routines with students and personalizing the learning. By providing a structured routine, students know where to look on the learning platform for assignments, ask questions for help, and how to submit the assignment. This is critically important so that students can be independent in their learning. Personalized learning (known as "student agency") is important because it gives students a voice, some choice and ownership in their learning. This might look like teachers meeting with the class and discussing a concept upfront and using a questioning process to fully engage students in the conversation. Students would then be given a choice and how they show evidence of their learning of the topic.

There is no doubt that the pandemic has created chaos in the classroom and in the lives of families in our state, country and around the world. It has also opened the door for new platforms of learning outside of "brick and mortar" school and ignited a revolution aimed at rethinking teaching and learning. While it hasn't been easy, teachers are finding ways to move learning online effectively and seeing students more engaged than ever in the learning process. Iowa's AEAs are with them every step of the way.

Dr. Julie Davies is the Executive Director of Educational Services for Central Rivers AEA. She is based out of Cedar Falls and can be reached at jdavies@centralriversaea.org.

Central Rivers Area Education Agency (CRAEA) serves over 65,000 students. In addition, over 5,000 educators rely on CRAEA for services in special education, school technology, media and instructional/curriculum support. The agency's service area reaches 18 counties and nearly 9,000 square miles.

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Anchor Sports



KAEL JULSETH

Stat of the Week: *N-K's Kael Julseth is one of my all-time favorite athletes. The talented senior does it all on the field and in my opinion is one of the best leaders any football team could ask for. But now for the numbers that make him look even even better. For this year's 4-4 team, Julseth rushed for 549 yards and 13 touchdowns and completed almost 50 percent of his passes, going 24-52 for 624 yards and another six touchdowns, no interceptions for an incredible QB rating of 147.0.*



HALLIE VARNER

Stat of the Week: *While the big hitters at the front of the net receive most of the press for their thunderous kills and blocks, toiling in anonymity behind them are the unsung heroes of the volleyball world, the libero. In the Lady Vikings' case, that means one of the best athletes on the team, Hallie Varner. This talented senior though is not your typical libero, Varner can play the whole court and her season stats back that up. So far this year she leads the team with 166 digs and is one of the team's top performers at the service line, going 76-81 (93.8) on the year.*



The Vikings' Brandon Varner pulls down a pass in last Friday's 38-36 playoff loss to North Iowa. Varner hauled in three passes on the year but led N-K's ground game with a team high 674 yards on 104 carries, an average of 6.5 yards per attempt. (Picture by Jesus Renteria)



N-K's Carter Severson drags a couple of North Iowa defenders with him for a few more yards last Friday night in Buffalo Center. Severson rushed for 71 yards against the Bison and finished the year third on the team with 523 yards and nine touchdowns. (Picture by Jesus Renteria)

Vikings lose to North Iowa in opening round of the playoffs

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

On opening night this year the Bison snapped a seven game losing streak against Northwood-Kensett, beating the Vikings 38-21. N-K rebounded from that loss and in the final weeks of the season won its three final regular season games, averaging 65.3 points per game in the process.

But last Friday night's 38-36 loss shows one weakness in the Vikings offense, they couldn't handle North Iowa's defense this season. Against the stingy Bison defense, the same Vikings team that put half a hundred on the board against six of their eight opponents, including a loss to Tripoli, could only manage 28.5 points per game in their two contests against NI, both losses.

But on this night both teams' defensive prowess was on display as the two high scoring teams found themselves tied at 0-0 after the first 12 minutes of play. Battling at the line of scrimmage the teams traded scores in the second and third quarters and headed into the final 12 minutes of regulation all tied up at 16-16. This is when the game really started.

Just six seconds into the fourth quarter the Bison's Tyler Murray scored on a 27-yard run that broke the tie and gave the hometown Bison a 24-16 lead.

Two minutes later N-K's Carter Severson scored from 14 yards out, but a failed two-point conversion left the Vikings trailing by two, 24-22 with 9:41 remaining.

With a little over seven minutes remaining Murray scored again for the Bison, giving them a 30-22 advantage.

