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Briefs

Search for first baby of 2021 underway

It is almost three weeks into the new year and the Anchor has not received word of the first baby being born from the Northwood-Kensett school district. The Anchor, and 13 other area businesses, are anticipating congratulating the family and sharing gifts of celebration.

To qualify for the gifts the announcement of the birth must be submitted to the Northwood Anchor as soon as possible.

The winning baby must be born to parents living in the Northwood-Kensett school district; and the baby's time and date of birth, gender, place of birth, weight, name and the names of the baby's parents will be shared.

Once the official announcement has been made in the Northwood Anchor, the parents are welcome to pick up the gifts from the participating merchants, listed below.

The first baby's parents will have a perfect place to store the baby's first clothes, once the first baby has put them to good use, with a new laundry basket from Kelly Hardware.

One of the first baby's first toys will be provided by Carquest Auto Parts with a limited edition collector car.

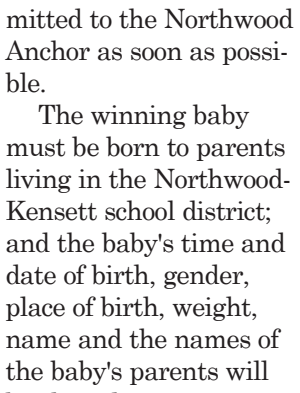
The first baby will be kept warm with a baby quilt from the Top of Iowa Welcome Center's Barn Boutique.

The parents will be able to celebrate the event well with a bottle of wine from Shade Tree Liquors.

The first baby's parents will also be able to enjoy an evening out with a night at the movies, with $20 in Northwood Theatre dollars.

Gifts for the first baby's financial future will come in the form of a $25 opening deposit in a kid's piggy bank CD from Farmers State Bank.

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Mon. Jan. 18	26	16	T



Frosty and family

Besides bringing a snow day, some travel concerns and some chilly chores, last week's snowstorm provided ample material for some snow creature creations. The snow sculptors pictured above created this snowperson, along with several others, on Friday. For more pictures of now snow people moving into the area, see later in this issue.

District 2 supervisor vacancy filled by appointment

Voters yesterday chose who would fill the vacancy of the supervisor representing District 3. As of last week, a second vacancy on the three person board opened, and the current office holder was appointed to fill the role.

The District 2 supervisor position was up for election in November 2020. Gary Hanson, of rural Northwood, won the seat. The term of office was set to begin on January 2, and Hanson had until January 12 to take the oath of office. Hanson was not able to do so and that vacated the office.

In the interim, the county's District 3 seat has been vacant since October 2020 and won't be

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O'Neil recognized for a life preparing for and responding to emergencies

By JoAnn Lower

Steve O'Neil of Manly was recently named Emergency Management Coordinator of the Year for 2019; the award presented virtually in November 2020.

"Getting the award was shocking," he said. "It meant so much because it came from my peers in 98 counties. I will cherish it forever."

If you were to ask Steve what emergency management is, he would respond with a smile, "If someone wonders what it is, it means things are working."

The simple answer to this multifaceted question is that Steve and his team try to prevent things from happening, respond to them, recover from them, plus provide training and resources.

"The training is all about hazardous materials, windstorms, ice

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STEVE O'NEIL

Manly council violates open meetings law

The City of Manly has been found in violation of Iowa's Open Meeting Law, following complaints submitted by a local resident.

John Choate, of Manly, filed complaints with the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) following three suspected violations of Iowa's Open Meeting Law in October.

Iowa's Open Meetings Law, based on Iowa Code chapter 21, details rules and procedures for Iowa governments to provide access to public meetings and information.

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Two arrested after toddler ingests meth

Two people have been arrested recently after an incident where a one year old ingested methamphetamine in July last year.

According to court documents, the child showed signs of unusual behavior at a location in Manly in July 2020.

The one year old girl was taken to the MercyOne hospital in Mason City, where tests showed that she had ingested methamphetamine.

Taylor Henderson, 29, was arrested earlier this month. Last week, Cody Henderson, 30, of Manly, was arrested. Both were charged with felony child endangerment.

2020 in review

Pool reopens, return to school, altered events, N-K athletic milestones

July

Northwood's pool opened on July 1, just a few weeks after the State allowed pools to reopen. City officials worked on safety guidelines and the pool was opened only to Northwood families to limit the potential outside COVID contacts.

From student to coach and on to a new role, Jordan Reindl became Northwood-Kensett's new athletic director.

While the annual events were somewhat limited and some delayed, with safety precautions, the city of Northwood still took part in celebration of Independence Day. The parade route was not as densely populated, and a few entries were missing, but the parade went on. Worth County Public Health was named the grand marshal, a recognition for their even more essential role in the midst of a pandemic. The day ended with the fireworks displays throughout the community.

The N-K baseball team had to call its season to an end early as COVID-19 procedures meant that they could not play in the district finals. Despite the abrupt unfortunate end, they still completed the season with the school's first winning a season in 28 years, with a record

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While some events were postponed or altered, the annual Fourth fireworks were still the combustive close to the annual Independence Day celebration.

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of 8-5, a third place finish and victories over the eventual champions, including the historic first defeat over Newman. Their coach, Jeff Ferstein, also ended his time as an N-K coach with Coach of the Year honors for the second season in a row.

Cecelia Hill, Hannah Lanphere, Kelsie Kinnie and Tianna Charlson began their terms representing Worth County on the State 4-H Council.

A new restoration project in Bolan took its first big steps as Grandma Sina White's house and shed were relocated, the first step in a plan to renovate the home to its 1940s designs.

August

A warning went out as Iowans began reporting the arrival of unlabeled seed packages of unknown origins. The seeds prompted warnings and collection of the seeds from the state ag department.

With June's Relay canceled, organizers worked with area car enthusiasts to hold an alternative fundraiser, with Wheelin' with Worth. The car show offered the community a chance to see some classic vehicles thanks to the Aristocrats Car Club, who had to cancel their big annual show out of safey concerns. Owners were recognized for their unique cars and money was raised for the fight against cancer.



The staff of the Lutheran Retirement were recognized as Citizens of the Year during Founders Day.



WCPH were the Fourth of July parade grand marshals.

When schools resumed things looked a bit different. Rooms were arranged to provide social distancing. Everyone in the buildings was required to wear a mask. Some students were not in classrooms, as some families opted for distance learning.

Several new teachers joined N-K to start the year. One of them, fourth grade teacher Dakota Hansen, received an unexpected classroom visitor before school began as a deer jumped in through a classroom window and out through another one morning.

With difficulties finding drivers every day and challenges presented by COVID-19, the City of Northwood opted to stop offering its buses to transport students to school.

Unofficial opening enrollment numbers showed five less students at N-K, with 59 learning from home in the first days of school.

Mark and Rhonda Taylor were inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame for their support of Worth County 4-H and leadership of the 4-H foodstand over 16 years.



A car show was held to raise funds to fight cancer, in lieu of the annual Relay For Life event.

September

N-K coach Dave Capitani hit the 200 win milestone in his career as a high school football coach. Capitani got the win in his 32nd year as Vikings coach, crediting his coaching staff, teams and community for the success.

While the Aristocrats Car Club show was called off for safety sake, other Founders Day events went on, including some rescheduled from July 4. That included the naming of Miss and Mr. Northwood, and their younger counterparts, as well as the recognition of the staff of the Lutheran Retirement Home as citizens of the year.

The final statue, representing Kensett as the heart of the county, was placed at the Worth County fairgrounds as a part of a project to represent each of the county's communities in the path at the north end.

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storms, power outages, and the list goes on. We can't stop tornadoes or flooding but we try to make each community more prepared and more resilient, respond quicker and recover quicker.

"When I first got the job I didn't know what it was. Now I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I have learned about sewage plants, flooding and water treatments, weather, tornado formations, winter storms, hydrology, hazardous materials, terrorism, pandemics and animal diseases.

"Every day I love going in to my job and can't wait to see what the day brings. It might sound corny because I'm with the government, but to me this is an awesome responsibility. You have all these people in your county – all religions, ages, abilities, disabilities and political parties that you have to look at as just one people – your people, your community. You are here to protect them all. You have to do your job as honestly and responsibly as you can because you're doing it with the people's hard-earned dollars. I do as much as I can with what I'm entrusted, something that was instilled by my father and grandfather whose words I will always remember, 'Give them an honest day's work, and you will receive an honest day's pay.' I hope at the end of the day I gave them their money's worth."

"My job is challenging but definitely rewarding. In all the years I've served, I have not had a dull moment."

O'Neil started as coordinator in Worth County 25 years ago, then went on to Cerro Gordo and Franklin Counties.

"I was still early into Worth County when we had major flooding in Fertile, Kensett and Manly. Many things were going on at once, including floods that had washed out the rails near Grafton, causing derailment of a train carrying hazardous materials."

Steve's most challenging time came in 2008. "I was sitting in the gym in Manly and remember my phone buzzing. It was a call from the coordinator in Butler County that there had just been a tornado in Parkersburg. We arrived in Parkersburg, only to discover there was no Parkersburg left. From that devastation I came back to Cerro Gordo County to fight the flooding that went all the way down to Iowa City."

