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Briefs

Clean Up Days begin today

The City of Northwood's annual opportunity to help residents clean up homes began today.

The City is providing dumpsters for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean Up Days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

Appliance pick up will take place during the fall clean up days in October.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open today, Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Thursday, April 23, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The following week the City will pick up piles of brush trimmings throughout the city.

More information is available by contacting Northwood City Hall at

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Illustrating social distancing

The Northwood Anchor recently joined others in having their pictures taken in front of their businesses, or in front of their homes, while keeping safe distances from the photographer, like Jodie Bachtle of NV Studios and Jodie Bachtle Photography for the Anchor. Bachtle, and other area photographers, have been taking the photos in exchange for a donation to a local cause, such as the Worth County Community Pantry. For the Anchor staff of (from left) Becky Haberman, Kris Kenison and Dawn Batton, it was an opportunity to display the six feet that makes for same social distancing. It also offered office cat Tess a chance to sneak into the photo through the window.

WCDA awards $898,989.93 to Worth, regional recipients

The WCDA spring awards announcement was one of the latest events that had to be called off this year. While the grants weren't announced in person, those receiving funds were still notified last week that their projects will receive support, with a total of $898,989.93 in grants.

Of those funds, $851,752.04 will go to 26 groups, fire departments, cities and churches in Worth County. Nine grants, totaling $47,237.89, were awarded in the North Iowa/southern Minnesota region.

The largest grant of the spring awards went to TUNE, which received $278,000 for phase 4 of its project to turn the old lumber yard in downtown Northwood into an events center. Including the latest award, the project has received $811,244.81 in WCDA grants.

The second biggest grant of was received by Worth County Beautification, which received $55,883.97. The funds will be used to remodel the 4-H Exhibit building at the

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Iowa schools closed for the year

For Iowa districts, school's out for the rest of the year, at least out of the classroom. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced on Friday that Iowa's schools were to remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, but that districts should begin work on plans to get students ready for classes for the next school year.

Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education announced on Friday that all school districts and nonpublic schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year and will continue to offer alternate distance learning, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Iowa's schools had previously been closed through April 30.

This also includes the cancellation of spring sports activities. As far as the next sports season is concerned, an announcement on summer sports activities and when other school-sponsored activities can resume will be made by June 1.

"While I would like nothing

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Absentee voting for primary begins tomorrow, April 23

The absentee voting period will begin tomorrow Thursday, April 23, for the primary election that will be held on Tuesday, June 2.

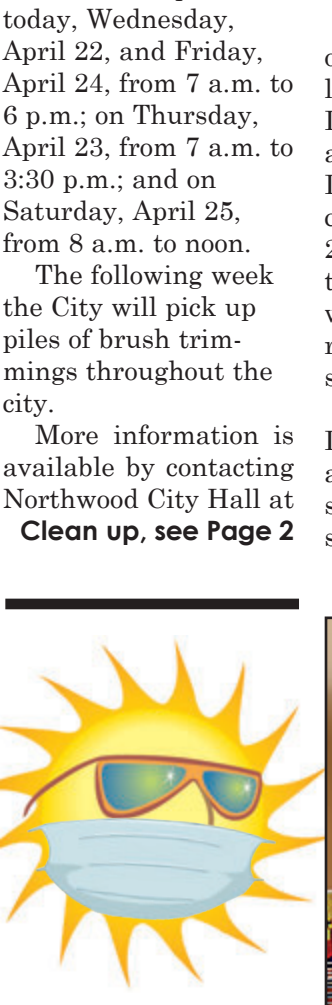
With COVID-19 a concern, the Iowa Secretary of State's office extended the time for absentee voting to encourage Iowans to take advantage of the alternative to voting in person.

The absentee voting period has been extended to 40 days for those that will vote by mail in the primary. The extension allows more time to send in ballots and allows county auditors more time to process votes.

The absentee voting period for mailed ballots in the June primary begins tomorrow, Thursday, April 23.

The Secretary of State's office planned to mail absentee ballot request forms to

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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. April 7	55	39	
Wed. April 8	71	39	
Thurs. April 9	51	29	
Fri. April 10	38	23	.23
Sat. April 11	47	44	
Sun. April 12	59	33	
Mon. April 13	33	18	.83



Let's all get food curbside from the lobby

While the Northwood Theatre can't open its doors to watch movies, this past weekend they offered concessions for the community to watch movies at home. Customers drove up to the theater where staff and volunteers took orders and delivered popcorn, pop and candy to go. Over Friday and Saturday nights, the theatre served 285 people with concessions. They plan to do the same again this weekend, April 24 and 25, from 4-7 p.m. each night. See the Northwood Theatre Facebook page for more information.

N-K celebrates Virtual Spirit Week — See Page 12

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more than to open up our schools and classrooms in May, we have to prioritize the health and safety of Iowans," said Reynolds. "With our students at home, we must rely on continuous learning plans that are in place and prepare school districts for 'Return to Learn' in the fall. I greatly appreciate the work of Director Ann Lebo and all our school administrators, educators and staff during this unprecedented time."

The decision is based on recommendations from the Iowa Department of Public Health to ensure the health and safety of Iowa students, teachers, school administrators and other school staff.

"Iowa teachers should be commended for how quickly they have transitioned from the classroom to online and distance learning," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "Our schools have really stepped up to the plate and worked hard to develop and implement continuous learning solutions in only a matter of weeks. We appreciate everything schools and families are doing to support children's well-being while continuing to support their academic progress while school buildings are closed."

Besides announcing that schools would close, it was announced that the requirements for instructional hours for students would be waived through the end of the school year.

When it comes to the 2020-2021 school year, a few changes were made and requirements added.

Reynolds announced that districts would have to develop "Return to Learn" plans.

According to Department of Education guidance released on Friday, these plans are due by July 1. These plans are intended for schools to outline how they will address the educational disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Examples of Return to Learn methods given included summer school, enrichment activities and other opportunities.

School districts were also given more leeway for the length of the coming school year as they work to address the educational time lost since March, as Reynolds waived the requirement that districts begin their school year no later than August 23.

Prior to last week's announcement, Iowa districts had submitted their plans to offer either voluntary or required home-learning options through April 30. School districts will now choose how they will offer education through the end of the school year and whether it will require students to take part.

The districts can change whether the distance learning options are required at any time, and can vary the requirement by grade.

Northwood-Kensett schools had opted to make lessons voluntary, noting that the difference in technology that students have access to at their homes creates disparities in their educational options.

The N-K school board will have to meet to decide whether they will continue to offer lessons on a voluntary basis through the previous end of the school year, on May 21.

It was also announced by Reynolds' office that school buildings would remain closed through the end of the school year.

That would force the cancellation of graduation ceremonies as typically held. N-K administrators are discussing alternate options with seniors and their families, ranging from delaying commencement to celebrating with a car parade.



Puppets in place to peruse

Amongst the many ways that people have shown their support in the community is putting stuffed animals on display. This is intended to provide a visual scavenger hunt for people getting out for a drive or walk around the community. These puppets provide one of the more unique examples of the practice, found in the west side of Northwood.

Minnesota expands allowed outdoor activities

Last week, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued an executive order that expanded allowable outdoor recreational activities. The changes were meant to allow Minnesotans to continue to enjoy the outdoors close to home while following social distancing guidelines.

Executive Order 20-38 allowed Minnesotans to engage in a range of activities, including golfing, boating, fishing, hunting and hiking, as long as they follow new outdoor recreation guidelines.

These guidelines include maintaining 6-foot social distancing, avoiding crowded areas and staying close to home.

"It's important for us to stay active and enjoy the outdoors while preventing the spread of COVID-19," said Walz. "This measure will allow Minnesotans to take advantage of more opportunities to get outside, while still doing their part to keep their neighbors healthy."

Under Executive Order 20-38, facilities that may reopen or remain open include:

- Bait shops for live bait
- Outdoor shooting ranges and game farms
- Public and private parks and trails
- Golf courses and driving ranges
- Boating and off-highway vehicle services, including marina services, dock installation and other lake services, boat and off-highway vehicle sales and repair, by appointment only.

While the amount of allowed outdoor recreational activities has been expanded, campgrounds and dispersed camping, outdoor recreational equipment retail stores, recreational equipment rental, charter boats, launches and guided fishing remain closed.

Per the order, people should continue to take part in outdoor activities close to their primary residence. Staying home helps protect people from spreading COVID-19 and limits pressure on rural medical facilities and essential supplies.

