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Briefs

'Safety for Kids' and 'For Kids Sake'

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Founders Day set for Sept. 11

Northwood will hold its annual celebration of heritage with Founders Day on Saturday, September 11. After a more limited event due to pandemic concerns in 2020, this year will be a return for many of the favorite activities.

The day will include an omelet breakfast, 5K Run, Aristocrats Car Show, Norwegian goodies, a variety of street vendors and stores, the annual Cemetery Walk, trackless "helicopter" rides for kids, inflatables, a Stromstein Building open house, the WCHS main museum, Robbie V performing, the Antique Car Speed Meet and bags and horse shoe tournaments.

Food and drink will be provided by vendors and Northwood restaurants throughout the day.

See a full schedule of events in next week's Northwood Anchor.

Cemetery Walk set for Sept. 11

The annual Founders Day festivities will once again feature the stories of Northwood residents that were laid to rest at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood with the annual Cemetery Walk.

This year's Cemetery Walk features the stories of Alma Roppe, Gena Borg and August Stehn.

The event is organized by a group of Northwood historians.

The Cemetery Walk begins at 9 a.m. at the cemetery. It can also be seen online, streamed with Facebook Live on the Northwood Chamber page.



Off to a good start

Monday was the first day of classes at Northwood-Kensett schools. Pictured above are elementary students, who gathered on the playground before the school year officially got underway. As can be seen in this picture, this school year started off with a few big differences from the previous one, with masks no longer required and students once again allowed to gather in larger groups.

Election candidate filing underway

Those interested in serving in city or school offices can currently file to appear on ballots in this November's election.

The November general election will include school board, city council and some mayoral offices in Worth County.

Worth County terms expiring and appearing on ballots this year include:

In Fertile, the mayor and three city council members;

In Grafton, the mayor and all five council members;

In Hanlontown, the mayor and all five council members;

In Joice, two council members;

In Kensett, the mayor and two council members;

In Manly, three city council members;

In Northwood, the mayor and two council members;

In the Central Springs school district, board members representing District 1, North A, representing District 1, North B and representing District 2, South A; and

In the Northwood-Kensett school district, two school board members.

Those interested can file to be candidates for school or city office until Thursday, September 16, at 5 p.m.

Those running for city office must file with city clerks and those seeking school board seats must file with school board secretaries.

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Districts return to school with updated COVID-19 guidelines

With school back in session this week, many may be wondering about the status of COVID-19 rules and procedures at local schools.

According to the superintendents of the Central Springs and Northwood-Kensett school districts, they will continue to follow the recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health, which both districts did in the previous school year.

Some of the additional cleaning and basic hygiene recommendations may also remain in place at the schools.

The Iowa Department of Public Health issued recommendations to Iowa districts in regards to COVID-19 issues and procedures for the fall.

There are some things that are prohibited by the State of Iowa, passed in May of this year.

Districts may not institute any kind of mask requirement for students, staff or visitors to the district.

The exception to that rule is for school buses. An executive order in place at the federal level means that masks are required on any form of public transportation. That rule is currently set to expire in September, but that is expected to be

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Expression, weapon policies amongst updates at N-K

At its recent meeting, the Northwood-Kensett Board of Education approved initial readings of updates to school policy, based primarily on updates to state law.

Updates to school policy are a regular course of action for the school board, as language is updated for a variety of reasons. Several policy updates passed recently are examples of updates made to reflect changes to Iowa code and law passed by the legislature this year.

The changes included clarification on limits on public participation at school board meeting and a process by which the public may submit a petition to call for a topic to be added to board agendas.

The N-K board continued with a 5 minute limit for public comment, for a total of 30 minutes at a meeting. The update also set a process by which the public may petition to add a topic to an agenda. People may then sign up to speak on that topic.

A section on employee expression clarifies the rights and potential consequences when expression impacts learning.

According to the policy, the district's employees



WORTH COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF JUSTIN NORTH

Meet the deputy: Justin North

Several new deputies have joined the Worth County Sheriff's Office in recent months. The Northwood Anchor is introducing readers to some of the faces they may see in their community.

This week, that includes deputy Justin North.

By JoAnn Lower

"Law enforcement has always been an interest of mine," says Deputy Justin North. "I started out in Mower County, Minnesota, in 2017 and really enjoy it."

Justin grew up in Little Cedar, Iowa, a town of about 30 people. "Summers I worked for my dad, who was general manager of the elevator. My mom worked for Casey's General Store and passed away a few years ago at age 59."

Justin's brother, presently in law enforcement in Mower County, was previously a bomb dog handler in the Marine Corps, and did several tours in Afghanistan.

To keep in shape, North works out in his spare time and enjoys all things outdoors.

"My work as a deputy means I'm able to do something different every day – always outside."

Northwood's population grows, according to 2020 Census

With the release of information included in redistricting data for the 2020 Census, comes a look at how populations have shifted in Worth County over the last 10 years, and beyond.

Census figures show that Iowa's population has increased since the last count, rising from 3,046,871 in the 2010 Census to 3,155,070 in the 2020 Census, up 3.6%.

While Iowa's population has increased, Worth, like the rest of the state's rural areas, has seen a decrease in population.

The 2020 Census shows a population of 7,443 in Worth County, down from 7,591 in 2010. That is a decrease of 2.8%.

According to Census data compiled by the Iowa Data Center, the largest population number for Worth County came with the 1920 Census, with a count of 11,630.

The first Census information available from the IDC information showed a population of 756 in 1860.

The largest increase in population for Worth County came between the 1870 and 1880 Censuses, when the official population increased from 2,892 to 7,953.

With one exception, the counties adjoining Worth also saw population declines. Mower County in Minnesota saw its population increase 2.3% to 40,029. Population decreases included 4.8% to 10,679 in

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The Week's WEATHER
by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. August 17	85	54	
Wed. August 18	87	63	
Thurs. August 19	88	60	
Fri. August 20	86	63	
Sat. August 21	75	54	0.98
Sun. August 22	77	50	
Mon. August 23	73	65	0.54

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extend until January.

While mask mandates are not allowed, anyone in a district, student, staff or visitor, may wear a mask if they choose.

Districts are also not allowed to ask students, staff or visitors for proof of COVID vaccination, per state law. This is in place for all government entities in the state.

While districts can't ask for proof of vaccine, the IDPH school update states that vaccinations are recommended for all those that are eligible, as they are the most effective way to prevent COVID-19 illness and spread.

For testing, individuals can seek tests through healthcare or other sites, such as free at home tests, available through local public health offices.

School districts are still being asked to report when more than 10% of students are absent due to illness. When this happens, the IDPH contacts local public health departments, who will work with schools as to how to respond.

Contact tracing is no longer provided with IDPH, as IDPH is now treating COVID-19 similar to the flu, with a focus on outbreaks and vulnerable populations.

While contact tracing is no longer in place through public health departments, those that test positive are still asked to follow isolation and quarantine guidelines for the safety of others in the district.

Those testing positive for COVID-19 should stay home for 10 days after symptoms first appear, when they have gone 24 hours with no fever without medication and when other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving, with the exception of a loss of taste or smell, which may persist for weeks or months after other symptoms end.

The IDPH also reiterated that those that become sick, in general, should stay home in accordance with existing school procedures, until 24 hours after symptoms resolve.

CDC recommends vaccine for those that are or were recently pregnant

Last week the CDC issued guidance that encourages those that are pregnant or breastfeeding to get vaccinated.

The CDC reiterated that the COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all those 12 years of age and older, including and especially those that are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant or those that might become pregnant in the future.

According to the CDC, there is growing evidence that the vaccine is safe and effective during pregnancy. The evidence suggests that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh any known or potential risks.

The CDC also emphasized that there is no evidence that any vaccines, including the COVID vaccine, cause fertility problems in women or in men.

Besides the safety of the vaccine, the CDC states that the overall risk of severe illness is low, but is increased for those that are pregnant or have recently been pregnant. Severe illness refers to those that require hospitalization, intensive care, the need for a ventilator or other special breathing equipment or those that lead to death.

Additionally, those that are pregnant with COVID-19 are at increased risk of preterm birth and may be at increased risk of other adverse outcomes, compared to pregnant women that don't have COVID-19.

While the CDC does advise the vaccine for those that are pregnant, are considering becoming pregnant or may become pregnant, the agency still suggests that those with concerns speak to their healthcare provider. The CDC also suggests those with questions may contact MotherToBaby, a service with experts that are available to answer questions over the phone or through chat or email. The service is available online at www.mothertobaby.org.

More information on the recommendations and evidence from the CDC can be found online at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html.

Vaccines are available from many health care providers, pharmacies or local public health offices. Vaccine availability can be found online at vaccines.gov or in Iowa at vaccinate.iowa.gov.

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Affidavits of candidacy and nomination petition forms, including signature requirements, are available from city clerks, school board secretaries or at the Worth County Auditor's Office.

The regular election for city and school district offices will be held on Tuesday, November 2, with polls up from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

All voters in the county, regardless of the school district they live in, will cast a ballot at their regular general election polling place.

More information is available at the Worth County election website, at www.elections.worthcountyiowa.gov.

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Winnebago, 6.2% to 10,795 in Hancock, 3.9% to 43,127 in Cerro Gordo, 4% to 15,627 in Floyd, 1.8% to 10,565 in Mitchell and 3.1% to 30,895 in Freeborn County.

While Worth County showed a population decline, one of its cities actually showed a population increase since the 2010 Census.

The city of Northwood reached a population of 2,072 in the 2020 Census. In 2010, the city's population was 1,989. That was an increase of 83, or 4.2%.

The 2020 Census figures marked the second highest population total on record. Northwood's population peak came with the 1980 Census, with a total of 2,193.

Northwood's first available Census results showed a population of 289 in 1870.

The city of Fertile had the highest population decline, in terms of percentage. The city's population fell to 305 in 2020, down from 370 in 2010, a drop of 17.6%.

Fertile's population peak was in the 1950 Census, with a population of 397. Fertile first appeared in the 1910 Census information shared by the IDC, with a population of 207.

Grafton's population fell to 216 with the 2020 Census, from 252 in 2010, down 14.3%.

Grafton's population reached 290 in the 2000 Census. The city first appeared in the available data with a population of 156 in 1900.

Hanlontown's population dropped 8.8% between the 2010 Census, with a population of 226, and the 2020 Census, with a population of 206.

Hanlontown first appeared on Census data with a population of 129 in 1910. It reached a population of 260 in 1940.

Joice's population was 208 in 2020. That was down 14, or 6.3%, from the 2010 population of 222.

Population figures for Joice first appeared in 1920, with a total of 233. The city's population reached 263 in 1940.

Kensett's population was 257 in the 2020 Census. That was down 9, or 3.4% from the 2010 total of 266.

Kensett's population was 459, according to the 1900 Census, which was also the first year of available Census information.

Manly's population was 1,256 with the 2020 Census. In 2010, the city had a population of 1,323, for a decrease of 67, or 5.1%.