"Through all the emergencies, the greatest thing is watching how people come together asking what they can do and how they can help. It makes you feel proud to live in North Iowa."

For 15 years Steve also served on the Manly Fire Department, half of those years as fire chief. Serving as assistant chief was Mark Tomlinson, who became chief after Steve retired. Tomlinson, now coordinator for Worth County commented, "Steve was a significant resource and mentor to me."

The County Emergency Response Team had just started when O'Neil left Worth County and has now evolved into quite a list of volunteers, some with him for about 15 years.

"These people are so dedicated and willing to help that it makes me feel proud and brings me to tears to have such a wonderful team to work with. One of my proudest accomplishments is the Cerro Gordo group. When I call, they are there."

The O'Neils have been married for 33 years. "Susan and I met in February, engaged in March, married in September and waiting for 33 more."

Steve enjoys cooking, sharing yard work and housework with Susan and admits to being somewhat old fashioned. "I love technology, but, when preparing a presentation, do my best work with a yellow legal pad and a pencil."

Daughter Hannah, "a whiz with numbers," is presently taking online classes through the University of Phoenix to earn her bachelor's degree.

Son Patrick, a member of the Manly Fire Department and the County Emergency Response Team, was a young man who loved his friends, his family and all things outdoors. Tragically, in December 2006, Patrick took his own life. He was 17 years old.

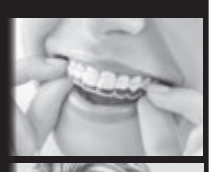
Through this devastating loss the O'Neils have become strong advocates of suicide prevention and mental health awareness. "We want to help other parents who have gone through the same thing."

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COVID-19 rates consistent while increase slows

While the number of COVID-19 cases has not seen as severe of an increase in the past week, rates are not yet showing a consistent downward trend.

From January 4 to January 11, cases increased to 578, an increase of 8.04%. In the past week, from January 11 to January 18, cases increased to 602 , an increase of 4.15 %.

At the same time, positivity rates were up consistently. Positivity rates are the amount of residents with COVID-19, out of those taking a test.

From January 4 to January 11, the rate increased 0.9% to 18.6%. From January 11 to January 18, the rate increased 0.5 % to 19.1 %.

A total of 3,157 Worth County residents had been tested as of January 18. A total of 8,794 tests had been taken by Worth County residents.

The 14 day positivity rate reflects the number that have tested positive out of those tested, falling within the two week window that COVID-19 may be transmitted and in which symptoms may develop, according to the CDC. Depending on symptom onset, test results and contact with those with COVID-19, quarantines and isolation are recommended up to the 14 day window.

In Worth County, the 14 day positivity rate, as of January 18, was 16 %. That was up from 16.9% on January 11.

The 14-day rate has remained at or above 16% since the start of the new year

In Worth County, there were 475 COVID-19 cases listed as recovered, with 127 potentially remaining active on Monday.

In counties that border Worth, there were a total of 15,757 confirmed cases, as of Monday, up 607 from the previous week. Cases in neighboring counties included 1,186 in Winnebago, 1,296 in Hancock, 4,640 in Cerro Gordo, 1,382 in Floyd and 1,160 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 2,446 in Freeborn and 3,647 in Mower in Minnesota.

Including Worth's three COVID-19 related deaths, 254 have died in the eight county region because of COVID-19, up 21 from last week.

Those with symptoms, or who may be interested in being tested should contact their health care provider, or take an assessment and get more information at testiowa.com.

Information and resources on COVID19 in Iowa can be found online at coronavirus.iowa.gov.



A snow pile no more

With the recent snowfall, an increased contingent of the City's traffic consisted of snow-clearing machinery, like the school's snow-removal equipment seen above.

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According to Choate's complaint, the alleged violations took place at three consecutive meetings in October:

On October 5, 30 minutes before the meeting ended, mayor Regan Banks disconnected the phone call that served as public access to the meeting.

On October 12, the council met at 5 p.m. without posting notice 24 hours beforehand, as required by Iowa law.

On October 19, the mayor announced a closed session and disconnected access to the meeting before a motion and vote to enter the meeting were taken. Also, the meeting's audio was not recorded as required. Iowa law requires a motion stating the reason to close a meeting take place before a meeting can be closed. And closed sessions are required to be recorded.

Manly's legal counsel responded to the complaints.

According to the City, the meeting on October 12 was between the mayor and only two members of the council, as they interviewed candidates for an open position. It would not be an official meeting unless three or more members of the council took part.

The City's counsel acknowledged that the mayor had disconnected access to the meeting early on October 5.

At the October 19 meeting, the mayor had inadvertently cut off the call before the vote to go into closed session took place.

The City counsel also said that the audio recording device would not work when the council began the closed session and the city clerk took minutes instead.

The IPIB accepted the complaints and acknowledged the violations of Iowa Code 21.

Choates, the City and the IPIB reached an agreement to address the violations.

During an open meeting, which was set for this past Monday, after press time, the Manly council had to acknowledge that the requirements of holding a public meeting were not met.

The council also had to approve a resolution detailing the City's violations of the public information laws.

The mayor and city clerk had to develop a checklist to provide electronic access to the public at all open meetings.

All council members, the city clerk and the mayor have to take part in training on public information and meeting access laws, provided by the IPIB.

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The parents can also bank on the first baby's future with $25 towards a new savings account from NSB Bank.

The vehicle used to transport the first baby will be well-maintained with a free oil change at A & I Auto, Inc.

Knutson Auto will also provide a free oil change, to help keep the family's vehicles maintained and safe.

The first baby will enjoy a special gift from Ver Helst Drug.

The first baby's parents will no doubt appreciate the chance for a delicious meal, with a $20 gift certificate from Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill.

Fallgatter's Market will offer a $25 gift certificate, which can be used for items for the new baby, or for the rest of the family.

The first baby's parents will be kept up to date with local news and events, thanks to a one year subscription to the Northwood Anchor.

Grafton residents sought to fill council vacancy

A new member of the Grafton City Council will be appointed on February 10. That begins a timeline where Grafton residents may request an election if they object to the council's appointment.

Council member Tim Kruger resigned from the council as of December 31, 2020, as he took on the job of city superintendent.

The city council intends to appoint someone to the vacant seat at their meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10.

The City is currently looking for people that would be interested in being appointed to the city council. Those interested are asked to submit a request in writing to the city clerk's office by 3 p.m. on Monday, February 8.

Under Iowa law, the electors of Grafton can file a petition to hold a special election to fill the seat instead.

A petition must be filed with the Grafton city clerk within 14 days of the appointment to call for an election.

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filled until the January 19, election results can be certified.

As a three person board, there has to be at least two supervisors to take any action, including certifying the election that would fill the District 3 seat.

Previous District 2 supervisor Mark Smeby has remained as a holdover in the office.

With the District 2 supervisor position vacated as of January 13, that left the process of how to fill the role to the committee of the county auditor, recorder and treasurer. On January 15, the committee appointed Smeby to continue as supervisor.

Smeby sought re-election in November 2020. Smeby will serve until the 2022 general election, when the District 2 vacancy will be on ballots.

Following the publishing of the notice in this week's paper, within 14 days a petition may be filed calling for a special election. The petition would require 441 signatures, per Iowa code.

If a petition is filed, the appointment would be temporary, until a new District 2 supervisor could be elected.

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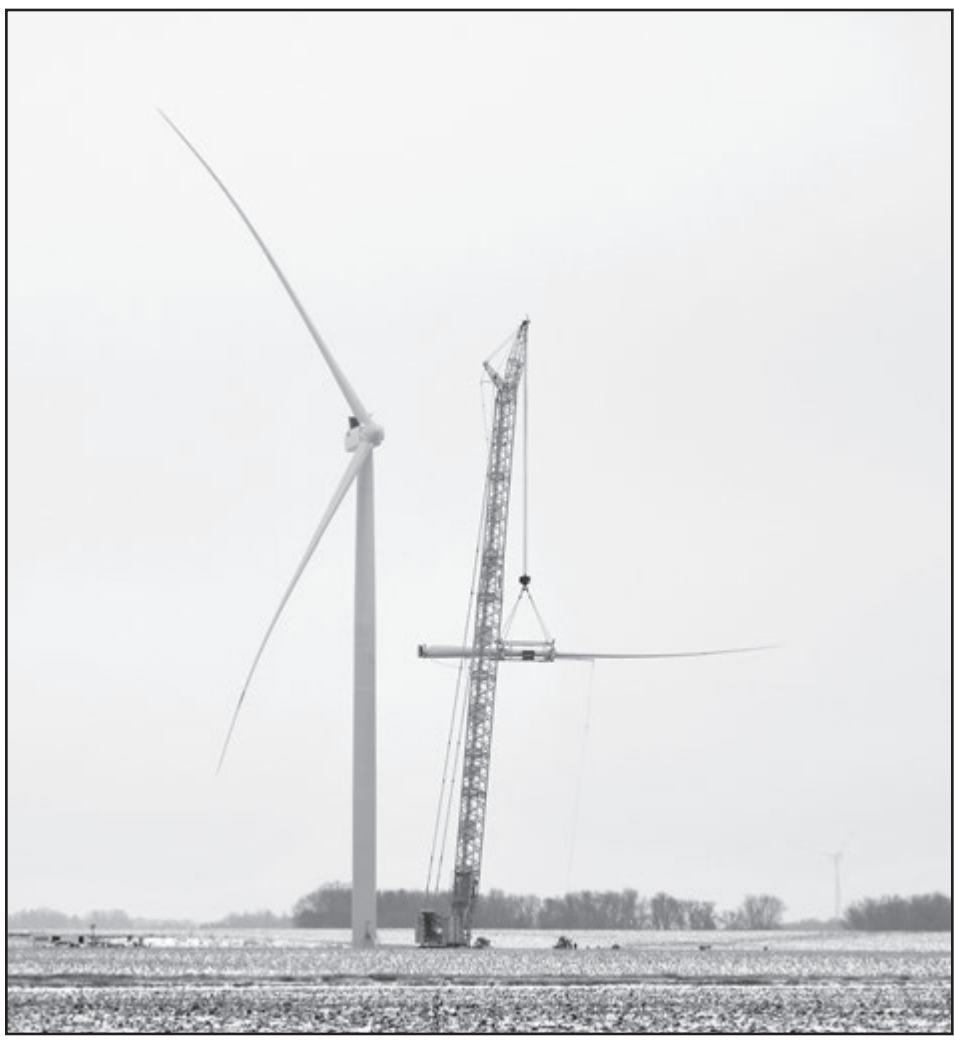
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Freeborn Wind Farm