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all Iowans in advance of the absentee voting timeframe. The forms will include prepaid postage for return mailing to county auditors.

Iowans can request absentee ballots through May 22. County auditors will begin mailing ballots after April 23.

For the first time, Iowans who are 17 years old and will be 18 by November 3 can vote in the June primary.

Iowans can register to vote online or download a printable voter registration form at sos.iowa.gov/registertovote.

Polling sites will be open for the June 2 primary election, but many will be combined with other precincts. Voters should check with their county auditor before going to the polls. That and other voting information will also be printed in the Northwood Anchor.

Curbside voting is an option for Iowans with disabilities, those who might have trouble entering a polling place and Iowans who are in the Center for Disease Control's at-risk population for COVID-19.

Iowans can download a printable absentee ballot request form online at sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf.

More information is available online at VoterReady.Iowa.gov.

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324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up days may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

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Auditor Backhaus encourages voters to check their mail for absentee ballot request form

Worth County Auditor Jacki Backhaus joins Secretary of State Paul Pate and auditors across Iowa in encouraging voters to cast absentee ballots by mail in the upcoming June 2 primary. During the COVID-19 pandemic, voting by mail is the safest option.

Secretary Pate is sending absentee ballot request forms to every active registered voter in the state. The forms should arrive in mailboxes later this month and will include pre-paid postage for returning them to Auditor Jacki Backhaus's office.

"My goal is for all voters, my staff and poll workers to stay healthy. Staying home is our safest option at this point. We're doing what we can to make this process work for everyone," Backhaus said. "Being in a smaller county with limited resources, I appreciate the Secretary of State's office taking the initiative to send these forms out."

Once voters receive their absentee ballot request form in the mail, they should fill out and mail it promptly. Iowans can also download the request form directly from the Iowa Secretary of State website, VoterReady.Iowa.gov. Requests must be received by your county auditor's office by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 22.

"We want all eligible citizens to participate in our elections and casting a ballot by mail is the best method during this pandemic," Secretary Pate said. "Absentee voting has security measures in place to ensure the integrity of the ballot."

Primary elections are intended for members of the Republican and Democratic parties only. No Party voters who choose to request a party's ballot will have their voter registration officially changed to that political party.

For more information about the June 2 primary, visit VoterReady.Iowa.gov or www.worthcounty.org.

Parents now able to administer the Iowa DOT written driving test at home

"Skip the Trip," a program the Iowa Department of Transportation began last year, allowing students to take the non-commercial driver's knowledge test at approved educational sites has now been expanded to allow parents, guardians and legal custodians to proctor the test for their children from home using an electronic device connected to the Internet.

To protect customers and Iowa DOT staff from exposure to COVID-19, services offered in driver's service centers have been limited at least through the end of April. Allowing parents to administer the test at home will enable students to still take the test without coming into a service center.

To apply to take the test at home, the parent must have a valid Iowa driver's license and will need to complete and submit the Application to Proctor Knowledge Exam form to the Iowa DOT. Upon approval of the application, the parent and student will receive an email with instructions for taking and administering the test. After the test is completed, the student will receive an email with the test results. Once the student has passed the test, the parent and student will need to visit a DOT service center or county treasurer's office to get their instruction permit. Currently, appointments are necessary at DOT service centers and are available beginning in May. Appointments can be online. Those that wish to visit a county treasurer's office are encouraged to contact a county treasurer to find out how they are providing service at this time.

The Iowa DOT reminds parents that teaching driving skills to children are an important responsibility that must be taken seriously. The skills parents instill in their child not only have a direct impact on their safety but the safety of everyone on roadways, for the rest of a child's life.

More information about Skip the Trip online at iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/skip-the-trip.

People may prepare for the driver's knowledge test by looking for the Iowa Driver's License Manual and practice tests online at iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/manuals-and-practice-tests.

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Worth County Fairgrounds.

The City of Manly received the third largest award last week, as it extends it solar energy infrastructure. Manly received $45,850 for solar panels at the city's aquatic center.

The City of Manly also received the most funds amongst Worth County cities, $65,500 total, which also included funds for water meters and improvements at its Macer Dunn sports facilities.

The City of Grafton received four grants, totaling $43,823.68. Those funds will go towards a utility vehicle, snowplow, city hall furnace and bean bag board sets.

The City of Northwood received one grant, $17,050 for a mower.

The City of Kensett received two awards for the Kensett Library, totaling $13,998.29, which will be used for LED lights and to replace the library's front window.

The City of Joice received two grants, totaling $8,583.51, for computer upgrades and street sign replacement.

Worth County churches received $175,566.14 for projects that include an audio replacement project at First Lutheran Church; new windows and siding at the Sion Lutheran Church parsonage; a shelter generator at Bethlehem Lutheran Church; transportation and electrical needs at New Bethel Baptist Church; a parsonage bathroom remodel for Emmanuel Lutheran Church; LED lights and doors at Bethany Lutheran Church; remodeling at Silver Lake Lutheran Church; and sidewalk and curbs at Fertile Lutheran Church.

Emergency and fire department grants totaled $75,581.57. That includes funds to the Worth County Emergency Management Agency for warning sirens at the Interstate 35/Highway 105 interchange, radios for the Joice Fire Department, wildland truck modifications for the Manly Fire Department, updating lights on trucks at the Grafton Fire Department and cabinets at the Hanlontown Fire Department.

Amongst grants outside of Worth County, the largest went to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Scarville, which received $14,903 for a boiler replacement.



Work continues on the former Northwood Lumber building that is being converted into an events center. The project received the largest of the spring WCDA grants last week.

WORTH COUNTY GRANTS

Hanlontown/Fire Dept	
Cabinet System	$1,599.00
City of Grafton	
Bean Bag Board Sets	$2,163.90
City of Joice	
Street Sign Replacement	$3,312.65
Bethany Lutheran Church	
Accordian Door Replacement	$3,642.28
Serenity Acres	
Porta Potty/Hand Washing Station	$4,017.00
Kensett Public Library	
LED Lights	$4,132.00
Fertile Lutheran Church	
Sidewalks and Curbs	$4,885.60
City of Joice	
Computer Upgrades	$5,270.86
WC Historical Society	
Scanner/Computer	$6,213.99
Grafton Fire Dept	
Update Lights on Fire Trucks	$6,474.95
City of Grafton	City Hall Furnace $6,699.78
Silver Lake Lutheran Church	
Door/Window/Step Replacement	$8,001.04
City of Grafton	
Snowplow	$8,100.00
Northwood Senior Center	
LED Lighting	$8,500.00
WC/Conservation	
Kayaks for the Community	$8,979.50
WC Community of Promise	
Front Exterior Update	$9,027.50
City of Manly/Parks Rec	
Macer Dunn Improvements	$9,775.00
City of Kensett/Public Library	
Replace Front Window	$9,866.29
City of Manly	
Water Meter Project Phase 4	$9,875.00
Bethany Lutheran Church	
LED Lights	$9,950.00
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	
Parsonage Bathroom Remodel	$9,955.90
Manly Fire Dept	
Wildland Truck Modification	$10,000.00
City of Northwood	
Mower	$17,050.00
Sacred Heart Cemetery Association	
Cemetery Road Replacement	$19,385.16
WC Community of Promise	
New Flooring	$25,035.73
City of Grafton	
Utility Vehicle With Attachments	$26,860.00
Joice Fire Department	
Portable Mobile Radios	$27,584.80
New Bethel Baptist Church	
Transportation/Electrical	$28,230.95
Bethlehem Luthern Church	
Shelter Generator	$28,530.00
WC Emergency Management	
I-35/Hwy 105 Warning Siren	$29,922.82
WC/Conservation	
Passenger Van	$36,606.00
Sion Lutheran Church	
Parsonage Windows/Siding	$40,000.00
First Lutheran Church	
Audio Replacement/Phase I	$42,370.37
City of Manly	
Aquatic Center Solar Panels	$45,850.00
WC Beautification	
Remodel 4-H Exhibit Building	$55,883.97
TUNE	
Northwood Event Center	$278,000.00
WORTH COUNTY TOTAL	$851,752.04

REGIONAL GRANTS

Gardeners of North Iowa	
East Park Fountain	$1,000.00
BrickStreet Theatre	
Curtain Project	$1,019.99
Mona Lutheran Church	
New Furnace	$2,471.90
American Legion/Garner	
Cargo Trailer	$2,625.00
Central Gardens of NI/Clear Lake	
Accessibility for Visitors	$3,110.25
St. Ansgar Fire Dept.	
Floor Project	$5,900.00
Glenville Fire Dept.	
Thermal Imaging Camera	$6,207.75
City of Lake Mills	
Family Circle Project	$10,000.00
Immanuel Lutheran Church/Scarville	
Boiler Replacement	$14,903.00
REGIONAL TOTAL	$47,237.89
TOTAL SPRING 2020	$898,989.93

Bolan

In 2017, a new sidewalk was installed in Bolan connecting the schoolhouse with the church. Sidewalk squares were sold to include dedications, names and businesses.

