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Briefs

Bolan hosts fall event Sept. 18

The small community of Bolan (current population of 19) will holds its annual fall event on Saturday, September 18.

The day begins with the Trinity United Methodist Church's bazaar, held in the lower level of the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also beginning at 8 a.m. is free-will pancake fundraiser at the schoolhouse.

Those taking part in the annual Bolan Bike Ride may register starting at 8 a.m., with the ride beginning at 9 a.m. The registration fee is $10, including a map, accesso the support vehicle and a ticket for homemade pie and ice cream.

A scalloped potato and ham luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m., a program on Carrie Lane Chatman Catt

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This Saturday, September 11, Northwood will celebrate its annual Founders Day events and activities, including vendors, entertainment, food, Cemetery Walk and the annual Aristocrats Car Club.

Celebrate Founders Day this Saturday

This Saturday, September 11, Northwood will hold its annual celebration of history and heritage with Founders Day on Saturday, September 11.

The day starts with an omelet breakfast served at the Masonic Temple by the Northwood Lions Club, from 7:30-10 a.m.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Central Park Shelter House for a 5K run that begins at 8:30 a.m.

The Aristocrats Car Club show, held east of the stop light on Central Avenue, begins with registration from 8-11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m.

Norwegian goodies will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That includes lefse, pastries, rommegrot and coffee.

Other street vendors and stores will open at 9 a.m.

The annual Cemetery Walk begins at 9 a.m. Northwood historians have arranged to share the stories of Alma Roppe, Gena Borg and August Stehn. The walk will be shared on the Northwood Chamber's Facebook page for those that can't attend.

Trackless "helicopter" rides, presented by Our Saviors Squadron, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Inflatables for kids will be available starting at 11 a.m.

The Worth County Historical Society will welcome visitors to two of its buildings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An open house at the Stromstein Building includes an art show and food being served. The WCHS Main Museum will also be open.

Free entertainment, sponsored by the Northwood Special Events Committee, will take place as Robbie V performs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The class of 1965 will be showing at film looking back at scenes of Northwood, Kensett and their school days, at the Northwood Theatre at 1:30 p.m.

An antique car speed meet will take place at the airport at 2 p.m.

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Cemetery Walk set for Saturday

This Saturday, the annual Founders Day celebration will feature a presentation of the stories of three notable people laid to rest in the Sunset Rest Cemetery. The Cemetery Walk begins at 9 a.m. at the cemetery this Saturday, September 11.

The three people highlighted by the Northwood historians that organize the event include Gena Olson Borg, Alma Aamodt Roppe and August Stehn.

Below is information on each. More information will be shared at Saturday's Cemetery Walk.

Gena Olson Borg was born on February 22, 1872, just three miles west of Northwood. She lived to be 105 years old.

Gena's parents, Austin and Ingeborg Olson, were the third or fourth family to live in the Worth County area.

Gena's childhood predated electric lights, automobiles and television.

Alma Aamodt Roppe was born on July 6, 1906. She passed on April 20, 1990, at 83 years of age.

She was born near Lake Mills and attended school in Lake Mills, Northwood and Luther College Academy in Albert Lea.

Alma marreid Ernie Roppe in Northwood in

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'Nothing off the table' as supervisors hope to avoid lawsuit while setting wind energy limits

With a pending wind energy project in the northwest corner of the county, and two options to regulate the project, the Worth County supervisors recently heard a rebuttal to the wind company's proposal, from the chair of the commission that developed an ordinance with stricter procedures.

In April, the supervisors instituted a moratorium on wind energy projects in the county, citing a need to review their options to regulate any new construction after issues arose with the previous Freeborn Wind development.

Following that, the planning and zoning commission undertook a process of research and conversation with stakeholders and the public to develop an ordinance that would address safety and quality of life concerns for those living in and around future turbines. A draft of the ordinance is in the hands of the supervisors, awaiting their action to put it into effect.

The ordinance's regulations were more stringent and Invenergy representatives have said that their proposed project could not be built under the ordinance. The company has also made a claim that since their project has been in the works since 2018, they would be exempt from the ordinance, if passed.

At their August 9 meeting, the supervisors heard about the process Invenergy has undertaken to limit the impact of its project on Worth County residents and wildlife, as well as the rationale behind the limits in a proposed development agreement between the company and the County.

At the August 30 meeting, the County heard from Jeff Gorball, chair of the county's planning and zoning commission, who took issue with the limits in Invenergy's agreement and urged the supervisors to proceed with the commission's ordinance draft. He asked for an update on their plans, to report back to the other members of the zoning commission.

Since the August 9 meeting, the supervisors have held closed session discussions with an attorney about the company's agreement and the ordinance, seeking advice on the options and the potential litigation that may result if the County tries to enforce an ordinance against the proposed wind development.

Gorball asked the superviors if they would share what their plans were and what the next steps would be for the County.

Supervisor chair AJ Stone did not wish to share details of a closed session dicussion that may impact future litigaiton. He did note that the supervisors were awaiting more information from their counsel on some potential changes.

Stone said that the supervisors were still trying to decide what the best direction for the County would be. "Nothing is off

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Therapy dog Bernice joins N-K staff

By JoAnn Lower

If you've ever owned a dog, you understand the meaning of "man's best friend." Their soothing, fun-loving nature naturally affects your mood and the mood of those around you.

Bernice, Northwood-Kensett's newest staff addition, is already rising to "best-friend" status. Bernice's owner/N-K counselor, Amy Hansen, had the idea of a school therapy dog over five years ago. In searching the Internet she found that schools with therapy dogs relieve stress and anxiety in students as well as teachers.

After researching breeds that would do well in school, Hansen decided on a golden doodle (golden retriever/poodle). Golden retrievers are friendly with a tolerant attitude; people-pleasing poodles are happy, friendly and smart.

She contacted the Perfect Little Puppy breeder in Fort Dodge about getting a puppy from him. "It was May four years ago that I picked her out and one month later brought her home. The name Bernice came about because I like old-fashioned human names for pets."

Bernice was two months old when she started puppy classes; 15 months later she earned her Canine Good Citizens Award.

"As she started to outgrow her puppy stage, I began taking her out in public to places like AEA meetings and to movies. We worked with a gentleman in Rochester to finish up her therapy, and last fall she passed her test."

Now licensed through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Bernice has earned her official title, "Therapy Dog."

"The reception we've gotten at school is overwhelmingly positive," said Amy. "I'm bringing her to all class meetings for short amounts of time to educate the students how to best interact with her. The kids love her."

"The look in her eyes is one of unconditional love. She doesn't judge; she simply gives the kids and teachers something to look forward to when they come to school."

"My dad is her #1 fan. He will pet her from the begin

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Vikings get first win of season — See Page 5

Class of 1965 hosts 'sock hop' and film this weekend

With Founders Day festivities set for this weekend, the Northwood-Kensett High School class of 1965 will host its 56th reunion with events Friday and Saturday, with all alumni invited to attend.

This Friday, September 10, from 5-11 p.m., a free "Senior 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, "The Times of Our Lives Growing Up in Kensett and Northwood in the 1960s" will be shown at the Northwood Theatre. The movie will feature the life and times of the class of class of 1965, with sights and scenes of early Kensett and Northwood and school activities.

All N-KHS alumni are invited to attend the events.

COVID surge continues, repeating previous 2021's high

In the week since the weekly increase in COVID-19 cases hit a high for the year, the number has increased by that number for the second week in a row.

For the second week, the number of new COVID-19 cases has increased by 49. That brings the total for new cases in Worth County in two weeks to 98.

According to the most recent State data, which is released once a week, between August 26 and September 2, the total number of people that have tested positive for COVID-19 in Worth County had increased to 949, marking a repeat of the largest increase since December 2020.

With 49 new cases in a week, the 7 day positivity rate was down to 11.8%, from 13.2% as of August 26.

For the region that includes Worth and the seven bordering counties, there have been a total of 23,558 cases of COVID-19 reported by state agencies. That is up 539 from the total as of August 26. That includes 1,698 in Winnebago, 1,727 in Hancock, 6,495 in Cerro Gordo, 1,971 in Floyd and 1,473 in Mitchell counties in Iowa, and 3,987 in Freeborn and 5,258 in Mower counties in Minnesota.

While there has been a continued upward trend in COVID cases, fortunately the death toll in the region remained unchanged since the end of August. There have been 330 deaths to COVID-19, including 8 in Worth County.

According to the CDC, 3,264 residents of Worth County have been fully vaccinated, for 44.2% of the total population. That is up 115 Worth County residents since August 26.

CDC numbers show that 3,502 Worth residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, for 47.4% of the population. That is up 46 since August 26.

In the county, 1,260 of those 65 and over, the first age group that could receive the vaccine, were fully vaccinated, 81.6% of that population. Of that age group, 1,296, or 83.9% have had at least one dose.

Of those that have been able to receive the vaccine since early April, those 18 and over, 3,155 have been fully vaccinated, for 53.9% of that population. 3,359 have received one dose, for 57.4%.

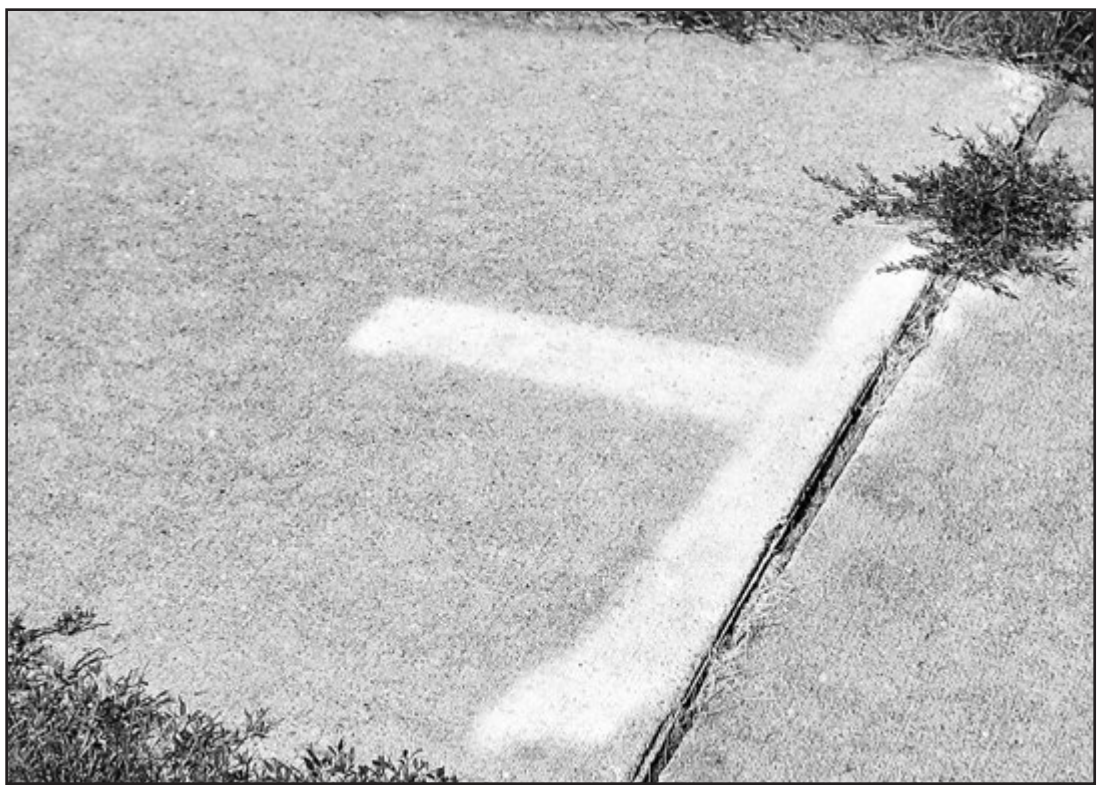
Those 12 and over have been eligible since the month of May. Of that group 51.1% have been fully vaccinated. Of those eligible to receive a vaccine, 54.9% have received at least one dose.

