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IDPH issues recommendations for coronavirus prevention

By Erin McCord
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The rapid expansion of safety measures being put in place to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and the even more expansive spread of both information and misinformation on social media, have left many people wondering what the facts are about the disease and it's risk factors.

Since the first reported case in China on November 17, the virus has spread worldwide. In the U.S., cases have been confirmed in every state except West Virginia as of Monday, March 16, totaling 1,629 cases and 41 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The virus is spread through droplets emitted when coughing or sneezing. The virus may be picked up by touching contaminated surfaces, although this is not the main method of transmission, as the virus does not live long on surfaces. This also means that packages and letters are not likely sources of transmission.

Once the virus has entered the body, signs of infection often start with a fever, dry cough and sore throat. From there, the infection can cause inflammation of the mucous membranes of the lungs, sometimes leading to infection of the lungs or pneumonia.

Those most at risk of more serious complications of COVID-19 are older adults and those with heart disease, lung disease or diabetes.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, nor has a vaccine been developed.

Although no cases have been reported in North Iowa as of press time Monday, local schools have closed for four weeks per the recommendation of Gov-

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A sign has been placed at the Worth County Courthouse, with messages related to the COVID-19 situation.

Briefs

Blood drive set for Thursday

The Red Cross, along with the Northwood Lions Club, will hold their first blood drive of 2020 this Thursday, March 19.

The blood drive will be held between the hours of 1 and 6 p.m. at the VFW hall in Northwood, north on Highway 65.

Those that would like to schedule an appointment may call Bob Perry at 324-2252, or go online to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to save time giving blood for those in need, and to find out more about coronavirus precautions for donors.

Manna changes procedures

Due to the COVID-19, Manna of Worth County has changed some procedures to pick up food.

No one is allowed in the Manna building, a person will come out with the paperwork, once the paperwork is processed, food items will be delivers to people's vehicles. All those coming to Manna are asked to remain in their car.

People can visit four times a month.

Manna's regular hours are 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

These new procedures are temporary.

Primary filing ends March 25

Filing for the June primary election ends next Wednesday, March 25, at 5 p.m. The primary is used to choose who will represent each political party in the November general election.

That includes those that want to represent their party for several county offices.

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
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Mon. March 16	37	28	T

Supervisors discuss travel, conflicts of interest

At the March 2 board meeting, two Worth County residents questioned the Worth County supervisors about travel expenses and potential conflicts of interest.

The supervisors were asked if the expense of mileage, meals and other travel costs for meetings and gatherings were necessary, and if they truly benefitted county residents. They were also asked if teleconferencing was an option to save on some of those costs.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that there are teleconferencing options, but that in most cases, the supervisors are representing Worth County in multi-county agencies, where supervisors are obligated to attend.

Supervisor Mark Smeby agreed, noting that at those meetings, those that actually attend tend to be more involved in the discussion and decision making on behalf of their counties.

Supervisor Ken Abrams was not at the meeting, as he was traveling to Washington, D.C., representing the County. His travel expenses in particular were mentioned.

Smeby said that the groups that Abrams

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COVID-19 prompts precautionary closings across Worth County; N-K now closed

By Erin McCord
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The news related to the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has been coming fast and furious over the past few weeks. Just in the last few days, cases have been detected in Iowa, that, as of Sunday, March 15, COVID-19 had reached "community spread" stage in the state. This means that an individual has been infected and public health officials cannot specifically identify the source of the infection.

One of the first effects of COVID-19 to be felt in Worth County was the forced return of the Northwood-Kensett Spanish class trip from Spain. They returned home just before a European travel ban went into effect over the weekend.

Several other cancellations and announcements were made over the weekend, culminating in the late Sunday announcement that N-K and Central Springs would be closing for the next four weeks, following the recommendation of Governor Kim Reynolds.

Several other cancellations and limitations have been announced for the surrounding area. These include the following:

Worth County offices, with the exception of the Sheriff's Office and Clerk of Court, were closed to the public, effective on March 17. Those that need assistance may call those offices or go online to worthcounty.org.

All Worth County 4-H events will be cancelled or postponed through April 5.

The Veterans Roll Call event in Aprial has been canceled.

The Fertile Library Fiesta night fundraiser has been postponed, with the new date to be determined.

The Hanlontown Fire Department Pancake Supper has been postponed.

The Edward Tosel American Legion Post 110 Bar will be closed until further notice.

The Worth County Democratic Convention has been canceled.

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Hanson acknowledges family and community for volunteer recognition

By JoAnn Lower

The Hanson sisters, 13-year-old Haddie and 10-year-old Hallie, decided one day to secretly write a letter to KIMT nominating their dad as Volunteer of the Month.

They wrote about the many times he had left the supper table, the birthday parties he had missed and how even at Christmas he had left to help a stranger.

"Mitch so deserves this award," smiled his wife Jess. "It is always hard to see him leave, but we are so proud of him. He gives his whole heart and soul to the fire department and does so much for the community."

"When KIMT contacted us that Mitch had been chosen for the award, we were told to go to the fire station for the presentation and that we should ask Mitch to meet us there. But how could we get him there? How could we keep the secret from him?"

Then they came up with an idea. Hallie told her dad she wanted him to come to her play and they should all meet at the firehouse.

"When he said he didn't know if he could make it, I said, PLEASE, Dad."

Surprise! When Mitch walked through the firehouse door, there to greet him were firemen, his wife and daughters and the KIMT crew.

"The play's off," Jess said to her shocked husband. "You're the main character."

Shortly after Mitch Hanson graduated from N-K High School in 2002, he was approached to join the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company. He didn't think twice. He applied, was interviewed and became a NVFC member at age 19. That was 17 years ago. In January 2018

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Mitch Hanson is pictured above as he receives the Giving Your Best Volunteer of the Month recognition from KIMT.

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ernor Kim Reynolds.

Prevention tactics recommended by the Iowa Department of Public Health are frequent hand washing with soap and water (for 20 seconds); the use of hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available; covering coughs and sneezes in sleeves and elbows; cleaning and disinfecting regularly touched surfaces; staying home when sick; and avoiding gatherings of 10 or more people. The IDPH and the CDC do not recommend face masks for the general public.

Anyone with further questions or concerns can call 211, or Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741. Information is available online at idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus or www.cdc.gov.

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Retirement Home is limiting visitation to emergency situations, and only then if approved with the Charge Nurse prior to the visit. In order to allow residents and families to remain in contact, LRH will be offering video calling by Skype and Facetime. Anyone who would like to set up a video chat with a resident can contact Activities Director Cassie Davis Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 641-324-1712 or by email at davisc@northwoodlrh.org.

All First Lutheran Church activities will be canceled for the next seven days.

The Worth County Treasurers Office was closed to the public as of Tuesday. Treasurer's staff are still at the office and are available to assist with tax payements and other needs by phone, or by appointment as circumstances allow. Those making tax payments are asked to mail them in whenever possible. Receipts of payment may be requested on the mailing. There is also a drop box on the outside of the Treasurer's Office. Payments may also be made online. Those that need assistance may contact the office at 324-2942 and they will help.

Manna of Worth County will be open normal hours. Beginning on March 16, patrons are asked to drive up to the building and remain in their car. Volunteers will come to vehicles to take check-in information, and will return with food according to family size and load it in vehicles. Manna is also temporarily suspending the two visit per month rule and will allow clients to visit up to four times in a month.

The wrestling fundraiser that was originally scheduled for this Saturday, March 21, in Northwood has been postponed. Organizers plan to reschedule at a later date.

Manly Speciality Care is restricting visitors through March 31. Only immediate family with a critical need to visit a loved one will be allowed into the building on a case by case basis.

The Northwood Anchor will be monitoring closings and other developments, and will post updates as they become available on Facebook and on www.nwdanchor.com. Those with announcements to share may email anchor1@nwdanchor or message the Anchor via Facebook.

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County offices up for election in 2020, on primary ballots, will include sheriff, auditor and supervisor representing District 2. Current officeholders include sheriff Dan Fank, auditor Jacki Backhaus and supervisor Mark Smeby.

Nomination papers are available at the Secretary of State's office and online at sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/primary. Nomination papers are also available and must be filed with the Worth County auditor's office. With the office shut down, those wishing to file papers should call 641-324-2316, option 2.

More information may be found at the Secretary of State's website, sos.iowa.gov, or from the Worth County Auditor at the number above.

Grafton's community grocer to close doors after 27 years

By JoAnn Lower

It was May 1, 1993, when Jeffrey Jessen opened a grocery store at 311 Third Street in Grafton. Most people thought the store "wouldn't have a snowball's chance of making it," but that was before they learned to know Jeff.

Jeff, who started from nothing in an empty building, believed if it was worth doing, it was worth doing well and each customer who stepped into J-Mart knew this to be true. Shopping in the well lit, sparkling clean store with its wide aisles and vast variety of foods was truly an enjoyable and pleasant experience.

But, Jeff isn't just your typical grocery store owner – he genuinely cares about people.

Tom and Martha Murphy of Manly had shopped at Grafton's J-Mart from the beginning. When they were getting up in years, making it difficult for them to travel, Martha simply called in her grocery list to Jeff. He filled her order and delivered the food to her and Tom at no charge. Jeff's comment: "Was it profitable? No, but that's not what it's about."

Another time, a gentleman was left to care for his infant granddaughter. It was late at night when he discovered there were no diapers or formula in the house, and he called Jeff. Jeff rushed to the store and opened it for the distraught man who was able to purchase everything he needed for the baby.

Quite often people asked Jeff to open up the store after hours, which he did gladly.

Every year during the summer, Jeff hosted a customer appreciation day, with free hot dogs, brats, pop, potato chips and cake for everyone. For Turkey Days it was Jeff who ordered the turkeys and supplies needed for the celebration.

Now, sadly, after 27 years the once mainstay of Grafton is going out of business.