Four more squares will be added to the sidewalk to extend west to the Bolan Museum. Three of the four squares are already spoken for.

If anyone would like to be the fourth, contact Lori Willert at 641-903-9472 as soon as possible. The concrete will likely be poured within the next week or two, depending on weather.

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City looks at becoming County interchange operator

At recent meetings, Northwood city officials have been discussing the possibility of taking on the operation of Worth County's water and wastewater systems at the Interstate 35/ Highway 105 interchange.

The City of Northwood has been approached about taking on the role of water/sewer operations at the interchange as Worth County's agreement with People Services comes to an end in June and the County is looking at other options.

If the City were to take on the task of operating the system, it would be the City's current employees that would be responsible for running the County facilities.

Currently there is one City employee with a Grade 3 operator license, city superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk. That type of certification is required to operate the City's current system and would be needed for the County system as well. Two additional members of the City crew, Wade Flattum and Logan Butler, are in the process of getting that licensing.

The City would be responsible for operating and maintaining the County system, as well as addressing any issues that arise.

In recent months that has been an issue for the County, with problems arising that have led to interchange customer complaints. The City has been assured, however, that those would be addressed before the City takes on the job.

City superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk presented a list of pros and cons to the Northwood city council at a March 16 workshop.

Van Ryswyk's pros included potential revenue for the City, to help offset the costs of its own wastewater system; the fact that the City already has the equipment; the fact that the City will have employees ready to operate the systems; and that helping out the County is always good for both.

The cons of taking on the operations, according to Van Ryswyk, included more stress on the city crew, which could impact morale, and increased workload on current city staff; additional wear and tear on city equipment; and the fact that the city workers would be spending time outside of the city.

A number of questions were raised about whether or not the City could or should take on the job of interchange water/sewer maintenance.

The first thing that was made clear amongst council members was that the City wouldn't undertake the task if it meant additional cost to Northwood residents, or if members of the city crew would be opposed to it.

That led to the concern that there may not be enough time to serve the County and the City. It was discussed that, at least at the start, part time help hired for the summer may be willing to take on more hours as others work on the interchange systems. The City would look at hiring additional help as needed, with the cost of additional time passed on to the County.

Van Ryswyk acknowledged that there would be a fair amount of time at the beginning. He said that there would be a learning curve that would involve a lot more time at the interchange at first. He said that, once the learning curve is passed, it would involve about 3 hours a day. That would mean overtime on the weekends for city employees.

It would also be a learning curve for the County. Currently the County's contract involves all chemicals and other materials being paid for by People Services. The City officials said that they would provide the labor and help with what is needed, but the cost of those other items would have to be up to the County to provide.

It was also made clear that the Council didn't want the City to be the line if issues continued with the interchange system.

The other question remained what the cost would be to the County. Over two workshops the Council discussed whether the City should get involved. The cost was expected to be a part of further discussion between the City and the County.

A proposed agreement for the services of the City was on the agenda at the April 13 council meeting.

At the meeting, Van Ryswyk shared that his concerns about taking on the extra task for the City were increasing, particularly with the casino shut down due to State COVID-19 guidelines. Without the customers and employees at the casino, the interchange water and wastewater systems are operating significantly below normal capacity and that could create issues that the City may inherit if they take over, especially if the casino hasn't reopened by July.

With so many questions in the air, if the City does proceed, it would be on a six month trial basis. Van Ryswyk said that he thought they would know if it would work in three months, but wanted to give plenty of time for the County to look at alternatives if the City decided to leave after six months.

The proposal presented at the council meeting called for a six month initial agreement with a 90 day notice for termination.

While there was some hesitation, the council members agreed to present the County with the City proposal, but noted that their offer outlined the terms that they needed in place if the City was to proceed, and not an opening negotiation.



A birthday party on parade

With large family gatherings not an option, to keep each other safe, life's celebrations have had to adapt. That includes birthdays. Pictured above is a parade held to celebrate the birthday of Jaela Parks last week. Her friends and family drove by her home as they honked, waved and showed off signs sharing birthday greetings.

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

April 21, 1920

Every voting precinct in Worth County except Barton Township was represented at the Republican county convention held at the court house in Northwood. Among the delegates were three women from Lincoln Township, two from Kensett, two from Northwood and one from Fertile. The other precincts were all represented by men delegates.

The banquet given to the girls and boys basketball teams surely proved successful, especially the supper which was served by the girls second team. Several toasts were given and captains were chosen for the teams. Gladys Johnson was chosen captain for the girls team, and Ernest Anderson for the boys team. As a token of their appreciation, the girls gave Miss Nelson a small basketball pin and the boys gave Mr. Walston a gold knife and chain.

The County Superintendent O.L.V. Arland handed his resignation to the county school board, to take effect on June 15. The office pays a salary of only $1,700 a year for 12 months while salaries of head of public schools in comparatively small towns are higher than that for nine months.

The juniors of the N.H.S. have originated a new one act regular vaudeville performance which will be pulled off in the high school auditorium for purpose of raising money to defray the expenses of the junior reception to the seniors.

A number of men and women friends of T.S. Hanson, vice president of The Worth County State Bank, called at the Hanson home of Ninth Street and gave that gentleman a surprise, the occasion being his birthday.

75 years ago

April 26, 1945

Mrs. Anton Johnson, 95, a resident of Deer Creek Township, Worth County, for 54 years, and of Iowa for nearly 70 years, died at her home near Meltonville where she had been cared for during the past year.

Kermit Solheim, recently of Farmington, Minnesota, two weeks ago acquired a partnership interest with John S. Veenker in the Veenker Drug Store in this city. He and Mrs. Solheim and their baby have moved to Northwood and are now residing in the E.O. Gunderson home on east Central Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Almer B. Olson of Manly received a telegram advising them of the death of their son Kenneth on February 20 on Iwo Jima against the Japanese.

Alan B. Kline, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, will be the principal speaker on the Worth County Farm Bureau guest night program to be held at the Music Hall in Northwood on May 2, according to Reuben Rustad, president.

Norris Malford Johnson, of Deer Creek Township, and Norbert James Huizel, of near Manly, were forwarded by the local selective service board to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for induction into the active service of the armed forces.

A group of friends and neighbors gathered at the Bernard Kisner farm home hear Hanlontown and using 13 tractors plowed 85 acres as a neighborly gesture to Mr. Kisner, who is convalescing at the Mercy hospital in Mason City following a major operation.

50 years ago

April 23, 1970

Mary Robb, Mary Roppe and Eloise Sheldahl received their Rubella shots at the Northwood-Kensett elementary school. About 1,300 students age 12 month to 12 years were immunized in the county wide program.

The Northwood Country Club opened on April 25, according to Francis Peterson, president. Activities began on April 29 with the first of 23 stag nights, family night dinners every two weeks and dances for each of three summer holidays are scheduled again this year, Peterson added.

Steve Pelham, Ruth Colby, Laura Gordon and Brian Groe were in the chase scene from "See How They Run," to be presented at the West Elementary auditorium. Patrick Ellis is the director.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl McCready, Kensett, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cheryl, to John Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhart Thompson, Northwood. Cheryl is a 1968 graduate of St. Ansgar Senior High School and 1969 graduate of Hamilton Business College. She is employed by Drs. O'Brien and Alcorn. Mr. Thompson is a 1968 graduate of Northwood-Kensett, graduate of E.C.P.I. and is now serving with the Army.

Mrs. Wayne (Judy) Pelkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rogers, who has been working with the recreation department of Evanston, Illinois, for two years has been promoted to assistant supervisor of all day camps in the North Shore area.

25 years ago

April 26, 1995

Iowa 2nd District Congressman Jim Nussle addressed a number of questions from a packed audience during a "town hall meeting" here at the Civic Center.