Other counties in the region have vaccination rates of 45.2% in Winnebago, 42.3% in Hancock, 53.4% in Cerro Gordo, 45.8% in Floyd, 41.6% in Mitchell, 47.7% in Freeborn and 50.9% in Mower counties. Across the region, 48.7% of the total population has been fully vaccinated.

Information and COVID-19 resources can be found on the state's COVID-19 website at coronavirus.iowa.gov.

Information on vaccination in Iowa can be found online at vaccinate.iowa.gov.

Local information can be found at Worth County Public Health's Facebook page, or by calling 641-324-1741.









Setting a sidewalk

The City of Northwood recently evaluated the city's sidewalks as a part of a long-delayed enforcement of sidewalk rules. As pictured at top, the public works department marked areas that needed to be addressed. Since then, a number of residents have taken up the process of removing, replacing and repairing their sidewalks to meet the deadline of July 2022.

Founders Day
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p.m. A horse shoe tournament will be held in Swensrud Park and Strike Zone will host a bags tournament.

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

Bernice
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ning of a movie all the way to the end."

"Bernice is a happiness machine, a bringer of joy that cannot be quantified," says Hansen. "She is a bringer of sunshine to everyone she meets."

Bolan
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will be presented in the upper level of the schoolhouse, presented by Catt's great-great-nephew.

Craft vendors will set up on Bolan's "main" street throughout the day. Sam Crosser will also provide some live music throughout the morning.

On Sunday, September 19, Trinity United Methodist Church will celebrate its postponed 125th Anniversary with a special service at 9:10 a.m.

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the table," Stone said. He added that they wanted to try to avoid litigation, while still finding a solution that put the best interests of the county's residents over those of the company.

Stone also said that the reservations Gorball shared about Invenergy's process and less restrictive proposal were shared and discussed by the supervisors.

Stone did say that no matter what might happen in regards to the wind project proposed, an ordinance could still be a possibility.

In the latest development, a group of citizens has set up an online fundraising campaign to generate money that would go to the County to offset the costs of a lawsuit, should that take place. The goal of the campaign is to remove potential litigation from the considerations of the supervisors as they look at a choice between an agreement and the ordinance.

Cemetery
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1924. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church, being a member of and helping to start church circles, with quilting one of the main occasions.

Alma moved into Northwood in 1961, where she owned and operated the Central Cafe, formerly the Maid-Rite. She servd on the Chamber of Commerce and donated her building as a location for a City Hall.

She later worked at Deluxe in Lake Mills and then worked with "Flip" Lindflott at the Northwood Post Office until she retired at the age of 80.

August Stehn was an early immigrant and pioneer of the region.

August, his wife Elise and four of their five daughters rest in the Sunset Rest Cemetery. That includes Emma Stehn Walser, Nellie Stehn Seater, Amanda Stehn Johnson and Louise Stehn Kenison.

August arrived in the U.S. in 1866, shortly after the Civil War.

In the early 1870s he began farming on the Worth/Mitchell county line.

August's story will be shared by his great-granddaughters Mary Wendt and Suzanne Hofstrand.

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Potential trail raises financial questions for supervisors

Worth County's group dedicated to developing and designating trails in the county recently brought its first new project to the Worth County supervisors, as the County would need to become involved for the project to succeed.

The Top of Iowa Trail Committee, formed in 2018, has been working since to find and build paths for a variety of users in the county. Their goals have been to eventually build a trail system to connect Worth County communities and join other trail systems in neighboring counties as well.

Earlier this year the group worked with the County to have bike caution signs placed on a common path on existing roads used by bike riders.

Early on the committee began focusing on a trail that would connect the two closest communities in the county, Fertile and Hanlontown.

The committee has been meeting with landowners and working with the engineering firm Veenstra & Kimm to develop a plan for the trail.

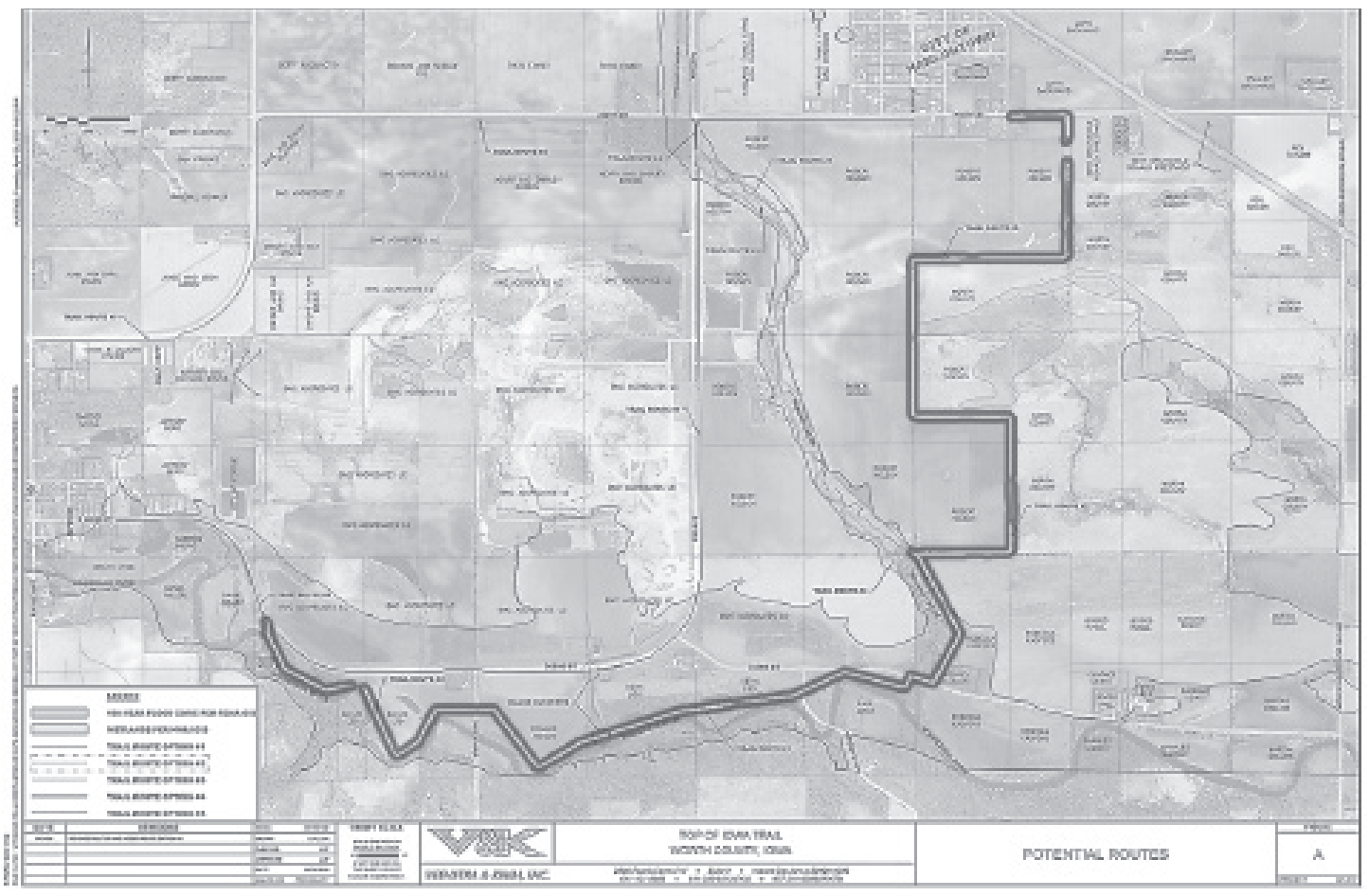
With that plan in place, the committee brought the project to the Worth County supervisors in August 2020, asking if they would consider taking ownership once it was built.

At that time, the County was not ready to make a decision, with budget uncertainties looming. The county and county conservation also had reservations about the cost and staffing that may be needed to maintain a new trail.

At the August 23 supervisors meeting, Myron Lupkes, representing the committee, and Jason Petersburg, with Veenstra & Kimm, updated the supervisors on their progress since the last discussion.

Petersburg shared that a preferred route had been selected by the committee, which exits the southeast corner of Hanlontown, traveling a short distance east on 355th Street, before it meets the start of where a new paved trail would begin. The trail would travel primarily south along property lines until it begins to run parallel to the Winnebago River before joining 342nd Street east of Fertile.

The trail would be roughly 4 miles long and 10 feet wide. The estimated cost is roughly $2.6 million. The committee is confident that it can get the money needed through grants and fundraising.



Part of that grant process remains who would own the trail. Along with that ownership comes who would be responsible for repairs.

The question of maintenance has been addressed. Committee members have worked with the councils of Fertile and Hanlontown, who have tentatively agreed to be responsible for routine maintenance of the trail. As Lupkes noted, there is "tremendous community support for the trail."

While the communities support the trail, it is not located within their city limits, so they cannot take ownership. That would then fall to the County, where the trail would primarily be located.

However, the supervisors hesitated to agree to have the County take on the trail, with the financial impacts unknown.

One of those costs is how having a trail, and potential liability, would impact the County's insurance prices.

The other cost the County may incur is the potentially expensive repairs that may be involved.

The supervisors and conservation director Jim Hanson planned to talk to officials in other counties with trails to get some information on the potential financial impact of trails. They planned to revisit the discussion once they had learned more.