"Time has come to say goodbye," said Jeff. "With multiple years of declining sales, I've decided to open a new chapter in my life.

"The grocery industry is not an easy one, and this decision has been many years in coming. With the build-up of large box stores and dollar stores, it all comes down to sales."

During Jeff's high school and college years, he worked at Hy-Vee, dreaming of how someday he wanted to own a grocery store.

"Grafton allowed me to pursue my dreams, and I would like to thank the community for allowing me to live that dream.

"I cannot stress enough the help I received from my employees and the Grafton community. I want to especially thank Kevin Bruesewitz, without whom none of this would have been possible. I wouldn't have been able to have the store without him."

"Closing the store is heartbreaking for the community and for me, but it's heartwarming to know that I was able to help so many people and kids. Former employees have thanked me for the knowledge and experience they gained working here."

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is a part of, on behalf of Worth County, tend to require more travel, including with state and national county organizations.

The supervisors were also asked if it would be possible for members of the public to view claims before the weekly board meetings, in case there are any questions before the supervisors approve them.

Stone said that the County could work to have a printed set of claims available for public view before meetings.

The supervisors were asked that the supervisors provide more information on the benefits to the County when they discuss such meetings during their weekly reports.

The weekly reports are designed as a time for the supervisors to both discuss amongst themselves what transpired at meetings outside the boardroom, and to inform the public of those meetings.

Stone said that the supervisors could work to elaborate more as they discuss the meetings during the weekly reports.

In regards to conflicts of interest, the issue of wind turbines was mentioned.

It was suggested that supervisor Mark Smeby would have a conflict of interest voting on any wind turbine development, as he and his family have benefitted from past wind development on their property. Meanwhile, Abrams' children could benefit as land owners and as his son owns Abrams Drainage, which may be hired for tiling related to turbine construction.

Worth County attorney Jeff Greve was asked about the potential conflict of interest.

Greve said that he was not aware of any conflict. He added that there would need to be a formal complaint. In that case, another county's attorney would be consulted, as Greve would represent the County in such a matter.

It was also said that the supervisors have no authority of wind turbine development to benefit from.

It was noted that if both Smeby and Abrams abstained from voting on wind issues, no action could be taken, as the votes of at least two supervisors would be needed.

In that case, the only votes that have occurred on recent years, it was said, was to provide protections to County roads and drainage infrastructures. Greve said those protections would not be in place with two supervisors abstaining.

In regards to other tiling, such as in drainage ditches, Stone said that the supervisors work to be the last resort, hoping that landowners can fix their own problems. When they must get involved as drainage trustees, Stone said they get competitive bids.

However, Stone noted, sometimes farmers will hire on their own, and those bills are sometimes paid by the drainage districts the supervisors manage as trustees.

Stone added that the supervisors will continue to try to avoid any conflicts that may occur.

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Worth County Community Pantry updates temporary food assistance procedures

For the safety of the individuals and families we serve, the Worth County Community of Promise (WCCOP) Board of Directors is implementing short term changes to Northwood Community Center and Worth County Community Pantry, which started on Monday, March 16.

After carefully reviewing the guidelines and suggestions from CDC, IA Public Health and the Iowa Food Bank, the following changes will be made until further notice:

Northwood Community Center will be closed to the public. Center sponsored activities such as the after school program, and center sponsored classes will not take place until further notice. Please check with your class instructor for updates on other classes.

The Worth County Community Pantry will still be available on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 pm.

For the safety of the individuals and families we serve, and our volunteers, we will operate our food services differently.

We are asking families to order the food they wish to pick up from the pantry. There is a current list of foods available and posted. This list will be updated as soon as possible, shall changes occur.

For the safety of our volunteers and people we serve, the general public will not be allowed into the food pantry area to pick out their own food. Clients and families will be limited to picking up food at the front door of Northwood Community Center. The volunteer on duty will sign families in until further notice.

Families have the following options for ordering food:

· Facebook, by sending a message to the Northwood Community Center

· E-mailing us at nwdcommunitycenter@gmail.com.

· Calling an order in at 641-324-9976.

· Texting an order in at 641 390-0096

· Stop in during our business hours (listed above) and place an order in person. If you order in person, you will be asked to wait outside or in your vehicle while a volunteer pulls the order for you.

When you order, please remember to provide your first and last name, how many people total in your household (adults and children) and a phone number we can reach you at if we have questions about your order.

If ordering food ahead of time, please order before 10 a.m. on Mondays or 1 p.m. on Wednesdays to allow our volunteers time to pull and label food boxes.

We are still available by appointments as needed. Please pre-order your food and make an appointment to pick up the food.

For clients who have children that are not attending school:

Please let us know if you are in a hardship due to children at home who are not attending school. We will provide extra snacks and easy to prepare meals when available, to help families out during this time.

For clients who have a sudden financial burden due to lost wages:

Please let us know if you are in a hardship due to sudden lost wages. We will provide extra food as available, and will provide additional information and resources, if needed.

For clients who have signs and symptoms of being sick or in self quarantine:

Please stay home! If you are in need of food, and unable to find someone to pick it up for you, please contact us. We will find a volunteer to deliver food.

Our current policies allow families to utilize the pantry up to twice a month, and as often as needed for produce and bread as available. Due to current circumstances, if a family wishes to pick up their monthly allotment at one time, they may do so. Please let us know this when placing your order.

The safety of the families we serve and volunteers are very important to WCCOP. Due to this we also will be implementing a cleaning and sanitizing routine that will be completed every day. We will take further precautions as needed and recommended by health officials.

Shall new information become available, these policies may change. These changes will be posted as soon as possible.

For more information about Covid 19, Coronavirus please go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

Thank You,
Angela Wright
Director of WCCOP



The Hanson family includes (from left) Hallie, Jess, Mitch and Haddie.

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January 2018 he was named Fire Chief.

Mitch has spent hundreds of hours taking classes and being trained. He is certified as a Firefighter 1, Fire Instructor and First Responder. He is also certified in CPR, HAZMAT, EMT and Advanced EMT. He is trained in ice rescue, confined space rescue, grain bin rescue and as a storm spotter.

He has responded to more than 2,000 fire and rescue calls. From infants to the elderly, he has assisted with heart attacks, broken bones and car accidents. He's fought fires, performed CPR and placed IVs to administer medication. When Mitch's pager goes off, he responds.

"We pray for the patients and for Mitch to come home safe," said Jess. "The girls and I have hopped in the vehicle and gone to watch the NVFC respond. We have gone to watch helicopters and ambulances arrive so the girls understand how their dad helps others in need.

"Mitch has experienced all kinds of emotions while on calls – some scary, some sad and some dangerous situations. He says no matter what, everyone jumps in and works together to do what they are trained to do best. His favorite part of being a member is the friendships he has made."

"We are best friends at the fire station and in our personal lives. We've been through weddings, births, funerals and divorces together. Always there for each other."

"As Fire Chief I try to help meet everyone's training needs," said Mitch. "We have a good training officer in the department who makes sure everyone is up to date on certifications and watches out for everyone's safety. Our safety is number one. We have to be safe before we can help anyone else.

"I want people to know that our fire department consists of approximately 27 members, each one devoting their time, hours of training, and waking up at night or leaving work during the day to go on calls. Any one of us could get an award for this, and I want them to be recognized as well."

"We work with other departments, police officers, sheriffs' offices and the State Patrol, cross training to make it successful."

Mitch remembers the tough day a few years ago when the town of Northwood had to be evacuated, and etched in his memory is the call he received after a flash flood.

"Arriving at the scene on the interstate, we discovered a vehicle submerged in 10 feet of water. Inside were four people from Waverly; among them a woman nine months pregnant and a small child."

After the rescue, Mitch and his crew brought the people back to the fire station. First thing he did was to call Jess, who quickly went home to gather up clothes from her closet. Rhonda Taylor brought a meal and Mitch called the Holiday Inn to get the people a room.

Said Jess, "Whenever there's a fire or emergency situation, Rhonda makes a meal for all the firefighters, even in the middle of the night."

In addition to being a firefighter, Mitch volunteered many years as a youth coach and is currently serving on his church council.

For several years he worked for the City of Northwood, most recently in the wastewater treatment facility. In 2018 he took an opportunity to work at the Clear Lake Sanitary District as Superintendent and in 2019 took on the role of both Administrator and Superintendent.

Not only are Jess, Haddie and Hallie proud of their husband and father, Mitch is proud of his wonderful family. Along with being a mom, Jess is employed at Schroder and Sites Funeral Home. Haddie, an eighth grader, and Hallie, a fourth grader, at N-K, are both in volleyball, basketball and gymnastics. Haddie is also a cheerleader and out for track.

The Hanson family is involved in 4-H, and they enjoy golfing together as a family.

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Eskildsen winner of scholarship competition

The Worth Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners and the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) and its Auxiliary have announced their district scholarship competition winner.

Kennedy Eskildsen, Northwood, is the Worth County winner for 2020. Eskildsen will receive a scholarship of $500 from the Worth Soil and Water Conservation District and Eskildsen's application has been sent in for the Regional Competition.