Green Thumb Garden Club members Rose Marie Kruger and Nancy Kieman looked over several pots of red geraniums from a large bed of the plants at Village Florist Greenhouse and Garden Center Monday.

Four confirmands were confirmed at the Northwood United Methodist Church on Sunday April 22, by Rev. Dennis Nicholson. Those confirmed were Brad Bakken, son of Sandy Bakken and Steven Bakken; Scott Flatness, son of Tim and Nancy Flatness; Lindsey Gunderson, daughter of Lynn and Mary Gunderson; and Valerie Patterson, daughter of Richard and Lois Patterson.

Northwood volunteer firemen spent a couple hours putting out a grass fire just southwest of the intersection of Ironwood Ave. and 500th St., near the Hartland Township residence of Dennis and Wanda Reyerson. Before the firemen doused it, the fire blackened approximately six acres of CRP ground and pasture and set up a giant plume of smoke that could be seen for miles.

10 years ago

April 28, 2010

Students in Northwood-Kensett kindergarten classes celebrated Earth Day by spending their morning enjoying the sunny weather while canvassing the elementary grounds picking up trash.

Despite the old sayings about the bad luck inherent in opening umbrellas indoors, the fun of the latest themed reading day, "It's raining good books," proved a more important consideration for those young readers. Students in Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten and Mrs. Myhre's first grade classes got involved.

Students of Northwood-Kensett Elementary were treated to a musical morning thanks to students from Iowa Lakes Community College. Students from the college's bands and choirs performed for the elementary. That included N-K alumni Brian Nugent.

Weston Noble, Decorah, Iowa, spent time with his former piano teacher, Mable Tenold, at the Northwood Pines. Mrs. Tenold taught five-year-old Noble piano lessons many years ago in Riceville, their home town. Noble is an accomplished and honored American music educator and conductor. Currently Professor Emeritus of Music at Luther College in Decorah, he is best known for his 57-year tenure as conductor of Luther's Nordic Choir from 1948 to 2005 and Concert Band from 1948 to 1973. Noble built the 72-voice Nordic Choir into one of the most elite a cappella college choirs in the United States.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Harriet Wendt Nelson

Harriet Della Wendt Nelson, 94, of Northwood, Iowa, died on Monday, April 13, 2020, at Northwood Lutheran Retirement Home.

Harriet was born on August 1, 1925, in Glenville, Minnesota, to Harry Wendt and Della (Louden) Wendt.

She attended Glenville School and graduated from Albert Lea High School.

She played in the high school band and continued her love of music playing the piano.

Harriet was united in marriage in 1945 to Earl Nelson.

She was a beautician and owned her own shop in Northwood, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters, Pauline Anderson Jacobson and Jeanette Offenhauser.

Services will be held at a later date.

Kenneth Fredrickson

Kenneth "Fred" Fredrickson passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020, while in care at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will celebrate Ken with a public memorial service at a later date.

Ken was born on October 7, 1935, to Fred Fredrickson and Ella (Luth) Fredrickson in rural Northwood, Iowa. He was baptized on October 27, 1935 and confirmed on June 19, 1949 at First Lutheran Church, Northwood, Iowa. Ken attended country school near where his parents farmed.

Ken served in the United States Army, on active duty from 1956 – 1958 which included duty overseas in France with an Army drop unit. He had fond memories of those duties.

Upon returning from active duty, Ken married his lifelong love, LaVerne Leidal, on February 7, 1959. They enjoyed 50 years of marriage before LaVerne's passing in July 2009. To this union two children were born, Julie Ann and Mark Eric. After Ken's employment at the Northwood Co-op Elevator, they began farming just east of Northwood, then later moved southwest of Northwood, finally moving southeast of Northwood near Bolan, Iowa. Kenneth farmed until his retirement in 2002, then helped his son farm until his passing.

Ken was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton, Iowa, and served as president of the council at one time. He also served the community as a director of the Grafton Co-op Elevator, the Lutheran Retirement home board, and Worth County Farm Bureau board.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, LaVerne; his parents, Fred and Ella Fredrickson; his father and mother-in-law, Curtis and Luella Leidal; brothers, Irving and Harold Fredrickson; sister, Doris; brother-in-law, Ray Shir; sisters-in-law, Reva (Muggs) and Delores; and sister-in-law, Karen (Leidal) Plummer.

Ken is survived by his children, Julie Fredrickson, Clear Lake, Iowa, and Mark Fredrickson, Grafton, Iowa; brothers-in-law, LeRoy (Lonna) Leidal, Menomonie, Wisconsin, Kevin (Becky) Leidal, Solon, Iowa; sister-in-law, Kathy (Tom) Christianson, Northwood, Iowa; and many nephews and nieces; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Program helps parents teach children home-alone skills

"Child saves the day by calling 911" can be a true story when children have adequate education from parents, teachers and community partners in caring for themselves when they are home alone.

During this time when many parents are working from home or families are isolated at home, they may have more time to help their children build skills. That is why Iowa 4-H is offering free, hands-on learning experiences to help parents help their children gain confidence in staying home alone. 4-H is the youth development program of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"On Their Own and OK" is tailored for parents and children in fourth through sixth grade and registration is online. Families have until April 23 to register, says Ann Torbert, 4-H program specialist. Then, every Thursday from April 23 through May 28 they'll receive, via email, directions for hands-on family learning using materials typically found at home. They'll also receive a free parent guide to help them support their children staying for short amounts of time on their own.

In addition, families will have opportunities to contact 4-H youth program specialists to share reflections and ask questions.

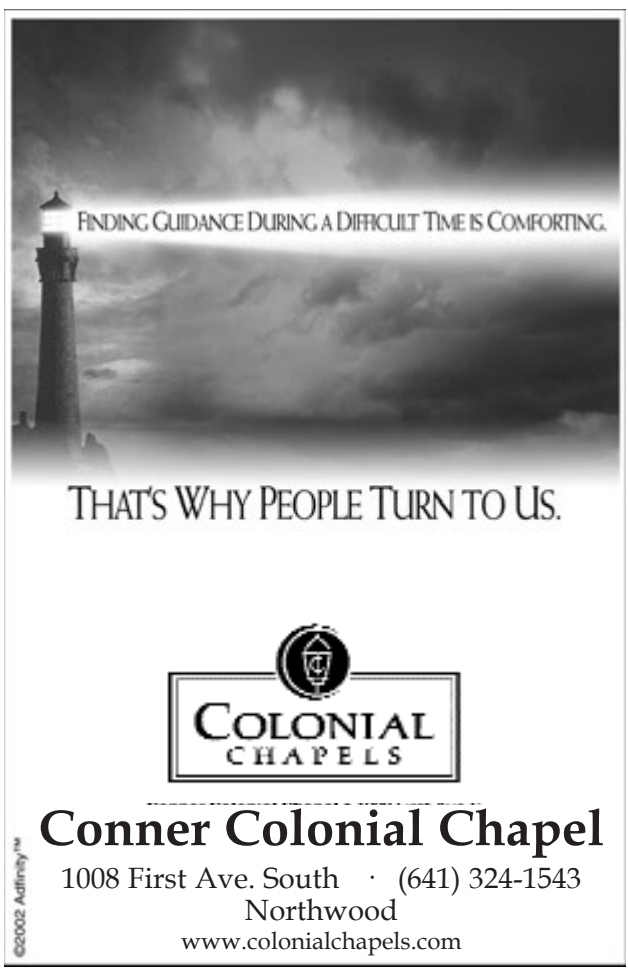
Parents who enroll their family will learn how to teach emergency tips and home safety, help their children handle boredom without technology, assign age appropriate chores, and plan a family celebration to continue to strengthen family relationships.

"Youth left home by themselves without self-care skills may find ways to occupy their time that grownups in the home may not like. Some young people may truly be fearful staying home alone. These classes build skills in youth, as well as incorporate ways for grownups in the home to support this step toward independence," Torbert said.

Torbert shared U.S. Census data that 7 million school-age children across the nation are left home alone during summer months. Fifteen states have laws defining a set age or age range for when a child can be left home alone. Iowa has no set age, Torbert added.

According to National SAFE KIDS Campaign, the nationwide childhood injury prevention program in the United States focusing on preventing unintentional injuries to children ages 14 and under, the general rule is that most children under age 12 are not mature enough to deal with emergencies. Much of this decision for a parent relates back to the maturity of the child.

"To know if children are ready for time at home alone, parents need to understand their children's physical, intellectual and social/emotional maturity levels," Torbert said.