Worth County 4-H Leader Fall Organizational meeting Sept. 22

The Worth County Extension Service will be hosting their annual 4-H Leader Fall Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. Leaders will be going over the annual 4-H Club Year Schedule, reviewing 4-H Club program and project ideas, announcing 4-H financial support for activities, and answering questions about 4-H Club events for the upcoming year while addressing all the new ways of reaching 4-H families.

All Worth County 4-H Leaders and 4-H Committee Members are encouraged to participate. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and 4-H leaders with questions may phone Mindy Tenold, Worth County 4-H Coordinator or Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Educational Specialist at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531. 4-H Leaders will also be conducting a follow-up Worth County Fair Meeting.

Election candidate filing ends Sept. 16

Those that would like to be on ballots to serve on city or school governments have just over one week to file as candidates

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 next 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.

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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North Central Iowa Genealogical Society meets September 11

The North Central Iowa Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 75 South Georgia Ave., Mason City.

The program for the evening will be on "Historic Homes of Mason City."

Mark Suby and Rod Hungerford have prepared a program about some of Mason City's turn-of-the-century majestic homes and their famous and not-so-famous residents with pre and post-1916 addresses. A brief personal history of the owners will be presented by Suby.

Society Members and the general public are invited to attend.

Free Start Smart Workshop to be offered over Zoom

The NIACC Pappajohn Center and the Small Business Development Center to offer a free two-hour workshop designed for anyone who is considering starting a business. At Start Smart, participants will learn how to create a business plan, conduct market research, discuss different types of business ownership, and learn how to register a business.

Start Smart will be offered on Wednesday, September 8, online via Zoom from 6-8 pm.

The activities involved in starting a business fall under two broad categories—feasibility (the business plan) and administrative tasks. While we like to focus on the feasibility issue, Start Smart provides information and the chance to ask questions on numerous other topics, including:

• Business registration • Doing customer research • How bankers evaluate business concepts and loans • Start-up costs • Business plan tips • And more

After attending Start Smart, you can make an appointment to meet over the phone individually with the Small Business Development Center Counselors to help you review your business plan or provide guidance with other issues. Registration is required; go to our website www.pappajohncenter.com and click on the Program and Events tab to register.

For questions, contact Mary Spitz-SBDC office at NIACC: 641.422.4342 or at mary.spitz@niacc.edu

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Celebrating 10 years

Last week, TruStile celebrated 10 years in Northwood with a barbecue for its employees. In 2011 TruStile owner Scott Schmid purchased the Northwood facility and brought the stain grade wood door manufacturing. In 2015 Schmid sold the Trustile Brand to Marvin, a fourth generation family-owned business based out of Warroad, Minnesota. The 10 year celebration has also included breakfast items, root beer floats, popcorn and candy, cookies and last week's barbecue and gifts to employees. TruStile hopes to open their doors for tours and celebrate with the community as soon as COVID protocols allow. Pictured at top are (front row, from left) Todd Piper, Andy Grunhovd, Rosa Obregon, Paul Quintero, Kris Pierce, (second row) Kyle Bry, Mike Scheer, Justin Mayer, Brad Swank, Pam Lampman, (third row) Ressa Nelson, Chad Tiedemann, Ryan Dybevik, Mark Holstad, Robert Wingler Jr., Christy Scott and Ella Young.



County looks at updating development plan

Worth County officials and residents will once again have the chance to be involved the process of producing a document guiding development in the county.

The process comes as County officials review a document referred to as the County Comprehensive Development Plan. The plan is an assessment of features, demographics, economic aspects and services, followed by descriptions of how land is currently used and how the County would like land to be used in the future.

The document was last updated in 2006. Before that it hadn't been updated since 1969.

The plan was recently brought to the attention of the Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission as they consulted with NIACOG (the North Iowa Council of Governments) in the development of a proposed wind energy development ordinance.

At recent meetings of the Worth County Board of supervisors, zoning commission chair Jeff Gorball presented the commission's desire to begin the process of developing an updated development plan.

Gorball said that the plan is a necessary document, by state law, that allows for the establishment of ordinances, such as zoning or the potential wind turbine rules.

Since they were made aware of the outdated plan, the zoning commission has been reviewing the plan and discussing the process of updating the information.

According to Gorball, the commission thought the plan needs to be updated, as the status of the County and its plans for land use have changed since 2006.

With that in mind, the commission provided a series of recommendations to develop an updated plan.

First would be working with NIACOG to develop updates to the section dealing with the current state of the county.

Next, would be an exercise grading how well the land use goals of the 2006 plan were met, to provide some guidance on how new goals should be looked at for the updates.

This process could involve discussion with current County officials, as well as those that established the plan in 2006. The public may also be consulted for the review.

Based on the evaluation of the previous goals, and working to have a wide range of community involvement, land use goals would be updated.

Based on the previous steps, the planning and zoning commission would provide recommendations for strategies to help accomplish the updated land use goals.

The commission plans to continue discussing the process at monthly meetings in the future.

The supervisors have proceeded with the first step at their August 16 meeting, approving working with NIACOG to review the status of the county.

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Calendar of Events for September 2021

September 9—Iowa State 4-H Monthly Educational Webinar, Via Virtual Adobe Connect at 9:00 A.M. with Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 9—Worth County Fair Board Meeting, Worth County Extension Office, Northwood at 7:00 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 10—Worth County Farm Bureau Ag Fair, Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood at 8:30 A.M. with Teresa Stehn, Worth County Farm Bureau Office Manager and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 13—Worth County 4-H National Barrow Show Swine Judging Contest, Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, Minnesota, at 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 15—4-H Youth Region 4 Staff Meeting, Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, at 9:30 A.M. with Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 17—Region 4 County Extension Educators Staff Meeting, Cerro Gordo County Extension Office at 1:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 21— North Iowa Foods Coalition Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting from Mason City at 3:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 22—Worth County 4-H Leader Fall Leader Meeting, Worth County Extension Office Community Room at 6:30 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager and Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 23—Iowa State Agriculture Extension Association Meeting, Iowa State University Campus at 6 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 24—Iowa State University Extension Fall Agriculture Educational Inservice, ISU Campus, Ames at 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 25—Worth County Extension 4-H Fall Beef Field Day, Worth County Fairgrounds Livestock Show Arena at 1:30 P.M. at Staff: Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 27—Iowa State University Extension County Services Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting at 1:00 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist and Andrea Nelson, ISU Extension and Outreach Assistant Vice-President

September 27—Worth County 4-H Record Books Due, Worth County Extension Office, Northwood at 4:30 P.M. with Mindy Tenold, Worth County Extension Youth Coordinator

September 29—Horticulture State Extension Meeting, Virtual Zoom Conference at 8:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

September 30—North Iowa Area Extension Agriculture Team Meeting, Region 3 or Region 4 Extension Office at 9:30 A.M. with Donovan Olson, Region 4 ISU Extension and Outreach Director and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

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First year head coach Mackensie Sauerbrei talks to her team during a timeout last Tuesday night in Nashua. Sauerbrei and the Lady Vikings lost to the Huskies, but both picked up the first win of the season on Thursday with a 3-2 win at home over West Fork.

Lady Vikings outlast West Fork for first win of the season

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

After losing the first six matches of her young coaching career, Lady Vikings head coach Mackensie Sauerbrei finally got that first win, a hard fought 3-2 (25-17, 14-25, 18-25, 25-18, 15-12) victory over West Fork last Thursday night in Northwood.

With the first set win (25-17) the Lady Vikings broke a 12-set losing streak that eventually proved to be the decisive set after Northwood-Kensett dropped the second and third sets 25-14 and 25-18, leaving them down 2-1 and on the verge of elimination.

But despite this team's record, the one thing it doesn't do is give up at any point in the match, down 2-0, 2-1, it doesn't matter, they're coming at you, fighting for every point.

And that's exactly what the Lady Vikings did with a convincing 25-18 win in the fourth set that evened the match at 2-2.

With the young team on the verge of its first win of the season the Lady Vikings dug deep for one last set, a thrilling 15-12 win, securing the Top of Iowa Conference East win, 3-2 over the Warhawks.

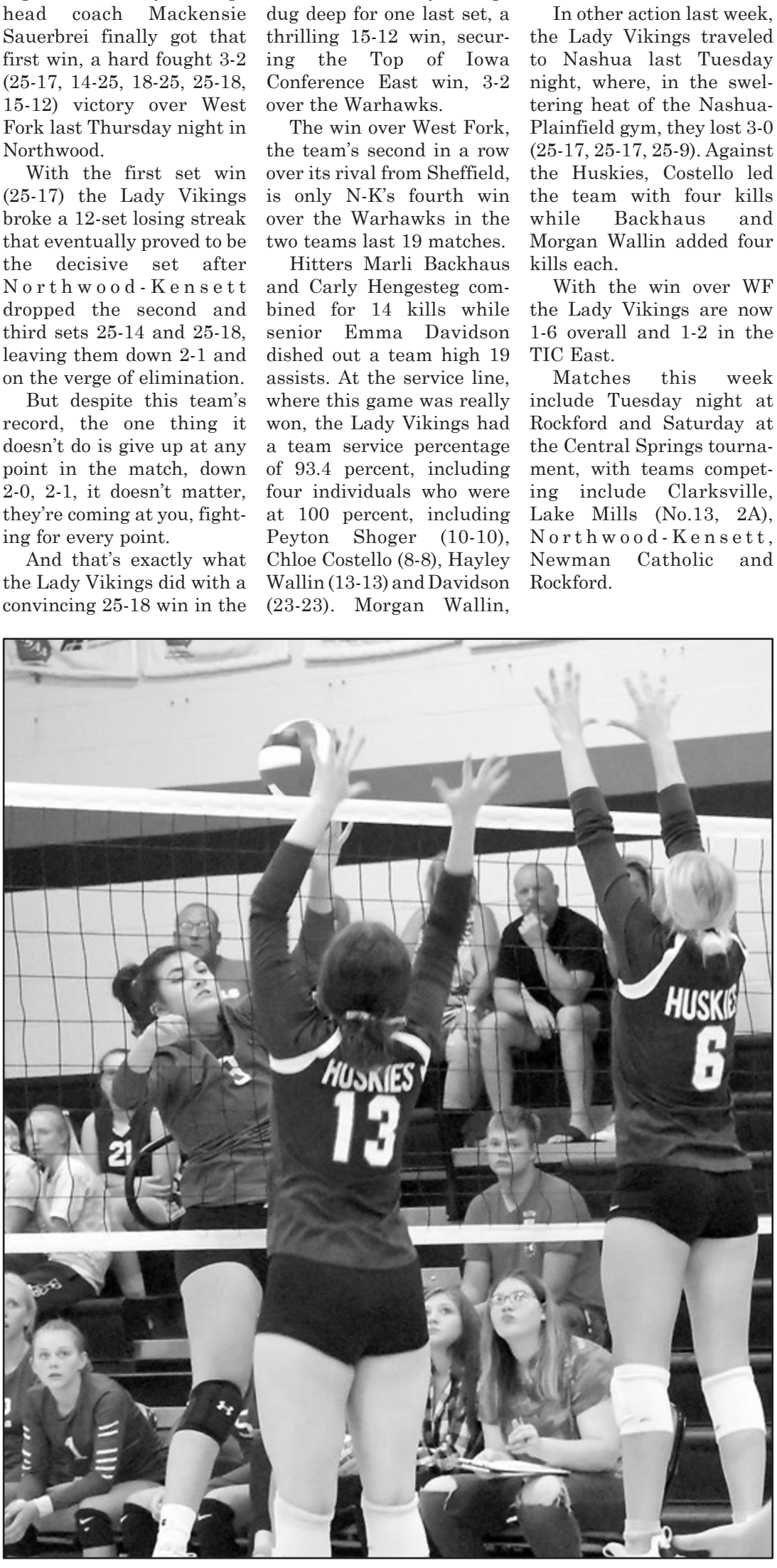
The win over West Fork, the team's second in a row over its rival from Sheffield, is only N-K's fourth win over the Warhawks in the two teams last 19 matches.