Soon after though it was N-K's turn again. This time it was Kael Julseth who scored on a 12-yard run. With the two-point conversion the score was again even at 30-30 with just over four minutes left, time for more scoring.

With just 3:13 left on the clock Riley Sabin scored from two yards out for the Bison, giving them a 38-30 lead with time quickly running out on the Vikings.

But once again they battled back with Julseth hitting TJ Whitelow for a 43-yard touchdown with just 1:25 remaining on the clock and only the two point conversion separating the two teams.

Trailing by two at 38-36, the Vikings, who were 9-18 on 2-point tries this season, failed on the one that mattered most and fell to the Bison 38-36, ending the team's playoff bid.

Brandon Varner, Julseth and Severson led the team with 112, 106 and 71 yards rushing respectively, while on the defensive side of the ball Varner and Tyler Mills led the way with 12 tackles each.

The Vikings end the COVID-19 football season as winners for making it to the end but their record says they finished at the .500 mark at four wins and four losses.

Lady Vikings lose regular season finale to North Iowa

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

After dominating the Bison of North Iowa for over a decade, winning 13 consecutive matches dating back to 2008, it seems the tides have changed for the Lady Vikings after they lost their regular season finale 3-0 (12-25, 25-27, 17-25) to a Bison team that has now taken charge over this rivalry, winning six in a row and the last four without losing a single set.

In last Tuesday night's match in Buffalo Center the Lady Vikings got off to a good start, leading 3-2 after a Ruthie Conlin ace, but were outscored 13-4 and trailed late in the first set 18-7 before losing 25-12.

In the second set though a totally different Northwood-Kensett team took the floor and found itself even at 10-10, having not trailed by more than a point. After an 8-2 run put them in front 17-14, the Lady Vikings battled a North Iowa rally that evened the score at 21-21. On the brink of losing, trailing 25-22, the Lady Vikings came back once again to tie the score at 25-25 before losing the second set 27-25, probably one of the best sets N-K has played all year.

"That's exactly what I told them, I haven't seen them play that well in a long time," said Lady Vikings head coach Heather Rheingans. "The thing I hope they take from this is how they felt after the second set compared to the first and third. We did the little things we had to do well in the second set, we didn't in the others."

Perhaps it was fatigue from the second set but the Lady Vikings came out in the third set and never looked quite the same, falling behind 6-0. N-K did battle back and tie the score at 11-11, but it didn't seem to have anything left in the tank and dropped the third and final set, 25-17.

Brylee Hoeppner led the team with three kills and was perfect at the service line, going 13-13 with one ace.

With the loss the Lady Vikings end the regular season with a 3-7 record and had to face Saint Ansgar on Monday in a first-round regional match. The Saints are ranked No. 9 and wrapped up the regular season with a 19-4 mark.



Lady Viking Kayla Senne dishes out another assist to one of her teammates in last Tuesday night's loss to North Iowa. Senne recorded three assists on the night and is tied for tops on the team with 52 assists on the year.



N-K's Olivia Stilley and Kayla Senne defend against a North Iowa hitter in last Tuesday night's 3-0 (12-25, 25-27, 17-25) loss to the Bison. Stilley and Senne combined for two kills and seven blocks in the team's regular season finale.

Natural mowing alternative grows in popularity

By Erin McCord

Anyone who has been around goats might have come to the conclusion that they will eat almost anything. Across the country, more people are putting that quality to work, using goats as living lawnmowers across the country. They clean up kudzu in the south to mowing the lawn at Arlington National Cemetery.

Locally, if someone has some acres they want to clean up, they can look up Goats on the Go, as one local woman did.

"I'm 69 years old, I'm tired of trying to mow the ditches and keep up with all the mowing," said Edith Haenel of rural Northwood, "so I looked at options and thought I would give goats a try."

Haenel got in touch with Ben Peterson of Ventura, who is a member of the Goats on the Go network. Goats on the Go has eight Iowa affiliates who will bring a herd of goats, set up fence and water, check the goats every day and move their pen as necessary to cover the requested acres.