The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

This period in our current life can be a little scary and unpredictable at times. I know many fear for their families and keeping them safe, their family business they've worked hard to grow, and ensuring their loved ones have everything they need to get through the day. Still, everywhere I look our community has come together to support each other during all this uncertainty.

Northwood Volunteer Fire Company could be seen travelling through Northwood to remind everyone we're all in this together, and the Nashua Fire Department is helping residents celebrate their birthdays.

Cresco Bank & Trust Co. is helping support local businesses by giving away gift cards every day and also treated staff at Regional Health Services of Howard County to some breakfast to thank them for all their hard work.

Many people are using their time at home to volunteer and make face masks for those who need them. These sewing groups are also sewing masks for local nurses. A few weeks ago, they were able to donate 350 masks. We have seen people stepping up to help supply face masks all over the district. Roeder Powdercoat and Machine have been making ear savers and donating them to medical staff and selling them to citizens, and St. Ansgar teachers are using 3D printing to also make ear savers and make the long hours health care staff are working a little easier.

Floyd County Conservation is trying to keep people busy at home, and community members are visiting those in nursing and rehabilitation homes by waving through windows and donating flower bouquets.

Charles City teachers keep their students engaged online, and even organized a 'CC Spirit Cruise' so kids and their families could come wave to their teachers, while high school teachers took their students' art show online. St. Joseph's community schools also organized a parade in New Hampton.

Northern Country Cooperative donated food to local schools that were packing lunches for families, and Shelby's Southern Smokehouse was working to put together breakfast bundles for local residents. More than 5000 meals were distributed in a 'mobile pantry' by the Northeast Iowa Food Bank last week.

You can help your community in many different ways too. The Iowa Department of Public Health has issued guidance on making homemade masks for health care providers. You can also check with your local hospital on what specifications they have. Volunteer Iowa has a number of opportunities available for those who want to volunteer during the pandemic. American Red Cross is looking for people to donate blood. The Food Bank of Iowa is currently doing a fundraiser to raise money to meet the immediate need for meals for Iowans impacted in some way by the virus.

If you and your family are struggling to get necessary meals, a number of food assistance programs are available. The Department of Human Services has information available on how to apply for food assistance. At the Department of Public Health's website you can learn about the WIC program, and the Department on Aging is also providing home-delivered or drive-through meals for Iowans over the age of 60. Food banks all across Iowa are working hard to provide meals for families in need. Iowa Homeland Security has a map of food banks serving your area.

I cannot express enough gratitude for the doctors, nurses, health care staff, and first responders working around the clock to help those patients afflicted with this virus, and doing what they can to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our state. For those who still have to go to work and are looking for childcare, the Department of Human Services has a map of facilities with spots available.

A number of constituents have contacted me expressing their desire to reopen the economy. I think all Iowans are looking forward to the time when we return to work, school, and social functions. I am optimistic we can proceed through this pandemic and reopen the economy in a balanced and responsible way in coordination with data-driven health care decisions.

There are a lot of good things happening in our community, and I'm proud to see how our citizens, businesses, and organizations have worked together to help us all get through this – and we will get through this. If you have more examples of someone doing good in your area, I'd love to hear about it. Please send me a message, and as always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.





Former schoolhouses in Northwood

Information was posted on Facebook by the Forgotten Iowa Historical Society that shared the location of 10 former rural schoolhouses that were relocated into Northwood and, for the most part, turned into homes. The Anchor is sharing a current look at these homes, along with information from the Historical Society. Pictured at top is the home located at 508 11th Street N. The home use to be the Deer Creek No. 6 schoolhouse. Pictured below is the Deer Creek No. 5, also know as the Sawin School. Today it is a home at 307 11th Street N.

Waiting to continue session



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 51

As I write this newsletter, I am confident that the safeguards put in place before we suspended session in March are helping us minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our state. I continue to answer your emails, update my Facebook page with information as I receive it, and listen to the Governor's press conferences at 11 a.m.

We have had conference calls with Iowa hospitals. Their loss of revenue while elective procedures are on hold is concerning, but their total preparedness for any increase in COVID-19 patients is comforting. We have also discussed with area Chamber of Commerce members the difficulties our small businesses are facing and what they are doing to adjust. Many businesses have had to furlough employees, but many are adjusting business practices and are able to keep some employees on staff. Thanks to you all for your continued support of these businesses that have supported our communities.

On Monday, the United States Department of the Treasury announced the process by which states and eligible local governments could receive CARES Act funds. Half of the funds will be distributed by April 18 and the remaining half sent out by April 24.

The CARES Act provides that in those states with cities or counties with populations of 500,000 or more, the state receives 55% of the funds and the local governments receive 45% based on a per capita distribution. For those states like Iowa who do not have a city or county with populations over 500,000, the state receives the full amount. For Iowa, that means $1.25 billion will be coming in over the next week.

Will Iowa's cities and counties be eligible for 45% of Iowa's funding? The CARES Act does not address this question, so it is believed that this decision rests with the Governor. This could change once the Treasury Department issues its guidance on what and how the funds can be used.

As we continue adjusting to our new normal, hang in there and continue social distancing. Hopefully we will be ready to start reopening businesses soon. These are difficult times for many of us, but we are not alone, and we have helpful resources. Visit coronavirus.iowa.gov. This site has information for physical and mental health, employment and resources from the CDC and IDPH.

I want to continue to thank all of the many essential workers for all they are doing and all of the people of Iowa for the numerous sacrifices they are all making. Together we will get through this. I am posting updates often on my Facebook page- facebook.com/votebloomingdale. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov. Stay Safe.

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There are many things which happen to us which we cannot control and which affect how we think and feel. The death of a loved one, someone treating us unfairly, and even things like the weather can seriously affect our health and our emotions. And while we cannot change the weather, or in most cases prevent others from dying, or treating us poorly, we can change how we react to those things, or at least resign ourselves to accepting things as they are. One of the gems from the literature on recovery is the acronym HALT, which stands for Hungry, Angry, Lonely, and Tired, and the idea is that these things can make us fall off the wagon and turn to alcohol, drugs, or simply bring us down emotionally. It may seem trite, but most of us do indeed run into problems when we are hungry, or let anger get the better of us, and loneliness and being tired almost always prevent us from operating at our best. Willpower is like a muscle. It needs to be exercised, and it requires energy. Being hungry or tired, therefore, leads to weakness of the will, which makes it harder to resist cravings. Anger, on the other hand, tends to disrupt the will by overriding rational thought. And loneliness is really a type of emotional hunger, the hunger for connection with others, and we are prone to bad decisions when we are emotionally hungry. When we pay attention to these four states of mind they are less likely to exert a negative influence in our lives.

– Christopher Simon

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:7-9 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

Good Housekeeping publications are, well, good! They are another of the old guard companies that can be depended upon to provide what they promise; not always the case with newer, upstart businesses. "Good Housekeeping Cookbook," edited by Dorothy B. Marsh (1963, Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc, NYC), has the following statement in the Foreword: "This cookbook almost defies classification. It is so many things. It is years of Good Housekeeping's knowledge of and respect for food…its preparation, its serving and its role in family life." That pretty much sums up the reason this company has stayed viable for so many decades. The person who owns and uses their books knows what to expect. This classic book is no exception. The recipes that follow have been adapted to make them more useful in today's kitchens but the good common cooking sense shines through.

Forty-Five Minute Spaghetti

1/4 pound bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces 2 teaspoons sugar
3/4 cup sliced yellow onions
3 cans (8 oz) tomato sauce
1/2 pound ground chuck
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sliced stuffed green olives
1/8 teaspoon pepper
8 oz. thin spaghetti
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Grated Parmesan cheese

In a large, heavy skillet, cook the bacon until light brown, not crisp. Pour off excess drippings. Add the onions, ground chuck and cook, stirring with a fork, until the meat is browned. Break up the meat as it cooks. Add the remaining ingredients except the olives and the spaghetti. Blend well and simmer, covered for 20 minutes. Add the olives, recover, and simmer another 15 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the spaghetti as directed on the package for al dente. Drain and put on a serving platter. Pour the sauce over the spaghetti. Alternately, serve on individual plates. Sprinkle lightly with the Parmesan cheese to taste. Makes 4 servings.