Hitters Marli Backhaus and Carly Hengesteg combined for 14 kills while senior Emma Davidson dished out a team high 19 assists. At the service line, where this game was really won, the Lady Vikings had a team service percentage of 93.4 percent, including four individuals who were at 100 percent, including Peyton Shoger (10-10), Chloe Costello (8-8), Hayley Wallin (13-13) and Davidson (23-23). Morgan Wallin, who fell just short at 88.9 percent (16-18), led the team at the line with five service aces in the TIC East win.

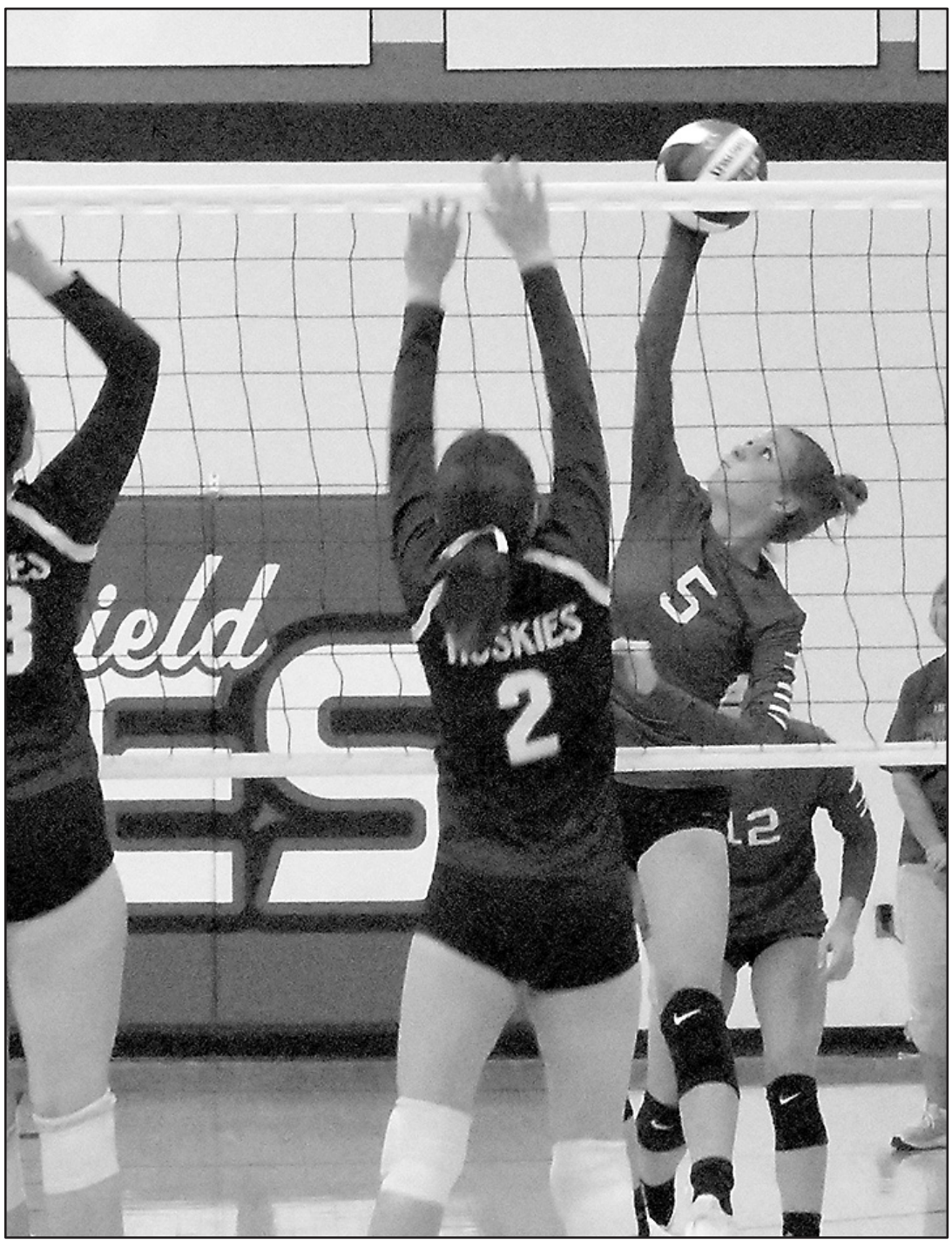
In other action last week, the Lady Vikings traveled to Nashua last Tuesday night, where, in the sweltering heat of the Nashua-Plainfield gym, they lost 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-9). Against the Huskies, Costello led the team with four kills while Backhaus and Morgan Wallin added four kills each.

With the win over WF the Lady Vikings are now 1-6 overall and 1-2 in the TIC East.

Matches this week include Tuesday night at Rockford and Saturday at the Central Springs tournament, with teams competing include Clarksville, Lake Mills (No.13, 2A), Northwood-Kensett, Newman Catholic and Rockford.



N-K's Marli Backhaus goes up against two Huskie defenders in last Tuesday's 3-2 TIC East loss. After seven matches this season Backhaus leads the team with 34 kills and 14 blocks.



Lady Viking Morgan Wallin scores a point in last Tuesday night's 3-0 (7-25, 17-25, 9-25) loss to Nashua-Plainfield. Wallin collected two kills on the night and now has 11 kills, two blocks and five digs for the year.

Ocel and Block lead N-K XC at first meet of the year

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

Northwood-Kensett's Megan Ocel and Thomas Block led their respective teams in last Tuesday night's Mercy Cross Country Meet hosted by Mason City Newman. And while neither the boys nor girls teams have enough runners to qualify for team scores, Ocel placed 37th with a time of 25:26.91 while Block came across the finish line in 53rd place with a time of 21:00.95.

In the girls race, after Ocel, who is the top returning female runner from a year ago, the Lady Vikings placed Macy Johnson, who finished 69th with a time of 29:44.15. The winner of the girls race was Katelyn Johnston of Osage, who finished in 19:23.98.

For the Vikings, after Block's finish, Hayden Moore came in 66th with a time of 21:34.21 while freshman Trent Tiedemann placed 86th in the first race of his career with a time of 24:11.53.

The XC teams had just one meet on the schedule for this week, a Tuesday night event at the Belmond-Klemme Country Club.

Boys Team Scores – Clear Lake 75, New Hampton 77, Newman Catholic 117, Forest City 119, Central Springs 168, Osage 173, Iowa Falls-Alden 181, Bishop-Garrigan 194, North Union 211, North Butler 234, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 259, Lake Mills 271, North Iowa 324

Girls Team Scores – Clear Lake 54, Newman Catholic 76, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 104, Iowa Falls-Alden 105, Forest City 110, Osage 118, New Hampton 138, West Hancock 187



Students' best friend

Bernice, the Northwood-Kensett district's first canine staff member, has been happy to meet all the students that she will "work" with throughout the school year. Bernice has completed her own lessons to become a therapy dog and students have been meeting her in that official and effective capacity recently. Ava Woltzen is pictured with Bernice as she accompanied secondar counselor Amy Hansen in the classroom.

Fall lawn care event set for September 15 in Osage

ISU Extension and Outreach will host a Fall Lawn Care workshop at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center near Osage on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Rick Pleggenkuhle, horticulturist and Iowa Certified Nursery professional, will shoare information about fall lawn care to help prepare for next spring's lawn.

That includes information about identifying common lawn weeds and weed control; how and when to apply herbicides; practices that lead to a health lawn; and fertilization dos and don'ts.

The program is free and open to the public. Pre-registraction is appreciated, but not required.

Those interested may get more information or register by Monday, September 13.

Citizens seek funding online for County's defense against potential wind lawsuit

As a wind energy company plans to proceed with a new project's construction, the Worth County supervisors await legal advice on agreements and regulation, including how to avoid potential litigation. Now, a group of concerned citizens has started an online funding campaign to provide money in the hopes that legal action poses less of a threat.

In recent months, the supervisors have put in place a moratorium on any county action regarding wind turbine construction, as they sought time to research and possibly impliment County regulations.

Following the moratorium, the County planning and zoning commission spent a number of weeks researching and developing an ordinance that would regulate wind energy projects. That included discussion with those impacted and members of the public. The commission's draft ordinance is in the hands of the supervisors.

At the same time, Invenergy, the company that has been working on a new wind farm in the northwest corner of the county, has been seeking approval of an agrement with the County. That agreement covers some, but not all of the regquirements in the ordinance, and at less stringent levels in many cases.

The supervisors have sought the advice of an outside attorney in regards to issues that the County may face in either the agreement or ordinance, as well as how they can prepare for or avoid a lawsuit from the company.

Supervisor chair AJ Stone has said that the County is still considering both options, but they want to do what is best for the County, and that may be reaching an agreement with the company to avoid litigation.

Based on that position, an online fundraising campaign has been established. Funds would be provided to cover the County's legal fees, should they pass the ordinance. The citizens organizing the effort hope to eliminate the threat of a lawsuit from the County's considerations.

The online fundraising is being done on the GoFundMe platform, online at www.gofundme.com, by searching for Worth County Citizens Legal Fund.