Construction has continued seemingly around the clock on the Freeborn Wind Farm, being constructed east of Northwood. Pictured above is one turbine under construction late into an evening recently. The other picture shows a blade suspended on its way to the top of the structure. The 100 turbine Freeborn Wind Farm includes turbines in Minnesota and Worth County, with materials transported through the Manly Logistics Park rail loading facility. According to Xcel Energy, the wind farm is expected to be complete in March of this year.

MercyOne breaks ground in Albert Lea

On January 14 the Albert Lea Healthcare Coalition celebrated the success of the grass-roots movement to take control of local healthcare options with a celebration for the new MercyOne Clinic.

The groundbreaking was held inside the former Herberger's location in the Northbridge Mall, where MercyOne will open their doors upon completion, and receive new patients.

"Never have I been so proud to be from Albert Lea," commented Brad Arends, President of the Albert Lea Healthcare Coalition. "We have maneuvered hurdles and creatively unlocked the key to community-centric, high quality healthcare for Albert Lea and our surrounding area. I'm honored to be a member of this group. Today the Coalition is blazing forward with this project for the benefit of our community, and is committed to being a good corporate citizen now and long into the future."

"2020 was a year filled with challenges," said Rod Schlader, president, MercyOne North Iowa. "While challenges can cause delays, our commitment to this project and to the community of Albert Lea remains strong. We are excited to continue our momentum toward opening MercyOne Albert Lea Family Medicine."

The new MercyOne clinic location is owned by ALHC and is leased to the provider for the sole purpose of providing patient care services.

MercyOne will provide a primary care clinic with visiting specialists. There are future plans for an outpatient surgery center and potentially other services dependent upon patient needs and provider capability.

Other specialty healthcare businesses will have locations inside the building as well. Some of these specialty healthcare services include physical therapy and audiology, just to name a few.

The citizens of Albert Lea, Freeborn County and the surrounding communities sought continued healthcare options for the 55,000 residents residing in Freeborn County and the surrounding service area after medical resources in the community were relocated.

Vaccines remain limited to first group for now

As the first round of the COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed, many are wondering when it will be available to the next eligible groups. Worth County Public Health has shared answers to those questions.

In posts to its Facebook page, WCPH has stated that they have a limited amount of vaccinations and have been directed by the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Infectious Disease Advisory Council to only vaccinate those that fall within group 1A, which includes healthcare workers, emergency personnel and nursing homes.

WCPH can only move on to other groups when given additional vaccine and when allowed to do so by the IDPH and Advisory Council.

The IDPH, as of January 12, had received 226,000 doses of vaccine and has stated that it needs 300,000-400,000 to vaccinate everyone in phase 1A.

According to the IDPH, vaccinations for the next group, 1B, are tentatively expected to begin no later than February 1. Those in group 1B are individuals 75 and over and those in other high risk populations, such as those at high risk of exposure or at high risk of illness if infected. Some local examples inclde PK-12 school staff and childcare workers and first responders not covered earlier.

WCPH is updating information regularly, shared via Worth County newspapers and its Facebook page. Those with questions can also call the WCPH office at 641-324-1741.

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Lady Vikings snap four game losing streak with win over North Butler

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Looking to get back to its winning ways, the Northwood-Kensett girls' basketball team unleashed its defensive pressure in last Tuesday night's win over North Butler, holding the Bearcats to just 32 points in the very slim, 33-32 Top of Iowa Conference East win.

The Lady Vikings snapped a four game losing streak to beat North Butler, a team that has dominated N-K in the past, winning 24 of the teams' 30 games played. But most of those wins came in the first few years of North Butler's existence, with the Lady Vikings getting their first win in the series in 2014 and since then they've won six of the last 14 games played.

This game started off looking like it might fit that old pattern of N-K getting blown out by the Bearcats when the visiting team held on for a 7-2 advantage after the first eight minutes of play.

But this N-K team doesn't know the meaning of the word quit and with a 13 point second quarter it may have just secured its second win of the season if it could hold on.

And hold on they did, surviving a NB rally in the fourth quarter, the Lady Vikings were outscored 15-11, but that 9-point deficit from the second quarter was enough to pull them through for the win, 33-32.

Freshman Chloe Costello led the team with eight points and seven steals while Carly Hengesteg and Emma Davidson added seven and six points respectively. With the win the Lady Vikings are now 2-7 overall and 2-5 in the TIC East.

N-K 33, NB 32

NB	7	4	6	15 – 32
NK	2	13	7	11 – 33

TIC East Standings

	TIC East	Overall
Saint Ansgar	9-0	11-0
Osage	8-1	10-1
West Fork	7-2	7-5
Nashua-Plainfield	6-4	7-5
MC Newman	4-4	5-5
North Butler	2-7	3-9
Northwood-Kensett	2-5	2-7
Central Springs	1-6	1-9
Rockford	0-9	1-11



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Remember that basketball game when all the fans were chanting, "We want Batt"?

I don't remember that.

The coach sent me up into the stands to see what they wanted you for.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I attended the funeral of a beloved cousin, Marilyn Benson. It was the only time she hadn't made me smile. She loved her family. I loved her and love her family. Marilyn loved cribbage. I've played it, but don't know how. I'm a good loser in cribbage. She loved birds. Me, too. During her funeral, which I attended virtually, I stood in front of a digital screen while holding one of those stress balls meant to reduce tension and nodding in agreement at each nice thing said about Marilyn. I cried as I listened to "I Come to the Garden Alone." That song tears tears from my eyes. At the song's end, I spotted a cat hunting the bird feeders just outside my window. It wasn't my cat as I don't have an outdoor cat. I opened the window and was about to chuck that brightly colored stress ball at the feline, when a voice at Marilyn's funeral sang, "There will be peace in the valley for me some day." That song includes, "Well the bear will be gentle and the wolves will be tame. And the lion shall lay down by the lamb." I didn't fling the ball at the feline. I grumbled. The cat waddled off. There was peace in the valley for me, but I'll miss Marilyn mightily.

I talk to a lot of groups, and do radio shows and TV gigs. I find the easiest thing for me to do is to mispronounce the names of people. First names are slightly easier than last names. I blame my incompetence on a boyhood spent where last names like Benson, Johnson, Hanson, Sorenson, Larson, Carlson, Erickson, Thompson, Anderson, Christianson, Christenson, Peterson, Jenson, Olson and Nelson were prevalent. Not everyone's last name ended in "son," some ended in "sen." We had other easy to say names like Smith and Miller.

I shoveled 6-8 inches of wet snow to make room for new snow. Despite the hurry to show 2020 the door, I find myself writing 2020 on things instead of 2021. My mind's failure to turn the calendar is an annual occurrence that causes me say "Great Scott!" That may be why on a rare day when I was set free to roam the world to run a couple of errands, I noticed my shirt was a bit askew. Why should it be normal? I had buttoned it wrong. By then, I was out where people could see me on a warm January day. I had dressed in the dark. That's my lame excuse and I'm sticking with it. I had to decide which was the thing I wanted to do the least — taking the time to rebutton or to look like a dork. I'd look like a dork whether or not my buttons found the proper buttonholes and I needed to impress no one, so I greeted the world with my shirt off-kilter. I'm no worse for the experience.

I've learned

It disappoints us when people don't live up to their abilities because each of us is one of those.

We need pennies. Otherwise, we wouldn't have any use for those coin wrappers for pennies.

Nature notes

The wind blew hard. I mumbled, "Amain." Herman Melville in "Moby Dick," wrote, "The wind now rising amain, he in vain strove." Emerson wrote, "The soul strives amain to live and work." Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word as: With all one's strength, at full speed or with great haste. With that as inspiration, I recalled another word from the cobwebs of my mind and walked widdershins, meaning in a counterclockwise direction.