Parmesan Fish Fillets

1-1 1/2 pounds firm, mild white fish fillets, such as cod or tilapia
6 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
3 tablespoons real butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley

In a shallow dish, combine the Parmesan with the flour. Dip the dampened fish fillets into this mixture, coating on all sides. Set aside in the fridge for 10 minutes. In a large, heavy skillet, melt the butter. When it is hot, sauté the fish over moderate heat until golden on both sides. Turn only once to avoid breaking the fish into pieces. It should easily flake with a fork, about 4-6 minutes total. Remove the fish to a warm platter and pour the drippings from the skillet over the fish. Sprinkle with the parsley; serve with lemon wedges on the side. Makes 4 servings.

Walnut Clusters

1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup real unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1 1/2 squares unsweetened baking chocolate, melted
2 cups coarsely chopped English walnuts

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer at high speed, mix the butter, sugar, egg and vanilla until very light and fluffy. Turn the mixer to low speed and mix in the melted chocolate and then the flour mixture. Fold in the walnuts by hand. Drop by rounded teaspoonsful on a greased cookie sheet or one lined with parchment paper. Keep cookies about 1-inch apart on the sheet. Bake for 10 minutes, NO LONGER. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

This cookbook is the type young women would once receive at their bridal showers. It has a wealth of information not only on preparation of meals but it also has menus, information about foods of all kinds and some beautiful full-color pictures. Today many people, at least those who still enjoy cooking, get their recipes online. That's fine; I do it all the time. But there is still something satisfying in holding a real book and following the recipes stored there. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



SCOTT, KELSIE AND LORI WILLERT

Willert graduates from Grand View University on April 25

Kelsie Lynn Willert graduated from Grand View University on April 25, 2020, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History.

She was the recipient of the GV History Department's Thorvald Hansen Award. The award was granted to an outstanding student pursuing an advanced degree; who excels in writing, critical thinking and original historical research.

Willert experienced a fall internship at the Gold Star Iowa Military Museum in Johnston, working primarily on the Korean War exhibit.

She will have a paid internship this summer with the Carrie Lane Chapman Catt's girlhood home and museum near Charles City. Carrie was a key coordinator and leader of the women's suffrage movement campaigning for the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote in 1920.

Several celebrations are planned throughout Iowa this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this historical event.

Willert, was a contributing player for the Grand View Vikings women's basketball team on a full tuition scholarship for the past two years.

She is the daughter of Scott and Lori Willert. Grandparents are Joe and Linda Nydegger, all of Bolan.

How to clean when faced with a shortage of supplies

In light of concerns about COVID-19, various health organizations have issued specific instructions on how to maintain personal safety and cleanliness. These recommendations involve using common household products to sanitize homes, offices and public spaces. As people take such precautions, many are stocking up on extra essentials — resulting in shortages.



Everything from hand sanitizers to paper towels may be hard to find on grocery store shelves, leaving some to wonder what they can do to remain safe without sanitizers?

The Environmental Protection Agency states that coronaviruses are some of the easiest types of viruses to kill because they have an envelope around them that enables them to merge with other cells and infect them. If that protective coating can be disrupted, the virus can't do its job. For those having trouble finding well-known cleaning agents, these alternatives may suffice.

Hot water and soap

The reason handwashing is at the top of the list of sanitizing methods is because it is so effective at washing away viruses and bacteria. Friction from scrubbing with soap and water can help break the protective envelope, states the EPA. Soap and water can clean all surfaces in a home, especially when applying a little extra elbow grease.

Hydrogen peroxide

As people clear isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) off the shelves, do not discount hydrogen peroxide. The CDC says household hydrogen peroxide at 3 percent concentration can deactivate rhinovirus, the virus that causes the common cold, within six to eight minutes of contact. Coronavirus is easier to destroy than rhinovirus, so hydrogen peroxide may be effective at combatting that virus as well.

Natural items can be used for general cleaning, but have not been endorsed for use on COVID-19 disinfection. In lieu of shortages, white vinegar, baking soda pastes and citrus oils and juices could fill the void of chemically-based cleansers for other home tasks.

Baby Rossiter arrives April 7

Jenna Weitzel and Dakota Rossiter of Mason City are proud to announce the birth of their son, Xavier Ray Rossiter, born on April 7, 2020, at 12:49 p.m. at MercyOne in Mason City.

Xavier weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 19.25 inches long.

Grandparents are Jan O'Neill and John and Stacy Weitzel, all of Northwood, and Judy and Jason Rossiter of Woden, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Phyllis and Charles O'Neill of Greene, Verna Weitzel of Northwood, Jeff and Jane Thomas of Waterville and Sherri Rossiter of Des Moines and Fred Schoolkraft of Duncan, Iowa.



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As State 4-H Recognition Day adapts to social distancing, Worth youth succeed

"Although our 4-H motto is 'To Make the Best Better' sometimes we do our best with the situation we are dealt," said Tyler Loudon, Union County 4-H member and a participant in State 4-H Recognition.

Originally scheduled as face-to-face interviews in Ames on Saturday, March 28, instead the State 4-H Recognition interviews took place online.

Video teleconferencing was used because of social distancing recommendations from Iowa State University due to COVID-19, and 125 youth took part in 230 interviews for special statewide opportunities.

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for opportunities such as State 4-H Project Awards, State 4-H Council, Shooting Sports Ambassadors and Iowa 4-H Reporters, and to attend National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference.

The 4-H youth complete written applications and participate in interviews with a panel of adult evaluators.

"The overarching goal of this event is to provide our 4-H youth applicants with a positive, educational and interactive interview experience to help grow youth leadership, communication and college and career readiness skills," said Bonnie Dalager, 4-H product development specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The State 4-H Recognition Day coordination team worked with 4-H volunteers and families to adjust the event format while still delivering an engaging skill-building experience for 4-H participants.

Ashley Rosener, Monona County 4-H member, shared that this opportunity allowed her to practice interviewing skills, develop a resume and share her 4-H learning experiences with others.

The event was made possible with the support of 150 adult volunteers from across Iowa who reviewed and scored 4-H award applications as well as interviewed the youth participants virtually using one or more new technology platforms.

"The collective efforts and dedication of our volunteers was the reason we were able to continue to provide this opportunity for youth regardless of the limitations that the current situation has put on all of us," said Dalager.

Tyler Loudon, senior member of the Highland Highlights 4-H Club, shared that he was glad to hear that the State 4-H Recognition event would still be continuing. "Many of my school programs have been indefinitely postponed or canceled," Loudon said. "It was nice to have State 4-H Recognition Day still continue as a normal activity."

For Worth County, the annual 4-H Recognition Day was once again a big success, with 10 Worth County 4-H'ers recognized.

"Fortunately Worth County 4-H led the state again in nearly every State 4-H Recognition category," said Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson.

Former Worth County 4-H State Award winner Evan Fritz helped coach this year's 4-H'ers taking part in the Recognition Day.

"It just warms my heart to see so many Worth County 4-H youth be so successful, I recognize many names who I had the opportunity to coach that Thursday before their interviews and then a few that I actually had the chance to meet with that Saturday," Fritz said.

Following are the Worth County State 4-H Award winners for 2020:

National 4-H Congress, in Atlanta, Georgia- Tianna Charlson, Cecelia Hill, Hannah Lanphere, Wyatt Willand and Holden Willrett

State 4-H Project Awards- Marli Backhaus- Clothing, Tianna Charlson- Poultry, Lindsey Davidson- Civic Engagement, Hannah Lanphere- Leadership, Peyton Pangburn- Leadership and Jack Willrett- Pets

State 4-H Council- Tianna Charlson, Cecelia Hill, Kelsie Kinne and Hannah Lanphere

National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.- Tianna Charlson

Iowa 4-H Reporter Award- Marli Backhaus



EVAN FRITZ



Tianna Charlson is the daughter of Tammy and Tim Charlson of Plymouth. Tianna was chosen for the National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference and State 4-H Council, as well as receiving a State 4-H Project Award in Poultry. "State Recognition Day benefitted me by helping develop skills I can use in the future, like proper interview etiquette, and has given me memories and experiences I'll cherish."