While watching the 17 Alpine goats that he brought to Haenel's place get acclimated, Peterson said that he has been renting out goats for about three years now. He has Alpine goats for big jobs and uses does, younger goats and Nigerian Dwarf goats for smaller or in-town jobs.

"It's easier on the environment, not using chemicals or machines, and they can get to places that are hard to reach with equipment," he said, "Plus, there's entertainment value. They're fun to watch. Kids get a kick out of them. I still even catch myself standing and just watching them."

Peterson prefers to keep his herds to jobs of less than 10 acres. He covers the area between Northwood to Highway 3 and from east of Mason City to Algona. After he gets the goats set up, he will drive out every day to check on them and move their electric fence pens as they graze down their alloted acres.



Once the goats cleaned up the three acres that Haenel hired them for, they went home for a few days before hitting the road again. Once the season is over, they spend the winter at home. After Christmas, Peterson offers the local community the opportunity to drop off their trees, giving them an easy way to dispose of them, and giving the goats a mid-winter treat.

Pricing for renting the goats is based on the distance that Peterson has to travel, the size of acreage and the difficulty of the terrain that he has to set up fence over.

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With support of human and horse alike Cricket thrives



By JoAnn Lower

Alone and afraid, Cricket stood staring into the corner of the kill pen, shivering. It was November, cold and damp.

Coats buttoned, stocking caps pulled down tight, hands in pockets, young and old alike could only shake their heads at the dirty little horse with crooked legs and wormy belly. No one gave her a second look.

That is, until, out of the corner of her eye, Amy Jorgenson caught a glimpse of the animal. Sensing something special, something the others had missed, she turned to the kill pen buyer, "How much?"

With a look that said this good-for-nothing animal would soon be hauled to Mexico for slaughter, he replied, "Twenty-five bucks."

"Sold!" said Amy. And she took Cricket home.

"She had never been handled and was so scared. But after working with her for a few weeks, I got her halter broke, vaccinated and brought back to health."

Cricket was so small that Amy worried about introducing her to the other horses. But somehow she knew to latch onto the biggest horse in the pasture – the Fjord horse, Sven.

A gentle giant, teddy bear of a horse, Sven took her under his wing and wouldn't let anybody mess with her.

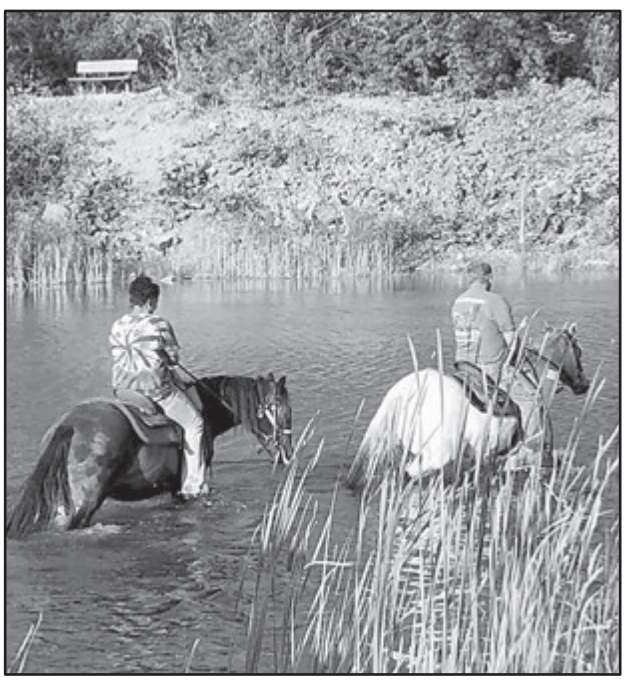
A farrier worked to straighten Cricket's legs and with good feed and good care, this once unsightly little equine has sprouted up to be beautiful. She may be the youngest of Jorgenson's six horses, but she is the queen.

Amy broke her to ride at the end of March 2020. "I almost hired a trainer but one day decided to do it myself, and it went surprisingly well. Cricket is a very intelligent horse – probably one of the smartest horses I've been around. She has a good level head and, for being only two years old, she's a big girl. Best $25 I ever spent!"

Wondering about Sven? He and Cricket are still tight, they're buds, always together.