Manly's population reached 1,496 in the 1980 Census. It first appeared with a population of 359 in 1900 in the available Census information.

The IDC also shared Census data regarding Worth County's townships.

In 2020, Barton Township had a population of 202; Bristol Township, including Joice, had a population of 439; Brookfield Township had a population of 243; Danville Township, including a portion of Hanlontown, had a population of 375; Deer Creek Township had a population of 166; Fertile Township, including Fertile and a portion of Hanlontown, had a population of 731; Grove Township, including Northwood, had a population of 2,313; Hartland Township had a population of 253; Kensett Township, including Kensett, had a population of 454; Lincoln Township, including Manly, had a population of 1,577; Silver Lake Township had a population of 186; and Union Township, including Grafton, had a population of 504.

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have a right to freely express themselves. However, their speech as representatives of the district may be regulated. But when their speech has an adverse impact on the district operations or impacts their ability to do their job, their may be disciplinary action, including termination. This includes their use of social media platforms.

Updates to policies regarding student expression remained largely unchanged, with some clarification so that teachers and school staff should allow free student expression, unless it is disruptive, infringes on the rights of others, is obscene or lewd, is school-sponsored and/or it promotes illegal activities.

Another policy follows up on relaxed gun regulations in Iowa, passed by the legislature.

According to policy guidance from the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), the updated laws decriminalized a number of instances where people could carry guns on school grounds. But, districts still have the authority to institute their own regulations.

Based on that, the IASB presented an optional policy that districts could add.

The policy states that the board believes weapons and look-a-likes cause substantial disruption during school and at school events. As such, they are prohibited. There are exceptions for law enforcement, military personnel and when there is prior approval by the superintendent for firearms safety or shooting sports activities.

The first reading of the updated policies was passed at the August 12 meeting. The board members had a chance to review the updates and will hold a second reading at their September meeting, after which they could waive a third reading and approve the policy changes, or wait until a third reading in October.

Door-to-door appraisals begin in September

A countywide reappraisal project will get underway in September, which will include door-to-door inspections of all residential, commercial and industrial properties in Worth County.

The inspections are a part of a process approved by the Worth County Assessor's Conference Board, with the purpose of equalizing property assessments so that each taxpayer only pays their fair share of the property tax burden.

Periodic inspections and reappraisal of properties is necessary because all types of properties do not increase or decrease in value at the same rate, with such factors as deterioration and economic factors.

Data collectors with photo IDs signed by the assessor will make interior and exterior inspections of all residential, commercial, multi-residential and industrial properties.

Information to be collected includes the type of construction, type of interior finish, physical condition of the property, age of structures and exterior measurements.

A complete sales analysis, local construction costs and economic conditions are also considered.

No estimate of value will be given at the time of inspection.

Property owners are asked to cooperate by allowing a complete inspection of their property and providing accurate information so that a fair and equitable assessment may be determined for each property.

The preliminary data collection process will begin in September. The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 2022.

Notice of final value estimates will be mailed to each property owner after January 1, 2023. The property owners will have an opportunity to meet informally to discuss their revaluation in the spring of 2023.

The new assessed values will be effective for January 1, 2023, for taxes payable in the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Representatives of Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. in conjunction with the Worth County Assessor's Office will be conducting this project.

All law enforcement agencies as well as the Worth County Assessor's Office will be apprised of the areas where data collectors are working. They will also have a list of all names and license plate numbers of anyone involved in the project.

Any property owner with questions regarding the process may contact the Worth County Assessor's Office at 641-324-1198 or email assessor@worthcounty.org.

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FDA approves first COVID-19 vaccine

On Monday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

"The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. "While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated. Today's milestone puts us one step closer to altering the course of this pandemic in the U.S."

Since Dec. 11, 2020, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under EUA in individuals 16 years of age and older, and the authorization was expanded to include those 12 through 15 years of age on May 10, 2021. EUAs can be used by the FDA during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that may be effective in preventing, diagnosing, or treating a disease, provided that the FDA determines that the known and potential benefits of a product, when used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the disease, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products. For all vaccines, the FDA evaluates data and information included in the manufacturer's submission of a biologics license application (BLA). A BLA is a comprehensive document that is submitted to the agency providing very specific requirements. For Comirnaty, the BLA builds on the extensive data and information previously submitted that supported the EUA, such as preclinical and clinical data and information, as well as details of the manufacturing process, vaccine testing results to ensure vaccine quality, and inspections of the sites where the vaccine is made. The agency conducts its own analyses of the information in the BLA to make sure the vaccine is safe and effective and meets the FDA's standards for approval.

Comirnaty contains messenger RNA (mRNA), a kind of genetic material. The mRNA is used by the body to make a mimic of one of the proteins in the virus that causes COVID-19. The result of a person receiving this vaccine is that their immune system will ultimately react defensively to the virus that causes COVID-19. The mRNA in Comirnaty is only present in the body for a short time and is not incorporated into - nor does it alter - an individual's genetic material. Comirnaty has the same formulation as the EUA vaccine and is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart.

"Our scientific and medical experts conducted an incredibly thorough and thoughtful evaluation of this vaccine. We evaluated scientific data and information included in hundreds of thousands of pages, conducted our own analyses of Comirnaty's safety and effectiveness, and performed a detailed assessment of the manufacturing processes, including inspections of the manufacturing facilities," said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. "We have not lost sight that the COVID-19 public health crisis continues in the U.S. and that the public is counting on safe and effective vaccines. The public and medical community can be confident that although we approved this vaccine expeditiously, it was fully in keeping with our existing high standards for vaccines in the U.S."

FDA Evaluation of Safety and Effectiveness Data for Approval for 16 Years of Age and Older

The first EUA, issued Dec. 11, for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for individuals 16 years of age and older was based on safety and effectiveness data from a randomized, controlled, blinded ongoing clinical trial of thousands of individuals.

To support the FDA's approval decision this week, the FDA reviewed updated data from the clinical trial which supported the EUA and included a longer duration of follow-up in a larger clinical trial population.

Specifically, in the FDA's review for approval, the agency analyzed effectiveness data from approximately 20,000 vaccine and 20,000 placebo recipients ages 16 and older who did not have evidence of the COVID-19 virus infection within a week of receiving the second dose. The safety of Comirnaty was evaluated in approximately 22,000 people who received the vaccine and 22,000 people who received a placebo 16 years of age and older.

Based on results from the clinical trial, the vaccine was 91% effective in preventing COVID-19 disease.

More than half of the clinical trial participants were followed for safety outcomes for at least four months after the second dose. Overall, approximately 12,000 recipients have been followed for at least 6 months.

The most commonly reported side effects by those clinical trial participants who received Comirnaty were pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, chills, and fever. The vaccine is effective in preventing COVID-19 and potentially serious outcomes including hospitalization and death.

Additionally, the FDA conducted a rigorous evaluation of the post-authorization safety surveillance data pertaining to myocarditis and pericarditis following administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and has determined that the data demonstrate increased risks, particularly within the seven days following the second dose. The observed risk is higher among males under 40 years of age compared to females and older males. The observed risk is highest in males 12 through 17 years of age. Available data from short-term follow-up suggest that most individuals have had resolution of symptoms. However, some individuals required intensive care support. Information is not yet available about potential long-term health outcomes. The Comirnaty Prescribing Information includes a warning about these risks.

Ongoing Safety Monitoring

The FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have monitoring systems in place to ensure that any safety concerns continue to be identified and evaluated in a timely manner. In addition, the FDA is requiring the company to conduct post-marketing studies to further assess the risks of myocarditis and pericarditis following vaccination with Comirnaty. These studies will include an evaluation of long-term outcomes among individuals who develop myocarditis following vaccination with Comirnaty. In addition, although not FDA requirements, the company has committed to additional post-marketing safety studies, including conducting a pregnancy registry study to evaluate pregnancy and infant outcomes after receipt of Comirnaty during pregnancy.

The FDA granted this application Priority Review. The approval was granted to BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH.

Safety 4 kids

School is starting and the first lesson is: **BE SAFE!**

Children:

1. Use crosswalks when crossing the street.
2. Don't run into the street from between parked cars.
3. Walk in pairs and walk on the sidewalk.
4. If you ride your bike to and from school, ride on the right side of the street and obey all traffic laws.
5. Carry your books and school supplies in a backpack so that you can operate your bicycle safely.
6. Don't play around school buses. Always walk in front of the school bus, only after the bus driver signals you to go ahead.

Motorists:

- Drive extra careful around schools; be alert to children running or riding their bicycles into the street.
- State law require that a motor vehicle approaching a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and has a stop arm extended must stop until the stop arm is retracted and the bus resumes motion.
- Intermediate license: The driver is either 16 or 17 years of age and the license is not valid between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- School driving permits allows for a person age 14 to 18 to drive to and from school by the most direct and accessible route between their home and school. A school permit is only valid from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. if the student is attending a duly scheduled extracurricular activity within the school district.

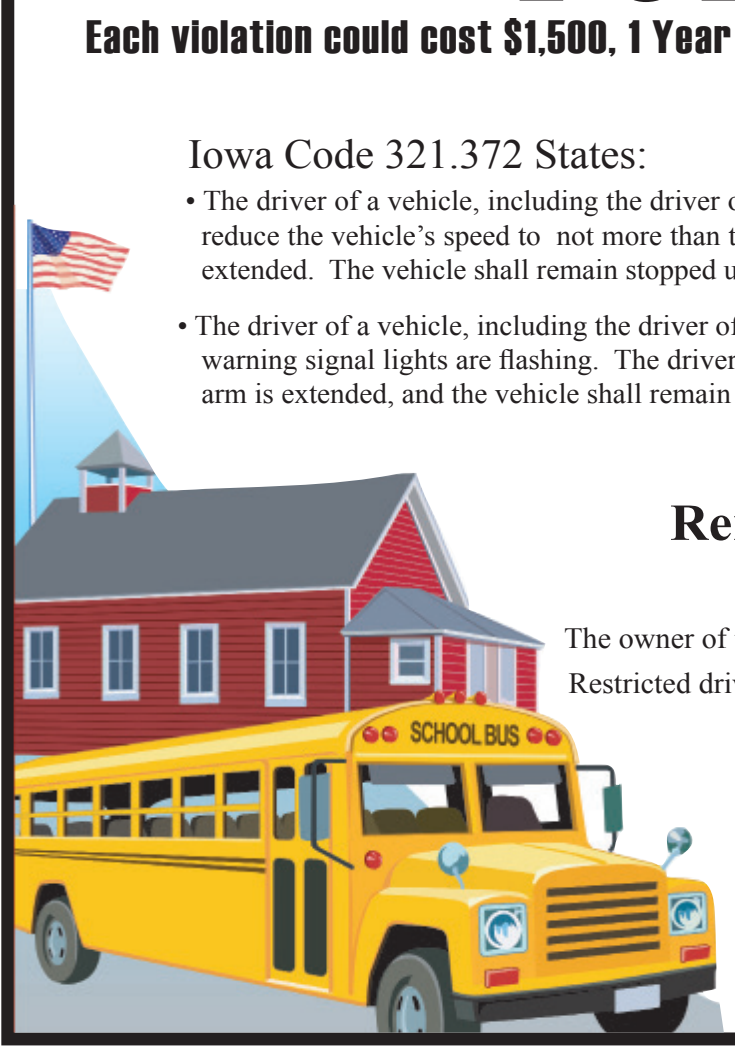
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- The driver of a vehicle, including the driver of a vehicle operating on a private road or driveway, overtaking a school bus shall not pass a school bus when red or amber warning signal lights are flashing. The driver shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop no closer than fifteen feet from the school bus when it is stopped and the stop arm is extended, and the vehicle shall remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and the school bus resumes motion.