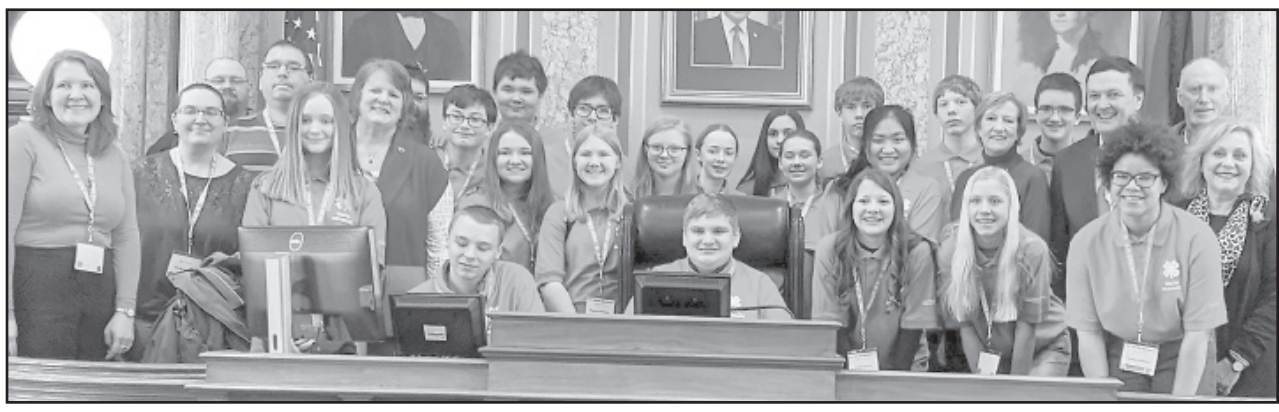
WCCOP seeking sponsors for Easter food baskets

Worth County County of Promise is raising money to provide food baskets for local families in need. Food baskets will include a ham, side dishes, vegetables and a treat. Each basket costs WCCOP $15 to put together.

WCCOP is seeking sponsors for baskets this year. Director Angela Wright said they would also be providing some baskets with goodies for the kids.

"If you are able to sponsor a basket, or donate treats and small toys for the children's baskets, we would appreciate it," said Wright.

Donations may be dropped off at the Community Center or Welsh Chiropractic. Donations are also accepted through Paypal using the email address: nwdcommunitycenter@gmail.com.



IECA and 4-H Legislative Day at Capitol

Worth County 4-H'ers visit Capitol

Worth County Extension was well represented at this year's IECA and 4-H Legislative Day with a delegation of 29 4-H'ers, parents and Extension Council members participating.

Those in attendance were greeted by Terry Maloy, IECA Executive Director and Worth County Extension Council President and IECA Board member Jayne Lupkes.

The morning kicked off with an address by ISU Extension and Outreach Vice President John Lawrence with a follow up conversation by two legislative pages and a presentation by State 4-H and Youth Leader Debbie Nistler.

Participants then moved to the Capitol, where Worth County's State Representative, Jane Bloomingdale, interacted with the group about a number of issues, including what committees she is serving on and bills she is working on to hopefully get passed into law this session.

The afternoon session took place at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates where Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds spoke to the group about a number of issues, including her passion for youth citizenship development. A special message to 4-H members was discussed about Global 4-H Citizenship and opportunities 4-H members have available with regard to youth exchange programs offered abroad.

The day concluded with a very interesting tour of the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates Building. Pictured above (from left) are Jean Schilling, Kris Woltzen, Chad Pestorious, Brian Eden, Emily Hannemann, Worth County Extension Council President Jayne Lupkes, Tom Stevens, Bryce Eden, Josh Stevens, Carys Christianson, Tyler Wunderlich, Sydney Schilling. Annika Schallberg, Megan Ocel, Kendra Kinne, Kelsi Liddle, Carter Lanphere, Haddie Hanson, Tonkao Kongketyai, Blake Barker, Lindsey Moore, State Representative, Jane Bloomingdale, Jackson Foss, Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson, Tianna Ausborn, Worth County Extension Council Vice-President Curt Schaub and Worth County 4-H Youth Leader Mindy Tenold.

Bolan

(Editor's Note: This week's Bolan News was written before closings and other events that have happened since Sunday, March 15.)

Renovations have been made by Brian Kenison and his crew with the altar area of Bolan Trinity UM Church this past week. This work was definitely needed and they did a terrific job.

Last Monday evening Joe and Linda Nydegger and Lori Willert attended the Mount Vernon Community School District's "Choir All-Sing" at the new Performing Arts Center. Clare Nydegger was a part of the sixth grade choir, Ben, a freshman, was in the mixed choir, and Anna, a junior, was in the uptown jazz choir and concert choir. On Thursday evening they attended the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) 5-12 band concert. Evelyn Nydegger plays the bass clarinet in the eighth grade band, and Daniel, who is a high school junior, played his trumpet in the jazz band and concert band.

Kelsie Willert is on spring break from Grand View University, and Cole is on break from UNI this week. Their one week break will be two weeks due to the Coronavirus. Also due to this virus the UNI track season is over. This is all a real bummer! But we all need to be cautious during this outbreak.

The Bolan Trinity UMC and the Bethel UMC will continue to have Sunday services unless the area schools close. When and if that happens, it does make sense not to have those services.

Notes

The Green Shamrocks met on March 8, 2020.

Six members were in attendance, opening, pledge and roll call was led by Bobbi Logeman, 4-H leader.

Discussed old business including club dues, group fun day and fair ideas.

New business included Count Your Clovers fundraiser, Share the Fun practice, ordering shirts for new members.

Presentation was by Lexi. Meeting was adjourned by Camryn Rheingans and seconded by Lexis McHenry.

Respectively submitted
by Sophia Butler

MercyOne announces visitor restrictions

To protect the health and well-being of patients, families and of the communities served, MercyOne North Iowa is now restricting visitors. In accordance with this, they are following the most recent CDC COVID-19 recommendations and are acting with an abundance of caution to ensure they do not elevate the risk of exposure to the virus for colleagues, physicians, patients or community members.

Effective immediately, MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center is instituting the following visitor restrictions:

For the immediate future, only visits from immediate family members, loved ones or clergy who meet the following criteria will be permitted.

Visitor restrictions:

- Two visitors per patient at a time
- No visitors under 14 years of age
- Do not visit if sick
- For the Skilled Nursing Unit – only one designated visitor for the duration of the stay.

As a reminder, MercyOne encourages the community to follow the best practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help prevent the spread of all viruses:

- Staying home if sick
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Covering the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Thoroughly washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing the nose, coughing or sneezing

If soap and water are not readily available, people should use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

- Avoiding touching the eyes, nose and mouth
- Disinfecting surfaces and objects using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

At MercyOne, they are following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Iowa Public Health Department to screen patients for symptoms, including fever and respiratory signs as well as the patient's travel history and exposure to those who have traveled.

If anyone has general questions on COVID-19, they may dial 2-1-1. If anyone begins to experience symptoms and has been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if anyone lives in or has recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19, they should call a primary care provider before coming in. More information is availabler at MercyOne.org.

Worth County audit released

Gardiner+ Company recently released an audit report on Worth County, Iowa.

The County's governmental revenues totaled $18,161,837 for the year ended on June 30, 2019, an 18.16% increase from the prior year. Expenses for County operations for the year that ended on June 30, 2019, totaled $13,473,391, a 4.23% increase from the prior year.

Gardiner + Company reported several findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 78 through 82 of this report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties and material amounts of accounts receivable and capital asset/infrastructure additions not properly recorded in the County's financial statements. Gardiner + Company provided the County with recommendations to address each of these findings.

The County Board of Supervisors has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the County's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports.

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

March 17, 1920

Those who witnessed Checkers at the Dwelle Hall last Thursday and Friday evenings are loud in their praises of the good show Manager Haight gave in the face of difficulties brought about by the recent fire that drove him from the Slosson Theatre. A fire-proof booth for the machines is one of the improvements Mr. Haight is making and this is a safety device very necessary for proper operation.

Carpenters are at work on the roof of the Johnson building damaged by fire on March 6, and A. Holland, whose shoe stock formerly occupied the lower floor, says he will be back in business within a few days. Almost a complete roof will be necessary.

On Wednesday, March 3, 1920, occurred the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Otto to Mr. Knudt Aamodt. The ceremony was preformed at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. O. R. Slotten in Lake Mills. The bride is a daughter of Christian Otto, of Bristol Township and the groom is a son of Mrs. O. G. Aamodt, who lives south of town.

The road between Fertile and Hanlontown is now open for automobiles. A bunch of Fertile men armed with shovels demolished the drifts from this end of the road and a bunch of Hanlontown men armed with the same weapons cleared their end of the road. This good work was performed on Monday.

Robert Mark is at home again after a six week sojourn on the Pacific coast. Robert visited most of the principal cities in the west and spent some time in Seattle. He is back at his farm west of town.

75 years ago

March 22, 1945

Joan Mellem, aged 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mellem of Barton Township, placed first in the annual grade school spelling contest held last Saturday afternoon at the Northwood high school auditorium. Joan is a seventh grade pupil of the school in district No. 2 of Barton Township taught by Mrs. Clarence Huus of Northwood.

Damage totaling several thousands of dollars resulted in Worth County shortly before midnight last Friday night when a tornado left a path of destruction from the Fertile and Hanlontown vicinity to the Northwood vicinity.

Listings for the wartime communication exchange sale to be held on Saturday afternoon range all the way from baby buggies to Ford cars, with 400 bushels of ear corn, registered bulls and hundreds of items of farm machinery and household goods in between. The sale will be held on west Central Avenue beginning at noon.

A memorial service for the late Pvt. Morris Holstad, who was killed in action on Nov. 20, 1944, presumably in Germany, will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Northwood Lutheran church with the pastor, the Rev. O. H. Hove, in charge.

"Farm Bureau membership totals for Worth County have passed the 300 mark as a result of the recent drive and prospects are very bright for reaching our county quota of 400 members," said Ruben Rustad of Grove Township, county president, this week.

50 years ago

March 19, 1970

A military funeral service was held Monday at Round Prairie Lutheran church, rural Glenville, for Sp-4 Marvin Lee Ringoen, 20, who was killed on March 7 in Vietnam. The Rev. A. W. Sorenson officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Ringoen, rural Glenville, parents of the youth, were notified that he was killed when a booby trap detonated while in combat operations. He had been in Vietnam since September 1969.

U.S. Representative H.R. Gross, Waterloo, will attend a Republican fundraising meeting at the Kensett school gymnasium on Monday, March 30. Admission will be by membership ticket to the Worth GOP club. State Senator Herbert Ollenburg will also appear on the program, according to Jerry Nash, chairman of the event.