In Minnesota and Iowa, courtship and territory formation for great horned owls begin in December and early January with eggs laid at the end of January through February. The owls have thick feathers, even their legs and feet are feathered to handle the cold. The young hatch with fluffy down to keep them warm. The owls can incubate eggs successfully at -27° and eggs have been recorded to withstand a mother's absence for 20 minutes at -13°. The incubation period is 30-37 days and the nestling period about 42 days. Early nesting gives the young time to learn hunting skills before the next winter.

Meeting adjourned

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James, Jon & Barbara and Jennifer Butler*

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WORTH COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

The WORTH COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Meeting Date/Time: 2/1/2021 09:00 AM | **Contact:** JACKI A. BACKHAUS | **Phone:** (641) 324-2316 ext: 3626

Meeting Location: WORTH COUNTY COURT HOUSE

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	4,986,593	0	4,986,593
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	32,428	0	32,428
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	352,123	0	352,123
Net Current Property Tax	4	4,602,042	0	4,602,042
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	40	0	40
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	29,794	0	29,794
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,509,026	0	4,509,026
Intergovernmental	8	4,331,654	0	4,331,654
Licenses & Permits	9	25,487	0	25,487
Charges for Service	10	296,094	0	296,094
Use of Money & Property	11	210,653	0	210,653
Miscellaneous	12	8,800	4,196,643	4,205,443
Subtotal Revenue	13	14,013,590	4,196,643	18,210,233
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	1,284,017	0	1,284,017
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,297,607	4,196,643	19,494,250
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,593,756	10,456	2,604,212
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,109,859	0	1,109,859
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	220,860	0	220,860
County Environment & Education	21	1,012,164	53,000	1,065,164
Roads & Transportation	22	4,909,274	350,000	5,259,274
Government Services to Residents	23	467,609	0	467,609
Administration	24	1,747,325	207,643	1,954,968
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	2,278,010	0	2,278,010
Capital Projects	27	2,955,000	4,600,000	7,555,000
Subtotal Expenditures	28	17,293,857	5,221,099	22,514,956
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Tranfers Out	29	1,284,017	0	1,284,017
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	18,577,874	5,221,099	23,798,973
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-3,280,267	-1,024,456	-4,304,723
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2020	33	9,786,049	0	9,786,049
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	6,038,629	0	6,038,629
Fund Balance - Committed	37	371,243	0	371,243
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	95,910	-1,024,456	-928,546
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2021	40	6,505,782	-1,024,456	5,481,326

Explanation of Changes: Revenue Amendments: Misc/TIF Receipts for HWY 105 Project - $4,000,000; WCDA Grant Proceeds - Scanning Project - $196,643
Expense Amendments: Secondary Roads: Construction - $4,600,000; New Equipment - $350,000; Disaster Service: NCRERC Dues increase - $456; Medical Examiner: Diagnostic Eval - $5,000, Medical & Health Services - $5,000; Insurance: Unemployment Compensation - $11,000.00; Data Processing: Capital Outlay - Scanning Project - $196,643; Organizations: Winn-Worth Betco Contribution - $50,000; Planning & Zoning: Salary - Elected Official/Department Head - $3,000.00



Senator Waylon Brown was sworn in for his second four-year term as the Senator of District 26.



Rep. Jane Bloomingdale sworn in for 89th General Assembly

Rep. Jane Bloomingdale (R-Northwood) was recently sworn in to the Iowa House of Representatives on the first day of the 89th General Assembly. The swearing in ceremony was shortly followed by opening remarks by Speaker of the House Pat Grassley, outlining some of the priorities of the Legislature for the 2021 session. During session Bloomingdale can be reached by email at jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov.

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown
State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

It was a proud day as I was sworn into my second four-year term as the Senator of District 26 in the great state of Iowa! Having my family at the ceremony was special and creates a lasting memory for all of us.

The legislative session looks much different this year due to the safety protocols in place to protect all of us from the COVID-19 virus and some of the unrest we are feeling in our country right now. I assure you even with these protocols limiting face to face meetings, allowing social distancing and limiting outside potential virus spread we will be able to conduct the business of the 89th General Assembly.

One of the issues on many of Iowans' minds is the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. I have had multiple conversations with the governor's office this week in regard to the concerns of our county public health departments. Your voices have been heard and I will continue to advocate on the behalf of Senate District 26 to help improve the distribution of the vaccine.

Governor Reynolds, in the Condition of the State address this week, highlighted priorities that will continue to lead Iowa through these unprecedented times.

- Continued attention to the COVID-19 virus remains of top concern
- Broadband grants and the continuation of installation of broadband across Iowa
- Expanding access to mental health care
- Addressing the child care shortage facing the Iowa workforce
- Education of Iowa students remains a top priority with new ideas for open student enrollment, educational savings accounts and telehealth in our schools

With the beginning of the 89th General Assembly I have a new role as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. I look forward to leading this committee and continuing the positive agenda regarding our transportation infrastructure and regulations.

I also serve on the following committees:

- Commerce
- Labor and Business Relations
- Way and Means
- Administrative Rules Review Committee

As your senator I am here as your voice, to carry forward the work of the residents of Iowa Senate District 26. Please feel free to contact me to share your concerns, questions and especially your ideas on how we can make Iowa the best place to live.

Quoting Vice President Mike Pence, I leave you with his words for a "Time of Healing":

"After the horrific events of this last week, our Administration's energy is directed to ensuring an orderly transition. The Bible says that "for everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven…a time to heal, …and a time to build up." That time is now. In the midst of a global pandemic, economic hardship for millions of Americans and the tragic events of January 6, now is the time for us to come together, now is the time to heal."

Notice

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WORTH COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 69.14A, the Worth County Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer (vacancy appointing committee) intend to make an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Worth County Board of Supervisors on Friday, January 15, 2021. Mark Smeby will conduct the duties of that position temporarily starting January 15, 2021, until the seat appears on the November 1, 2022, General Election ballot or earlier if a Special Election is ordered.

Notice is further given that the electors of Worth County have the right to file a petition in accordance with Code of Iowa 69.14A requesting a Special Election. Said petition shall be filed with the County Auditor within 14 days after publication of this notice or within 14 days after the vacancy is filled by appointment. The petition shall meet the requirements of Code of Iowa 331.306 which, in part, states the petition must be signed by a number equal or greater than at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the County for the office of president at the preceding General Election.

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The Futility of Wealth



I recently came across a very telling anecdote about the futility of wealth, nicely retold by the author Dan Solis in his book Discipleship. The story is told of two Klondike miners who ignore warnings to leave their cabin before winter sets in, or to at least restock their food supplies, but in their lust for wealth the miners continue to heap up piles of gold, until a blizzard sets in and traps them in their little cabin. They are found frozen to death the next Spring, amid piles of gold, a potent reminder that we can't eat gold, or heat our house with it either. We chase after money as if it will provide us with security, forgetting that ultimately no amount of money will stave off death. It may provide a modicum of safety and security while we are here, allowing us to buy a home and to eat well and provide for our families, but that is about as far as it goes. It won't ultimately buy us happiness, or a place in heaven, or the love that all of us so desperately want and need. So keep your finances in perspective. Money is a means to an end, a tool to buy the necessities (and sometimes the luxuries) of life and not an end in itself. – Christopher Simon

Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor. – 1 John 4:8

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Cook Bookin'



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

Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

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

I know I got my first blender, an Oster, sometime in the mid-60s. Since then I've learned what a great workhorse this kitchen appliance is and I now own two VitaMix models. There is so much you can do that isn't just making smoothies. The "Blender Cookbook" by Ann Seranne and Eileen Gaden (1961, Doubleday & Company, Inc; Garden City, New York) was one of the first books I bought to make good use of my blender. While there are many ideas and recipes, I decided to focus on salad dressings today. In making your own dressing, you know what is in it, it's less expensive than the premium bottled dressings and you can make it fresh as needed. The recipes have been adapted a bit for our current tastes.

Basic French Dressing

1/2 cup cider vinegar
1 1/2 cups grapeseed oil
1/4 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

Put all ingredients into the blender, cover and start on slow speed. Switch to high speed and blend for 20 seconds. Pour into a jar, cover and store in the refrigerator. SANDY'S NOTE: This is nothing like the fake orange stuff called French dressing found in grocery stores. This is a light vinaigrette-style dressing. You can also substitute lemon juice or white wine vinegar for the cider vinegar if you wish.

Creamy French Dressing

1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 clove fresh garlic
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon either dried dill or basil
3/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons real mayonnaise
1 teaspoon tomato paste

Blend all the ingredients for 10 seconds on high. Makes 1 cup

Lorenzo Dressing

1 cup basic French Dressing
3 tablespoons chili sauce
2 green onion, with tops
1 canned pimiento
Several springs of fresh Italian parsley

Cut the onions into a few pieces, halving the white bulb. Chop the parsley a bit. Put all the ingredients into the blender and blend until the parsley is finely chopped. Chill until read to toss with your lettuce salad.

Cucumber Sour Cream Dressing

1 cup real sour cream, not low-fat
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ cup fresh parsely leaves
1 cup peeled, diced cucumber
½ clove fresh garlic
Dash of hot sauce such as Tabasco ®

Blend on high speed for 15 seconds or until smooth.