Remember, you may not pass a bus if the amber (yellow) or red lights are on or the stop arm is extended.

The owner of the vehicle will receive the citation if the driver cannot be identified or if the owner refused to identify the driver.

Restricted drivers license will be strictly enforced! Students may drive to and from school only on he most direct route.

Let's protect our Children!

Worth County Sheriff's Office

Dan Fank, **Worth County Sheriff**

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Northwood

Rye graduates from Drake University

Abigail Rye of Plymouth, B.S., Health Sciences: Clinical & Applied, graduated from Drake University at the end of the spring 2021 semester.

Olson graduates from The College of St. Scholastica

Derek Olson, of Glenville, Minnesota, graduated from The College of St. Scholastica with a DPT in Physical Therapy.

Class of 1965 welcomes all to reunion activities

The Northwood-Kensett High School class of 1965 is preparing to host its 56th reunion with events set for Founders Day weekend, Friday and Saturday, September 10-11, with the public invited to join in the activities.

On Friday, September 10, from 5-11 p.m., a "Sock Hop" will be held at the N-K Elementary Gym, with mellow 60s music played until 10 p.m. to provide a chance to reminisce. From 10-11 p.m., the music will step up the beat with some "Old Time Rock and Roll."

On Founders Day, Saturday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m., a free movie will be shown at the Northwood Theatre. The movie will feature the life and times of the class of 1965, with sights and scenes of early Kensett and Northwood and school activities.



Prelude to parking

Amongst the construction activities at the Northwood-Kensett secondary campus has been a revamped parking lot, which will serve the school as well as the Vikings Activity Center, which is under construction. This picture was taken as the area was prepared for asphalt, which was laid in time for the lot to be used at the start of the school year. The lot will eventually extend on the east side of the activity center, with plans to connect to a new traffic loop around the school in the future.

COVID-19 boosters to roll out next month

By Laura Olson
By Iowa Capital Dispatch
(www.iowacapitaldispatch.com)

Top U.S. health officials announced a plan last Wednesday to begin offering COVID-19 booster shots to Americans starting Sept. 20, with the scheduling of the additional shot to be based on when a person was fully vaccinated.

The new round of jabs will be extended to those who received the two-dose vaccine from either Pfizer or Moderna, and can be taken eight months after an individual's second dose.

Dr. Vivek Murthy, the U.S. surgeon general, told reporters that recent data makes clear that while the current COVID-19 vaccines have been highly effective against severe disease, hospitalization and death, the protection against mild and moderate disease has appeared to decrease over time.

"This is likely due to both waning immunity and the strength of the widespread delta variant," Murthy said, adding that health officials are concerned that the decline in immunity could reduce protection against severe disease and death in the months ahead.

The more than 13 million Americans who received the one-dose shot from Johnson & Johnson may also need boosters, but will not yet be eligible.

Federal health officials said they are awaiting data from J&J in the next few weeks before urging additional doses. The J&J shot wasn't approved until March, so those who received it will not hit eight months past inoculation until November.

The new booster rollout plan is subject to formal authorization from the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine panel.

Those agencies will hold public meetings before the booster rollout can begin. But officials said they were detailing the booster plan ahead of those meetings in part to give state and local health officials time to prepare for another wave of vaccination logistics.

State and local health officials again under pressure

The plan for offering a third shot puts yet another layer of pressure on state and local health departments that have carried out the massive vaccination campaign.

Those officials are still seeking to boost vaccination rates that have lagged in certain regions amid skepticism and misinformation. Meanwhile, vaccine manufacturers are expected this fall to seek approval for administering shots to children under 12, who so far have not been eligible...

During Wednesday's news briefing, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC director, cited several new studies that tracked vaccine effectiveness, including among New Yorkers across age groups and another following case counts from nursing homes.

Those studies have shown that protection against severe infection has held up but not against milder infections, she said, adding that other countries, such as Israel, also are starting to see "worsening outcomes."

"In the context of all of these studies, different cohorts, different settings across the country, and our international colleagues, we've made the decision to plan for these booster doses," Walensky said.

The booster shots will be available at roughly 80,000 sites nationally, including 40,000 local pharmacies. As with the other COVID-19 shots, the boosters will be free of charge.

The CDC had already approved a third COVID-19 shot for some immunocompromised individuals, who may not have received strong protection from the initial doses of the vaccine.

While the booster plan does not specifically mention other categories of individuals to receive a priority for boosters, the initial vaccine rollout did put certain groups first in line. So the first individuals to hit eight months after their second shot should be those in the earliest priority categories, such as health care workers and nursing home residents.

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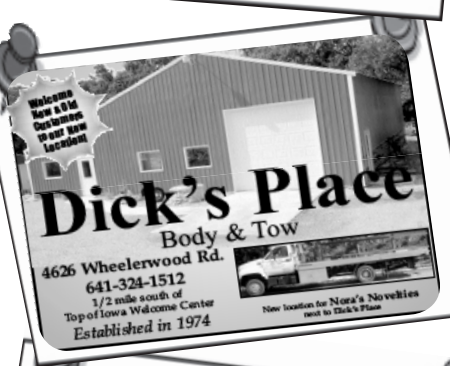
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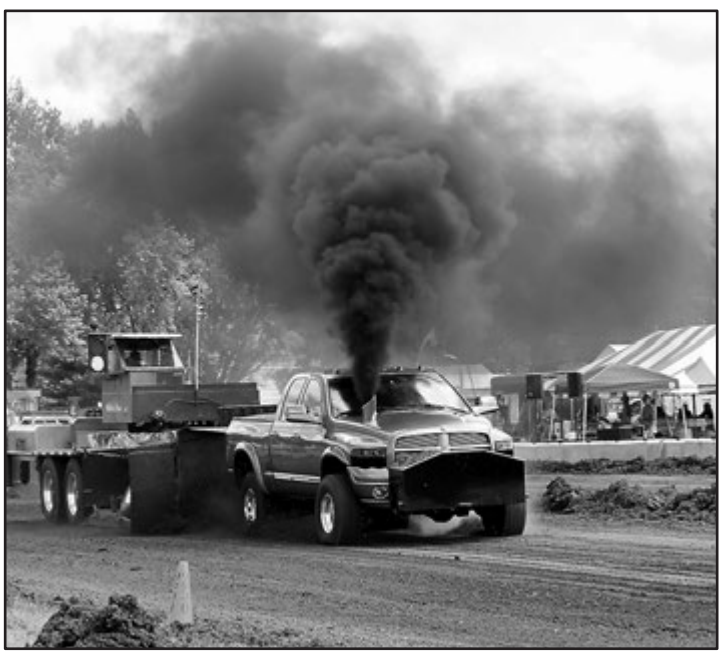
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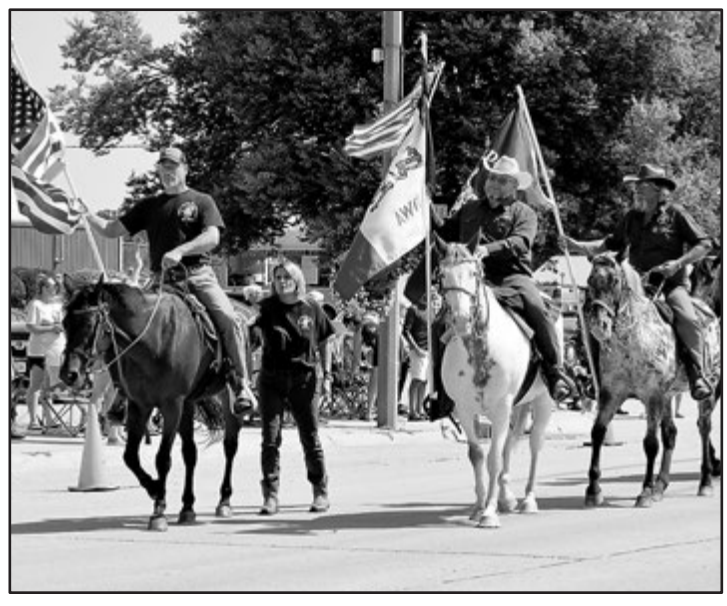












Alliant Energy to deploy new battery technology

Many consider clean, solar energy to be a good thing. But it can also affect the performance and efficiency of the electric grid. An innovative battery-storage solution in Decorah, Iowa, jointly supported by Alliant Energy, US Department of Energy (DOE), and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), looks to seamlessly connect customer-owned solar while maintaining reliable electrical service across the community.

Battery storage is needed in Decorah because one electric circuit that serves the community will start to reach capacity as more customer-owned renewables are added. Until now, energy companies have had to either upgrade the grid in a community, which was expensive, or restrict the number of solar arrays that could be added in one area. Using battery storage to meet this challenge is just one of many applications which may lower customer costs.

"By working hand-in-hand with renewables, energy storage can contribute toward creating a cost effective, resilient, and greener grid," said Dr. Imre Gyuk, Energy Storage Program Manager, DOE Office of Electricity. "We are pleased to be joining Alliant Energy in this project, which will serve as a model for the entire country."

"This battery project is a game-changer in Decorah," said Terry Kouba, President of Alliant Energy Iowa. The battery was installed and recently went into service on a circuit that's near capacity for solar. Using batteries can add critical capacity and may save customers money, because a battery costs a fraction of the total to upgrade the system.

"Energy storage technology presents immense opportunity to further harness and complement the state's renewable energy resources and to foster a more efficient and resilient electric grid," said Debi Durham, Director of IEDA and the Iowa Finance Authority. "The shared involvement by such a diverse and talented mix of partners is sure to make this project a model for lessons learned and for similar future initiatives."

The project was jointly supported by a $250,000 cost-share from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity (DOE-OE) and a $200,000 grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The battery sits on land Alliant Energy leases from the City of Decorah. Sandia National Laboratories is providing technical support for the project and will collect operational data. This data is critical to inform DOE's national energy storage research as part of the DOE-OE Stationary Energy Storage Program under the direction of Dr. Imre Gyuk. Sandia's assistance helped to ensure that the Decorah battery would be sized, integrated and operated optimally to provide the most economic benefits. Iowa State University will also study the project.