State Representative Kenneth L. Logemann, 32, Northwood, announced his candidacy for re-election to the Iowa House from Iowa's newly-created 7th district on the Republican ticket. Representative Logemann was elected in a special election to complete the term previously held by Representative James T. Klein, Lake Mills. The new district contains all of Winnebago and Worth counties and the northern four townships, Grant, Lincoln, Lime Creek and Falls, of Cerro Gordo county.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tue, Emmons, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Diane Faye, to Russell Michels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Michels of Stacyville. Both young people are employed in Minneapolis.

25 years ago

March 22, 1995

In a photo, rollerbladers Ben Haukoos and Chad Stucky went airborne last Thursday afternoon to celebrate the sunny, 50-degree weather that visited Northwood last week. Feeling their oats, the boys launched themselves off the top set of steps at Swensrud Park's Central Avenue entrance while Ben's sister Sarah looked on with cautious eyes.

Northwood physician Stephanie Seemuth and office manager Betty Nitcher looked over the state of affairs while moving into their new medical facility at 803 Ninth Ave. N. Last Friday.

Northwood-Kensett seniors Brandy Berge and Chad Nelson were chosen to reign over the N-K FFA's annual Hay seeder Ball last Saturday night.

Worth County Co-op Oil Co. director Norman Backhaus and Co-op employee C.J. Christianson kept busy last Thursday serving pancakes, sausages and beverages to the 350 hungry folks who attended the firm's annual Customer Appreciation Day pancake feed.

One of Kensett dairyman Chalres Medlang's Brown Swiss cows raised her head from the feed trough long enough to check her owner and Rimanian visitor Sorin Garetu last Monday morning. Garetu visited Medlang's operation as part of a three-week visit to the upper Midwest sponsored by Land O'Lakes.

10 years ago

March 24, 2010

The Northwood-Kensett High School Math Club recently hosted a number of events and activities at the high school to celebrate Pi Day, celebrating pi, the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day was celebrated on the day of the year that most closely matches pi, March 14. Since Pi Day fell on a Sunday, N-K celebrated throughout the week, with a trivia contest, a pi reciting contest, a silent pie auction and a day where wearing a Math Club T-shirt was rewarded with a cream pie. The events closed with a pep rally on Friday. Math Club member Kate Hartman read a list of club activities off of Laurent Severson's back in a photo.

The team of N-K Elementary students recently received third in the packet-writing portion of the regional Future Problem Solving competition. Those students that placed third were Brett Bachtle, Matt Parcher, Hayden Halbach and Hunter Hennigar.

The National Zoo in Washington, D.C., is always a favorite stop for the Worth County 4-H travelers. This year the gorilla cage was very educational. The Worth County 4-H group received a lesson from a fifth-grade male student who visits the gorillas every day. He knew everyone in the gorilla family. Sarah Tweeten, and Ashley McLaughlin were the Worth County 4-H'ers that were pictured watching these gorillas.

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on March 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Doug Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

Teresa George-Zenz, Russ Meyer, Dan Reeder, Dave Tenold.

There was a motion by Tenold, second by Reeder to approve the agenda. Unam.

Nerlien attended the meeting 6:03pm.

There was a motion by George-Zenz, second by Reeder to approve the following under consent agenda: February 24, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

Payable to: For: Amount
NSB, Monthly ACH ... $20.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Sales Tax $296.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue
Water Excise Tax $1,123.00
Iowa Dept of Inspect & Appeals, Pool Food License $151.00
Iowa Dept of Public Health
Pool Registration..... $70.00
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... $10,983.30
Principal, Insurance. $410.62
Payroll, Wages..... $19,063.90
Iowa DNR, Testing-pw$30.00
Visa
Postage,Supplies-cc.. $40.73
US Postal Service
Mailing-cc $276.85
Alliant Energy
Services..... $18,210.67
Payroll, Wages..... $18,544.92
Aquafix, Supplies-pw$404.53
Berge Oil, Fuel-pw,tr .....
..... $1,842.21
Car Quest
Supplies-pw $202.69
Central States Lab
Supplies-pw $4,039.79
G-Works, Supplies-cc . 188.35
Hawkins
Supplies-pw $970.10
Huber Supply
Supplies-pw $33.32
Iowa Parks & Rec Assoc.
CPO training-pool .. $610.00
John Deere Financial
Freight, supplies-pw .....
..... $148.80
John Greve, Services $500.00
Johnson Vinyl Graphic
Golf Cart Tags-cc.... $140.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-pw,cc..... $88.59
Keystone Labs
Testing-pw..... $637.00
Matt Tufte
Soccer Goals-rec $598.96
Mercy One
Services-pw..... $425.00
Michael Dolloff
Water Dep. Refund .. $80.00
NIACOG
Repairs-tr $553.89
Northwood Anchor
Publications..... $315.03
Northwood Sanitation
Garbage Services. $7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation .. $650.00
Northwood Waterworks
Water Dep. Transfer $80.00
Office Depot
Printer-cc $509.99
Productivity Plus
Repairs-pw..... $2,234.21
Proline Dist.
Supplies-pw $1,159.19
Quality Flow
Repairs-se $495.00
Metering & Technology Solutions, Supplies-pw.... $742.92
Nwd Special Events Committee
City Celebration Grant.....
..... $1,500.00
Northwood Chamber
City Celebration Grant.....
..... $1,500.00
Tellma, Supplies.... $1,750.00
Unity Point Clinic
DATA-pw $84.00
USA Blue Book
Supplies-pw $67.50
Verison Wireless
Services-tr,fd $107.52
WCTA
Phone/Internet $653.24
Worth Co. Sheriff's Office
Police Services... $29,087.66
Worth Co. Sheriff's Office
Serve Papers..... $31.00
Library:
Fallgatter's, Supplies . $21.93
State Library of Iowa
Registration..... $75.00
Center Point Large Print
Materials $200.09
Baker & Taylor
Materials $230.20
Kelly Hardware
Supplies $17.77
Joel Rohne
Computers $6,925.00

Summary of February 2020 receipts by fund type: General - $27,070.08; Special Revenue-$42,274.06; Debt Service - $1,925.82; Capital Projects-$1,735.24; Enterprise- $76,893.85; Trust & Agency - $750.

Summary of February 2020 disbursements by fund type: General - $44,203.33; Special Revenue-$27,668.85; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$51,871.71; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

There was a motion by Reeder, second by George-Zenz to Approve Resolution No. 2003-05 Approving FY21 Max Levy Public Hearing for March 16, 2020 at 6 pm. Unam.

There was a motion by Reeder, second by Nerlien to set Spring Clean-Up Days for April 22-25, 2020. Unam.

There was a motion by Reeder, second by Tenold to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Cindy Borcherding, Deputy City Clerk

Northwood-Kensett School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday March 10, 2020 in the Secondary Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: John Anderson; Larry Hovey; Roger Harris

Members Absent: Cindy Pangburn; Susan Kliment

(3-0) Approved the agenda; February 6th board minutes; Financial Reports for February; March bills for payment

Reports

Elementary Principal: 1) Preschool schedule changes proposal to be discussed at parent advisory group on Mar 30 2) Food pantry hours available on selected dates and times 3) Iowa statewide assessments scheduled for Mar 18 - Apr 14) Thank you to Dr. Seuss guest readers

Secondary Principal: 1) Parent Teacher conference attendance 60% 2) 92% four year graduation rate vs state average of 91.6% 3) 0% four year drop out rate vs state average of 2.6%

Superintendent: 1) Missed 29.53 hours to date due to inclement weather. Recommend making up 3 full days that have been missed. May 27 would be last day of classes 2) Health insurance rates increasing 9.99%. Looking at partially self-funding up to a higher deductible to assist in keeping rate increases lower in future years. Coverage for employees would not change. 3) 2020-21 Budget presentation; recommend tax rate decrease of $0.05

School Board: 1) Next regular board meeting scheduled for April 9th

New Business

(3-0) Approved the purchase of the K-12 social studies curriculum from McGraw Hill in the amount of $40,213.64

(3-0) Authorized publishing of the budget for the 2020-21 school year in the Northwood Anchor and set a budget hearing for April 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Northwood-Kensett Secondary Media Center

(3-0) Approved a Resolution for Budget Guarantee for Fiscal Year 2020. That the Board of Directors of the Northwood-Kensett CSD will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the regular program adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa

(3-0) Approved sending RFP for Physical Therapy or Chiropractor lease agreement in the future Viking Activity Center

(3-0) Approved School Bus Sales Co as the low bid for a new school bus in the amount of $110,403.00

(3-0) Approved the Cooperative Agreement for Preservice Clinical Placement with UNI for the 2020-21 school year

(3-0) Approve the Activity Center water softener salt sale

(3-0) Approved Emily Abbas as K-12 Art Teacher and Yearbook Advisor at MA-2 level for the 2020-21 school year

(3-0) Approved Jackson Abbas as secondary math teacher at BA-1 level for the 2020-21 school year pending licensure

(3-0) Accepted the resignation of Monte DeArmoun as Student Council Advisor at the end of the 2019-20 school year pending suitable replacement

(3-0) Entered closed session at 8:10 pm under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1)(i) for Superintendent Evaluation