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Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Sunday, Worship at Bethlehem, 10:30 a.m., Grace Worship, 9 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/ Elk Creek Lutheran
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Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
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Pastor Cory Allard

Northwood United Methodist Church
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Rev. Rob Lanphere

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Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood
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Sensitive Egos



My brothers and I were recently engaged in a conversation about our childhood in which we all felt compelled to apologize for our youthful teasing and taunting of each other. What was interesting to me was that we all felt that in one way or another the teasing and striving with each other had made us more prepared to deal with life. One brother even expressed the worry that "we are so over-sensitized to emotionally abusive people these days that we are cultivating a whole generation of young people who are unable to handle any kind of threats to their fragile egos. When they are bullied they react in ways that are hugely disproportionate to the situation, i.e. suicides, mass shootings, etc." Perhaps the teasing banter and rough and tumble play of childhood is preparation for life in a world that isn't always sensitive to the fragile vagaries of our ego. It would be nice, albeit boring, if we lived in a world where everyone was always kind and deferential but until that ideal world arrives, perhaps we should let kids engage in the rough and tumble world of childhood in a way that will prepare them for the real world. Resolving conflict is an important skill that is best learned early in life. – Christopher Simon

"A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel." – Proverbs 15: 18

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

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

Our gardens are producing at full force this time of year. Having a rich variety of veggies, fruits or berries means we must cook at least some of them…that which we don't give away, freeze or can. "Melissa's Great Book of Produce" by Cathy Thomas (2006; John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, NJ) is a product of Melissa's World Variety Produce. It truly has the most comprehensive information on fresh produce I have seen in a book and many recipes. Each type of produce is named, explained, pictured, described and more. The following are adapted from the various chapters.

Green Goddess Salad Dressing (using avocado)

4 filets of canned anchovy, drained of the oil they are packed in
1 tablespoon chopped fresh Italian parsley
4 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
3 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
1 cup mashed avocado, very ripe but not mushy or discolored
1 cup real sour cream, not low-fat or no-fat
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 drop hot pepper sauce
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Place all ingredients into a blender and whirl until smooth. If too thick, add a few drops of milk until you get a pourable consistency. Taste and adjust for seasoning with the salt and pepper.

Potato and Chile Gratin (using medium-hot chile peppers)

4 large baking potatoes such as rus sets, peeled and thinly sliced
1 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
2 Anaheim chiles, roasted, peeled, seeded and diced. SANDY'S NOTE: if you cannot find these fresh chiles, look for roasted diced canned chiles, mild or hot. Drain very well and pat dry with paper towels.
1 cup chicken broth, canned or homemade
1 cup heavy cream
Salt and pepper to taste

Generously grease a 7x11-inch baking pan with softened butter. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Layer 1/3 of the potatoes, 1/2 of the cheese and 1/2 of the diced chiles. Repeat with a second layer then end with a final layer of potatoes. In a medium bowl combine the broth, cream, salt and pepper to taste. Pour this over the potatoes. Bake in the middle of the preheated oven for 45 minutes or until the potatoes are tender, the liquid is absorbed and the top is brown. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Makes 6-8 servings.

Roasted and Spiced Pumpkin Seeds (using baking pumpkin, not field pumpkin)

Rinse the strings from enough pumpkin seeds to make 2 cups. Pat dry. Mix the seeds with 2 tablespoons olive oil and season with dry ranch dressing mix to taste. Spread in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 12-15 minutes at 350 degrees F. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Start with only about 2 tablespoons of seasoning. A variation is 2 teaspoons chili powder and 1 teaspoon kosher salt. Or, 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning and 1 teaspoon kosher salt. A healthy snack.

The front cover of this cookbook says it contains "Everything you need to know about fresh fruits and vegetables". That is no idle boast. The amount of information compiled by the Melissa Company is amazing and a good read even if you don't have a garden. There is always a farmers' market somewhere. And…that's all she wrote.

A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

In the intense heat of this summer I tend to forget how beautiful fall can be in Iowa. With the grass all brown, the constant watering of flowers and shrubs and the air so heavy with humidity you can hardly take a good breath, fall seems very far away. But…it's here! September is one of my favorite months (maybe because my birthday falls there) with the promise of cooler days plus nights with the A/C off and windows open. September at the Northwood Senior Center is full of exciting things for our members to do from hands-on fun to quiet listening. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Starting on the very first day of the month, Wednesday, September 1, JoAnn Lower, our wonderful Northwood storyteller, entertained us with her tales.

On Friday, September 10, Connie Hogen will teach a card-making class at 12:30 p.m. Each participant will make the card of his or her choice with Connie's easy instructions. There is a cost of $2 per person for materials.

On Thursday, September 16, at 11:15 a.m. a member of Worth County Public Health will present a discussion of a topic related to being a healthy senior. This is so important to our future, to stay as healthy as possible for as long as possible.

On Monday, September 20, at 12:30 p.m. we'll play Fun Bingo with prizes. No cost; lots of fun!

Join us on Thursday, September 23, so you can "Name That Tune" with Lois Meyer on her keyboard. Have some great fun and stretch your memory as you come up with the names of favorite songs. Lois will start at 12:30 p.m.

On Monday, September 27, at 2 p.m. we gather for Coffee and Conversation. We enjoy feedback from area seniors regarding our programs and what they like and don't like. And, we always want and need suggestions for new things to do, to learn, to enjoy. Come with your ideas.

Please mark your calendars for all these fun and informative programs at the Northwood Senior Center.

Northwood Anchor Society



Story time at the Senior Center

Visitors at the Northwood Senior Center were recently treated to some story stime. Local storyteller JoAnn Lower shared tales of growing up and living on the farm in North Iowa. Her audience gathered in the recently remodeled Senior Center entryway to listen to Lower share her talents.

Did you know???

By: Ann Hendrickson

We have seen the advertisements of Founder's Day on September 11. The Worth County Historical Society museum will be open from noon to 2 p.m. You are invited to visit and see the many items in the building. The Stromstein Building will also be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year area artists are going to be showing their talents with paintings for sale. There will also be food served by the WCHS at the building: Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, chips, bars and beverages. Please take a stroll through our beautiful city to enjoy all these attractions.

The schools are back in session with many masking mandates, as many as there are different schools. The students in this present age will have their own stories to tell in the years to come. Theirs will be more complicated then the days our older generation remembers. The teachers in one-room schoolhouses were the one in charge of everything that happened in their building from firing up the big stove and bringing water in for drinking; to the education of the first-eighth grade students; to providing programs and music for the community of parents and grandparents. The teacher was their peacemaker and their nurse.



There is little to add about these schoolhouse memories that hasn't been written before. The things most vivid in my mind are how the girls "played house" in the row of evergreens by sweeping the ground smooth and separating the area into rooms. The boys played softball. The desks being pushed together for a couple weeks so a make shift stage could be built for the Christmas program. One year I was sick and couldn't participate in the program, but my teacher remembered me and sent home a gift of an ink pen—the first one I'd ever seen or used. That gift made me feel better and so special.

Memories could go on and on, especially thinking of how it "used to be." The students today need our love and support at this present time as much as any time in history. Share your memories with them just as all the WCHS museum articles do for us who work with them. See you on Founder's Day.

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Opinion

Letter to the Supervisors - Urging support of wind ordinance

Editor's Note: Following is a statement Jeff Gorball read and presented to the Worth County Board of Supervisors at their most recent meeting. Gorball is the chairman of the Worth County Planning and Zoning Commission.

He requested that this appear in the paper as a Letter to the Supervisors.

I know that the supervisors are working diligently on the question of direction in the county with regard to commercial wind development, and that you are privy to information that I am not. And I know that you are trying to be as conscientious about this as possible. Based on discussion last week however, I felt compelled to emphasize a consideration.

As many know, I served 24 years active duty in the Marines. I don't mention that seeking appreciation, but rather to demonstrate my deeply held commitment and conviction to protection of our liberties and personal rights. I submit to you, that as elected officials of the county that you too have an obligation to put protection of citizens liberties and rights, consistent with the US and Iowa Constitutions, as a primary responsibility per your oath of office.

I understand that a fiduciary responsibility also exists with your positions. And that you have a responsibility to ensure that the county enact legally valid ordinances. Performing due diligence to ensure that your actions do not precipitate unnecessary legal cost is a requirement, and it is right that you do so. The danger, and challenge, however, is to ensure that threat of potential legal action does not prevent you from performing your primary duties, else the simple threat serves to stymie what you otherwise should be doing. Where else may threats of legal action move the supervisors to? Can anyone levy such threat to get their way? It is a bad precedent to allow threats to determine your course of action.

Your appointed Zoning Commission did as tasked and developed a recommended ordinance related to commercial wind development so as to add protections for county citizens where none existed before. This after proof that Invenergy could not be trusted. The proposed ordinance was a unanimous recommendation by the commission and came after a majority of citizens that participated in the effort voiced support.

Failure to take up the proposed ordinance, after verification of the legality of its language, simply based on a veiled threat of lawsuit by Invenergy is surrendering your obligation and granting them their wishes against those of the county citizens. Claims by some that the ordinance is designed to prevent any commercial wind development is simply false. I'd be happy to walk through the details at any time and show that. It simply adds common sense rules that everyone would abide by.

We should not and cannot succumb to simple threats to enable someone to get their own way. In school they call people that do that 'bullies'. We all know that we should dissuade that type of activity and stand up for what is right. In doing so, if the bully hits us anyway, then we are on firm ground to respond. Maybe we win, maybe we don't and maybe it's a split decision. Either way we've ensured that we stood up for what is right. We cannot let the bully win simply because they threaten us. If they take a hard stance and refuse to engage in the county process, as they did refuse, then that is their choice and to their detriment. They could have helped in the details of the ordinance – they declined.

I urge you to carefully consider your course of action and implore you to take up the question of the draft ordinance as soon as possible, and before any further discourse with Invenergy. Your moratorium was for that purpose. Protection of the rights of your constituents should take precedence over threats by a bully. To help towards that end and recognizing that potential legal costs are real, in an effort to help ease your concern on legal action impacts to the budget, a fundraiser for a county legal defense fund has been created on GoFundMe. As of this Friday, after just a matter of days, more than $9,000 has been donated. This should be a testament to how strongly the public want to support you in taking up the question of the proposed ordinance as soon as possible, and not let Invenergy's threats dissuade you.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I'm sorry for making you wait. I was on the phone with the clinic about my cold.

Not a problem. I hope you don't mind, but I ate all the peanuts in that bowl while I waited.