When Amy looks into the eyes of an animal, she sees a living being, a friend and a soul. "If you find yourself at a sale barn, don't shy away from something that isn't appealing. It could turn into something beautiful."

Since 2006 Amy has been employed at the Treasurer's Office as Deputy Treasurer. Her oldest daughter Jenna is teaching family and consumer science at the Austin high school. Youngest daughter Taylor, an adventurous spirit who spent the summer of 2018 in Thailand, will graduate from Iowa State in November.





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MercyOne Family Medicine Residency welcomes Josue Santos

Josue Santos, MD has joined MercyOne Family Medicine Residency as a faculty member and practicing physician.

Dr. Santos received his education from Adventist University in Orlando, Florida and University of Connecticut School of Medicine in Farmington, Connecticut. He completed his postgraduate education at MAHEC Hendersonville Rural Family Medicine Residency Program Pardee Hospital and Blue Ridge Health in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Dr. Santos also served in the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

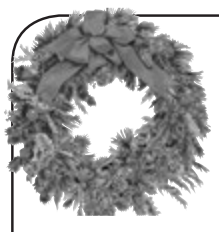


JOSUE SANTOS

After participating in Bangladesh relief efforts, Dr. Santos decided to follow his passion and pursue a career in medicine. He serves as a family physician because he enjoys providing whole person care, which considers the full range of needs for individuals and families. When not working, Dr. Santos enjoys walks on the beach, water sports, flying radio control aircrafts, reading, meeting new people, spending time with family and learning new skills.

MercyOne Family Medicine Residency is dedicated to providing a safe environment for patients and colleagues. We have implemented numerous precautions and safe practice guidelines. We are adhering to all CDC guidelines including social distancing, mandatory masks for everyone over two years of age and using increased cleaning procedures.

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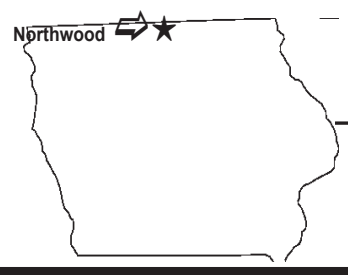
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NOTICE OF 2020 GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Worth County, State of Iowa, that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. All Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you are unsure of your voting location for this election, please contact the Auditor's office at 641-324-2316. You may also verify the voting location for your address at: https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx. The voting locations and addresses for this election is as follows:

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PRECINCT #2-2 – *PLEASE NOTE PERMANENT POLLING LOCATION CHANGE* KENSETT COMMUNITY CENTER, 300 Willow Street
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PRECINCT #2-4 – FERTILE CITY HALL, 3494 Eagle Avenue
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PRECINCT #3-1 – *PLEASE NOTE PERMANENT POLLING LOCATION CHANGE* WORTH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY ROOM, 1206 3rd Avenue N
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The voting site is fully accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Each precinct has an FVT machine, which is a voter assist terminal for anyone who has a visual impairment or any difficulty in reading the ballot.

Voters may also choose another person to assist them to vote, except their employer, employer's agent or an officer or agent of the voter's union. Curb-side voting is available at the site for voters unable to leave their vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at 641-324-2316 or email at auditor@worthcounty.org

The Voter Pre-Registration deadline is Saturday, October 24, at 5:00 p.m. That is also the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Voters may cast an absentee ballot, in person, at the Auditor's Office until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2.

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in this election will begin on Friday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Auditor's Office. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration.

The following candidate races for the November 3 General Election DO NOT APPEAR on the published sample ballot. Below are all other races and candidates for the General Election that will appear on other ballot styles:

Board of Supervisors District #2 - Republican – Gary A. Hanson
Township Trustee: Barton –Curtis Bartz; Bristol – Douglas Arneson; Brookfield – Bill Imlau; Danville – Brett Backhaus; Deer Creek – Mark Davidson; Fertile – Dwight Bruns; Grove – Lois Lawler; Hartland – Douglas Wallin; Kensett – Larry Foley; Lincoln – James Dobel; Silver Lake: - Mike Thompson; Union – Ronald Balek

CERTIFICATION

I, Jacki A. Backhaus, hereby certify that the sample ballot below is the first rotation of ballots on which the voters will cast their votes at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections
Worth County, Iowa

Precinct Official's Initials

OFFICIAL BALLOT
General Election
Worth County, Iowa
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Barton Twp
00101

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Using blue or black ink, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ⬬

Write-in: To vote for a valid write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and darken the oval.