(3-0) Came out of closed session at 8:47 pm

(3-0) Adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm

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AHLERS & COONEY
legal services 360.00
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Amazon, SUPPLIES ..334.43
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Batteries Plus
supplies.....900.00
BELMOND-KLEMME CSD
spec ed.....4,210.56
Borough, field trip.....182.39
Cambium Assessment
assessments.....42.00
CARQUEST
SUPPLIES.....113.89
CenterPoint Energy Services
natural gas 4,876.54
Central Rivers AEA
supplies/registration 790.00
CITY OF NORTHWOOD
water/sewer 1,133.44
Crozier, Michael
reimb mileage.....382.22
D & L Equipment
parts.....107.38
DES MOINES REGISTER
subscription 10.69
DOLLAR GENERAL
SUPPLIES.....5.00
EDUCATORS BENEFIT
CONSULTANTS
Flex Plan.....125.00
Ehlke, Brendan
reimb field trip 525.00
Esbaum, Jill
author visit 1,533.00
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES.....1,173.36
FEDERAL FIRE EQUIPMENT, INSPECTION378.00
Hartman, Steve
reimb supplies 122.40
HOGLUND BUS CO
REPAIRS.....67.69
INTERSTATE MOTOR
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IA ASSN OF SCHOOL
BOARDS, registration .80.00
IA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, medicaid.....1,516.49
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.....15.00
Ia Division of Labor
inspection.....175.00
IA STATE UNIV
registration.....250.00
HORMEL NATURE CENTER, field trip 180.00
JMC COMPUTER SERVICE
student software....8,568.92
Kelly Hardware
SUPPLIES.....142.68
Love, Daryl
reimb supplies 35.52
MARTIN BROTHERS
supplies.....973.57
MASON CITY CSD
educare 192.85
McCloskey Appliance
freezer 899.00
MIKE'S AUTOMOTIVE
REPAIRS.....86.03
NORTHWOOD ANCHOR
PUBLICATION.....341.89
NORTHWOOD CHIROPRACTIC, physical 100.00
NORTHWOOD SANITATION, garbage.....610.00
TRADING POST
supplies.....92.98
One Source Background
Check Co
background checks 40.50
OTHER PLACE, meal .12.43
POSTMASTER, postage 7.50
Reindl, Jordan
reimb registration 10.00
Renwick, Amy
reimb supplies 20.39
Security & Communication
Professionals
supplies.....90.00
Seed Savers Exchange
supplies.....39.18
SIOUX CITY CSD
tuition 1,719.90
St Ansgar City Limits
meal 34.73
Thorson, Megan
reimb supplies 119.23
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SERVICE
MEDICAID BILLING.....
.....143.52
VISA, parking.....28.99
Williams, Ashley
reimb supplies 21.98
WCTA, phone service..941.01
WORTH CO ENGINEER
diesel/gas 2,689.56
Worth Lumber Co
supplies.....20.82
Fund Number 10 ...50,456.87
OLSON INSURANCE
insurance 712.00
Fund Number 22.....712.00
MSU - MANKATO
scholarship 1,500.00
Fund Number 81 .....1,500.00
Amazon, SUPPLIES ..127.96
American Cancer Society
fundraiser 2,163.24
Athletico Management
athletic trainer 1,146.13
Bestul, Suzanne
Spain trip.....3,000.00
Capitani, Dave
reimb registration/lodging..
.....422.08
Central Rivers AEA
supplies.....179.00
D&D Sales, supplies1,120.00
Davidson, Preston
score keeper.....25.00
Davis, Clifton
score keeper.....150.00
DECKERS
supplies.....575.00
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES.....179.75
FCCLA, dues 56.00
IHSAA, state wrestling80.00
IA FCCLA
registrations 2,385.00
IA HS MUSIC ASSOC
registrations 239.00
IA HS SPEECH ASSN
registrations 146.00
J.W. PEPPER
supplies.....146.74
JOSTENS, supplies 2,153.65
N-K GENERAL FUND
reimb officials.....543.63
PARKER, RYAN
score keeper.....175.00
Reindl, Jordan
state wrestling meals440.00
Rieman Music
supplies.....30.58
RUSTAD, DUANE
official 140.00
Schroeder Baseball
supplies.....279.00
ST. ANSGAR CSD
reimb lodging.....1,522.80
TROPHIES PLUS
supplies.....609.77
VISA, supplies.....2,647.41
Willert, Lori
reimb supplies.....53.26
Worth Lumber Co
supplies.....195.34
Fund Number 21 ...20,931.34
Trane, repairs.....659.18
Tremco/Weatherproofing
Technologies, repairs .555.38
Fund Number 33 .....1,214.56
Amazon, SUPPLIES ..242.49
KENISON CONSTRUCTION
library renovation17,913.50
Marco, copier lease..1,075.35
TimeClock Plus
time clock system 17.50
Fund Number 36 ...19,248.84
ANDERSON ERICKSON
DAIRY, MILK 6,070.91
FALLGATTER'S
SUPPLIES.....61.68
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Bloomingdale Welcomes NIACC

Rep. Jane Bloomingdale welcomed students and staff members from North Iowa Area Community College to the Iowa House of Representatives. They were visiting the Capitol to promote the services that community colleges provide to students in Iowa. Pictured are Bloomingdale with Sydney Patterson (St. Ansgar), Jean Torgeson (Manly), Jacob Trunkhill (Woden), Valerie Zahorski-Schmidt (Mason City) and Bridgett Golman (Mason City).

Fit to print...

Traveling in a time of pandemic

By Erin McCord
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When I left Northwood with a bus full of 4-H members and accompanying adults for a week of touring Washington D.C., the coronavirus still felt like something that was happening elsewhere, to other people. My fellow travelers and I were too excited for the week ahead to think too much about the virus devastating China, Italy and Iran- the other side of the globe.

Throughout the course of the week, that feeling quickly changed, as we found ourselves just outdistancing a tidal wave of closures and reports of positive tests.

In fact, the first three cases in the Washington, D.C., area were reported on March 5 in Montgomery County, Maryland, where our home away from home for the week, the National 4-H Conference Center, was also located.

Throughout the week, the number of cases in the area multiplied exponentially. We arrived home around 4:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, March 14. By Sunday, March 15, 96 cases had been reported in the District of Columbia.

All of us enjoyed the trip enormously (as far as I know) but it was a strange thing indeed to have this shadow following us. We were the last of the public to enter the National Cathedral before it closed its doors. The day after we visited the Smithsonian museums, they too, were closed. We were some of the last to tour the Capitol before it closed. We visited the Senate office building, and then learned that a Senate staffer had tested positive for the coronavirus.

We ate in busy mall food courts and the crowded Capitol building cafeteria; we rubbed elbows with throngs of spring break tour groups from all over the country, then we would get on the bus and check our phones and see each time how much the virus had spread again.



By the end of the trip, it was the main topic of conversation. Who was at risk? How best to avoid it? Do you have your hand sanitizer? N-K school nurse Heather Rheingans spent a lot of time reassuring concerns and sharing information with her fellow bus passengers.

I spent my first day home half asleep, looking at pictures and snuggling my kids. On Sunday I had returned to a high enough level of consciousness to begin taking in the news again, and I honestly couldn't stop. Cases increasing exponentially, reports of shortages of supplies and faulty tests, cancellations of events- it's horrific and fascinating, and still, here in in quiet northern Iowa, feels pretty distant. Then I had coffee with a friend at the Top of Iowa Center and watched the interstate travelers coming and going. I looked over at all the cars at the casino, many with out-of-county and out-of-state license plates. We aren't so distant as we think.

The people who have contracted COVID-19 in Iowa, in Minnesota, South Dakota, even North Dakota, weren't so distant as they thought.

My husband told me about his week making contingency plans for the chemical manufacturing plant that he runs in Minnesota. His company is based in France, where they have been seeing the worst of the effects that we have so far been spared. He already has people working from home.

We went back and forth all day on what we should do in the week ahead. Although there had been no official word on the those on the Washington, D.C., trip self-isolating, as there had been for the Spanish class, the fact that we had come in contact with so many people in that metropolitan area made staying home seem like the responsible thing to do.

On the other hand, it feels quite silly to stay home for no obvious reason. We are Iowans, no virus is going to slow us down!

But as reports rolled in of closures and postponements, culminating in the four week closure of local schools, we decided that we, too, would stay home. We haven't hoarded a six month supply of toilet paper, but we have a freezer full of deer and chicken, the internet and the great outdoors, so I think we'll be fine for the time being.

And if it turns out that this area is spared the effects of the coronavirus... good. That's the point, right?

Northwood Anchor Church

Glenville United Methodist
Sunday, Worship service, 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic
Weekend Liturgy, Saturday Evening Mass, 5:30 p.m. and Confessions 1st Saturday of the month prior to service. Thursday morning mass, 8 a.m.
Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor
Rev. Josh Link, Associate Pastor
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Somber/Lime Creek/ Lake Mills Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship, 8:30 a.m. at Lake Mills
David Emmons, Pastor

First Shell Rock
Sunday, Worship service, 10:45 a.m.
David Emmons, Pastor

Deer Creek Valley Lutheran
Glenville, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 11 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Myrtle, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - London Independent
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Followed by Coffee Hour.
Pastor Kent Otterman

Mona Lutheran Church
Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Summit School, 4 p.m., Communion 1st & 2nd Sundays.
Lydia J. Mittag, Pastor

Peace Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. followed by fellowship time. Bible Study reviewing the scriptures of the day is after fellowship time together. Sunday School is during Bible Study time. Worship services are at 902 2nd Avenue, Northwood. Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like a ride or have any questions please contact Sam Duncomb at 641-390-1158.
Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan
Wednesday, UMW/ Church Family Meeting at Shirley Meyers, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:10 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Pastor Cory Allard

First Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Lenten Meal, 6:15 p.m., Lenten Service, Sr. High Youth, 7 p.m., Choir Practice, Informational Meeting about Organ, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 p.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Call Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., 4-H Taco Feed, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Holy Communion, 9 a.m., Special Congregation Meeting, 10 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., Call Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Interims Pastor Burton Everist & Pastor Jack Gannett

Fertile Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Ruth Circle, 7 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran
Wednesday, Lent - Elk Creek, 7 p.m.; Thursday, EC Share Shoppe, 1-4 p.m., MANNA Open 4:30-6:30 p.m., Share Shoppe Open, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, Share Shoppe Open, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m., Sunday School - EC, 9:15 a.m., Worship Elk Creek, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Bethany Council Meeting, 7 p.m., MANNA Open 10 a.m. - Noon; Tuesday, Lions - EC, 6:30 p.m., Manly Care Center, 10 a.m.
Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, WAGS Meal, 5:30 p.m., Lesson, 6 p.m., Lent Meal, 5:30-7 p.m., Lent Worship at Grace, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Quilting - B, 9 a.m., Quilting - G, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, MS Meeting, 2 p.m., NAG Movie Afternoon, 1 p.m., Lent at Bethlehem, 5 p.m.; Monday, WIC at Bethlehem, 9 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Kids Club; Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m., Lenten Study, 5 p.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton
Sunday, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Fellowship & Coffee, 10:30 a.m.
Solveig A H Zamzow, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran, Joice One In Christ
Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran, Northwood One In Christ
Sunday, Worship, 11 a.m.