Pimiento Dressing

1 can (4 oz.) pimientos with juice
1/3 cup grapeseed oil
2 tablespoons crumbled bleu cheese
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon peppercorns
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard

Place all ingredients in the blender, cover and blend on high for about 10 seconds or until smooth. Makes 1 1/4 cups.

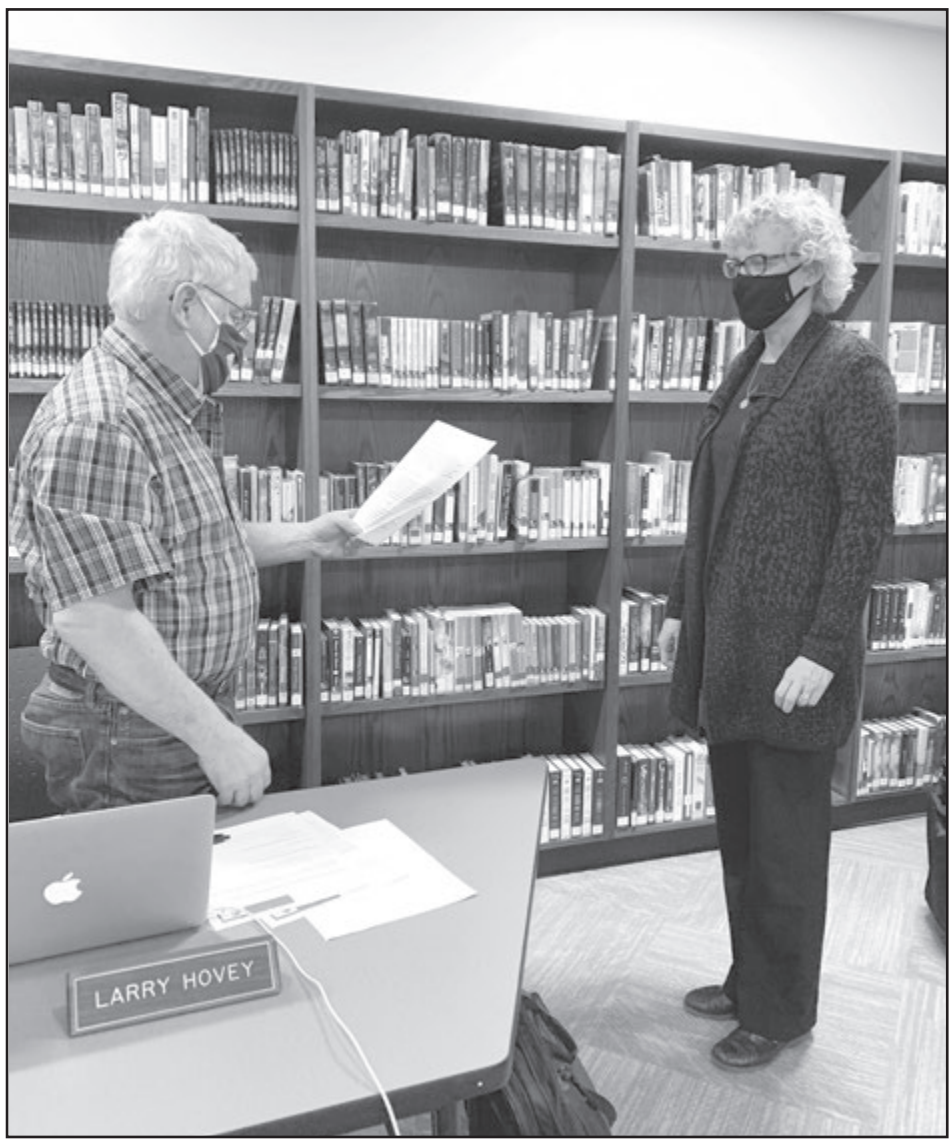
Sour Cream Horseradish Dressing

1 cup real sour cream, not low-fat
1/4 cup prepared horseradish
1/2 cup chili sauce
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons grapeseed oil
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Place all ingredients into the blender, cover and blend on high speed for 10 seconds. Makes about 2 cups. This sauce is good with roast beef as well as salad.

I've mentioned grapeseed oil because it is neutral and won't give the dressing a strong flavor as olive oil would. Any neutral oil will work. Keeping homemade dressing in the fridge is like money in the bank! And...that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Swearing in at school

During last Thursday's meeting of the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education, Kim Hengesteg was sworn in as the district's new business manager and board secretary. Pictured above administering the oath of office is school board president Larry Hovey.

Canine officer to get new body armor

Worth County Sheriff's Office canine officer Titan will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

Titan's vest is sponsored by Jeremy and Christopher Hanson of Garner, and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Dozer, Buddy and Lucky." Delivery is expected within eight to 10 weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States.

This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted and NIJ certified.

Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,156 vests to canines in all 50 states at a value of $6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. Canines with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement canines throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of $960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of $1,744-$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb. and comes with a five-year warranty.

More information is available by calling 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org.

Activity center space leased to physical therapist

Shortly after the Vikings Activity Center opens, amongst its amenities may be a physical therapy office, providing services to the school and the community.

Included in the design of the Vikings Activity Center was a space to be rented, ideally to a health-related business. The goal was to have access to that service, while also using rent income to offset the operating costs of the center.

At their regular meeting last Thursday, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education approved a lease agreement for the space with Synergy Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine, based out of Charles City.

Synergy is run by licensed physical therapist Kurt Walderbach, who shared information on his vision and the services he would like to offer N-K and the community.

According to Walderbach, he plans to offer a variety of physical therapy and sports medicine services, as well as training and consulting with N-K coaches and student athletes and the community.

Walderbach suggested the possibility of offering "lab" opportunities for students interested in health care, with job shadowing options. He also suggested the possibility of offering a clinical site to help students complete internship hours. Walderbach said that he has had success with similar arrangements with other Iowa school districts.

Bolan

Members of the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center, along with two local area artists, met on Saturday, January 16, with Ivanka "Ida" Kubler. They discussed proposals Ida had for the Board to consider.

Well, we United Methodists won't be getting back into church soon. The COVID–19 count is too high in Worth County. That is disappointing, but it is very necessary to stay safe.

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Thank You
for your support in the January 19, 2021 Special Election.
It was greatly appreciated!
Harlan Helgeson
Paid for by Harlan Helgeson*

WCDA
Worth County Development Authority
has a Part-time position available for an Office Assistant.
Light duties include:
• Answering Phones
• Assisting with Paperwork
• Ability to work well with others
Call Deb Hanson at
641-324-1618

THANK YOU!
Thank you for your support and voting for me in the District 3 Supervisor Special Election.
Lois Colleen Lawler
Paid for by Lois Colleen Lawler*

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 1/11/21 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

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

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2020; Approve Budget Work Session Minutes of January 4, 2021; Treasurer Report; Liquor License Renewal – Casey's General Store; Set Max Levy Hearing for February 8, 2021 at 6 pm; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH ...$20.00
Iowa Insurance Division
2020 Perp Care Annual Fee ...$81.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Sale Tax ...$413.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Excise Tax ...$1,361.00
Verizon, Cell Phones $106.99
Visa,
Supplies-cc,park $1,754.24
Principal
Insurance ...$410.62
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance ...$10,583.34
Alliant Energy
Services ...$14,583.60
Payroll, Wages.....$18,151.33
Payroll
Council Wages $8,970.00
USPS, Mailing-cc $272.65
Brown Supply Co
Supplies-pw $1,922.80
CarQuest
Supplies-pw $307.07
D & L Equipment
Supplies-pw $37.27
David Patrick
Services-cc,lib $57.00
Dirk VanRyswyk
2020 Cell Phone Expenses-pw ...$1,118.26
Falkstone
Supplies-pw $327.70
George Goeders
Boots-pw $138.04
Huber Supply Co.
Supplies-pw $35.62
Iowa One Call
Services-pw $18.00
J & L Autobody
Repairs-pw $329.01
Jim Steinman
Water Dep. Refund ..$50.00
John Deere Financial
Freight, Parts $250.26
John Greve
Legal Services $500.00
Johnson Vinyl Graphics
Golf Cart Tags $300.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-pw $704.78
Knutson Oil Co.
Fuel-pw,tr $1,533.20
Lawson Products
Supplies $159.12
NSB
Employee HSA ..$29,600.00
Northwood Anchor
Publications $133.47
Northwood Electric
Repairs-parks $130.00
Northwood Sanitation
Bags-cc $330.00
Northwood Sanitation
Services $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation ..$650.00
Office Depot
Supplies $269.78
Overhead Door Co.
Maintenance $988.80
Trading Post
Supplies $158.88
USA Blue Book
Supplies $515.31
WCTA, Phone $660.44
Worth Co. Sheriff
28E Police Services $29,669.42
Worth Lumber
Supplies-pw $156.98
Library:
Center Point Large Print
Materials $120.10
Iowa Outdoors
Materials $14.00
Fallgatter's
Materials $14.16
Baker & Taylor
Materials $585.93

Summary of December 2020 receipts by fund type: General - $33,376.23; Special Revenue-$48,019.31; Debt Service - $3,750.75; Capital Projects-$3,190.92; Enterprise- $99,827.06; Trust & Agency - $508.91.