Notice to voters: To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the oval in front of the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the oval in front of the word "No".

Do not cross out. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

The Judicial Ballot is located on the back of this ballot, beginning in the middle column.

Political Organizations
Democratic Party (DEM)
Republican Party (REP)
Alliance Party (ALL)
Constitution Party of Iowa (CON)
Genealogy Know Your Family History (GKH)
Green Party (GRN)
Libertarian Party (LIB)

Federal Offices

For President and Vice President
Vote for no more than ONE Team

- Joseph R. Biden / Kamala D. Harris — DEM
- Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence — REP
- Roque Rocky De La Fuente / Darcy G. Richardson — ALL
- Don Blankenship / William Alan Mohr — CON
- Ricki Sue King / Dayna R. Chandler — GKH
- Howie Hawkins / Angela Nicole Walker — GRN
- Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy Cohen — LIB
- Brock Pierce / Karla Ballard
- Kanye West / Michelle [illegible]
- (Write-in vote for President, if any)
- (Write-in vote for Vice President, if any)

For United States Senator
Vote for no more than One

- Theresa Greenfield — DEM
- Joni Ernst — REP
- Rick Stewart — LIB
- Suzanne Herzog
- (Write-in vote, if any)

For United States Representative District 1
Vote for no more than One

- Abby Finkenauer — DEM
- Ashley Hinson — REP
- (Write-in vote, if any)

State Offices

For State Senator District 26
Vote for no more than One

- Deb Scharper — DEM
- Waylon Brown — REP
- (Write-in vote, if any)

For State Representative District 051
Vote for no more than One

- Jay Podgorniak — DEM
- [illegible] Bloomingdale — REP
- (Write-in vote, if any)

County Offices

For County Auditor
Vote for no more than One

- Jacki A. Backhaus — REP
- (Write-in vote, if any)

For County Sheriff
Vote for no more than One

- Dan Fank — REP
- (Write-in vote, if any)

TURN BALLOT OVER

Non-Partisan Offices

For Barton Township Trustee
Vote for no more than One

- Curtis Bartz
- (Write-in vote, if any)

For Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner
Vote for no more than Three

- Harlan Helgeson
- Dennis Meyer
- James Dobel
- (Write-in vote, if any)
- (Write-in vote, if any)
- (Write-in vote, if any)

For County Agricultural Extension Council
Vote for no more than Four

- Peter Julseth
- Allyson Krull
- Karla M. Larson
- Jessica Lutz
- (Write-in vote, if any)
- (Write-in vote, if any)
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JUDICIAL BALLOT

Notice to Voters: Vote on all names by filling in the appropriate oval below each name.

Shall the following Judges be retained in office?

Supreme Court Justice

Edward Mansfield — YES / NO
Christopher McDonald — YES / NO
Thomas Waterman — YES / NO
Susan Kay Christensen — YES / NO

Court of Appeals Judge

David May — YES / NO
Julie A. Schumacher — YES / NO
Sharon Soorholtz Greer — YES / NO
Thomas N. Bower — YES / NO

District 2A Court Judge

Christopher Foy — YES / NO
Gregg R. Rosenbladt — YES / NO
DeDra Schroeder — YES / NO
Colleen D. Weiland — YES / NO

District 2A Associate Judge

Karen Kaufman Salic — YES / NO
Adam D. Sauer — YES / NO

Public Measure 1

Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution, and propose amendment or amendments to same?

- YES
- NO

Sample Ballot

Twenties Club meets on Oct. 12

Twenties Club met on Monday, October 12, at the Olson Pavilion with 14 members present. Hostess was Gerry Arnold with co-hostess Gloria Fallgatter.