Northwood Baptist Church
Thursday, Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Sunday, Worship Service with the Lord's Supper, 11 a.m.
Pastor Wolfe

Otranto Community Church
Worship Service, 9:30 p.m.
Ron Hulshizer - Lay Minister

Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter
Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Lance Kittleson, Pastor

Bethel United Methodist, Manly, Iowa
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Cory Allard

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Wednesday, "The Bible Jesus Read" Bible Study at Mills Harbour, 10 a.m., Lake Mills Care Center Worship, 2:30 p.m., 7th/8th Grade Confirmation - B, 5 p.m., KC Night - Bethany, Parish-Wide Lenten Meal - B, 6 p.m., Parish-Wide Lenten Worship - B, 7 p.m.; Thursday, The Bible Jesus Read Bible Study - W, 7 p.m.; Friday, Assemble & Fold Bulletins & Newsletters at Winnebago, 1-3 p.m.; Saturday, Joice Library Omelet Breakfast - Bethany, 8-11 a.m.; Sunday, Worship - L, 8 a.m., Sunday School - L/W, Worship - B, 9 a.m., Worship - I, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School - SL, 9:45 a.m., Worship - W, 10:30 a.m., Worship - SL, 11 a.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Text Study, 2:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, 4 p.m., Stephen's Ministry - Salem, 7 p.m.

Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Elm St., Lyle, MN
Sunday, Sunday Mass, 8 a.m.
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There is an old Yiddish proverb, "Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht" which translates roughly to "Man plans and God laughs," meaning that despite our best-laid plans, life is unpredictable. So many things can conspire to upset our plans that it is almost always best to have a plan B ready, and the mindset that no matter what may happen, we will accept things with equanimity. Think of how often a traffic jam or a detour upsets our plans to be somewhere on time. How often have you been certain that your plans for something at work or a proposal to friends would be accepted only to have them tell you they have other plans? As the stoic philosophers were constantly telling us, there are very few things about which we have complete control, and about the things which we have no control we should not worry. The things over which we have control are our opinions, our judgements, and to some extent, our desires. Consider that we live in a world where the processes of nature are beyond our control, where the billions of people who inhabit the earth are also beyond our control, and where even our own bodies are to a large extent subject to external forces and natural processes. We should try to control the things which we can, and about all the rest we should bow our head and say "thy will be done." –Christopher Simon

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." –Proverbs 19:21 NIV

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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

Italian families often use the term "gravy" for red pasta sauce and "macaroni" for any type of pasta. Sort of like saying "pop" for any kind of soft drink; everyone knows what you mean. Nancy Verde Barr uses this old-time term in the title of her cookbook "We Called It Macaroni: An American Heritage of Southern Italian Cooking" (1990, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. NYC) is both a cookbook and a tribute to Ms. Barr's family and the community she grew up in so it's a good read even for those who don't cook. One of the chapters has several recipes for frittatas, those delicious open-faced flat omelets (never folded) often made with leftovers to repurpose them. The recipes have been adapted from this chapter.

Farmer's Frittata with Onion and Cheese

1 cup thinly-sliced red onion (you can also use yellow onion)
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
8 large eggs
1/4 pound shredded mozzarella or Italian blend cheese
1 tablespoon snipped fresh basil

Put the onion and 1 tablespoon of the oil in a heavy sauté pan over very gentle heat. Season with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste and cook until completely softened but not brown, about 15 minutes. Let cool completely. Beat the eggs with salt and pepper. Stir in the cheese, the cooled onions and the basil. Heat the remaining 3 tablespoons of oil in a 12-inch skillet. When the oil is hot, pour the eggs into the pan and immediately begin to swirl the mixture with the flat side of a fork. Break up the bottom of the eggs to allow the uncooked egg on top to run through. When the eggs are soft-set on top and the bottom is lightly browned, invert the pan onto a large serving-sized plate or even a cookie sheet. Tap the bottom of the skillet to release the egg. Slide the frittata back into the skillet to brown the second size. When cooked through but not dry, slide onto a serving plate and cut into wedges. Serves 4-6. Recipe can be halved if you're not serving that many people.

Vermicelli Frittata with Anchovies

SANDY'S NOTE: don't be put off by the fact that this dish contains anchovie. When used as an ingredient rather than topping a salad or pizza, these delicious fish fillets are not fishy and salty as many believe.

1/4 pound angel hair "macaroni" (pasta)
1 large clove of garlic, halved lengthwise
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
4 anchovy fillets (the rest will stay in the refrigerator, in a sealed container for weeks)
6 eggs
1/4 cup grated Parmesan or Roma no cheese (optional)
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Cook the pasta in boiling salted water as directed on the package until slightly firmer than al dente. It will continue to cook later. Drain. While the pasta is cooking, heat the olive oil in a large heavy skillet over medium heat and add the garlic, cut side down. Cook until it is browned but watch it carefully; garlic burns easily. Remove and discard the garlic and add the hot drained pasta to the skillet. Cook for 5 minutes. While the pasta is cooking in the skillet, mash the anchovies in a bowl until they are a smooth paste. Add the eggs and beat together until combined. Season with pepper to taste. Pour the eggs onto the spaghetti and cook until one side of the frittata is set. Invert as described above, then slide the omelet back into the skillet to cook the other side. While the second side is cooking, sprinkle with the cheese if you are using it. Slide the finished frittata onto a serving plate and slice into wedges. NOTE: for anchovy lovers, you can add 4 more fillets spoke-like on the top of the frittata. Serves 4.

Neapolitan Spaghetti Frittata (a way to use leftover spaghetti in tomato sauce)

3 cups cooked thin spaghetti in tomato sauce
4 large eggs, slightly beaten
1/3 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly-ground black pepper to taste

Put the spaghetti into a large bowl. Add the beaten eggs and cheese; season with salt and pepper to taste and mix it all together gently. Heat the oil in a heavy skillet. Add the spaghetti to the hot skillet, level it out and cook over medium-low heat, turning it over once until set on both sides, about 15 minutes total. Slide onto a serving plate and cut into wedges. Serves 4-6. NOTE: this is such a tasty dish you might want to purposely cook too much spaghetti the next time you serve it with the idea of having 3 cups leftover.

Southern Italy is the home of tomato-based dishes, the type I was raised to love. My mother never called it macaroni, however. And…. that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Eventful construction continues

Work continues on the events center being built out of the old downtown lumberyard. Recently dry ice was sprayed on some of the surfaces. The process allows any moisture to evaporate before letting any liquid fall. Besides the cleaning, railings were added around the second level of the building recently.

Worth County Extension Office asked 4-H events to be reschedule

The extension received an email from Dr. Deborah Nistler regarding the latest updates with Covid-19. At this time it is asked that local Extension offices reschedule, cancel or virtually host extension sponsored programs, including all 4-H events such as 4-H group meetings. This went into effect on March 16 and running through April 5.

This may be extended if the situation changes. At this time Share the Fun that is scheduled for April 5 has been postponed.

Anyone with questions may email at ljwaller@iastate.edu, mtenold@iastate.edu or djohn@iastate.edu, or contact the office at 641-732-3566.

The extension will send any updates as they come available.

2020 Robert D. Blue Scholarship application available online

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald wants to remind Iowans to apply for the 2020 Robert D. Blue Scholarship at rdblue.org. Graduates of any Iowa high school who plan to attend a college or university in the state of Iowa for the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to apply.

Awards are based on financial need, an original essay, academic achievement and written recommendations.

"Awarding this scholarship to an Iowa student allows us to reward those who have created a lasting impression on their communities," Fitzgerald stated. "It is my honor to be part of this process and provide students the tools they need to achieve greatness."

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Robert D. Blue Scholarship applications are only accepted online through May 10 at rdblue.org. Applicants must complete each step of the application to be considered for the scholarship and winners will be announced during the summer.

Those who would like more information on the Robert D. Blue Scholarship should visit the website or call the treasurer's office at 515-281-7003.

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We have made several changes to the work practices that include maintaining a social distance of at least six feet and the use of gloves when entering a home or business. Also, to maintain a healthy workforce, we are postponing non-essential work. We will remain focused on all activities that continue to provide safe and reliable operations.

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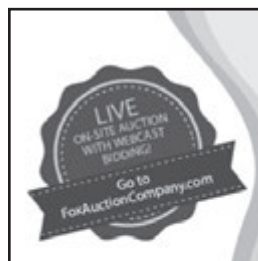
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Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009202
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIA PATON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Julia Paton, Deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on February 28, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on February 28, 2020.