The 2.5-megawatt, 2.922-megawatt-hour battery is designed to serve as an "electron bank" to store excess solar power. It will store energy generated when the sun is most powerful and then release it in the evening, when demand for electricity peaks. It will also provide valuable insight into the challenges of providing reliable and affordable electricity in areas with a concentration of customer-owned solar. Lessons learned from the Decorah pilot will inform similar, future battery projects.

DOE-OE conducts jointly supported federal-state energy storage deployment projects across the U.S., with deployment projects in numerous states including Massachusetts, Oregon, Hawaii, Vermont, New Mexico and Alaska, and also supports state energy storage policy development. Technical support for state storage projects and policy is provided through Sandia National Laboratories, which administers the Energy Storage Technology Advancement Partnership (ESTAP) with the assistance of the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA). More information about ESTAP is available online at www.cesa.org/projects/energy-storage-technology-advancement-partnership.

"CESA is pleased to be part of this collaborative effort to bring a battery storage solution to Decorah, Iowa. Battery storage offers great value to Midwestern states. We hope this project will help to demonstrate that value, and that Alliant and other utilities in the region will learn from the Decorah project how to maximize value for this and future energy storage deployments," said Todd Olinsky-Paul, Senior Project Director at the Clean Energy States Alliance.

The Decorah energy storage project was completed and went into service this summer. It is the company's third battery storage project in Iowa. Alliant Energy has a smaller battery in a similar application near Wellman. It also added a battery to store energy from the company's solar garden in Marshalltown.



They've been working on the railroad

Last week Senator Joni Ernst paid a visit to Worth County as a part of her annual 99 county tour. Ernst traveled to Manly to discuss the status of the local and state rail and transportation industries with leaders of the Iowa Northern Railway, the local Sabin family. Ernst was taken on a tour of the Iowa Northern and Manly Terminal facilities before the group gathered for a meeting in a business office in a rail car located at the site, joined by state legislators Jane Bloomingdale and Waylon Brown. They discussed issues like the lack of housing, child care and staffing, impacts on the industry, future opportunities for the company and ways that the legislators could help support those efforts and local economic development. Pictured above are (from left) Iowa Northern representatives Mark, Dan and Brad Sabin, speaking with Bloomingdale, Ernst and Brown.

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Boredom



The phenomenon of boredom suggests that we find our existence tedious. If life and existence were inherently good we would probably never have occasion to be bored, or perhaps even to question whether life was good or not. All of us, I suppose, occasionally feel that existential boredom which the French call "ennui," and which reveals dissatisfaction and weariness with life. But, isn't this a contradiction of divine grace, the ungrateful human response to God's gift of life? The Danish philosopher Kierkegaard quipped that "Boredom is the root of all evil" and it is certainly true that idle hands and a bored mind are the devil's playground. But on a deeper level, boredom is really a sin against God, insofar as boredom expresses a lack of appreciation for our very existence. Far better than wallowing in boredom is to take responsibility for our own state of mind, and direct our minds and our actions into something interesting. Is there really nothing in the whole wide world to interest us? We should replace boredom with wonder. And even better than that, we should put ourselves heartily into the most boring tasks and find some way to make them interesting, or at least to offer them up to God as something worthy of Him.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." – R.S.V. Colossians 3: 23

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by Sandy Olson

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

Remember the old Pillsbury Bake Off contests where some of American's best bakers would face off to win a big cash prize with their recipe using Pillsbury ingredients? There was always a cookbook published with the winning recipes so we could all make those famous desserts. I came across a large version of a bake-off cookbook with all the best cake recipes inside using short-cuts in the preparation. "Pillsbury's Bake Off Cake Cook Book" (1969, Pillsbury Company) has not only the recipes but a glossary of terms, a primer of baking pans and plenty of information about measuring, frosting, glazes and serving. It's pretty much a baking class in the form of a book! The recipes are adapted from the chapter titled "Take Along Cakes" for those heading out for a picnic or potluck.

Choco-Date Cake

1 cup chopped dates
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup shortening
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa
1 cup boiling water
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
2 eggs
1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Generously grease the BOTTOM ONLY o fa 9-inch square baking pan. In a large mixing bowl, toss the dates with the baking soda. Pour the boiling water over the dates, stir and let them cool to lukewarm. Add the remaining ingredients except the chocolate chips. Blend with an electric mixer at low speed until moistened then beat 3 minutes at medium speed, scraping the sides as necessary. Stir in 1/2 cup of the chocolate chips. Pour the better into the prepared pan, spreading evenly to the edges. Sprinkle with the remaining chocolate chips and the chopped nuts. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until it tests done with a toothpick inserted into the center. Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice cream or REAL whipped cream.

Miami Beach Birthday Cake

1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/4 cup real butter
1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup shortening
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups buttermilk
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Generously grease the BOTTOM ONLY of a 9x13-inch cake pan. Milt 1/3 cup of the chocolate chips in the microwave, 10 seconds at a time on high, until soft. Set aside. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and stir in the graham cracker crumbs. Let this cool while you make the cake batter. In a large mixer bowl combine remaining ingredients including the melted chocolate but not the nuts. Beat at low speed until moistened then beat for 3 minutes on medium speed, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary. Pour the batter into the pan and smooth evenly. Add the nuts and the remaining chocolate chips to the graham cracker crumb/butter mixture. Sprinkle this over the top of the cake. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until the top springs back with touched lightly In the center. Cool and serve with ice cream or real whipped cream (not whipped "topping")

Royal Orange Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup orange juice
2 large eggs

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease the BOTTOM ONLY of a 9x13-inch baking pan. In a large mixer bowl combine all the ingredients and blend at low speed until moistened. Raise the speed to medium and beat for another 3 minutes, scraping the bowl as necessary. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, spreading evenly to the edges. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until it springs back when touched lightly in the center. Top with broiled coconut topping (recipe below) and serve warm or cold.

Broiled Coconut Topping:
1/4 cup real butter
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons orange juice
1 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup chopped pecans

In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Remove from heat and stir in the remaining ingredients. Spread over the warm cake. Put under the broiler and watch carefully until the topping is bubbly and golden brown, about 2-3 minutes. Don't let it burn!

Of course all these recipes call for Pillsbury All-Purpose Flour ®. They are award winners and will most likely be winners at your house too. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Best existing beard

Amongst the Carpenter Sesquicentennial activities held this past weekend was a competition to see who had the best beards, grown since an official shaving event held in March. Pictured above is Wes Aikin of Northwood, who received a certificate of "Best Existing Beard."

Let Us Talk



Doug Moehle
Northwood Mayor

I know many of you have white paint on your sidewalks; it is a reminder that property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks abutting their property. Chapter 136 of the Code of Ordinances states:

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Since this ordinance has not been enforced for quite some time property owners will be given until July 15, 2022, to complete any needed maintenance.

School has started so please be aware of children and buses going back and forth.

Northwood is a great place to live and work. Together we can all make it even better.

Doug Moehle
Mayor Northwood, IA

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Opinion

A new school year beckons

By Ann Lebo
Director of the Iowa Department of Education

At the start of every school year there is optimism about what lies ahead. It is difficult to put into words just how much I am looking forward to this year because of all the opportunities to work together to prepare future ready students.

I am so appreciative of the community of support, respect and determination across our educational landscape. We have collaborated more, forged new partnerships and worked together to find new ways to support the overall wellbeing of our students and sustain academic progress. With supports in place to help all students flourish academically, socially and emotionally, the new year truly brings new opportunities to grow.

Expanding mental health support to schools continues to be top priority and the new Iowa Center for School Mental Health is a big part of those efforts. Dedicating statewide federal relief funding to support the partnership with the University of Iowa's College of Education will expand training opportunities for educators, provide more resources and services to support mental health needs in schools and assist with the effective delivery of these services to students. As part of this work, we have partnered with the University of Iowa to host the Iowa BEST: Behavioral, Equitable, Social-Emotional, Trauma-Informed Health in Schools summit to be held Nov. 2-3 in Des Moines. I encourage you to register for the summit, which will have strands focusing on social-emotional behavioral health, family and student voice and accelerated learning. In addition, participants can receive one Iowa Licensure Renewal Unit for attending and completing all readings and discussions...

Supported by a $17.7 million federal Rethink K-12 Education Grant, Iowa e-Learning Central houses high-quality courses and units, supports content creation and collaboration, expands statewide access to Iowa Standards-aligned courses and units across all grade levels, and facilitates online course sharing between districts. The big-picture vision is to offer teachers richer content to bring into their classrooms (virtual or in-person), support student learning in any educational setting, and expand opportunities for Iowa students and families regardless of a student's location in the state or the size of their community.

When students are truly engaged in their learning, the connection between the classroom and their future is clear. That is why expanding work-based learning opportunities is so important. This past spring, Iowa's Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning challenged educators across the state to connect with an employer by either applying for a project currently available on the Clearinghouse project board, or to create a new project to add. They were asked to document the process and share their reflections to help other educators interested in bringing more hands-on, real-world projects into their classrooms. The first of these videos features Bondurant-Farrar Community School District students, educator Donovan Hill, and business partner, KaleidoHope Learning and Resource Center. We look forward to sharing more videos in the coming weeks.

In order to move forward and continue to improve, we also need to be able to measure where we are and where we need to go. As we start the new school year, we will have crucial data to help us do that. Thanks to the hard work and efforts of Iowa schools, we had high levels of participation in the spring early literacy screenings and the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP), the results of which will be shared with schools this week.

I am so excited for the opportunities this school year will bring. By growing deeper connections, building on our collective strengths and finding innovative approaches, we can support the academic success and social-emotional wellbeing of each and every student. While there will be bumps along the way, I am confident that we have the resources and support in place so that students will experience the levels of achievement, growth and development they need for the next stage of their educational journey and beyond.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Life keeps me from going sane

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I'm glad the world isn't flat.

Why?

Because if it were, cats would have knocked everything off it by now.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. The humidity was hanging around. It was as humid as a swamp. I was on the wrong road to the right place or the right road to the wrong place. The day had set a Guinness World Record for being the latest date in history.

This is the time of the year when I think of family reunions. I remember when I had a full roster of aunts. We had a pie table at reunions in those years. Woe be to anyone who brought a store-bought pie. Those good women believed in being fruitful and multi-pied.

No crawfish etouffee

I'd spoken in Lafayette, Louisiana, and was headed to the airport to fly home. I stopped at a Waffle House. I had a Sansa MP3 player (a minuscule device, about the size of a thought) in my pocket and earbuds in my ears, which I've found to be the best place for them. I listened to Louis Armstrong's greatest hits while enjoying a single waffle and a cup of hot tea. It was all good. Each day is made of moments that create the grand symphony that is life.

A coat of wrens

A gentleman from Gaylord told a wonderful story about his grandfather. His grandfather wore a coat much of the year. I understand that. My father-in-law put on an overcoat to eat ice cream in the summer. One spring, the teller of the story and his grandfather were doing hard work as the day warmed. The grandfather hung his coat on a fence post. When the job was finished, the two walked over to pick up the coat. They noticed a wren had placed a pile of sticks in one of the coat's pockets. That meant the pocket had become a potential nest. The narrator reached to grab the coat for his elder. His grandfather said, "Leave it there. I can always find another coat."