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Olson, president. The group started the meeting by reading the lyrics to Helen Reddy's song "I Am Woman." Becky Tews, secretary, read the minutes which were approved and members answered roll call. Delores Knudson, treasurer, gave her report.

In old business, Sandy Olson thanked those members who had delivered Meals on Wheels in September.

In new business there was a discussion about donating some of our funds to the food banks in Northwood. A motion was made by Delores Knudson to give $50 to Manna and the community center food banks. Sharyl Nestor second. Motion passed.

Before some members depart for warmer climates, Linda Loken, Senior Tea chairperson, went over the tea responsibilities with members. Senior Tea will be Wednesday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Olson Community Room.

Plans for Senior Tea food will be finalized in April 2021. The next meeting will be at the Olson Community Room on Monday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

Sharyl Nelson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Sandy Hyde.

Deb Nagle gave a program on the voting struggles of woman in the 1920s. Her program featured Carrie Lane Chapman Catt who was a leader in American women's suffrage and contributor in campaigning for the 19th amendment, the amendment that gave women the right to vote.

Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. STOFFREGEN, DECEASED
PROBATE NO. ESPR009233
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Charles E. Stoffregen, Deceased, who died on or about October 13, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of October 2020, the Last Will and Testament of Charles E. Stoffregen, deceased, bearing date of the 6th day of February, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jaret C. Stoffregen, Connor J. Stoffregen and Evan A. Stoffregen were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the 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.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2020.

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Attorneys for Executor
Date of second publication 28th day of October, 2020.
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Supervisors

October 12, 2020
Forty-second Day

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

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

Stone led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the October 12, 2020 agenda.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve Resolution No. 2020.10.12

WHEREAS: the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.345 of the Code of Iowa to designate through highways and upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation conducted by the County Engineer, wishes to designate the following roads as through highways.

WHEREAS: Such investigation has been requested and completed by the County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of

Supervisors that a stop sign be placed at the following location:

On the approaches of Wheelerwood Court at both intersections with Wheelerwood Road.

AYES: Stone, Smeby
NAYS: None

Passed and approved this 12th day of October, 2020.

Aaron Stone, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the Preconstruction Agreement for Primary Road Project – Project No. STPN-009-6(81)—2J-98 between the Iowa Department of Transportation and Worth County, Iowa.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the following claims in the amount of $212,880.50, as per the following schedule:

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Supplies-Eng 1,051.00
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2nd Qtr Pymt-Dis/Ema 16,331.50
Worth Co Sheriff Petty Cash
Reimb-Shf 10.00
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Con 28.08
Ziegler Inc
Supplies-Eng 695.14
Grand Total 212,880.50

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the sheriff's monthly and quarterly report and the recorder's quarterly report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Madison Colstrup at $15.57/hour and salary change to $53,950.00/year for Tyler Cook as submitted by the sheriff's office and payroll eligibility verification for Jeff Gorball at $14.55/hour as submitted for Planning and Zoning.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve an agreement between Worth County and FEH Associates, Inc. DBA FEH Design.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the sponsorship of Sukup Manufacturing Co. in regards to their Business Financial Assistance Application with the State of Iowa High Quality Jobs Program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:08 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, October 19, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 10/12/20 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of 8/28/20; Treasurer Report; Approve Liquor License-Rock-A-Billie Bar of Northwood; Claims as follows:

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NSB, Monthly ACH fee $20.00
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Testing-pw $186.00
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David Patrick
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Hovey's Lawn & Garden
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Supplies $144.34
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Materials $72.71

Summary of September 2020 receipts by fund type: General - $50,932.26; Special Revenue-$51,782.65; Debt Service - $10,445.60; Capital Projects-$3,096.93; Enterprise- $96,121.09; Trust & Agency - $511.78.

Summary of September 2020 disbursements by fund type: General - $90,703.44; Special Revenue-$23,793.82; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$66,662.89; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

Following the Public Hearing there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-27 Approving the Sale of 1200 2nd Ave. N. to Penny Robb for $1 as part of the Housing Buyout Program. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
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N-K cross country teams compete at TIC meet

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

For the past three years the Northwood-Kensett cross country teams were focused on its one star, Lindsey Davidson, who is pretty much responsible for the fact that N-K even has a cross country team. But with her success came the improvement of the others around her, and that led to a successful 2020 season for the Vikings cross country teams.