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Date of second publication 18th day of March, 2020. 11-2t

Supervisors

March 9, 2020
Eleventh Day

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

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the March 9, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the March 2, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve claims in the amount of $154,120.37 as per the following schedule:

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Asr 202.65
Alliant Energy
Service-Eng 10,498.06
Ameripride Services Inc
Service-Eng 175.17
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Supplies-Con & Aud... 49.79
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Service-Con..... 5,305.10
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Parts-Eng..... 6,454.55
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Service-Con..... 2,183.91
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Ia Dept Of Transportation
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Parts-Eng..... 25.13
Isac, Edu-Trs 190.00
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Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 153.28
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Meeting-Asr..... 21.62
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Service-Gsr 219.95
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Supplies-Eng 222.95
Midwest Technology Services
Supplies-Dap 473.00
Niacc, Edu-Shf..... 102.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Trs..... 401.00
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Eng 324.39
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr 191.50
Overhead Door Co Of Mason City, Service-Eng 1,165.00
Pathology Assoc Of Mason City, Service-Mex 250.00
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Truax Company Inc
Supplies-Con 533.66
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Ndp 13,181.00
Ver Helst Snyder Drug
Supplies-Trs 82.89
Verizon Wireless
Service-Shf..... 2,565.86
Visa, Service-Asr 1,864.22
Visa
Service-It/Gis, Dap & Asr 2,500.37
Von Bokern Associates Inc.
Fees-Shf..... 2,475.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Iowa
Flex Fees-Ndp 415.80
Wex Bank
Service-Tra 1,584.45
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn, Service-Gsr 3,031.97
Winn-Worth Betco
H/M Tax-Ndp..... 10,290.07
Worth Co Historical Society
H/M Tax-Ndp..... 6,860.05
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf..... 4,829.00
Worth County Fair
H/M Tax-Ndp..... 10,290.07
Ziegler Inc
Parts-Eng..... 2,406.97
Grand Total 154,120.37

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve bid in the amount of $9,500.00 by Kenison Construction, Inc. to repair the Water Treatment plant exterior.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the monthly reports for the sheriff and clerk of court.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Class C Liquor License for Diamond Jo Worth Casino.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Addendum to Agreement for Law Enforcement between Worth County and the City of Kensett.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Confirmation of MSP Addendum and Renewal Group Binder Agreement – Iowa for Wellmark.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to recess the regular session.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to open public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy FY21 at 9:00 A.M. Public comment was heard.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to close the public hearing at 9:11 A.M.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to reconvene the regular session.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution # 2020.03.09

Resolution 2020.03.09
Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution

WHEREAS, the Worth County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 20/21 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on 3/09/2020,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 20/21 shall not exceed the following:

ï General County Services: $3,475,309; an increase of 4.87% from the prior year

ï Rural County Services: $1,456,396; an increase of 4.21% from the prior year

Passed and adopted this 9th day of March, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Aaron Stone – AYE; Kenneth J. Abrams – AYE; Mark Smeby – AYE

Aaron Stone, Chairman of Board of Supervisors

Kenneth J. Abrams, Vice-Chairman of Board of Supervisors

Mark Smeby, Member of Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

The Board of Supervisors proceeded to canvass the results of the 2020 NIACC Special Election. We hereby certify that 427 ballots were cast in Worth County at the NIACC Special Election on March 3, 2020. The results were declared as follows:

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:24 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Aaron Stone
Chairperson

Form 631.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET ESTIMATE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

City of Northwood, Iowa

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at City Hall on 3/30/20 at 6 pm

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property . . 11.62863
The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural land is 3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

641-324-1075 (phone number)
Amber Juseth (City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME)

		Budget FY 2021	Re-est. FY 2020	Actual FY 2019
		(a)	(b)	(c)
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	670,945	744,428	736,643
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	670,945	744,428	736,643
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	275,000	400,000	389,274
Other City Taxes	6	233,491	220,000	208,636
Licenses & Permits	7	24,000	23,600	23,820
Use of Money and Property	8	21,850	14,700	23,621
Intergovernmental	9	278,339	320,031	297,312
Charges for Services	10	1,154,695	1,331,240	1,380,918
Special Assessments	11	0	0	350
Miscellaneous	12	669,140	109,140	384,994
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	743,000	930,000	920,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	4,070,870	4,073,039	4,336,368
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	384,283	357,302	377,201
Public Works	17	575,799	511,340	518,347
Health and Social Services	18	14,984	18,813	7,677
Culture and Recreation	19	306,600	299,903	309,457
Community and Economic Development	20	656,000	256,000	191,817
General Government	21	200,832	204,490	211,522
Debt Service	22	223,640	448,816	446,483
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,241,938	2,096,663	2,061,504
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,088,094	1,089,932	1,396,427
Total ALL Expenditures	26	3,330,032	3,186,595	3,456,931
Transfers Out	27	743,000	930,000	920,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,073,032	4,116,595	4,376,931
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-2,162	-43,556	-41,563
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	2,286,207	2,309,763	2,351,326
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	2,284,045	2,286,207	2,309,763

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
County Name: WORTH COUNTY County Number: 98

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/30/2020 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Worth County Court House, 1000 Central Ave, Northwood

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request.

County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget"amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available): www.worthcounty.org
County Telephone Number: (641) 324-2316

		Budget 2020/2021	Re-Est 2019/2020	Actual 2018/2019	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	4,586,593	4,813,038	4,784,848	2.09
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	32,428	25,453	32,428	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	352,123	324,762	352,123	
Net Current Property Taxes	4	4,602,042	4,462,823	4,400,297	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	40	41	40	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	29,794	34,475	29,794	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,509,026	4,474,114	4,462,486	0.52
Intergovernmental	8	4,331,654	4,298,768	4,210,182	
Licenses & Permits	9	25,487	116,050	25,487	
Charges for Service	10	296,094	301,546	296,094	
Use of Money & Property	11	210,653	191,533	210,653	
Miscellaneous	12	8,800	7,900	2,238,788	
Subtotal Revenues	13	14,013,590	13,887,250	15,873,821	
Other Financing Sources:					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	1,284,017	1,231,782	1,101,777	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	1,800	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,297,607	15,120,782	16,975,598	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,593,756	2,514,043	2,315,599	5.84
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,109,859	1,104,984	953,343	7.90
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	220,860	279,446	331,849	-18.42
County Environment and Education	21	1,012,164	1,006,816	871,371	7.78
Roads & Transportation	22	4,909,274	4,396,145	4,266,175	7.27
Government Services to Residents	23	467,609	459,062	402,266	7.82
Administration	24	1,747,325	1,638,581	1,469,070	9.06
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0	
Debt Service	26	2,278,010	2,273,061	2,274,775	0.07
Capital Projects	27	2,955,000	1,380,000	2,500,975	8.70
Subtotal Expenditures	28	17,293,857	15,052,138	15,385,423	
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,284,017	1,231,732	1,101,777	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	18,577,874	16,283,870	16,487,200	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources					
over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-3,280,267	-1,163,088	488,398	
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	9,786,049	10,949,137	10,460,739	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	6,038,629	7,414,030	10,038,674	
Fund Balance - Committed	37	371,243	322,030	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	910,463	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	95,910	2,049,989	0	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	6,505,782	9,786,049	10,949,137	

Proposed property taxation by type:	Proposed tax rates per $1,000 taxable valuation:
Countywide Levies*: 3,580,932	
Rural Only Levies*: 1,405,661	Urban Areas: 5.69000
Special District Levies*: 0	Rural Areas: 8.46500
TIF Tax Revenues: 2,900,605	Any special district tax rates not included
Utility Replacement Excise Tax: 165,972	

Explanation of any significant items in the budget:
The public purpose of Worth County participation in WINN-WORTH BETCO is to promote economic development for Worth County to add business and jobs which stimulates growth in the county and adds to the tax base.

Notice

IN THE IOWA JUVENILE COURT FOR CERRO GORDO COUNTY
Case No. JVJV008959
NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING
IN THE MATTER OF S.D.L.,
A Minor Child,

TO: CHAD JEFFREY LUTCAVISH

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file, at the Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Juvenile Division, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa a Petition in Cerro Gordo County Juvenile No. JVJV008959, which prays for a termination of your parent-child relationship with S.D.L., a minor child born on September 18, 2005, in Rochester, Minnesota. For further details contact the clerk's office. The Petitioner's attorney is David A. Grooters, whose address is 103 E. State Street, Suite 800, P.O. Box 1588, Mason City, Iowa 50402-1588. The telephone and facsimile numbers for the Petitioner's attorney are (641) 423-4264 and (641) 423-3145, respectively.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that there will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate

Parental Rights before the Iowa Juvenile Court for Cerro Gordo County at the Courthouse in Mason City, Iowa, at 1:15 P.M. on the 26th day of March, 2020, and at said time and place you will be given an opportunity to be heard before the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, as a person against whom a proceeding for termination of parental rights is brought, you have the right to counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 600A.6A. If you are financially unable to employ counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for you if the criteria set forth in Iowa Code section 600A.6A(2) are met.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you appear hereto and defend, at the time and place identified above, termination of parental rights may be decreed as prayed in the Petition.

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Cerro Gordo County Courthouse
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Mason City, Iowa 50401
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Facsimile: (641) 424-6726
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Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Worth COUNTY
EQUITY NO.
EQCV012705
ORIGINAL NOTICE
FOR PUBLICATION

Bankers' Bank,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Sheila Olson, Executor of the Estate of Marlene Thelma Roberts; Spouse of Sheila Olson; Rhonda Schukei; Spouse of Rhonda Schukei; Ricky Olson; Spouse of Ricky Olson; and Parties in Possession,
Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants: Sheila Olson Spouse of Sheila Olson, Rhonda Schukei; Spouse of Rhonda Schukei

You are notified there was on January 23, 2020 filed in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court a Foreclosure Petition, which prays for foreclosure of a mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described herein and judgment in rem in the amount of $70,541.99 plus interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from April 1, 2019, such amount equaling $7.97 per day, the costs of the action including title costs of $235.00, and reasonable attorney fees and that said sums be declared a lien upon the following-described premises from March 9, 2012, located in Worth County, Iowa, to-wit:

Lot Thirteen (13), in Block One (1), County Auditor's Plat to Northwood, Worth County, Iowa, excepting the East 152 feet thereof that the mortgage on the above-described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew E. Laughlin, whose address is The Davis Brown Tower, 215 10th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3993, Phone: (515) 288-2500, Facsimile: (515) 243-0654.