Summary of December 2020 disbursements by fund type: General - $64,620.63; Special Revenue-$27,744.48; Debt Service-$30,320.00; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise- $118,374.68; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Larry Hovey; John Anderson, Roger Harris, Cindy Pangburn; Susan Kliment; Members Absent: none

(5-0) Approved the agenda; December 3rd and December 10th special and regular meeting; Financial Reports for December; January bills for payment

Reports

Elementary Principal: 1) Winter FAST Testing 2) Elementary Honor Choir 3) Middle School Study Group 4) Distance Learner Update

Secondary Principal: 1) Update on distant learning from home students 2) Review Prom and Post Prom recommendations, Review Spectator guidance for home events

Superintendent: 1) School Calendar, Superintendent sharing, WCDA amount for 2021-2022, ESSER II Funds

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Old Business

1) Progress updates on Transportation Facility and Viking Activity Center

2) COVID Issues: as of December 31, 2020, the COVID leave ended

New Business

(5-0) Approved second reading Board Policy Changes and the New Board Policies 102, 102.E4, 501.3, 501.4, 102, 102.E4, 501.3, 501.4,502.8, 502.8.E1, 507.8 603.1, 603.3, 604.6, 604.10, 701.3, 705.1R1; Rescind policy 500; New Policy 705.1R2.

(5-0) Approved First Reading Board Policy Changes and New Board Policies. Approve the first reading and waive the second reading for emergency purposes to enacting these policies 409.2, 503.1, 503.5, Rescind policies 409.2E1,409.2E2 add new policies 503.6, 503.6R1, 503.6E1, 503.6E2, 503.6E3.

(5-0) Approved the awarding of Synergy Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine for the rental space in the Viking Activity Center

(5-0) Approved the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application and Resolution in the amount of $133,335.00

(5-0) Approved the student driver education fee of $310.00 for summer of 2021

Larry Hovey, Board President administered the Oath of Office to Business Manager/Board Secretary, Kim Hengesteg

(5-0) Approved the hire of Ron Dodd as Summer Driver Education for the 2021 school year at $175.00 per student

(5-0) Approved the hire of Marlee Nelson as the Elementary Special Education Associate. Pay rate of $11.50 per hour

(5-0) Approved Jessica Newell as Night Custodian for the Secondary Building. Pay rate of $13.00 per hour

(5-0) Accepted the resignation of Donna Martin effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year

(5-0) Adjourned meeting at 7:56

Legal

People's Right to know

Supervisor

January 11, 2021
Second Day

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

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: Smeby and Stone. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: None.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the January 11, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve the January 4, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve Contractor's Pay Request #1 to Rognes Bros Excavating Inc.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $234,096.66 as per the following schedule:

Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#11/ Main A, Prof Services ... $930.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#13/ Lat 3, Prof Services ... $3,066.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#24 Main Tile, Prof Services ... $1,925.00
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#34/ Main E, Prof Services ... $837.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#37, Prof Services ... $1,337.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#49, Prof Services ... $2,062.50
Bolton & Menk Inc., DD#52 Main, Prof Services $1,100.00
Cole Excavating, LLC, DD#13/Lat 3 Ditch, Land Improvements ... $191,870.12
Nicholas Dvorak, DD#66, Repairs ... $1,350.00
Popp Farm Drainage, DD#22/Lat 10, Repairs ... $326.85
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc., DD#3 Main, Repairs .. $99.93
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc., DD#8, Repairs ... $1,222.18
Rognes Bros Excavating Inc., DD#46/Lat 9, Land Improvements ... $27,968.58
Grand Total ... $234,096.66

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve claims in the amount of $315,391.31 as per the following schedule:

911 Custom
Supplies-Shf ... 996.00
A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Eng ... 1,243.05
Advanced Drainage Sys Inc
Supplies-Eng ... 308.58
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng ... 12,103.19
Ajb Enterprise Llc
Service-Gsr ... 165.00
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Eng ... 690.00
Albert Lea Steel Inc
Supplies-Con ... 132.03
All States Ag Parts
Parts-Eng ... 147.98
Alliant Energy
Service-Eng ... 2,762.86
Aramark
Service-Eng ... 216.90
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf ... 1,553.29
Bcn Telecom
Service-Gsr ... 97.25
Bell's Fire Stop Inc
Service-Eng ... 688.00
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng ... 5,275.32
Beyond Trust
Service-Dap ... 1,568.16
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng ... 624.46
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng ... 1,121.48
Bomgaars Supply, Inc
Supplies-Con ... 404.95
Candila Schickel
Service-Chm ... 149.50
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng ... 1,212.06
Central Ia Detention
Service-Juj ... 2,640.00
Chrysler Of Forest City
Service-Con ... 88.13
City Of Fertile
Rutf-Eng ... 2,133.98
City Of Grafton
Rutf-Eng ... 1,226.69
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng ... 498.69
City Of Joice
Rutf-Eng ... 1,287.60
City Of Kensett
Rutf-Eng ... 636.27
City Of Manly
Service-Eng ... 65.22
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr ... 424.35
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf ... 225.00
Cost Advisory Services Inc
Service-Ndp ... 3,100.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr ... 94.80
Deano's Road Dust Control
Supplies-Eng ... 1,212.95
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co
Supplies-Asr ... 37.00
Dixon Construction
Service-Eng ... 86,265.34
Eilertson Repair
Service-Eng ... 1,344.95
Electric Pump Inc
Service-Wwt ... 1,220.70
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Con ... 27.52
Frank Stearns
Service-Mex ... 420.00
Frontier Precision
Supplies-Dap ... 1,410.00
Geopliant, Llc
Supplies-Ema ... 1,890.00
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 6,151.00
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt ... 3,817.04
Helgeson Drainage Inc.
Service-Eng ... 6,790.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng ... 240.58
Ia Dept Of Public Safety
Service-Shf ... 2,247.00
Ia Prison Industries
Supplies-Eng ... 700.50
Ia State Assn Of Assessors
Dues-Asr ... 650.00
Imwca
Wk Comp Prem-Ins ... 12,277.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap ... 5,100.00
Itsavvy Llc
Supplies-Dap ... 3,490.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Eng ... 919.80
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Gsr ... 164.06
Kruger Electric Llc
Service-Sdp ... 451.05
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng ... 460.75
Lexisnexis
Service-Aty ... 171.00
Manly Junction Signal
Renewal-Aud ... 25.00
Mediacom
Service-Gsr ... 237.53
Melissa Thofson
Supplies-Shf ... 146.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Ctr
Dues-Shf ... 150.00
Motorola Solutions Inc
Service-Dap ... 84,800.99
Nassco Inc.
Supplies-Gsr ... 51.26
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf ... 300.00
No Wait Inside, Llc
Service-Dap ... 29.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Renewal-Trs ... 212.00
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr ... 191.50
Pitney Bowes Global
Service-Dap ... 402.99
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Gsr ... 104.00
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf ... 431.25
Reliance Telephone Inc
Supplies-Shf ... 1,000.00
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies ... 510.24
The Master's Touch, Llc
Supplies-Trs ... 571.62
The Sidwell Company
Service-Dap ... 1,716.00
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng ... 95.56
Tsp Court Reporting Inc
Service-Aty ... 396.00
Tyler Business Forms
Supplies-Aud ... 37.84
Ver Helst Snyder Drug
Supplies-Trs ... 22.60
Verizon Wireless
Service-Ema ... 40.01
Viafield, Supplies-Eng 459.00
Visa, Service-Con ... 98.00
Visa, Service-Dap ... 1,876.56
Whks & Co
Service-Eng ... 28,423.00
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn, Service-Gsr ... 3,086.36
World Fuel Service, Inc.
Supplies-Eng ... 2,771.35
Worth Co Sheriff Petty Cash
Reimb-Shf ... 40.10
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf ... 2,912.50
Worth County Extension
Edu-Con ... 280.00
Young Plumbing & Heating Inc, Service-Wat ... 43.59
Ziegler Inc
Service-Wwt ... 2,482.42
Zoom Video Communications Inc., Service-Dap ... 108.01
Grand Total ... 315,391.31

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to acknowledge county receipt of manure management plan annual update from Dan Clark for facility #66329 located in Section 16, Union Township, Worth County.

Motion by Stone, second by Smeby, carried to extend the Temporary Policy for Use of Sick Leave During COVID-19 Response to March 31, 2021.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2021.01.11

A Resolution Adopting the Proposed Plan for Revitalization

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 404, Code of Iowa, as amended (the "Act") before designating any area a revitalization area, the County must prepare a proposed plan for such revitalization area; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the County has prepared a proposed plan for the Worth County Logistics Park Revitalization Area, held the public hearing thereon, as required by the Act, such public hearing having been held at the Worth County Courthouse on the 7th day of December, 2020, and,

WHEREAS, the County has not received within thirty days after the holding of the first public hearing, referred to above, a valid petition requesting a second public hearing containing the signatures and current addresses of property owners that represent at least ten percent of the privately owned property within the Worth County Logistics Park Revitalization Area, or the signatures and addresses of tenants that represent at least ten percent of the residential units within the Worth County Logistics Park Revitalization Area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. That no objections were received at the public hearing on the proposed Worth County Logistics Park Urban Revitalization Plan.