Life keeps me from going sane

I'm one of the superintendents at a county fair. I floss the teeth of the mounted animal heads in the conservation building. There were no tanks of fish there this year. Not even a Big Mouth Billy Bass, an animatronic singing prop representing a largemouth bass singing, "Take Me to the River." I suggested visitors make fish faces and other fairgoers could guess what fish they were supposed to be.

One of my sandals broke beyond duct tape repair, so I went in search of a replacement pair at a local shoe store. They had none in a size big enough to fit my trotters. I don't think my feet are that big. When someone steps on my toes, I feel it within 5 minutes.

I've learned

The inventor of the doorbell didn't own a Chihuahua.

Nowhere can't be found anywhere.

Being prepared means never having to change a windshield wiper in the rain.

There is no greater promotion than a birthday.

Nature notes

I worked at a county fair and admitted I hadn't seen a bald eagle until I was 14. A boy was listening and responded, "I've seen 14 bald eagles and I'm only 7 years old."

Rabbits are foraging herbivores. A fibrous, cellulose-rich diet isn't easy to digest, and once their lunch makes it through their intestines, it still contains nutrients the bunnies need. Rabbits eat their own poop and digest it a second time. Rabbits produce two types of droppings: fecal pellets and cecotropes. The rabbit consumes the cecotropes, which are packed with nutrients. This process is known as coprophagy. Normal cecotropes are dark, greenish-brown and resemble bunched grapes. The fecal pellets are small and brown.

I was bloviating on a tour boat when a passenger asked about the large snails floating in the lake. Chinese mystery snails are small animals with a coiled spiral, olive-colored shell up to three inches tall. The Chinese mystery snail feeds on the lake bottom and is called a mystery snail because females give birth to young, fully developed snails. Their lifespan is about four years and they can die off in large numbers. The species is a native of Asia and is commonly imported and sold by the aquarium trade. It was first recorded in Minnesota in the early 2000s. People spread the snails through the movement of water-related equipment and the illegal release of aquarium pets.

Meeting adjourned

A smile and a kind word can be a life preserver.

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Fit to print...

What does full FDA approval of vaccine change?

The FDA on Monday announced that it had given full approval for the Pfizer vaccine. Below is commentary written when the full approval was pending.

By Jennifer Girotto
Iowa Capital Dispatch
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Thirty percent of unvaccinated American adults say they're waiting for the COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use to be officially approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. That approval is expected within the next few weeks to months. But what has to happen for the FDA to advance from emergency use authorization, or EUA, to full approval?

I'm a pharmacist who trains other pharmacists, health care providers and students on why, when and how to administer vaccines. Emergency use authorization, while streamlining the regulatory process so the vaccine is more quickly available to the public, still follows a rigorous process the FDA requires to ensure vaccine safety and effectiveness. The difference is that more time has passed and more data is available for review when a company applies for full approval.

All vaccines undergo five stages to ensure their safety and efficacy before approval.

EUA and full approval share similar first steps

For both emergency authorization and full approval, for COVID-19 vaccines, the FDA first requires initial safety studies on a small number of people. Here, researchers document potential adverse events, or side effects, that the vaccine may cause. Researchers also determine the safest and most effective dose of the vaccine.

Once the vaccine is determined to be safe and an optimal dose identified, researchers will create larger studies to ascertain how well it works in a controlled setting where some people are given the vaccine while others are given a placebo.

It is important to note that the number of people who participated in the initial COVID-19 safety studies was similar to that in the safety studies of other commonly used vaccines, including vaccines for tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough and meningitis. Over 43,000 adults participated in the early phases of the Pfizer BioNTech clinical trial, over 30,400 in Moderna's and over 44,000 in Johnson and Johnson's. Half the participants in each study were given a vaccine, while the other half were given a placebo.

Where EUA and full approval differ

From this point on, emergency use authorization and full FDA approval for COVID-19 vaccines follow different clinical study requirements.

For the emergency use authorization, the FDA requires at least half of the participants of the original studies to be followed for at least two months post-vaccination. This is because the vast majority of vaccine-related side effects occur right after vaccination.

Full FDA approval, on the other hand, requires participants in the original studies to be followed for at least six months. Reviewers look at data from the same study participants but collected over a longer period of time. All adverse events are examined. The manufacturer must also provide more detailed manufacturing plans and processes, as well as a higher level of oversight and inspections. All of this adds significantly more time to the review process.

Both Pfizer and Moderna began their rolling submission for approval in the FDA's "Fast Track" process, designed to speed up review. This allows the companies to submit portions of their approval application to the FDA for review as they're completed.

Full FDA approval will likely apply initially to only the same age groups that were tested in the original emergency use authorization. This means that the vaccine will likely be approved first for people ages 16 and up for Pfizer and 18 and up for Moderna. Rolling submission will allow approval of the vaccine for younger groups as more data becomes available.

Different timelines, same rigorous requirements

Full FDA approval is a milestone that may help build confidence among the vaccine hesitant about the safety of the vaccines. But the true test of the vaccine came when it first gained emergency use authorization. Then, researchers identified the majority of its potential side effects and proved its ability to protect against severe disease.

Jennifer Girotto is an associate clinical professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Connecticut. Her focus areas of practice are on immunizations and pediatric infectious diseases.

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Early Files

100 years ago

August 24, 1921

On Wednesday, August 24, 1921, Rev. T.P. Shaffer, of the Northwood Methodist Church, united in marriage Mr. Albert L. Schmidt and Miss Alta Kruse in the presence of only the immediate families and one invited guest, Mr. Wayland Christiansen.

The body of Elmer Swensrud, of Worth County's war heroes, who was killed in action on October 3, 1918, arrived in Northwood on Friday evening and was met at the station by a delegation from the Northwood Legion Post. Private Johnson of the United States Army came from Hoboken, N.J., to the receiving port, as an escort until the casket was turned over to the relatives in due form.

It is not often that one finds matured corn in northern Iowa on August 21, but that is what was discovered on the farm of W.W. Cisne, in Deer Creek Township, occupied by J.W. Hamilton. The corn in the field is not all that far along, of course, but the remarkable thing is that there is any.

The Northwood Town Council and the Northwood Fire Department have made an arrangement whereby the fire whistle will be blown every day at noon except on Sunday, beginning on September 1. This plan was thought to be a good way to test the siren each day and be assured that it is kept in repair in working order.

S.O. Thompson will conduct a plowing demonstration next Saturday afternoon on his farm six miles east and 1 1/2 miles south of Northwood at which time one of his Twin City tractors will be shown in operation with a three-bottom plow. Mr. Thompson is local agent for the Twin City Co., and is enthusiastic over the performance of his machine.

75 years ago

August 22, 1946

Mrs. Ruth Robinson Kuezor, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Robinson of Kensett, was engaged last week as English teacher in the Northwood schools, to complete the faculty for the 1946-47 school year, it was announced Monday by Supt. E.A. Prehm.

Mrs. Halvor Bjorgo died at her home in Kensett following a lingering illness. She would have been 49 years old on Sunday, August 25.

Much excitement prevailed on Wednesday forenoon in the yard at the Dr. M.P. Allison home when a circus was given by a group of children, organized and supervised by Mary Allison, Paul Christianson and Gary Owens. Gary's pony was a main attraction as were also Jimmy Ashman's dog and John Hove's dog.

The Perry Electric Co., including Henry Perry, an electrician here for 41 years, and his son, Cecil Perry, recently returned from California, is a new business in Northwood. The Perrys bought the Guy C. Toye building on North Eighth Street, which they remodeled and made ready for their occupancy.

"Worth County housewives can contribute to easing the current shortage of fats and oils by saving every available ounce of waste fats," said Carl A. Hanson, chairman of the Worth County AAA committee. According to Mr. Hanson, waste fats are still vitally needed both for domestic purposes and to make possible the continued shipment of needed foods for famine relief in foreign countries.

By less than three minutes E.O. Bottolfson, Northwood banker, missed being in one of the large buildings destroyed in the disastrous tornado that struck Wells, Minnesota, at 8 p.m.

Last Saturday, August 18, some 300 relatives and friends gathered at the Groe home during the afternoon and evening to honor them on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

50 years ago

August 26, 1971

Boy Scouts recently returned from a two-week trek at Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base. Pictured were Doug Kuhlers, Clear Lake; Andy Mitchell, Mason City; Bill Colville, Mason City; Ron McMullen, Northwood; Dan Robb, Northwood; Jeff Vansteeburg, Northwood; Rick Young, Clear Lake; Bruce Hillbrenner, the Philmont ranger who instructed the local scouts during their first three days at the camp; Albert Grossman, Northwood, the group's assistant advisor; and Jack McMullen, Northwood, head advisor. Expect for Hillbrenner, each member was presented a 50-mile hike award.

Northwood-Kensett cheerleaders are expected to begin the new year with vigor and enthusiasm in support of their teams at sports events. The group of eight attended the American Cheerleading Camp at Luther College, August 9 to 13. They received a top rating in try outs and took second place in door decorations. Jumps, cheers and pom pom routines were also studied. Cheerleaders attending were Julie Jaspers, Penny Robb, Mary Perkins, Carolyn Stricker, Janine Julseth, Judale Schutz, Linda Hanson and Sandy Fretty.

Ray Ihnen, Northwood, received a Master of Science degree in business education. He teaches in the Northwood-Kensett school system. Joyce Ouverson, Hanlontown, received a bachelor of Science degree in English and Julie Lande, Lake Mills, earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

Rachel Marcine Knutson has been accepted for admission to Augustana college, Sioux Falls, S.D., for next year. She is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett Community high school and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Knutson, rural Northwood.

25 years ago

August 21, 1996

Eight-year-old Hailee Severson got some unsolicited help from brother Colby, 6, while checking out her new locker at Northwood-Kensett West Elementary School on Monday afternoon. School secretary Ardis Hanson showed the kids around during registration for classes. The kids' parents are Naomi Northland and Randy Severson, both of Northwood.

Arden Midtgaard of rural Fertile took his daughter, Cindy Schubert of Britt, for a spin on his restored 1934 Allis-Chalmers "WC" tractor on Sunday afternoon during Steam Threshing Days at the Jerred Ruble residence in rural Hanlontown. The two-day affair was a big success, as usual, drawing exhibitors and spectators from across the upper Midwest to celebrate and remember the bygone days when agriculture was powered by horses and steam. Overcast skies provided enough old-fashioned air conditioning to cool Sunday's temperatures and the few raindrops that did fall failed to dampen visitors' enthusiasm.

Mankato State University graduated 631 students in summer quarter commencement exercises on Friday, August 16, at Otto Arena on the MSU campus. Dr. Paula Stone, interim dean of the MSU College of Education, delivered the commencement address and Mankato State President Richard R. Rush presided. Robin Hopperstad, Northwood, was awarded a Master of Science in Communication Disorders.