NOTICE

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL SIX MONTHS (THREE MONTHS IF THE PETITION INCLUDES A WAIVER OF DEFICIENCY) FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS YOUR RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 20th day of April, 2020, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Worth County, Iowa. You are notified that Worth County District Court utilizes the Electronic Document Management System. You are directed to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and, in particular, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 641-421-0990. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (18007352942.) Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

Date of Third Publication the 1st day of April, 2020.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I drove to Kearney, Nebraska, and back. Guess how many cows I saw.

I don't know. How many did you see?

How should I know? I didn't count them.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I experienced the sight of empty toilet paper and bread aisles in a store. I drove north on Winter, a street in Wakefield, Nebraska. Running low on gas, I turned down the radio. That seemed to help. After fueling to my car's content, I taught a couple of writing classes. Brilliant kids. It was a beautiful spring day. Then a terrible thing happened while I was having lunch. Someone claimed winter was over. "No!" I screamed. "Take it back. Say you were just kidding." It was too late. Within a few hours, we had a winter storm complete with sleet, ice and snow. Most everyone who traveled the same path I had described the weather as crappy. I'm going to get myself a snow globe that after I shake it, a tiny snow plow appears and pushes snow. A van ahead of me dispensed copious amounts of snow from its roof. Vans in snowy areas should have A-frame roofs.

Coaches count

I watched as the Minnesota State basketball coach, Emilee Thiesse, stamped her foot vigorously. She wore high heels. How she kept from breaking a heel is a mystery. She whistled loudly, which the TV announcer deemed sending a Batt Signal to her point guard, Joey Batt. Coaching runs in Emilee's family as her sister is the head coach at Nebraska. My son is a high school coach. I see how much work and the incredible hours he puts into coaching. I especially appreciate all the work done by volunteer coaches. They don't do it for fame or fortune.

A travelogue

I'm fortunate that work has allowed me to travel to many places on this old world. Like Forrest Gump, I've been many places. Traveling is wonderful as long as I have a home to return to. Unmoored traveling isn't for me. I haven't been everywhere, but I've been to Louisiana where I learned to never cook an alligator in a crockpot. And Hungary where a collective noun might be a goulash of Hungarians. I visited Kansas and discovered the poor man's banana tastes like a cross between a banana and a mango. It's a paw paw. In Sacramento, Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill designating lace lichen the California state lichen, making California the first to have a state lichen.

I visited Republican City, Nebraska, named after the Republican River. Why the Republican name? Jefferson and Madison opposed Hamilton's Federalists, usually calling themselves Republicans or sometimes Democratic-Republicans. A republican was anyone who believed in government without a king or aristocracy. In the 1780s, the river was known to French traders as "Fourche des Republiques"—the Forks of the Republicans. The Republicans were a band of Pawnees living there at the time and the river was given their name.

Nature notes

Looking out the window is worth the effort. Snow hadn't been elusive or overwhelming. The DNR says January is our snowiest month on average, followed by December, March, November, February and April. When spring comes, can winter be far behind? We need a change of scenery, but we get an in-between season called sprinter.

I listened to a male cardinal sing his spring song. "Whatcheer, cheer, cheer, birdy, birdy, birdy, birdy." A black-capped chickadee whistled, "Spring's here," "Sweet-ie," "Love you," or "Fee-bee." A white-breasted nuthatch celebrated the increasing daylength by giving voice to "Wha-wha-wha." Blue jays voiced a musical queedle-queedle. Drumming woodpeckers provided a percussive accompaniment.

I heard a house sparrow cheep. I've heard them called cheap birds. In India, the Nature Forever Society has tried to rally conservation interest by declaring March 20 World Sparrow Day and naming it the state bird of Delhi. The Society's president said, "The house sparrow is one bird which is seen by everyone, by kids, by adults, by people from various socioeconomic strata. It is a bird of the common man." The house sparrow is the default little brown bird we see in parking lots and yards, on street corners and sidewalks, and on farms.

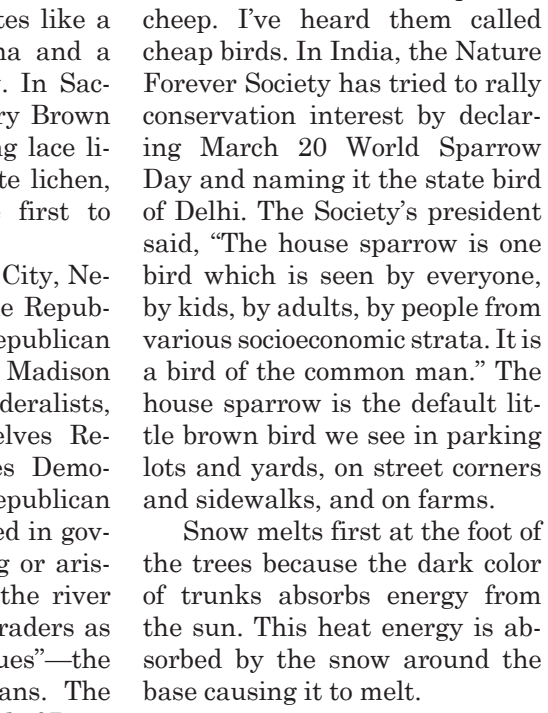
Snow melts first at the foot of the trees because the dark color of trunks absorbs energy from the sun. This heat energy is absorbed by the snow around the base causing it to melt.

Meeting adjourned

"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try." John F. Kennedy

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A place of your own: Homebuyer online course gets a makeover



By Suzanne Bartholomae Human Sciences Extension and Outreach and Laura Sternweis Advancement

Not many financial decisions top the excitement and complexity of buying a home. But no matter how exciting the prospect of owning a home can be, the process of buying a home can be daunting. “A Place of Your Own,” an online home buyer education course from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, helps Iowans be savvy consumers as they navigate this big purchase.

Since 2007, when ISU Extension and Outreach first began offering “A Place of Your Own,” nearly 4,000 prospective home buyers have completed the course. Most of the students are in the process of buying their first home, said Suzanne Bartholomae, extension state specialist in family finance and an assistant professor in ISU's College of Human Sciences.

"Participants have told us the course makes the home-buying process less overwhelming by answering their questions and filling in gaps in their knowledge. For example, before completing the course, they may not have understood that buying a home involves more costs than just the mortgage payment. 'A Place of Your Own' helps them identify the many costs and issues that come with owning a home," Bartholomae said.

"Participants also appreciate that they can complete the course at their own pace," Bartholomae added.

“A Place of Your Own” is available from www.extension.iastate.edu/homebuyer anytime, anywhere, from any computer with internet access. The cost for the course, including the certificate of completion, is $45.

For 2020 ISU Extension and Outreach has updated and redesigned “A Place of Your Own.” The new version includes six lessons: 1) preparing for homeownership, 2) determining your budget, 3) shopping for a home, 4) choosing a mortgage, 5) preparing for closing, and 6) being a homeowner, with additional emphasis on budgeting and credit.

The course meets accessibility standards, provides updated content, and includes new and updated consumer tools. The new navigation and professional voice-over supports participant engagement. In addition, the course continues to meet the performance standards of the National Industry for Homeownership Education and Counseling guidelines.

“A Place of Your Own” also continues to meet its goal to help individuals be fiscally prepared to purchase a home. Based on course data collected over five years, 80% of program participants said the course was useful or very useful in helping them buy a home, Bartholomae noted.

“This course gave a lot of information on buying a new house versus renting. There are many steps to take and it all takes time. You cannot just rush into buying a house,” according to a participant’s evaluation. “I knew a few things by talking to a realtor and the bank beforehand, but now I have much more useful information.”

Many home loan programs require that potential homebuyers complete a homebuyer course to qualify for a loan.

"The majority of program participants have been referred to 'A Place of Your Own' by a bank and/or financial services company, likely one they are working with to obtain a mortgage. The course helps participants navigate these relationships. They also receive a certificate of completion, which they can take to their lender,” Bartholomae said.

“A Place of Your Own” was developed to meet the need for a convenient, cost effective and timely homebuyer education program. With the course relaunch, participants will continue to be supported as they prepare for purchasing a home. More information on the course and registration, is available by visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/homebuyer.

Early access: Being a baby is hard work

By Gina Greene Early ACCESS Regional Coordinator for Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA)



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You don't have to be a child development expert to give a child a great start in life. In fact, it's surprisingly simple – and fun. The first three years of life are a period of amazing growth in all areas of a baby's development. Children are learning through everything they do. Providing a child with positive experiences can make all the difference for their future. Having safe and loving relationships and spending time with family and friends – playing, singing, reading and talking – are all very important.

Healthy development means that children can grow to be the most that they can be. You can make this difference. As a parent, grandparent, or caregiver you are the most important teacher your child will ever have. No two children develop, grow and learn in the same way or at the same pace. However, children do develop in certain predictable ways. If you have questions or concerns, Early ACCESS, Iowa’s System of Early Intervention, can help. Early ACCESS provides resources, support and information to parents and caregivers to help children grow and develop.

Kids who hear more words spoken at home, learn more words and are more ready for school. Kids who are read to regularly between ages birth and five hear more than 1 million more words than those who were never read to. Read to your baby from the very beginning!

If you have questions or concerns about how your infant or toddler 0-3 plays, hears, sees, talks, eats or moves, contact Early ACCESS. There is no cost to you for Early ACCESS services and support.

You can follow your baby’s development. To see what they will learn next each month visit Month by Month Development on the Iowa Family Support Network website. To get more information about Early ACCESS, including statewide and local resources and regional contacts, visit the Iowa Family Support Network. http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/early-access-iowa

To reach someone for Early ACCESS information or no cost evaluation contact us statewide by calling 1-888-IAKIDS1 (1-888-425-4371). To connect online visit Iowa Family Support Network.

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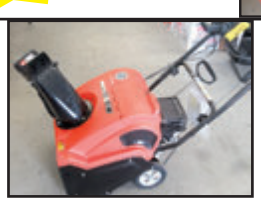


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