That's OK. I'd already sucked all the chocolate off them.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I drove on peanut butter roads — they were both smooth and crunchy. I was searching for a store that didn't sell CBD. They're hard to find. I drove by a friends' place where they had a motor home for sale. It hadn't sold quickly. It needs balloons. Car dealerships are noted for using balloons. Why? I suspect it's because they help sell cars or they wouldn't be there. Balloons must cause a Pavlovian response in us that makes us want to buy. I wish car dealerships had a dollar section with balloons.

A recurring red-letter day

My wife hit me on the head with a flyswatter. "Did you get it?" I asked. She said, "Get what?" We have been married forever. She thinks it's fiveever, but it's a blink of an eye. Happy anniversary to my lovely bride Gail. She is the secret to my happiness. As sure as the vine twines around the stump, she is my darling sugar lump.

If I throw a banana, is it a fruit fly?

I bumped into Dave Wolter of Albert Lea at a farmers market. He was searching for zucchini so that his wife could make zucchini bread. My wife and I pointed him in the right direction and he purchased two small summer squashes. I asked him if that was enough for Carol to make the tasty treat. Dave said, "If it isn't, I'll be back and one of these two will have a dent in it where it hit my head."

Bad joke department

If you read the word "gullible" upside-down, it looks like a cat.

If you think we're getting smarter, 80 years ago the owner's manual for a car showed how to adjust the valves. Today, it warns us not to drink the brake fluid.

What was Yoda's last name? Lady Who.

Nature notes

September 1 is the end of summer. My ears gathered limited birdsongs, the music of the world. Robins are in flocks. Their keen eyesight allows them to see worms, but their hunting technique includes their sense of hearing. A study concluded that robins successfully listen for prey when they can't see worms.

There are many species of goldenrod and some hybridize, making identification difficult. They host many insects. A National Geographic article said there are 10 quintillion insects on Earth. A butterfly landed on my arm and mud-puddled in my sweat. Autumn meadowhawks are the last species of dragonfly I see each year. I've found them at the end of October and the beginning of November, as they are more tolerant of the cold than most odonates. They're a red or yellow species of late-season meadowhawks identified by orange-tan legs distinguishing the species from similar species with black legs. Common green darner dragonflies are a major prey item for juvenile American kestrels, whose inexperience in catching birds and small mammals makes them more dependent on darners. The young kestrels time their first migration to coincide with peak numbers of migrating green darners.

Roger Tory Peterson wrote "A Field Guide to the Birds." He explained his fascination with birds, "They are attractive, they sound off with spirit, and they can fly wherever they choose, whenever they choose. The truth is, the birds could very well live without us, but many — perhaps all — of us would find life almost intolerable without the birds."

The leaves of white oaks have rounded tips, whereas leaves of red oaks have pointed tips. Acorns of white oaks germinate in early autumn and acorns of red oaks don't sprout until spring. Gray squirrels eat white oak acorns as soon as they find them and store acorns from red oaks to eat during the winter or next spring. Some scientists believe squirrels choose to store the red oak acorns because of their higher tannin content. Others conclude red oak acorns are better foods to bury because their winter inactivity makes them less likely to decay in the ground. They believe the reason squirrels consume acorns of white oaks immediately is that they germinate in the fall and grow thick taproots squirrels don't find appetizing.

Meeting adjourned

"Who does not thank for little will not thank for much."—Estonian proverb

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Fit to print...

20 years ago, one Worth resident shared 9/11 experience

It was 20 years ago this Saturday that the world was forever changed by the attacks on American soil that occurred on September 11, 2001.

Most of us have our own memories of seeing the events on TV, listening on the radio and hearing of the news in the days that followed.

One local resident was all too close to the Pentagon on that day, when one plane struck the structure.

Below is an account of Stephanie Seemuth, which appeared in the September 19, 2001, issue of the Anchor.

"There's no place like home," was the common sentiment for Dr. Stephanie Seemuth of Northwood and her Iowa friends who were in Washington, D.C., Tuesday when the Pentagon was hit by a commercial airliner.

Seemuth was meeting with Environmental Protection Agency officials regarding Worth County's Rural Health and Family Farm Protection Ordinance in the EPA building when the airliner hit the Pentagon.

The EPA is situated on a hill that rises above the Pentagon and other government buildings. Seemuth's meeting bega at approximately 9 a.m. eastern time. Prior to the meeting she was subjected to security checks before she could enter the building. She and others in the EPA room had no knowledge of the attack on New York at the beginning of their meeting.

"We hear something, then a lady ran in the room and said the Pentagon has been attacked," Seemuth stated. "We all ran to the windows and saw a huge billow of black smoke with massive red flames.

"Surprisingly, we all remained calm. The director disbanded the meeting and we left the EPA building.

"When we were outside we heard a terrific explosion, it must have been the fuselage of the airplane. Many people thought it was a car bomb, but it was much louder than that.

"Washington, D.C., was literally shut down. All the gas and electric systems were shut off in the government buildings as everyone was preparing for a second wave of attack. The metro transit systems were shut down as the bridges were closed. It was impossible to flag down a taxi.

"Since I have been trained in medical trauma, my first instinct was to help victims of the attack at the Pentagon. I soon realized this would be futile since it was a military secured area.

"Once we were outside, the main focus was to get away from government buildings. In Washington, that means there was 'no safe place.' Everyone had the same thought - we just wanted to go home. Even if home meant our hotel."

Seemuth walked with some friends from Iowa to their hotel on C St. S.W. - about one mile away from the EPA building.

"I was staying at the Windham Hotel on M St. N.W., clear on the other side of the city. Later in the day, my friends and I took the five-mile jaunt across town. We walked within five blocks of the White House. We were amazed at the number of military vehicles and military personnel guarding the streets aroudn the White House and over government buildings."

Once settled in the hotel, Seemuth's friends were able to take the Metro back to their hotel. Seemuth got in touch with her family in Northwood and then spent most of Tuesday evening watching news reports of the terrorist attacks.

"I always had the fear of a second attack in the back of my mind," she said. "I think most people in Washington were frightened that the terrorism was not over, especially since there

were quite a few important people in Washington. Early fall is lobbying season. The senators and congressmen are being wined and dined by many important business people who want a say in the new year's congressional agenda. They could have taken out a lot of important people this week in D.C."

Wednesday morning Seemuth felt a strange calm. She was supposed to meet with Sen. Charles Grassley, but of course in light of the situation, that meeting was cancelled.

"I knew I could not get a flight back to Iowa, so I decided to spend my day at the memorials.

"The high school in Lake Mills where I graduated is engraved with a quote from President Lincoln: 'I will study and prepare myself and someday my chance will come.' I was overwhelmed when I read this quote at the Lincoln Memorial.

"I had time on Wednesday to reflect on the attack, our nation and how this attack will make our nation stronger in the end.

"We, as a nation have been through what no other nation has. We founded our nation on the principals of freedom - and that is who we are.

"We suddenly have become aware of our vulnerability. This awareness will make us stronger in the end.

"As far as I am concerned, this attack has crossed the line. These people have no regard for human life. Their mentality echos that of the holocaust. It is so impersonal.

"As a nation we have to examine how we live and how we want to live. Things will never again be th same. It is important that we show our solidarity in this great nation by flying the American flag."

Seemuth and her friends from Iowa were able to rent a car and drove back to Iowa on Thursday. She is thankful to be home.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

September 7, 1921

Dan White, who has been visiting the past two weeks in Northwood, has constructed a wireless telegraph outfit in the windmill tower in the rear of the C.H. Dwelle home and has adjusted it with such accuracy that he was able last week to pick up a message from an eastern city. The apparatus had attracted considerably interest.

The spelling contests at the state fair this year was won by a Winneshiek County girl. Such words as antarctic, peony, alabaster, etc., proved to be too much for some of the spellers, but at that we'll wager there are many adults who couldn't have stayed in the game longer than the first round.

Chas. Rohr of Mason City and P.C. Holt of Northwood have organized a company to be known as the Northwood Oil Co., and have selected Northwood as the location for their activities. They will construct new tanks and other buildings for storage. Mr. Rohr, who has been with Standard Oil Co. at Mason City for many years, will move his family here in the near future.

A decidedly worthwhile step in the good health program for Worth County was made last Friday, when the first free tuberculosis clinic was held at the high school building in this city. Public Health Nurse Miss Jane Wiley had been working throughout the city for several weeks previous.

School started on Monday with all the teachers present and enrollment which, while not quite up to that of the first week of last year, was of sufficient size to tax the capacity of the rooms. Prof. Beard is well pleased with the harmonious way in which everything started out and is looking forward to a most profitable school year.

75 years ago

September 5, 1946

"First Lutheran Church" will be the name of the joint congregation to be formally organized soon by the Northwood and Shell Rock Lutheran churches, according to the joint constitution approved by each congregation this week.

A temperature of 39 degrees was recorded in Northwood this Monday morning, setting a low point for this fall to date. J.M. Slosson, who lives in the south part of town, reported that frost was visible on the grass in the low pasture land south of his home near the river.

After Milo Pangburn, farmer north of town, was laid up in the hospital with severed tendons in his left arm, neighbor farmers gathered at his place August 24 and plowed 30 acres during the afternoon.

Wilfred Roisen, a student in the vocational agriculture department of the Northwood High School, was a member of the state band formed from among members of the Future Farmers of America that played two concerts at the Iowa State Fair in Des Monies last Sunday.

E. M. Sabin, Northwood, former chess champion of Iowa, and Rev. J. Wulfsberg, Hartland, Minn., former state champion chess player of Minnesota, played a 3-3 tie in a match played in Northwood last Friday. Rev. Wulfsberg was a guest in this home of his nephew, Rev. O.H. Hove during his visit to Northwood.

Ruth Norland and Evelyn Spilde of the Kensett township B.R. Best 4-H girls' club won first place and a blue ribbon award at the 1946 Iowa State Fair in Des Moines with their demonstration on "The Use of Honey in Baking."

No clues in the burglaries at four filling stations in Kensett and one at Manly Thursday morning, have been obtained, according to Sheriff Carl M. Sheimo. Investigation of the robberies has been under way the past week.

50 years ago

September 9, 1971

Lawrence Pike, 57, St. Ansgar, remains in critical condition at a Mason City hospital following a truck-train collision seven miles east of Northwood at 12:50 p.m. on Thursday. Pike was the driver of a St. Ansgar Grain and Feed truck, which was struck by a Chicago and Great Western Freight train. He was traveling toward Carpenter, and the truck went out of control while he was trying to stop and tipped over on the tracks where the truck was hit. He was taken to a Mason City hospital with severe head injuries. The Worth County Sheriff's office and the Iowa Highway Patrol investigated.