The Vikings traveled to Osage last Thursday to compete at the Mitchell County Nature Center and to settle once and for all who is tops in the Top of Iowa Conference.

Neither team for N-K had enough members to merit a team score at many of the meets this season, but the runners did have a successful conference meet nonetheless.

For the boys, Hayden Moore (17th), Nathan Hannemann (19th), Thomas Block (21st) and Drake Tiedemann (30th) all were selected all-conference honorable mention for their top 30 finishes.

For the girls, Megan Ocel, who had a string of top five finishes this season, just missed first team all-conference honors when she placed just out of the top 15, coming in 17th with a time of 23:34.63. N-K's other female runner, Rachel Hill, placed 38th with a time of 26:26.98.

Everyone is still alive for the postseason though with the runners competing this Thursday at Manly's Town and Country Club for the right to go to the state meet in Fort Dodge. The top 15 runners and the top three teams all make it to the state meet from each qualifying site.

Boys Team Scores – Newman 57, Central Springs 69, West Fork 77, Saint Ansgar 116, North Butler 118, Northwood-Kensett 133, Osage 158, Nashua-Plainfield 193

Girls Team Scores – Newman 44, Nashua-Plainfield 60, West Fork 88, Osage 102, Saint Ansgar 116, North Butler 170

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Fall chores in the vegetable garden

By Ajay Nair
Extension Commercial Horticulture Specialist



As you enjoy the fruits (and veggies) of your labor after your summer harvest, keep in mind that there are still plenty of chores to be done this fall to get ready for next year's vegetable garden. This week's Yard and Garden entry offers tips from Ajay Nair, associate professor in horticulture and extension vegetable production specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Garlic cloves should be planted in fall (mid- to late-October to mid-November). Plant cloves 3-4 inches deep with the pointed side up. Fall-planted garlic should be mulched with a 4- to 6-inch-layer of weed-seed free straw to help prevent winter injury. In early spring, move the straw to between the rows to allow the garlic foliage to emerge.

Proper care of garden tools and equipment prolongs their life, prevents costly repairs and improves their performance. In fall, remove caked-on soil from shovels, spades, hoes and rakes with a wire brush or stiff putty knife. Wash the tools with a strong stream of water, then dry. Sharpen the blades of hoes, shovels and spades. Wipe the metal surfaces with an oily rag or spray with WD-40. Sand rough wooden handles, then wipe with linseed oil to prevent drying and cracking. Hang or store the tools in a dry location. Drain water from garden hoses. To prevent kinking, store hoses on reels or coil and place on a flat surface.

Fall cleanup and tillage provide several benefits. Many plant pathogens overwinter in the garden on plant debris such as infected leaves, stems, flowers, fruits, etc. Removal and destruction of the diseased plant debris reduces the severity of many diseases in the next growing season. Removal of the plant debris also eliminates over-wintering sites for some insects and helps reduce insect populations. Fall is also a good time to add amendments like well-rotted manure, leaves, compost and disease free garden waste. These amendments add organic matter and benefit the soil microorganisms and the overall soil health. Additionally, a fall-tilled garden dries out and warms up more quickly in spring, permitting earlier planting of cool-season crops.

Several steps can be taken to minimize disease problems in your garden next year. An important task is to clean up the garden in fall. Carefully remove and destroy the infected plant debris. Many of the fungi and bacteria that cause plant diseases survive over the winter in the dead leaves, stems and other plant parts that are left behind in the garden. The fungal spores and bacteria that survive in the garden then attack the new vegetable plants next spring. Also, annually rotate the placement of vegetables in the garden. Disease problems often increase when the same crop or crop in the same family is planted in the same area in successive years.

For crop rotation to be effective, gardeners should not plant vegetables belonging to the same plant family in the same location for a minimum of three years. Selecting vegetable varieties that are resistant to specific diseases can also be helpful.



Why did the turkeys cross the road?