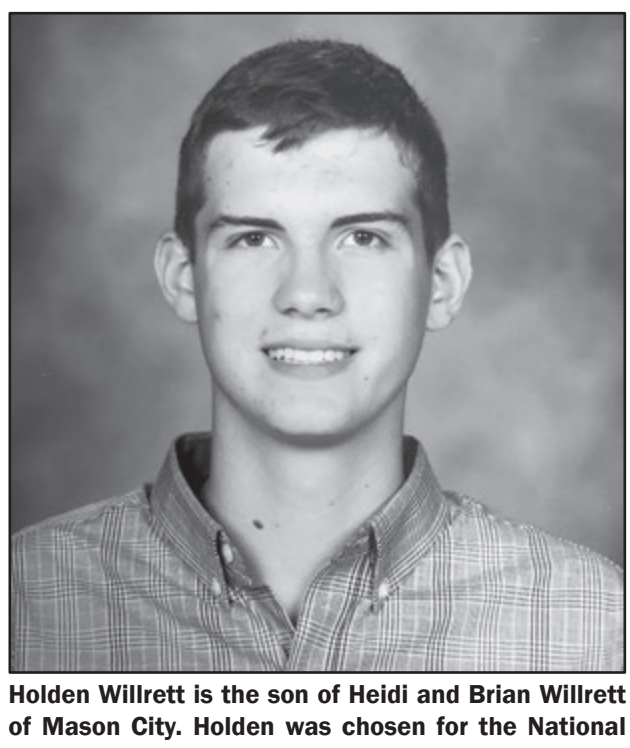
Cecelia Hill is the daughter of Michelle and Andy Hill of Manly. Cecelia was chosen for the National 4-H Congress and State 4-H Council. "4-H has been an amazing opportunity for me to communicate better with others, prepare for future challenges and increase my leadership skills."



Hannah Lanphere is the daughter of Melinda and Rob Lanphere of Manly. Hannah was chosen for the National 4-H Congress and State 4-H Council, and as received a State 4-H Project Award for Leadership. "State 4-H Recognition Opportunities have allowed me to reflect on my time in 4-H and have encouraged me to strive each year to meet my goals. They have also given me the chance to meet some really amazing people and take on life changing experiences."



Wyatt Willand is the son of Jill and Wayde Willand of Northwood. Wyatt was chosen for the National 4-H Congress. "Through the 4-H Recognition process I learned valuable skills about how to make a resume, interviewing and how to setup an online interview. I am excited to go Atlanta, Georgia, to share my unique 4-H experience with all the new and wonderful people I meet."



Holden Willrett is the son of Heidi and Brian Willrett of Mason City. Holden was chosen for the National 4-H Congress. "The State 4-H Recognition experience has personally benefited me by giving the opportunity to experience interviewing and allowing me to practice for job and college interviews in the future."



Marli Backhaus is the daughter of Jacki and Brett Backhaus of Manly. Marli received a State 4-H Project Award for Clothing and an Iowa 4-H Reporter Award. "State 4-H Recognition has greatly helped me plan ahead for the future by improving professional traits such as making resumes, writing skills to best display strengths and growth in different fields and most definitely interviewing skills. These will all be put to use when I apply for State Awards next year, as well as when I apply for college and jobs in the future."

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Lindsey Davidson is the daughter of Michelle and Ron Davidson of Northwood. Lindsey was recognized with a State 4-H Project Award for Civic Engagement. "The State 4-H Project Award process has provided me with the necessary interview and application skills to benefit me in the future."



Peyton Pangburn is the daughter of Bryn and Don Pangburn of Northwood. Peyton received a State 4-H Project Award for Leadership. "State recognition opportunities have given me the opportunity to implement and work on the life-long skill of communication at an early age."



Jack Willrett is the son of Heidi and Brian Willrett of Mason City. Jack received a State 4-H Project Award for Pets. "Participating in State 4-H Recognition Day has given me knowledge that I will use to further myself in my personal, school and future professional life."



Kelsie Kinne is the daughter of Sarah and Kevin Kinne of Hanlontown. Kelsie was named to the State 4-H Council. "State 4-H Recognition Day has helped me to better develop important skills that I will use lifelong. I have developed stronger communication and interviewing skills and have received opportunities that result in amazing experiences."



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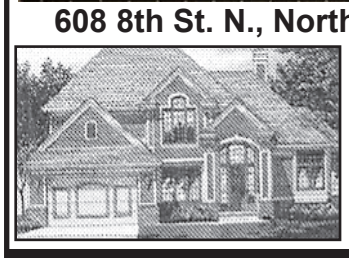
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Without those natural checks, Janke said exotic invasives take over natural areas and make it harder for native plants and wildlife to survive.

Species listed include buckhorn, burning bush, garlic mustard, honeysuckle, Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, oriental bittersweet, reed canary grass and tree of heaven.

When species become invasive, they often reduce biodiversity by outcompeting native species, which can disrupt entire ecosystems and even hurt economic markets like timber production or grassland forage quality. Specialists from ISU Extension and Outreach's natural resources program encourage all Iowans to get an eye for problematic invasive species and learn how to act on them if and when they find them on a farm or acreage.

Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WORTH COUNTY CASE NO. EQCV012704 ORIGINAL NOTICE

FARMERS STATE BANK,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
JESSICA J. KALVIG; SPOUSE OF JESSICA J. KALVIG, IF ANY; MICHAEL VELASQUEZ; SPOUSE OF MICHAEL VELASQUEZ, IF ANY; PARTIES IN POSSESSION; AND THE STATE OF IOWA,
DEFENDANTS.
TO DEFENDANTS:

You are notified that a Petition for Foreclosure has been filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, naming you as a Defendant in this action. A copy of the Petition for Foreclosure (and any documents filed with it) is attached to this Notice.

You must serve a motion or answer within twenty (20) days after service of this Original Notice upon you and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Worth County at the county courthouse in Northwood, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

THE CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN A COUNTY THAT UTILIZES ELECTRONIC FILING. PLEASE REFER TO THE IOWA COURT RULES CHAPTER 16 FOR GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION ON ELECTRONIC FILING. PLEASE REFER TO THE RULES IN CHAPTER 16, DIVISION VI, REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN COURT FILINGS.

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Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

LR Falk Construction Company plans to submit a Notice of intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit.

General Permit No. 3 - Storm Water Discharge Associated With Industrial Activity From Asphalt Plants, Concrete Batch Plants, Rock Crushing Plants, And Construction Sand And Gravel Facilities.

The storm water discharge will be from Quarry Development and Quarry Rock Processing operations within the Quarry located in E 1/2 of section 9, NW 1/4 of section 10, NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 16 all in T99N, R20W, Worth County, Iowa. Storm water will be discharged from one point source and will be discharged to the following stream, Shellrock River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Xcel Energy plans to submit additional Notice of Intents to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities." The additional storm water discharge will be from the construction of wind turbines and foundations, gravel access roads, temporary crane walks, intersection improvements, and underground electrical collection located in Township 100N, Range 19W, Section 25 in Worth County. Stormwater for this section will be discharged from approximately 4 point sources and will be discharged to the following streams: Town of Otranto-Cedar River, City of Carpenter-Deer Creek, and Unnamed tributaries to the aforementioned waterbodies.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
PROBATE NO. ESPR009207
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIM ACKERMAN, A/K/A JIM HARM ACKERMAN, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jim Ackerman, a/k/a Jim Harm Ackerman, Deceased, who died on or about March 28, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on April 16, 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 April 16, 2020.

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Attorney for the Administrator

Date of second publication 29th day of April, 2020.

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Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Notice Is Hereby Given: That at 9:00 a.m., at the Worth County Courthouse, Northwood, Iowa, on May 4, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the urban renewal plan for the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area") related to the SW Quadrant I-35/Hwy 105 Interchange Development Project, as follows:

• In addition to providing tax increment financing support for the installation of water, sanitary sewer, drainage and roadway improvements related to the preparation of lots for private development on approximately 11.8 acres in the Project area, providing such support for installation of similar improvements on an additional 12.7 acres, which will increase the number of lots for development from 8 to 12.

A copy of the proposed urban renewal plan amendment is on file for public inspection in the office of the County Auditor.

At said hearing any interested person may file written objections or comments and may be heard orally with respect to the subject matter of the hearing.

Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 4/13/20 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Meyer, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020; Approve Council Work Session & Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2020; Approve Council Work Session & Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2020; Treasurer Report; Claims as follows:

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Summary of March 2020 receipts by fund type: General - $35,724.81; Special Revenue-$27,975.04; Debt Service - $4,466.11; Capital Projects-$2,568.57; Enterprise- $78,955.91; Trust & Agency - $18.07.

Summary of March 2020 disbursements by fund type: General - $61,129.47; Special Revenue-$27,854.76; Debt Service-$0; Capital Projects-$0; Enterprise-$50,722.53; Trust & Agency - $0.