John and Lana Anderson, Northwood, and Jerry Bergdale, Mason City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Harris, to Ryan Wahl, son of Claire and Deb Wahl, Northwood. Jennifer is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and is employed at Carroll George, Inc., Northwood. Ryan is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and is employed at Fieldstone Cabinetry in Northwood.

10 years ago

August 24, 2011

Thirteen-year-old Kelsie Willert, of Kensett, poses with her Lewis and Clark 4-H project at the Iowa State Fair on August 16.

These seventh grade Central Springs boys, Luke Goeken and Owen Shanks, welcome all to attend the annual Railroad Ag Days on Saturday to celebrate Manly's railroad legacy.

Sophia Benjegerdes, Miss Worth County Fair, walks across the Anne and Bill Riley Stage during the coronation ceremony of the 2011 Iowa State Fair Queen Contest on August 13.

In the Iowa State Fair Maine - Anjou beef show, Braun Show Cattle, Northwood, won seven first place awards and three second place awards plus reserve champion junior heifer, spring yearling heifer and champion junior heifer calf. Oak Bar Ranch, Northwood, won first with junior heifer calver, Marlee Butler, Northwood, won third with spring yearling heifer and Logan Butler, Northwood, was fourth with spring yearling heifer.

The Northwood Chamber of Commerce held a breakfast reception to welcome the teachers back to school. The reception was held at 8 a.m. on August 17 in the high school cafeteria. Superintendent Tom Nugent welcomed everyone and introduced new teachers to the district this year.

The Haberman family is pictured with five generations, Brekken Haberman sitting on the lap of Brian Haberman (grandpa), along with Mary Haberman (great-great-grandma) of Blooming Prairie, Minn., Brad Haberman (father of Brekken) and Meinard Haberman (great-grandpa), of Blooming Prairie, Minn.

Environmental service employees Bruce Rheinfels and Dave Tenold cooked 150 ears of corn for the residents and staff at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

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Obituaries

Robin Faught

Robin D. Faught, 58, of Clear Lake, passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at Bethel United Methodist Church, 503 S. East St., Manly. Interment will be held in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at Major Erickson Funeral Home, 111 North Pennsylvania Ave. Memorials may be directed to the family of Robin Faught. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.majorerickson funeralhome.com.



ROBIN FAUGHT

Robin Dale Faught was born on April 17, 1963, in Osage, Iowa, to parents Roger and Donna (King) Faught. He graduated from North Central High School in 1981. After graduation, Robin obtained an Associates Degree in 1983 from North Iowa Area Community College. Robin was united into marriage to Mary Schutt on November 4, 1995. To this union, three children were born, Stephanie, Ryan and Eric Faught.

Robin purchased land and acreage in Manly, Iowa, in 1997, where he farmed. He then moved to Clear Lake, and he worked for the City of Mason City. He first started in the Swing Department, taking on any sanitation route that had an opening. Then he transitioned to a heavy equipment operator and worked in the parks and recreation department. Along with his full-time job, he worked consistently for the past 30 years as part-time farm help for Tom and Georgia Ashland. While living in Clear Lake, Robin transformed a field to a farm operation and an amazing home for his family.

Robin would never shy away from a conversation and was quick to interject a business deal; mostly to live out his dream to buy antique gold just like on the TV show, American Pickers. He was always a gift giver and tried to light up the recipient's face with his creative presents.

Robin was known for his bright green shirts and his morning can of Diet Mountain Dew; he lived up to the cliche of work hard, play hard. Few men worked as hard as Robin Faught; he'd use a combination of self-taught tactics and willed his way to complete any project that he encountered. One of the biggest conversations pieces was his three children, whether it was a sports activity, 4-H projects or any such accomplishment, Robin always found a way to highlight the joy his children brought him. There was never a challenge that Robin wouldn't face; he wanted the very best out of everyone around him, never settling for just good enough. Family always came first, and no one was going to get in the way of providing for the future. Robin was an amazing husband, father, son, brother and friend and he will be greatly missed by the many that knew him and loved him dearly.

Robin is survived by his wife, Mary (Schutt) Faught; children, Stephanie, Ryan and Eric; parents, Roger and Donna (King) Faught; brother, Douglas Faught; sister, Lisa (Faught) Greer; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Loren and Karen Schutt; brothers-in-law, Tim (Sam) Schutt and Mark (Jan) Schutt; nephews, Michael (Sarah) Faught, Jarrik and Channing Greer and Austin, Avery, Peter and Ben Schutt; and niece, Kaitlyn (Keegan) Fingalsen.

Robin was preceded in death by his grandparents, Audrey and Dorothy Faught, Clifford and Doris King, Irvin and Anna Schutt and Urban and Wilma Mohr; uncles, David Faught and Gary Faught; and cousins, Deb Faught and Nathan Quail.

Arrangements are with Major Erickson Funeral Home & Crematory, 111 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Mason City, Iowa 50401, 641-423-0924, www.majorerickson funeralhome.com.

Dorothy Greibrok

Dorothy Christine (Kuhlmann) Greibrok, 94, of rural Austin, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Mayo Health Systems in Austin, Minnesota.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at Faith Lutheran Church of London, Minnesota, with Rev. Kent Otterman presiding. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will take place at Hayward Lutheran Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.bayviewfuneral.com.



DOROTHY GREIBROK

Dorothy was born on a farm in rural Kensett, Iowa, on March 24, 1927, to Hans and Mary Kuhlmann. Dorothy graduated from Kensett Public School in 1945. She went on to earn an Associate's Degree at Hamilton Business College in Mason City, Iowa. Dorothy met Carlyle Greibrok in 1947 at the Northwood Roller Skating Rink. The couple were united in marriage on May 20, 1951, at Kensett Norwegian Lutheran Church. They established their home and raised their children on a farm south of Oakland, Minnesota.

Dorothy was a homemaker and took care of her children. Her hobbies included vegetable and flower gardening as well as crocheting dresses for her dolls. Dorothy taught Sunday School at the Oakland Lutheran Church and Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church. She held offices in circles and attended neighborhood mother's clubs. Dorothy helped out on the farm often driving tractor, but helped out wherever she was needed. She loved spending time with her family and attended as many family functions as she could. In her later years, she enjoyed playing 50 UP and King's Corners with her grandchildren and her new friends at Sacred Heart Assisted Living. Dorothy thoroughly enjoyed meeting the tour groups who visited the Greibrok Mini History Farm.

Dorothy is survived by her five children, David (Julie) Greibrok and their children, Danny and Joey (Jen) and great-grandchildren, Cullen, Sawyer, and Leighton and Jamie (Trent) Fader, Rebecca (John) Westra and daughter, Rachel (Tony) Steward and great-grandson Noah, Dwight (Patricia) Greibrok and their children, Andrew, Sarah (Andy Rooney) Greibrok, Michael (Ashley), John Greibrok and daughter Kaylee, and Allan (Laurie) and their children Katelyn and Braden; daughter-in-law, Canda Greibrok and her children, Michael and Jordan; and many nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Carlyle; son, Dean; son-in-law, Robert Edwards; and siblings, Margaret (Luverne) Diedrich, Arlene (Leland) Stoddard and Carl (Donna) Kuhlmann.

A special appreciation goes to the staff at Sacred Heart Assisted Living for the loving care they showed Dorothy.

Memorials are preferred to the Faith Lutheran Church of London, Minnesota or the donor's choice.

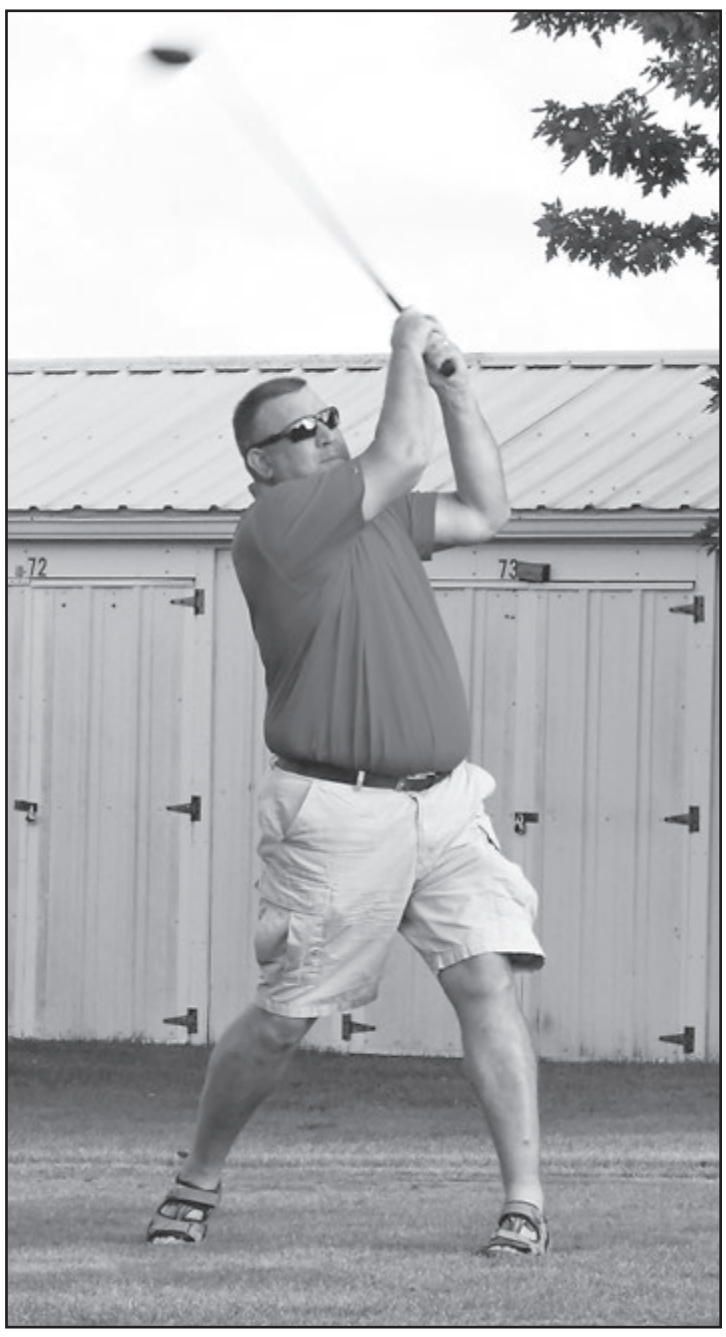
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N-K wrestling holds annual golf tournament

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett wrestling program held its annual golf tournament last Saturday at the Northwood Country Club. The tournament, held this year on a gorgeous, yet cool Saturday morning, is held every year as a fundraiser to help with the high costs of running of top-notch wrestling program.

This year's championship flight top three includes Andy Julseth, Amber Julseth and Bryan Odegaard. Second place went to Andy Helgeson, Vance Helgeland and Tyler Sheffield and third place went to Cory Marsh, Dawson VanRyswick and Brandon Severson.



Aaron Carman gets the fun started teeing off on the first hole in last Saturday's N-K Wrestling golf tournament.