Section 2. That the proposed plan for the Worth County Logistics Park Revitalization Area is hereby adopted.

Section 3. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions passed prior to or that are in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed and approved this 11th day of January, 2021.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021.01.25 – An Ordinance Designating Certain Areas of Worth County, Iowa as Urban Revitalization Areas.

Motion by Smeby, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:49 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, January 18, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 273.3(12), Central Rivers Area Education Agency Board of Directors presents notification of a public hearing on the proposed budget. Pursuant to Governor Reynolds' proclamation of public health emergency currently in effect, an electronic meeting and electronic hearing will be held because it is impossible or impractical to host the meeting and hearing in person due to concerns for the health and safety of the school community and public due to COVID-19. Persons will be heard for or against the proposed budget.

Official AEA Name: Central Rivers Area Education Agency
Date/Time of Hearing: Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 5:00pm
Join Meeting via Zoom: https://centralriversaea.zoom.us/j/93102045477
Join Meeting by Phone: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 931 0204 5477

AEA CERTIFIED BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Due Date: February 10, 2021

Three-Year Budget Comparison All Funds except Permanent Funds; Internal Service Funds; Private-Purpose, Pension and Investment Trust Funds; and Agencies		**Budget 2022**	**Re-Estimated 2021**	**Actual 2020**
Resources (Sources) (Account ID 8):				
Taxes (1100-1299)	1	13,352,743	13,181,825	12,922,948.00
Tuition/Transportation Received (1300-1499)	2	150,000	150,000	178,549.84
Earnings on Investments (1500-1599)	3	25,000	25,000	184,168.16
Nutrition Program Sales (1600-1699)	4	0	0	0.00
Student Activities & Sales (1700-1799)	5	0	0	0.00
Other Revenues from Local Sources (1800-1999)	6	6,308,378	5,931,721	6,148,975.83
Revenues from Intermediary Sources (2000-2999)	7	0	0	0.00
State Foundation Aid (3111)	8	16,172,065	14,275,234	13,811,078.00
Juvenile Home Tuition Aid Advance (3121)	9	1,623,112	1,550,579	1,430,286.71
Other State Resources including State Aid Categoricals (3112-3119, 3122-3999)	10	3,319,047	3,315,203	3,447,221.00
IDEA Grants (4510-4529)	11	16,214,800	16,247,547	15,805,646.57
Other Federal Sources (4000-4509, 4530-4999)	12	822,500	883,789	919,667.18
Total Revenues (Rows 1 - 12)	13	57,987,645	55,560,898	54,848,541.29
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds (5000-5199, 5400-5699)	14	0	0	140,222.72
Interfund Transfers In (5200-5299)	15	668,625	780,892	852,667.65
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions (5300-5399)	16	0	0	9,318.75
Upward Adjustments & Other Financing Sources (5000-5099, 5700-6999)	17	0	0	0.00
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources (Row 13 - 17)	18	58,656,270	56,341,790	55,850,750.41
Beginning Fund Balance	19	11,925,338	11,392,557	10,075,659.61
Total Resources (Row 18 + 19)	20	70,581,608	67,734,347	65,926,410.02
Requirements (Functions) (Account ID 9):				
Instruction (1000-1999)	21	9,014,556	8,093,362	8,023,470.08
Student Support Services (2100-2199)	22	21,966,800	20,440,133	20,080,956.75
Instructional Staff Support Services (2200-2299)	23	13,597,475	12,627,736	12,185,736.85
General Administration (2300-2399)	24	2,031,900	1,861,963	1,767,441.04
School Administration (2400-2499)	25	3,060,100	2,850,507	3,000,043.09
Business and Central Administration (2500-2519, 2540-2599)	26	2,350,000	2,666,099	2,189,227.03
Purchasing, Distributing, Printing, Publishing, Duplicating (2520-2539)	27	713,200	670,083	665,239.30
Plant Operation and Maintenance (2600-2699)	28	1,779,600	1,672,526	1,425,197.42
Student Transportation (2700-2799)	29	3,000	3,000	519.53
Other Support Services (2900-2999)	30	218,150	214,404	319,662.29
Noninstructional Programs (3000-3999)	31	141,600	136,050	132,359.45
Facilities Acquisition and Construction (4000-4999)	32	150,000	240,000	349,052.75
Debt Service (5000-5999)	33	518,625	518,627	503,614.90
Total Expenditures (Row 21 - 33)	34	55,545,006	51,994,490	50,642,520.48
Interfund Transfers Out (6200-6299)	35	668,625	780,892	852,667.65
Downward Adjustments & Other Financing Uses (6100-6199, 6300-6999)	36	3,029,200	3,033,627	3,038,665.00
Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses (Row 34 - Row 36)	37	59,242,831	55,809,009	54,533,853.13
Ending Fund Balance (Row 20 - Row 37)	38	11,338,777	11,925,338	11,392,556.89
Total Requirements (Row 37 + 38)	39	70,581,608	67,734,347	65,926,410.02

We the undersigned officers of the Area Education Agency certify that all data in the Certified Budget as submitted here for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 are true, correct, and done in full compliance with the pertinent statutes of the State of Iowa, instructions of the State Department of Education, and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as defined in Uniform Financial Accounting for Iowa School Districts and AEAs, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Contact for Questions Concerning this Certified Budget Report: Michael Kalvig, Chief Financial Officer, Central Rivers AEA,
Phone: 319-273-8206; Email: mkalvig@centralriversaea.org

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

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WORTH COUNTY
VETERINARY SERVICE
Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.
Clinic: 324-1084
Home: 324-1147

PHYSICIANS
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803 9th Avenue North
Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

NORTHWOOD INSURANCE AGENCY
John Midtgaard, Agent
900 Central Ave., Northwood, IA
Office 641-324-1023 Home 324-1391

Alcoholics Anonymous Alanon
Regular meeting each Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Beginners/12 Step meeting 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
First Lutheran Church
For more information call 324-3070

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MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

January 19, 1921

Farm Bureau interest is not lacking in Worth County. This was shown when 300 farmers from the various parts of the county gathered at Northwood to attending the annual meeting of the county organization. At the meeting, officers unanimously elected were O.K. Storre, president; G.J. Mueller, vice president; Carl T. Rone, secretary; and A.O. Rye, treasurer.

The students' oratorical contests held at the school house during the week resulted in the following selections of speakers who will appear at the preliminary contest to be held at the Slosson Opera House next Tuesday: Oratorical-Vernon Thompson, William Finch and Wilbur Bolender; Dramatic-Ruby Peterson, Gena Bakken and Lenore Lund; and Humorous-Norma Slosson, Rita Ulrich and Priscilla Jenson.

The Worth County committee, acting under the Europe Relief counsel, will start a week's drive for funds to be used in connection with the aid of the million of starving children and central and eastern Europe. Rev. W.A. Hanscom, Northwood, is chairman of the committee. Worth County has been asked to raise the sum of $4,744 as its share from the State of Iowa.

75 years ago

January 17, 1946

Herbert A. Lund, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Lund of this city, was graduated from the officers' candidate school of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and received his commission as second lieutenant in the artillery branch of the U.S. Army.

Northwood High School's Vikings basketball team suffered its first defeat and 11 starts this season in the game at Belmond. The score, 31-29, followed up a precedent of close scores set for Northwood/Belmond games during the past three years.

With the mercury at six below zero, Northwood had the not enviable distinction of being the coldest spot in Iowa, according to telegraphic reports.

Mrs. Lawrence Brunsvold, living east of Joice, suffered a severe skull fracture when she fell on the ice as she went to the mailbox at their country home.

Omer Earl Bliss, 63, a former Worth County resident and well known here, died suddenly at his home in Minneapolis of heart failure.

Thomas Hove has his left foot in a cast, which he will be wearing for some four weeks, according to doctors. He was lifting a 5-gallon can of ice cream at the Hove restaurant as the can slipped and landed on his foot.

Marvin Fistler of the local Peoples' Gas and Electric Company staff, has been transferred to the Manly office of the company and began his duties there.

50 years ago

January 21, 1971

Two more youths have been charged and sentenced in connection with the 40-gallon gasoline theft at the Northwood-Kensett school bus barn on Jan. 5. Lary Bonker, 18, and Steve Pelham, 19, were each sentenced to 15 days in the county jail, with 11 of the days suspended. Three other youths are serving 15-day jail sentences in connection to the incident.

Daniel Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder, Northwood, has been accepted for admissions at Mankato State College, according to an announcement from Dr. Ross Alm, director of admissions. He will enter the school this fall to major in social studies.

That alone stirs up all the attention at the Keith Hitchcock home, Timmothy Charles William Hitchcock born on January 12, not only is the first baby born in Northwood but also the first son of the family of five daughters. The Hitchcock family came to Northwood in September and Mr. Hitchcock is employed in the Tool and Dye division at the DeLuxe Products, Lake Mills. The daughters include Tina, Yvonne, Diane, Connie and Charlene.