Dennis May, young farmer living four miles west of Grafton, was named chairman of the Worth County Democrats last week. He succeeds Robert Smith, Manly. May graduated from St. Ansgar High School and is a 1970 graduate from North Iowa Area Community College, where he was named salutatorian of the class. He studied agricultural business and marketing technology and manages the 200-acre farm of his late father Clifford May.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller, Northwood, returned on Monday of last week from Fort Wayne, Ind., where they listed their son Bob Miller and family. The Phil Millers were accompanied from Des Monies by their other son Jerry and his wife and family for the long weekend in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Trenhaile, Kensett, announce the engagement of their daughter Koralee, to Jerry Jaspers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jaspers of Northwood. Both are graduates of Northwood-Kensett High School. Miss Trenhaile is employed by Streaters, Albert Lea, and Mr. Jaspers is employed at Winnebago Industries, Forest City.

25 years ago

September 4, 1996

Young Ben Knutson gave his mother Lexie a tearful hug last Thursday morning while Northwood-Kensett kindergarten teacher Sharon Schaub welcomed Kaytie Archambault and other children to their first day of kindergarten.

The opening-day enrollment at Northwood-Kensett Community Schools last Wednesday was 85-hundredths of one percent lower than the previous year. A total of 584 students walked through the doors of N-K's three attendance centers last Wednesday, August 28, on the first day of classes of the 1996-97 school year.

Tim Steier, Blue Earth Aviation, sprayed herbicides in several fields south of Northwood last Wednesday morning. Steier is a former Northwood resident.

William Rabe, Denver, Co., former Northwood resdient, died on August 18 in Denver, where he had lived since 1973. He formerly owned and operated the farm now occupied by Dale and Shirley Meyer, rural Kensett. He also worked as a carpenter for the former B&K Lumber, Inc., Northwood.

Carter and Vinnie are former partners in crime in the horse racing trade in the Guthrie Theater's production of Sam Shepard's "Simpatico" playing at The Lab located at 700 North First Street in Minneapolis.

Army National Guard Spec. Arthur J. Wilde is a member of the Illinois National Guard who recently participated in an exercise termed "Golden Cargo '96" in Savana. The soldiers involved with this year's exercise moved over 24,000 tons of equipment from Savanna to points in Kentucky, Texas and Oklahoma.

Northwood-Kensett sophomore Danny Varner (42) broke several tackles several times last Friday night during the Vikings' annual soap scrimmage on the N-K gridiron.

10 years ago

September 7, 2011

Many area residents were harshly awakened early Friday morning to strong gusts of wind and a dazzling light show as thunderstorms swept through the area. The storm left sporadic damage in its wake. That included a bent wind turbine blade found east of Northwood.

Last Friday Northwood Chamber of Commerce members welcomed Northwood's newest restaurant, Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill. Tequila's owners and employees cut the ribbon while Chamber members lend a welcoming hand.

The Worth County Community of Promise recently made a $1,000 donation to the Northwood-Kensett Athletic Complex Committee. Pictured were Athletic Complex Committee member Kim Hengesteg and Community of Promise board member Sarah Bruce. The funds were raised with cans donated at Fallgatter's parking lot. Community of Promise members collect the cans and after every $1,000 raised, donate to a local group. Their next $1,000 in redeemed cans will be donated to the 2012 Post Prom Committee.

Future stars! Sophomores Chandler Capitani and Kayla Branstad try to double team a North Iowa hitter in the Vikings' 3-1 win Thursday night.

One of Brad Heagel's latest donations was used to purchase $500 worth of items for the Manna food shelves of Worth County. Heagel donated the money, which was used by Grafton J-Mart owner Jeff Jessen to purchase the items at cost. Jessen delivered them to Mann'a home in Northwood in late July.

Last Friday's storms brought down a number of trees throughout the city, including one located in the parking lot along Eighth Street South. For City crews the downed trees meant some added work as the branches and brush were moved and removed.

NRCS sets October 1 cutoff for conservation program applications

Iowa farmers and private landowners interested in treating resource concerns on their lands have until Oct. 1 to be considered for priority funding for conservation programs administered through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Three of the most popular USDA conservation programs are included in this signup period:

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

• Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

• Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

NRCS accepts program applications on a continuous basis but sets application cutoff dates as program funding allows. Interested producers and landowners should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the Oct. 1 application cutoff to ensure they are considered for 2022 funding.

ACEP-WRE (Wetland Easements)

Through the ACEP-WRE, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and tribal entities to protect and restore wetlands through the purchase of a wetland conservation easement. NRCS will enroll eligible land through permanent or 30-year easements.

Private landowners and tribal entities can contact their local NRCS office to find out if they have eligible wetlands on their property, how to complete the application form, or for information about required ownership documents.

CSP

Through CSP, NRCS helps agricultural producers build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements, and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is intended for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.

EQIP

Through EQIP, NRCS provides conservation planning and financial assistance to implement conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops, terraces, grassed waterways, nutrient management, manure management facilities, and pasture management.

The Oct. 1 application signup cutoff includes EQIP initiatives, such as the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI), Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program, Organic Initiative, High Tunnel Initiative, and On-Farm Energy Initiative.

To apply, contact your local NRCS office. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some NRCS offices are taking in-person visitors by appointment only, so please call ahead.

For more information about conservation planning and programs to help treat natural resource issues on your land, visit www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov.

Fitzgerald kicks off college savings month with giveaway

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald and College Savings Iowa are joining other 529 plans across the country to celebrate College Savings Month throughout September. "Many kids are back in school now," said Fitzgerald. "Which is exactly why this month serves as a great opportunity to celebrate College Savings Month – a time dedicated to informing and reminding parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends about the importance of saving for the future education of a loved one in their life."

As part of the College Savings Month celebrations, College Savings Iowa is hosting a giveaway where one winner will receive a $1,000 College Savings Iowa contribution and an iPad. Iowa families can register the children in their lives for the giveaway, provided the children are under the age of 18 years old. The giveaway ends on Thursday, September 30. To register, visit Iowa529Contest.com.

Currently, Cerro Gordo County has 1,882 total College Savings Iowa accounts. "While this number is rewarding, our goal is to continue to establish more accounts and offer more individuals the chance to save for their loved ones," Fitzgerald commented. "With the giveaway this month, those chances are heightened."

College Savings Iowa is a tax-advantaged 529 plan helping friends and families save for the costs of higher education on behalf of a student. When used for qualified education expenses – tuition, room and board, computers, supplies and more – money withdrawn from your College Savings Iowa account is tax-free.* Iowa taxpayers can also deduct up to $3,474 from their adjusted gross income per beneficiary account they own in 2021.**

Celebrate College Savings Month by opening an account for a child in your life and entering the giveaway. For more information on the program, visit CollegeSavingsIowa.com or call (888) 672-9116. Connect with the plan on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on current events and plan updates.



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Disaster proclamation issued for Worth

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds last week issued a disaster proclamation Worth County in response to recent severe weather.

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to, and recover from, the effects of recent severe weather and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with the Disaster Case Management Program, for Worth County.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to $5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of three. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery.

The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Human Services website at dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Management Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Management Program, contact a local community action association or visit www.iowacommunityaction.org.

The governor has also issued proclamations for the recent severe weather for Allamakee, Bremer, Buchanan, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Kossuth, Lyon, Mitchell, Palo Alto, Pocahontas and Winneshiek counties. The proclamations activate the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and the Disaster Case Management Program in those counties.

Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to report damage to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained. Damage to property, roads, utilities and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies. Damage may be reported at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.

Bolan News

The Bethel/Trinity Task Force met via Zoom on Tuesday evening to discuss how to proceed with the increase in COVID and the Delta outbreak. Numbers have increased in Worth County. Through much discussion the conclusion was drawn that the Bolan Trinity UMC will continue to meet "in person" as the Church Family can easily follow what is suggested: Wear Masks, Social Distance, plus sanitizer is available to use. Bethel has more to consider as they are a much bigger congregation that is considering starting Sunday School soon, plus choirs, etc., etc.

The Bolan Fall Event will take place on Saturday, September 18. Watch the papers for further information. The UM Women will also proceed with their "Mini" Bazaar & Bake Sale, etc., at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center, plus the Luncheon featuring scalloped potatoes and ham, etc. They are offering "Drive In - Take Out" for the Lunch, plus there is plenty of seating in the Schoolhouse basement, and a tent is available outside. If anyone has any questions, please contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472 or Linda Nydegger at 641-748-2385.

The Bolan Trinity UM Church will have its 126th Celebration Worship Service on Sunday, September 19, at 9:10 am. We are looking forward to seeing fellow pastors of Trinity and/or spouses. Plus other family and friends of Trinity. There will be a coffee fellowship to follow in the church basement, and a catered dinner will be served at 11:10 a.m. at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center. Reservations are needed for the dinner. Remember to contact Linda Nydegger at 641-748-2385 or 641-420-3048.

Bye Bye Birdie: America's beloved Purple Martins gather together before flying back to Brazil

Purple Martin pre-migratory roosts are forming now.

North America's largest species of swallow, Purple Martins nest and raise their families in North America and winter in the rainforests of Brazil. East of the Rocky Mountains, Purple Martins nest almost exclusively in human-supplied housing. They are one of America's most well-loved songbirds, known for their chattering song, aerial acrobatics, insect-eating habits and their tolerance of humans.

In late Summer, after leaving their nesting colonies, Purple Martins gather in huge flocks to feed, socialize, and rest before migrating. This activity, known as pre-migratory roosting, can attract hundreds of thousands of birds to sleep in one small area, arriving at sunset en masse in what Joe Siegrist, President of the Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA) calls "an amazing natural spectacle". "As the sun begins to set, all of a sudden tens…even hundreds of thousands of Purple Martins appear out of nowhere in locations across the country. Their swirling acrobatics and sheer numbers are a phenomenon that everyone needs to witness", Siegrist adds.

Purple Martins leave their roost near dawn in a mass exodus. The number of birds leaving the roost at the same time is large enough to be detected on weather radar. It looks like an expanding ring on the radar map. By studying radar data the PMCA is able to locate possible roosts



located around North America.

Roost are typically associated with larger bodies of water where reed beds and dry islands with low, thick vegetation provide sanctuary from predators and a micro-climate warmer and less windy than land. They are also found in urban and suburban settings, sometimes formed in trees or on man-made structures such as bridges and pipes.

Depending on location, roosting can begin in mid-June and run through mid-September, peaking at the end of July to early August. Martins can come from hundreds of miles away to roost. Individual birds may use a roost for several weeks before migrating but the roost itself may last for 8-12 weeks or more.

To follow along with the Purple Martins' roosts and learn more about how you can help conserve this treasured bird, visit www.purplemartin.org. Roosts are currently occurring all over the United States. To find a roost near you visit the PMCA's map of roost locations at: roost.purplemartin.org. In addition, people interested in learning more about how to attract and care for Purple Martins can receive a free booklet by contacting the Purple Martin Conservation Association by emailing info@purplemartin.org or calling 814-833-7656.