Mark Severson chips to the green as his teammates look on in last Saturday's annual golf outing to support the N-K wrestling program.

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REAPPRAISAL PROJECT TO BEGIN IN WORTH COUNTY

Worth County Assessor, Cindy Thompson is announcing that door-to-door inspections of all residential, commercial, and industrial properties in Worth County will begin in early September.

A reappraisal project was approved by the Conference Board in February of 2017.

The purpose of the reappraisal program is to equalize property assessments so that each taxpayer is responsible for paying only his/her fair share of the property tax burden. Periodic inspections and reappraisal of properties is necessary as all types of properties do not increase or decrease in value at the same rate. Some properties physically deteriorate faster than others, and in many instances similar buildings located in different areas of the county will differ greatly in value due to economic factors.

Data collectors with photo ID's signed by the assessor will make interior and exterior inspections of all residential, commercial, multi-residential and industrial properties. They will be compiling information to be used to estimate the fair market value of each property. Information to be collected includes type of construction, type of interior finish, physical condition of the property, age of structures and exterior measurements. A complete sales analysis, local construction costs and economic conditions are also considered. No estimate of value will be given at the time of inspection.

Property owners are asked to cooperate by allowing a complete inspection of their property and providing accurate information so that a fair and equitable assessment may be determined for each property.

The preliminary data collection process will begin in September of 2021. The project is scheduled for completion December 31, 2022.

Notice of final value estimates will be mailed to each property owner after January 1, 2023. The property owners will have an opportunity to meet informally to discuss their revaluation in the spring of 2023.

The new assessed values will be effective for January 1, 2023 for taxes payable in fiscal 2024-2025.

Representatives of Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. in conjunction with the Worth County Assessor's Office will be conducting this project.

All law enforcement agencies as well as the Worth County Assessor's Office will be apprised of the areas where data collectors are working. They will also have a list of all names and license plate numbers of anyone involved in the project.

If any property owner has questions regarding the reappraisal project, they are urged to contact the Worth County Assessor's Office at 641-324-1198 or email at assessor@worthcounty.org

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Adjoining wetlands easements for wetland complex in Winnebago County

By Jason Johnson, State Public Affairs Specialist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Iowa

A collaborative effort between rural Winnebago County landowners, local, state, and federal government agencies, and non-profit conservation groups have helped restore nearly 1,000 contiguous acres of prairie and wetlands to form a wetland complex.

The wetland complex includes 14 conservation easements entered into by local landowners voluntarily throughout the past several decades to restore once problematic cropland frequently subject to seasonal ponding into a haven for wildlife and recreational opportunities for private landowners and in some cases, the public.

Three U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) conservation easement programs were utilized to develop the wetlands:

• Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

• Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE)

• Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP)

Winnebago County is a prime location for the wetland complex. It lies in the Prairie Pothole region that extends from Canada south and east through several states including the north central portion of Iowa. Potholes naturally produce moist soil plants which are valuable sources of forage and cover for waterfowl. Similarly, uplands adjacent to these pothole wetlands provide habitat for nesting and rearing.

Also referred to as the Des Moines Lobe, standing water from farmed potholes is often drained through tiling for row crop production. However, even with the installation of drainage tile and surface ditches, some areas remain too wet to successfully farm year-to-year. For decades, landowners in these situations have sought alternatives to drowning out crops. That's where NRCS conservation easement programs can be a viable alternative.

Overall, Iowa has 1,664 conservation easements that cover about 190,00 acres statewide. Winnebago County has 107 wetland easements that cover 8,870 acres – more than any other Iowa county.

WREP Agreement with DNR

John Paulin, wetland restoration specialist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Des Moines, says two WREP agreements in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2015 and 2017 triggered an expansion of the wetland complex. He says the easements enrolled through WREP filled voids in and around previously enrolled WRP easements now held by the DNR and the Winnebago County Conservation Board, helping to create the nearly 1,000 contiguous acre complex.

The DNR's goal in the WREP agreement was to improve breeding and migration habitat in the area for migratory birds, improve water quality in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and to reduce flooding to benefit people living in the Cedar River Watershed. Through WREP, NRCS signed an agreement with the Iowa DNR to provide 25 percent of the restoration costs and long-term management of the enrolled easements.

Nine of the 14 easements in the wetland complex project were completed during the past seven years, including Bob Buffington's family farm he shares with his three siblings. Buffington's parents purchased the farm near Forest City in 1951. Now in retirement, Buffington and his siblings agreed in 2016 it was the right time to voluntarily enter their land into a permanent easement.

Through the NRCS administered ACEP-WRE option, Buffington's family receives 100 percent of the easement value for the purchase of the easement. NRCS pays at least 75 percent of the restoration costs.

An added landowner benefit is retaining rights under the easement, including the right to sell the property, the right to private access, and the right to recreational uses such as fishing, hunting, and birdwatching.

Contractors completed the restoration on Buffington's 146-acre easement in Fall 2020. "I never dreamed we would see so much water so soon," he said. "I thought that would be a slow process since we are in a bit of drought."

Buffington says his easement already attracts deer, pheasants, turkeys, ducks, and geese. "Enrolling our land into an easement was one way for our family to get money for our farm now and still have the farm," he said. "It worked out well for our family."

NRCS Engineers Strategically Reroute Tile

One of the primary reasons why Buffington's easement began filling with water and taking shape so quickly was the planning and engineering by NRCS staff. J.D. Goemaat, an NRCS civil engineering technician, says a lot goes into restoring a wetland easement. "We rerouted tile on Bob's easement to avoid sand knobs, and shallow water excavated some areas down to a nearby creek, allowing for surface water," he said. "There are a series of wetlands here that are really, really cool because we strategically rerouted some of the tile."

Goemaat said he and two other NRCS engineers spent about a week planning the tile drainage for the new easements. "We conducted some tile investigations prior to planning, so when we started designing, we had good information to begin with," he said.

Sarah Anderson, an NRCS agricultural engineer in Des Moines who also assisted with the design, says the Winnebago wetland complex was a large undertaking, but cooperation from local leaders helped make the restoration process go more smoothly. "We were able to do a lot more engineering because we had support from the drainage districts," she said, "Much of our tile work had limited potential for off-easement impacts and many new easements were adjacent to other easements which allowed us to work on a greater percentage of the tile system."

Paulin said two major obstacles to completing the two northernmost easements were overcome thanks to local and federal partners. "There was a point where a large tile needed to be routed under a county road, but since that was off easement NRCS could not fund or install the tile. Winnebago County stepped up and made that happen," he said. "The second issue was the need for additional support structures for overhead lines due to the positioning of one of the wetland pools and associated dike. Payment needed to be made upfront for that work and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stepped in and helped us with that expense. Without those two actions, our wetland restoration efforts would have been significantly curtailed."

Goemaat said designing the easements required open communication and cooperation with multiple stakeholders. "There are private landowners who are continuing to farm, state-owned property, county conservation land, and three different drainage districts with infrastructure in the project area," he said. "The landowners had tile infrastructure that needed to be maintained or surface outlet. It was huge to get everyone on the same page."

"We spent a lot of time at drainage district meetings explaining the goals and the intent of this project, as well as talking to surrounding landowners, trying to get them on board with this large project," continued Goemaat.

Paulin said one key point often overlooked is that the NRCS and DNR provided funding to replace decades-old drainage district infrastructure with modern materials.

Anderson added, "Whenever you're talking about restoring wetlands adjacent to a landowner who farms, you're going to have questions. A lot of the tile in the area was previously damaged and needed to be replaced."

Nelson Easement A Wildlife Sanctuary

David Nelson's new easement adjacent to Buffington's smaller, 40-acre easement was already enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). "We didn't ever intend on farming this land again," said Nelson's nephew, Mike Redig. "We're very happy we made the decision to enroll it into an easement and impressed with how it turned out."

"There were already native and cool season grasses here from the CRP, so we decided to save money and left that area as-is," said Lynn Kluver, soil conservation technician in Winnebago County.

Not everything looks the same on Nelson's easement, however. Two large tile outlets quickly formed an open-water wetland in a depression on a portion of the easement, attracting wildlife and providing recreational opportunities.

"We don't plan to use this land much," said Redig. "We keep the hunting here to a bare minimum – maybe twice a year. We're leaving it as more of a sanctuary for wildlife."

Although the WREP agreement between NRCS and the DNR is complete, NRCS staff in the Winnebago USDA Service Center continue to look for opportunities to expand the wetland complex. NRCS accepts ACEP-WRE applications in all offices on a continuing basis. In 2020, NRCS enrolled two more wetland easements in Winnebago County that will be designed and restored in the next few years.

More information about NRCS easement programs, is available by visiting www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/ia/programs/easements/.

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Shryock Racing Components

Winn-Worth Betco business spotlight

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By Kaylee Schuermann
Marketing Director
Winn-Worth Betco

After 18 years, Kelly Shryock and new co-owner Jason Briese moved their business Shryock Racing Components to Joice to continue serving dirt track racers throughout the Midwest and country.

Shryock Racing Components builds dirt track race cars from scratch and offers repair services on them. The business also sells parts for those looking to work on their car, but these parts can and have also been sold for go-karts, tractors and more.

Shryock began racing at 16 and has continued ever since, giving him many years of networking opportunities. Thanks to these connections, Shryock Racing Components had no issues finding customers. In its first year, the business sold 32 cars.

Briese has raced on and off for about 15 years and knew he wanted to find another way to continue being a part of racing somehow. When he learned previous co-owner Eric Kirschbaum was ready to move on from his position, Briese jumped on the opportunity and left his job as a service manager at Ford.

Despite the ongoing demands on their services, the business finds itself with just a few employees. Shryock and Briese often find themselves working 12 hour days.

One change Briese would like to see is the cost of their services go down; however, it is not as simple as just lowering the dollar signs. As manufacturing costs, particularly aluminum and steel continue to rise, it has forced Shryock Racing Components to follow suit.

Briese sees an issue in this, believing the future of dirt track racing lies in the interest of younger generations and higher costs make it difficult for those interested in racing.

"What needs to happen for us to continue our business and continue racing in Iowa, is to get the young kids involved so they can keep the tradition going," Briese said.

Many of those who purchased race cars through Shryock Racing Components have found success on the track. Within the first 10 years of business, customers were awarded three Supernational wins, four Harris Clash wins and 13 Fall Jamboree wins amongst 23 others.

"The guy that one the national championship last year on the B Mod was in one of our skyrockets," Briese said. "And we had a guy right now in one of our IMCA Sport Mods lead in the national points, and he is two wins away from winning the national championship last year.

Shryock Racing Components continue to push through their year and continue to prepare for their busiest season: winter.