With harvest underway in recent weeks, a wide variety of local wildlife has been on the move. That includes this group of turkeys that were spotted crossing a rural road recently. And the answer to the question above? To prove they weren't chicken.

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The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors and elevators. The drawings show specific clearances required for each scenario.

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Permanently Installed Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Source: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule F-234-4(a), page 138

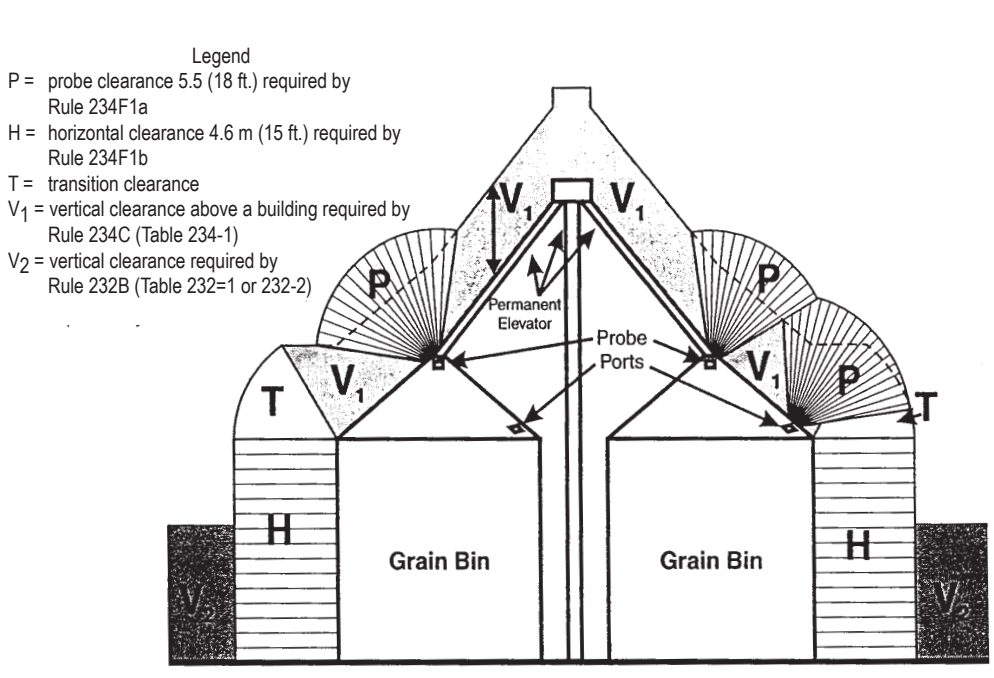


Figure 234-4(a) – Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevators

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Portable Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Source: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule F-234-4(b), page 139

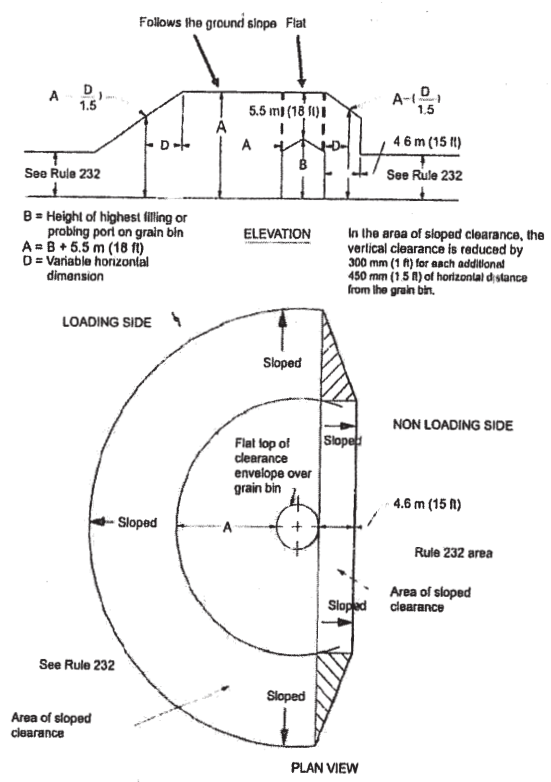


Figure 234-4(b) – Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators

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