Based in Erie, Pa. the Purple Martin Conservation Association is an international tax exempt, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of the Purple Martin through scientific research, state of the art wildlife management techniques and public education.

The PMCA serves as a centralized data-gathering and information source on the species, serving both the scientist and Purple Martin enthusiast. The PMCA's mission is educating martin enthusiasts in the proper techniques for managing this human-dependent species.

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

The Flynn Company Inc. plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 3 "Storm Water Discharge Associated With Industrial Activity From Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Rock Crushing Plants, And Construction Sand And Gravel Facilities")

The storm water discharge will be from a portable concrete batch plant located in NW ¼ Sec 32, Hartland Twp, T100N, R21W Worth County (1/4 section, township, range, county)

Storm water will be discharged from 1(one) point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: Unnamed Ditch to Unnamed Ditch to Elk Creek.

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

Supervisors

August 30, 2021
Thirty-fifth 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 Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the August 30, 2021 board agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve the August 23, 2021 board minutes.

Motion by Loberg, second by Smeby, carried to approve claims in the amount of $36,952.70 as per the following schedule:

911 Custom,
Supplies-Shf 211.00
A1 Excavating & Drainage Inc,
Service-Eng 5,000.00
All Flags, Llc,
Supplies-Vaf 32.36
Alliant Energy,
Service-Gsr 6,949.96
Austin Office Products,
Supplies-Shf 28.83
Bmc Aggregates Llc,
Rock-Eng 2,513.15
Bob Barker Company Inc,
Supplies-Shf 689.94
Canadian Pacific Railroad Co,
Rent-Con 50.00
Chosen Valley Testing, Inc,
Service-Ndp 2,600.00
Culligan Of Mason City,
Service-Trs 36.24
Drivesavers Data Recovery,
Service-Dap 3,039.00
Greve Law Office,
Service-Aty 70.00
Heartland Asphalt Inc,
Supplies-Eng 3,742.04
Ia Dept Of Natural Resources,
Fee-Con 50.00
Jessica Reyerson,
Reimb-Phd 50.00
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc,
Service-Shf 938.33
Knudtson Automotive Service,
Service-Shf 3,028.54
Lawson Products Inc,
Supplies-Eng 365.01
Mail Services Llc,
Supplies-Trs 294.66
Mediacom,
Service-Gsr 239.95
Midwest Pipe Supply Inc,
Supplies-Eng 1,562.50
Nassco Inc.,
Supplies-Gsr 104.34
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc,
Service-Gsr 146.02
R80 Llc,
Fuel-Gsr 69.27
Reinhart Food Service Llc,
Supplies-Shf 340.23
Reserve Account,
Postage-Asr 380.97
Staples Credit Plan,
Supplies 214.50
Thomas Reid,
Reimb-Vaf 160.92
Trading Post,
Supplies-Eng 36.98
Traffic Safety Warehouse,
Supplies-Eng 418.00
Visa,
Service-Asr 2,664.25
Watson & Ryan, Plc,
Service-Asr 875.00
Ziegler Inc,
Parts-Eng 50.71

Grand Total 36,952.70

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to approve Resolution #2021.08.30

American Rescue Plan Act Fund

WHEREAS, March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law allocating dollars for State & Local Fiscal Recovery and;

WHEREAS, Worth County anticipates receiving $1,433,673 to be used only on allowable expenditures as determined by the U.S. Treasury;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County hereby authorizes the set up of a dedicated sub-fund of the General Fund (0004) for purposes of isolating these funds from the rest of the General Fund.

Passed and adopted on this 30th day of August, 2021.

Aaron Stone, Chairperson
Worth County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Loberg, carried to adjourn at 9:25 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009277
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RODNEY N. OLSON, DECEASED.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RODNEY N. OLSON, Deceased, who died on or about May 14, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on August 30, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of RODNEY N. OLSON, deceased, bearing the date of April 30, 2000, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Faye D. Olson 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 30, 2021.

Faye D. Olson
Executor of the Estate
1831 Asbury Street North
Falcon Heights, MN 55113

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

Date of second publication 15th day of September, 2021.

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STATE OF IOWA
2021
FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021 CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA
DUE: December 1, 2021

16209800700000
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
627 Central Ave
NORTHWOOD IA 50459
POPULATION: 1989

NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.

ALL FUNDS

	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	695439		695,439	670,945
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	695,439		695,439	670,945
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	255,407		255,407	275,000
Other City Taxes	239,915	0	239,915	233,401
Licenses and Permits	24,536	0	24,536	24,500
Use of Money and Property	43,113	0	43,113	21,850
Intergovernmental	321,221	0	321,221	278,339
Charges for Fees and Service	84,922	1,160,570	1,245,492	1,154,695
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	413,330	0	413,330	669,140
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	714,296	0	714,296	743,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	2,792,179	1,160,570	3,952,749	4,070,870
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	363,543		363,543	364,283
Public Works	568,320		568,320	575,799
Health and Social Services	11,652		11,652	14,984
Culture and Recreation	330,871		330,871	306,600
Community and Economic Development	242,429		242,429	556,000
General Government	237,317		237,317	200,632
Debt Service	225,640		225,640	223,640
Capital Projects	0		0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	1,979,772	0	1,979,772	2,241,938
Business type activities		1,065,821	1,065,821	1,088,094
Total All Expenditures	1,979,772	1,065,821	3,045,593	3,330,032
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	710,302	3,994	714,296	743,000
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	2,690,074	1,069,815	3,759,889	4,073,032
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	102,105	90,755	192,860	-2,162
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2020	1,527,694	817,619	2,345,313	2,266,207
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2021	1,629,799	908,374	2,538,173	2,264,045

NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:

Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds	Pension Trust Funds
Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds

Indebtedness at June 30, 2021	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2021	Amount
General Obligation Debt	2,867,000	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	5,513,000	Short-Term Debt	0
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	5,730,442

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Business Announcements

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Michael E. Dierenfeld, D.V.M.
Clinic: 324-1084
Home: 324-1147

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Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-1221

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

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Resources are available for National Suicide Prevention Month

Iowa's communities, schools and families are still facing challenges and uncertainty imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. After coping for months when so many things were different, Iowans now face decisions about COVID-19 vaccinations and other safety precautions that may result in worry, stress or other reactions.

"That is why it is so important for our friends, family members and colleagues to help each other," said David Brown, behavioral health state specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"September is National Suicide Prevention Month and is a reminder that everyone needs to understand the warning signs of chronic stress or when a person may be contemplating suicide," Brown said. Such signs could include updating a will, giving away prized possessions, or posting Facebook messages about death. When a friend, family member or colleague notices such signs, they need to act boldly to engage the person they are concerned about. They need to work together with this person to help them make the choice to stay alive and accept professional help.

In response to such concerns, ISU Extension and Outreach continues to offer Mental Health First Aid. The course provides adults with tools they can use to identify when someone might be struggling with a mental health and/or substance use problem. Participants also will learn a five-step action plan for how to help in crisis and non-crisis situations, as well as how to connect adults and youth to appropriate support and resources when necessary.

"Everyone can benefit from taking a mental health first aid course, from agribusiness professionals, producers, paramedics, and faith leaders to teachers, mothers, fathers, siblings and friends. Learning more about mental health can help reduce the stigma associated with behavioral health problems, recognize signs of trouble and help people get the assistance they need," said Brown.

The cost for the Mental Health First Aid course is $75. However, agribusiness professionals, producers, commodity group members, bankers and veterinarian and vet techs can register at no cost for any of these programs by using the code AGPRO when registering. Rural youth professionals, such as 4-H or FFA staff and volunteers and youth pastors can register at no cost by using the code YOUTHPRO when registering. Those interested may find local classes or register online at www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/MHFA.

More information is available by contacting Demi Johnson, behavioral health program coordinator, at demij@iastate.edu.

Other resources and programs

COVID Recovery Iowa offers a variety of services to anyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual counselors and consultants provide counseling, family finance consultation, farm financial consultation, referral information and help finding resources for any Iowan seeking personal support. Iowans of all ages may join groups online for activities and learn creative strategies for coping with the effects of the pandemic. COVID Recovery Iowa will announce upcoming programs on the website and via all social media to help Iowans build coping skills, resilience and emotional support. To request support, go to www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org or call the Iowa Warm Line at 1-844-775-9276.

Iowa Concern, offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or visit the website, www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.

IDPS and local agencies participate in human trafficking operation across 12 states

A 12-state human trafficking operation coordinated by the Missouri Attorney General's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol led to 102 arrests and identified 47 victims. Operation United Front involved simultaneous state-level human trafficking operations throughout the day on Thursday and into early Friday morning. The operation, comprised of state and federal law enforcement agencies, is believed to be the first multi-state operation of its kind.

Iowa law enforcement agencies participating in the operation included the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Ankeny Police Department, Clive Police Department, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Des Moines Police Department, Jasper County Sheriff's Office, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Urbandale Police Department, Walcott Police Department, West Des Moines Police Department, and the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force conducted 10 operations to combat human trafficking throughout Iowa. The officers executed 10 search warrants, identified five businesses involved in sex trafficking, made 11 arrests and seized a large quantity of United States currency. The United States Attorney's Office, Polk County Attorney's Office, and the Scott County Attorney's Office assisted with warrants and future prosecution.

"Human trafficking uniquely affects Iowa given our proximity to major metropolitan areas like Kansas City and Chicago and the intersection of two major interstate systems," said Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan Bayens. "As a result, we know human trafficking is happening in Iowa and that it occurs in a variety of settings. We thank our law enforcement partners and state and federal prosecutors for the unified commitment to stamp out human trafficking in our cities and counties throughout Iowa. We will continue to provide training and resources designed to identify and effectively respond to human trafficking in whatever form it may take. Together we can prevent this from happening in our state, because even one victim is one too many," Bayens added.

How Operation United Front Worked

Using both buyer-centric and victim-centric "sting" human trafficking operations, Iowa and participating states were able to rescue and provide medical and other needed services to victims and sex workers, and arrested perpetrators across the country in connection with human trafficking. Other states conducted "minor recovery" operations that were designed to rescue those most vulnerable and easily manipulated by human traffickers.

In addition to the Iowa Department of Public Safety and Iowa law enforcement agency partners, the following agencies conducted separate state-level operations including: Illinois State Police, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Missouri Attorney General's Office, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Nebraska State Patrol, North Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, Oklahoma City Police Department, Tulsa Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Texas Attorney General's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation.

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