Supervisors

August 16, 2021
Thirty-third Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby and Enos Loberg 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: Stone, Smeby and Loberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: None.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the August 16, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve the August 9, 2021 board minutes as revised.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of $5,194.56 as per the following schedule:

Northwood Anchor, DD 13/Lat 3, Prof Services $46.56
Edgar Drainage & Excavating DD 40, Prof Services $4,528.00
Edgar Drainage & Excavating DD 48, Prof Services $620.00
Grand Total $5,194.56

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve claims in the amount of $353,946.76 as per the following schedule:

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Eng 242.31
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 4,201.80
Albert Lea Seed House Inc
Supplies-Con 912.00
Aramark, Supplies-Eng 241.78
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr 94.94
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng 21,251.12
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 124,045.69
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng 1,243.65
Chelsey Doty, Mileage-Aud 76.16
City Of Fertile, Service-Eng 74.29
City Of Joice, Service-Eng 87.05
City Of Kensett, Service-Eng 49.90
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Shf 164.75
Electric Pump Inc
Service-Wwt 2,250.00
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng 24,454.09
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf 853.36
Featherlite Inc.
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Gilson Company, Inc.
Supplies-Eng 73.96
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Service-Eng 871.22
Heartland Power Coop
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Ia Dept Of Natural Resources
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Ia Secretary Of State
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Ip Pathways, Service-Dap 758.00
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Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Shf 162.22
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Viafield, Supplies-Con 1,502.27
Visa, Service-Dap 523.29
Waste Management Of Iowa Inc
Service-Sdp 2,200.00
Windstream, Service-Eng 14.80
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-911 ..... 858.32
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Con 872.84
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng 430.44
Grand Total 353,946.76

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the clerk of court's monthly report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve engaging NIACOG to assist with the development of the update to the County Comprehensive Development Plan.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:20 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, August 23, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
NO. ESPR009272
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENE A. NELSON, DECEASED
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gene A. Nelson, Deceased, who died on or about July 9, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on August 5, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Gene A. Nelson, deceased, bearing date of September 13, 2013, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Anthony M. Nelson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is hereby 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 August 12, 2021.

Anthony N. Nelson
525 Highway 105
Lake Mills, IA 50450
Executor of the Estate

John H. Greve
ICIS#: 000001969
736 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 167
Northwood, IA 50459
Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 25th day of August, 2021.
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009274
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF GORDON L. FELLAND, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gordon L. Felland, Deceased, who died on or about the 7th day of September, 2019.

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of August, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Gordon L. Felland, deceased, bearing the date of May 23, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Brian Felland and Lynda Brier 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 of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the 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 August, 2021.

Brian Felland
2635 Aspen Court
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Executor of the Estate

Lynda Brier
3524 Glen Oaks Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Executor of the Estate

Jeremy J. Gray
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36131 Highway 69
Forest City, IA 50436
Attorney for Executors

Date of second publication 1st day of September, 2021.
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009273
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE OF SHARON K. AASE, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sharon K. Aase, Deceased, who died on or about the June 18, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on August 12, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Sharon K. Aase, deceased, bearing the date of June 11, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Debra K. McDole was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the 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 August 16, 2021.

Debra K. McDole
1327 Highway 105
Northwood, IA 50459
Executor of the Estate

John H. Greve
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Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication 1st day of September, 2021.
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People's Right To Know

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On Tuesday morning, August 17, the Worth County Historical Society met at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center. There was one guest present, Kevin Tvedt of Los Angeles, California. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting being held at the Worth County Fairgrounds Community Room on Tuesday evening, September 21. A 6 p.m. meal will be followed by the guest speaker, Dave Holstad.

On Wednesday morning, August 18, the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center held a simultaneous Public and Online Land Auction of the Paul Walk Century Farm. There was a good crowd in attendance. Members of Paul's family able to come were: Janiece, Judeen, Deb and Kevin and his wife Bonnie. Joyce was unable to attend.

Watch the paper for further details for the upcoming "18th Bolan Fall Event" on Saturday, September 18, 2021. There will be more details regarding the Pancake Breakfast; UMW Bazaar & Luncheon; Music; Homemade Pie and Ice Cream; BSCC afternoon "Suffrage Program;" Bicycle Ride; etc.

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Labor Day- put the brakes on impaired driving

From the Iowa Department of Public Safety:

Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer and peop celebrate with barbecues and road trips. But be aware as you hit the highways, the Labor Day holiday weekend is one of the deadliest times of the year in terms of drunk-driving fatalities. During the 2019 Labor Day holiday period (August 31 – September 3), there were 451 traffic fatalities nationwide. Forty-five percent of those fatalities involved drivers who had been drinking and more than one-third (38%) of the fatalities involved drivers who were over the legal limit. Ultimately, drinking and driving is a choice, and it is a choice that puts all road users at risk.

In Iowa in 2019, there were six fatalities over the three-day Labor Day weekend. Three of these fatalities involved a drunk driver. To help keep people safe on our roadways and put an end to drunk driving, extra law enforcement will be out, both locally and nationally, in support of the 2021 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign from August 20 through September 6, 2021.

One of the deadliest and most often committed – yet preventable – crimes (impaired driving), has become a serious safety epidemic in our country. We can all do our part to put the brakes on drunk and drugged driving. Remember that it is never okay to drink/drug and drive. Even if you plan to have only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or use a ride serve to get home safely. If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement. Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. These are small tasks that can make a BIG difference to save lives.

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

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

Media contact: Chief Deputy Jesse Luther, Worth County Sheriff's Office, (641) 324-2481.

To enroll in the DPS E-mail Notification system simply log on to https://dpsemailnotify.iowa.gov and follow the instructions to enroll as a new user.

MercyOne experts support COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy

The CDC recently strengthened its recommendation for women to receive COVID-19 during pregnancy.

"We've always advocated for women who are expecting or thinking about having a baby, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination," said Neil Mandsager, MD, who specializes in maternal-fetal medicine at MercyOne Perinatal Center. Dr. Mandsager primarily works to provide personalized care to expecting mothers with high-risk pregnancy.

"Often times the outcome for a pregnancy is directly linked to the health of the mother. If a woman becomes significantly ill during pregnancy, it can become more difficult to achieve a positive outcome for the mother and baby," he said.

The COVID-19 delta variant is causing serious disease for the unvaccinated in Iowa and across the country.

"It only makes sense to do what is best for the mother," said Dr. Mandsager. "In this case, receiving a COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC guidance to prevent exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its variants is the best option to protect the health of mom and baby."

Dr. Sarah Massey, a physician at MercyOne West Des Moines OBGYN Associates, agrees. "The COVID-19 vaccine when given, especially in the third trimester, will allow your baby to obtain some protection through antibodies," she said.

"We also know antibodies are passed through breastmilk. I chose to get the COVID-19 vaccine while breastfeeding my young infant," added Dr. Massey. "I encourage all of my patients both pregnant and planning to become pregnant to strongly consider getting vaccinated."

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- 6" x 30' truck auger w/3 hp 220v motor
- Approx. 30' sweep auger w/3 hp 220 motor
- Batco #1335 belt auger w/ 5 hp 220v motor
- DMI 8" x 8' auger hopper

Tools-Misc.-Supplies
- Sm. acetylene torch set
- 2 section Craftsman tool chest, Hammers
- Lincoln batt. grease gun, chisels, punches
- ¾" Sk sockets, wrenches, sm. hand tools
- Screwdrivers, 1/2" drill, cir. saw
- Pneu. die grinders, sockets, hack saws
- New JD hyd. cylinder, New Case IH alternator
- Makita angle grinder, Elec. buffer
- New Case IH air filter, Many new bearings
- PTO water pump, Port. air tank, Bench grinder
- Work lights, Hyd. ram spacers, Tongue jacks
- Bottle jack, Log chains, Numerous lg. hitch pins
- Sickle repair tool, Knipco htr., car ramps
- Welding table, Sprayer parts and supplies
- 3' x 4' bolt bin (stocked) sold complete
- 2-wooden 8' x 10' bolt or supply bins

- 15 gal. barrels, Hyd. floor jack, Ext. cords
- Measuring wheel, 20-25 steel T posts
- Sm. JD 10XE elec. pressure washer
- Dolmar 16" chain saw, 3-IH rear wheel weights
- 2-IH suitcase weights, Live trap
- 1000 gal. poly water tank, Alum. pickup tool box,
- 110 gal. Pickup fuel tank w/Fill-Rite elec. pump
- Galv. 2' x 2' x 4' water tank, Pipe gate, Wheel barrow
- Marlin model 60 22 cal. rifle
- Saw horses, more items too numerous to mention.

Antiques & Collectibles
- John Deere belt drive corn shredder
- IH hand corn sheller
- Radio flyer wagon, Post vise
- Hand garden plow, IH steel wheeled side rake
- 2-Sm. vintage barn doors
- Steel overhead wagon hoist
- Milk can, Tumble rod gear reduction box

Consigned by Others:
- Ford model 800 tractor, 1 owner, excellent runner, looks good, good rubber
- MF 238 sickle mower w/8' bar, 3 pt., pitmanless-nice
- IH model Super C, like new tires, newer paint & decals, new 8 volt battery, Parade Ready!
- Gehl 2170 mower/conditioner/ haybine 9' sickle

AUCTIONEERS NOTE
Most all machinery has been shedded, maintained and always taken good care of, everything to be sold without reserve. Auction held rain or shine, not a huge auction so please plan to be on time. Close parking- Thanks !! Rex Taylor and Dave Prestholt

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Fertile Days 165th Celebration



The corn pit was a hit with the younger set.



The Reptile and Amphibian (R.A.D.) Zoo from Medford, Minnesota, brought several animals to the Fertile Days celebration.



The petting zoo featured goats, a pony and a Brahma cow and calf.



Photos provided by Erin McCord



A horse shoe tournament was one of the many activities enjoyed at Fertile Days.

USDA accepting applications to help cover costs for organic certification

Organic producers and handlers can now apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds to assist with the cost of receiving or maintaining organic certification. Applications for the Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) are due November 1, 2021.

"USDA is here to help all producers, including those who grow our nation's organic food and fiber. Many farmers have told us that cost was a barrier to their ability to get an organic certification," said Bob Wegand, Acting State Executive Director for the Iowa Farm Service Agency (FSA). "By assisting with the costs, this program can help organic farmers get their certification along with the benefits that come with it."

OCCSP provides cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products for the costs of obtaining or maintaining organic certification under the USDA's National Organic Program. Eligible producers include any certified producers or handlers who have paid organic certification fees to a USDA-accredited certifying agent during the 2021 and any subsequent program year. Producers can be reimbursed for expenses made between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 including application fees, inspection costs, fees related to equivalency agreement and arrangement requirements, travel expenses for inspectors, user fees, sales assessments and postage.

For 2021, OCCSP will reimburse 50% of a certified operation's allowable certification costs, up to a maximum of $500 for each of the following categories (or "scopes"):

- crops
- wild crops
- livestock
- processing/handling
- State organic program fees.

Organic farmers and ranchers may apply through an FSA county office or a participating state agency.

This funding will be complemented by an additional $20 million for organic and transitioning producers through the Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. More information on that funding will be available in the coming weeks.

To learn more about organic certification cost share, please visit the OCCSP webpage, visit usda.gov/organic, or contact a local USDA Service Center.

In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.



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