Worth Co-op Oil shows $757,673 in total sales. The total sales were reported to the Stock Market of Worth County Co Op Oil at the annual meeting held last Thursday. It's up from $705,909 in 1969.

25 years ago

January 17, 1996

Northwood-Kensett Community Schools directors John Julseth and Pam Perkins last Thursday night volunteered to accompany superintendent Jerry McIntyre to an informal meeting with Glenville superintendent Doug Sharp and two Glenville school board members. During the initial meeting the N-K and Glenville representatives expect to discuss the two schools districts' similarities and differences, with an eye towards potential sharing programs or personnel. Glenville was one of two neighboring districts the N-K facilites/ sharing committee specifically named as potential sharing partners in its recent report to the N-K board.

Northwood- Kensett high school seniors Jesse Butler, Erin Christiansen, Wes Ferley, Nicole Dalluge and Jay Weselmann participated in the 46th annual Dorian music festival at Luther College in Decorah. N-K musical director Lowell Gangstad accompanied them.

Army Pfc. Scott R. Engstler has deployed on a six-month training exercise termed Intrinsic Action at Camp Doha, Kuwait, and is part os the 1,500 member Task Force 1-5 Black Knights from Fort Hood, Texas.

10 years ago

January 19, 2011

Less than a week into the new year the first baby born into the Northwood-Kensett school district in 2011 is Bryck Abrams. Bryck is the son of Valarie and Matt Abrams of Northwood.

At the regular meeting the members of the Northwood-Kensett board of education excepted the resignation of four faculty members with the combination of 132 years of service in the district. The school board approved an early retirement incentive program in the fall, which the four teachers were approved for at the meeting. The board accepted the resignations of Ron Dodd, Craig Lease, Becky Okerlund and Ron Parker.

Mrs. Diane Hanson's Northwood-Kensett kindergarten class had a special reading day called "Waddle Up to the Wonderful Book." The students were instructed to wear black and white on that day and to bring a snack that was black or white or both.

Sam Krull, a junior at Northwood-Kensett High School, attended the governor's inauguration ceremony on January 14 in Des Moines. After the ceremony he toured Terrace Hill and attended the Executive Officers' reception at the State Capital, where he was greeted by Governor Brandstad in the governor's formal office.

At the last city Council meeting, police chief Leo Dorsey, in discussing the budget for his department said that he plans to hire a fourth officer to replace the officer that retired in December. He also asked the council to consider three percent raises for all members of the police department.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

George Hargis

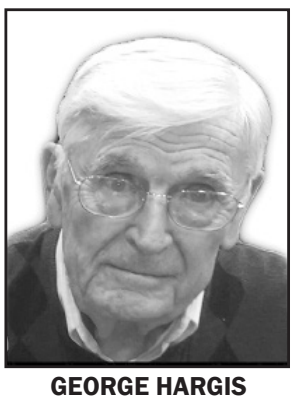
George William Hargis, 100, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at Timber Hills Senior Living in Inver Grove Heights, Minnsota.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m., on Friday, January 15, 2021, at Bethel United Methodist Church, 503 S. East St., Manly, with Pastor Cory Allard officiating. Burial took place at Manly Cemetery, where the American Legion Post #110 held military honors.

Visitation was from 12 to 1 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, 503 S. East St., Manly.

The funeral was live streamed on the Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HoganBremerMoore-ColonialChapel.

Memorials and sympathy cards may be directed to the family at the address of 4354 Livingston Dr., Eagan, MN 55123.



GEORGE HARGIS

George was born on August 26, 1920, in Ida Grove, Iowa, to John and Pricilla (Brown) Hargis. He was the fourth child of eight children and was a hard worker at a very young age. At the age of 21 George enlisted in the Army to help the United States in their efforts during WWII. After the war he met the love of his life, Beverly Jean Hopfe. They united in marriage on September 4, 1948, in Gordonsville, Minnesota. From their union four children were born. George was employed for 33 years on the Rock Island Railroad as a trainman. To stay busy after retirement he was a painter and handyman.

Other than working hard, George's hobbies included fishing and watching and attending sporting events. His favorite teams to cheer on were the Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings and Iowa Hawkeyes. George cherished his family, always being there for them and being the force that kept them going. He could often be heard saying, "Get up and do something even if it's wrong." That being said, George never sat still and even as he aged he enjoyed people and having company. He also was a proud member of the American Legion Post #110 in Manly.

Those left to cherish memories of George are his children, Pam (Dave Albright) Hargis, Jo Ellen (Todd Hipp) Hargis and Jeff Hargis; grandchildren, Scott (Jackson) Black, Peter (Amy) Hargis, Mark (Jennie) Hargis, Allison (Craig) Wigley and Amanda and Jordan Hargis; great-grandchildren, Annie Black, Mateo Hargis, Waylon Black, Luke Hargis, Lauren Wigley, Emilia Hargis, Megan Wigley, JThomas Hargis and Paul Hargis; sister-in-law, Lois Freeburg-Requa; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

George is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly; his parents; son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Joan Hargis; and siblings, Mabel McIlwain, Zora Crane, Dwane Hargis, Betty Athey, John Jr. Hargis, Irene Dorman and Roger Hargis.

Berniece Beers

Berniece G. Beers, 95, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, formerly of Emmons, passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Thorne Crest in Albert Lea.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, at Emmons Lutheran Church, 490 Pearl Street, Emmons, MN 56029. Pastor Ryan M. Henkel officiated.

Memorial visitation was from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday at Schott Funeral Homes, Mittelstadt Chapel, 902 E. Main Street, Lake Mills, Iowa.

Inurnment will take place at Kensett Cemetery, Kensett, Iowa, at a later date.



BERNIECE BEERS

Berniece Genevieve Beers was born on April 4, 1925, at Kensett, Iowa, the daughter of Bernhard J. and Olga (Bakken) Nelson. She was baptized at Elk Creek Lutheran Church and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett, Iowa.

Berniece was united in marriage to Raymond Beers on August 15, 1943, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett, Iowa.

Berniece attended school and graduated from Kensett High School, where she enjoyed playing basketball. She had worked various jobs, but primarily worked at Deluxe Products/Fleetguard Industries in Lake Mills, Iowa, for 35 years.

She loved her family (and worked hard her whole life to take care of them), her church and her dear friends. She enjoyed traveling. Her biggest adventure was a trip to Norway, which included a cruise of the fjords. Mom had a great sense of humor, loved her coffee and loved shopping for shoes! "Well, if you find one pair you like, buy one in every color!" Well, she just plain loved to shop!

Mom loved the Minnesota Twins, loved eating popcorn and loved having a snow free driveway! She baked cookies by the 100s for her family. She was a great cook. "She was very progressive for her time."

Berniece is survived by her children, Steven R. Beers of Twin Lakes, Minn., Susan R. (John) Brighton of Lake Mills, Iowa, Kathie J. (Donald) Thorson of Forest City, Iowa, and Karen J. (Ronald) Henderson, Glen N. Beers and Ann E. (Lynn) DeVries, all of Lake Mills, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, in 1995; her parents, Bernhard and Olga; one son, John Beers; and one granddaughter, Kathrine Thorson.

Gerard Jorgenson

Gerard P. Jorgenson "Jerry," 86, of Burnsville, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 14, 2021. Jerry was born on January 12, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Alf and Gertrude Jorgenson. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Jerry married Jacqueline Hopperstad on October 6, 1957, in Northwood, Iowa. Jerry retired from automobile sales after 30+ years. He is preceded in death



GERARD JORGENSON

by his parents, and sister, Arlo Anderson. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Jacqueline; children, Julie (Dave) Hanson, Janan Lundeen, Joel (Ronda) and Jonathan (Jennifer) Jorgenson; eight grandchildren, Erika Hanson, Emily (Evan Merck) Hanson, Alissa (Mike) Hernandez, Erin Andersen, Michael Lundeen, Kyle and Jacob Jorgenson and Jack Jorgenson; three great-grandchildren, Kayla Andersen and Brodyn and Harper Hernandez; nephews, Kenton and Leigh Anderson; siblings, Sue DiSilvestro and David Kennedy; and also by other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, with a burial at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.









It's snow fun

Last week's winter storm brought an abundance of precipitation to North Iowa. And with school called off for the day, many took advantage of the snowfall. Some used the opportunity to craft a snow greeter. Others went for a snowmobile ride. One area snow-crafter even created a special tribute to those serving their country, as pictured above.

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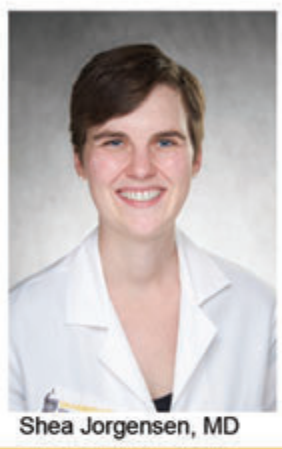
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- **Maintaining Wellness During the Coronavirus Pandemic** – Dr. Shea Jorgensen, MD, UI Dept of Psychiatry, Psychiatrist at Prairie Ridge
- **Mindset Tactics for Brain and Behavioral Health** – Larry Tranel, ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist/Psychologist
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