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

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-08 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from 1% LOST Infrastructure to General Fund. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-09 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from 1% LOST Property Tax to General Fund. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-10 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from 28E Casino Fund to General Fund. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-11 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from 28E Casino Fund to Housing Fund. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-12 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from TIF Fund to Business Development/Commercial Revitalization Fund. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2004-13 Approve Suspending Business Loan Payments for May, June, & July 2020. Unam.

Motion to approve Hovey's Lawn & Garden Mowing Bid – Top of Iowa Park for $650. Unam.

Motion to hire Jim Hanson at $12.50 / hr as a Part-Time Transit Driver. Unam.

Motion to approve a proposal from Visu-Sewer. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

April 13, 2020
Sixteenth Day

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

This was an electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of board members and the public. Public access was made available by computer or telephone.

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 Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the April 13, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the April 6, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the following claims in the amount of $209,567.02 as per the following schedule:

A & I Auto Body Inc
Service-Eng 1,049.56
A.J. Stone
Reimb-Sup 317.62
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 7,847.18
Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr 8,100.33
Ameripride Services Inc
Service-Gsr 503.18
Bcn Telecom
Service-Gsr 86.03
Berge Oil Company
Fuel-Eng 4,518.49
Bice Electric Llc
Service-Gsr 745.00
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng 898.64
Blair Brunsvold
Safety-Eng 150.00
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng 11,379.96
Brian M Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
C J Cooper & Associates Inc
Service-Eng 70.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Parts-Eng.....4,548.59
Cdw Government Llc
Supplies-Dap 2,802.51
Central Ia Distributing Inc
Supplies-Gsr.....571.60
Centurylink
Service-Eng 53.12
Certified Laboratories
Parts-Eng.....157.85
Cindy Thompson
Reimb-Asr.....34.10
City Of Fertile
Rutf-Eng 2,243.37
City Of Grafton
Rutf-Eng 1,234.01
City Of Hanlontown
Rutf-Eng 501.66
City Of Joice
Rutf-Eng 1,294.89
City Of Kensett
Rutf-Eng 639.78
City Of Manly
Service-Eng 49.80
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr 482.94
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf.....4,689.14
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Gsr 201.17
D. Randall Construction, Llc
Service-Gsr 259.00
Dana Young
Service-Mex 100.00
Diamond Mowers Inc
Parts-Eng.....2,359.42
Dorsey & Whitney Llp
Service-Ndp 4,000.00
Eilertson Repair
Service-Con.....1,175.38
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng 14,103.62
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Shf 948.50
Fastenal Company
Parts-Eng.....74.02
Five Star Cooperative
Fuel-Eng 104.17
Frontier Precision
Supplies-Dap 1,277.00
Galls, Llc
Supplies-Shf 501.84
Government Forms & Supplies, Supplies-Aud 76.63
Grafton Welding
Service-Con.....270.00
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty5,998.00
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt 3,460.73
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 470.20
Ia County Atty's Assoc
Dues-Aty 346.00
Ia Dept Of Natural Resources, Service-San 50.00
Ia Prison Industries
Supplies-Eng 421.11
Iowa Conservation And Preservation Consortium
Dues-Rec.....35.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 11,353.00
Isaca, Dues-Aud 225.00
Itsavvy Llc
Supplies-Dap 1,570.00
J & J Machining Welding & Fabricating
Service-Eng 3,322.07
Jacob Hanson
Reimb-Trs 249.17
Jessica Reyerson
Mileage-Phd 36.00
Jill Schutz
Mileage-Phd 5.80
Joel Rohne
Reimb-It/Gis & Dap3,565.92
Joe's Collision & Performance Inc
Service-Eng 113.94
Johnson Vinyl Graphics
Supplies-Shf 240.00
Kelly Hardware
Supplies-Con 713.72
Kenneth Abrams
Reimb-Sup 834.17
Knudtson Automotive Service, Service-Shf.....2,120.20
Lair's 66, Fuel-Eng.....45.00
Lake Mills Motor Sports Inc
Parts-Eng.....891.41
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc, Service-Shf 91.50
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Con 486.56
Line-X Of Mason City
Supplies-Con 2,250.00
Lisa E Monroe
Rent-Soc.....400.00
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup.....336.08
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr....576.37
Mark's Tractor Inc
Service-Con.....1,766.00
Martin's Flag Company, Llc
Supplies-Gsr.....331.28
Mayers Digging Co.
Service-Eng 950.00
Mediacom
Service-Gsr 219.95
Medline Industries Inc.
Supplies-Dap 229.82
Meghan Rydstrom
Mileage-Phd 108.00
Mercyone North Iowa Occupational Health
Service-Eng 108.00
Midwest Bowie Sales
Parts-Eng.....575.93
Midwest Pipe Supply Inc
Supplies-Eng 544.24
Mike Bode
Reimb-Eng 229.75
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf.....300.00
Niacc, Service-Phd 80.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service 1,333.04
Northwood Electric Inc
Service-Eng 360.38
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr & Eng ...321.50
Nsb Bank
Service-Dap 251.70
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Service-Eng 2,181.60
Otis Elevator Company
Service-Gs.....776.76
Pathology Assoc Of Mason City, Service-Mex.....500.00
Printing Services Inc
Supplies-Dap 69.90
Purchase Power
Postage-Trs.....29.99
Qualification Targets Inc
Supplies-Shf 279.24
R80 Llc, Fuel-Eng 126.54
Ram Systems
Service-Phd.....720.00
Reinhart Food Service Llc
Supplies-Shf 535.02
Reserve Account
Postage-Asr 323.10
Rick Christeson
Reimb-Eng.....35.00
Shana Butler
Mileage-Phd 23.20
Singelstad's Hardware
Parts-Eng.....112.79
Staples Credit Plan
Supplies 629.00
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-Con.....13.00
Streicher's
Supplies-Shf 161.94
Thomas Reid
Reimb-Vaf.....1,331.60
Trading Post
Supplies-Con 192.94
Transcend Funding, Llc
Rent-Soc.....300.00
U S Postal Service
Rent-Trs.....120.00
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Ndp 20,998.74
Verizon Wireless
Service-Shf.....1,348.26
Visa, Service-Asr.....135.15
Visa
Serviceit/Gis & Dap1,879.80
Ward-Van-Slyke Funeral Home, Service-Soc...2,000.00
Watson & Ryan, Plc
Service-Asr 1,354.16
Wex Bank
Service-Tra 1,122.04
Whks & Co
Service-Eng 1,278.00
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn, Service-Gsr....3,029.85
Winn-Worth Betco
Fy20 4th Qtr-Org 12,500.00
World Fuel Service, Inc.
Supplies-Eng 3,880.84
Worth Co Emergency Mgmt
4th Qtr Pymt-Dis/Ema.....
.....20,183.50
Worth County P H Petty Cash, Reimb-Phd 139.05
Worth County Sheriff
Service-Aty 53.00
Worth Lumber Co
Parts-Eng.....437.16
Xerox Corporation
Service-Dap 50.38
Ziegler Inc
Service-Eng 2,278.83
Grand Total 209,567.02

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the clerk of court and sheriff's monthly report and the sheriff's quarterly report.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve salary change for Patricia Jaspers at $19.21/hour as submitted by the sheriff's department.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the agreement to provide law enforcement made by and between the City of Manly, Iowa and the County of Worth County, Iowa.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the agreement by and between Worth County, Iowa (Sheriff's Office) & International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to increase the limit on Joel Rohne's county credit card to $10,000.00.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to accept the estimate of $3,942.00 from Larsen Plumbing & Heating, Inc. to replace the air conditioner in the server room.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 8:57 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
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Aaron Stone
Chairperson

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Support our health care heroes in the battle against COVID-19

By Bob Ritz
President and Chief Executive Officer, MercyOne
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President, MercyOne Western Iowa
Karl Keeler
President, MercyOne Central Iowa
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Kay Takes
President, MercyOne Eastern Iowa

The impact of COVID-19 has been felt worldwide. As a nation, and in Iowa, we have witnessed the impact on families, communities and our way of life.

At MercyOne, one of Iowa's largest health care systems with more than 20,000 colleagues and 420 care locations, we are also experiencing unprecedented challenges. While we prepare to meet the needs of an increasing number of COVID-19 patients, the health care industry has been required to eliminate elective services as a result of this pandemic, which is more than 50% of our regular business. We have repositioned our facilities and teams to serve as a public health system to defeat COVID-19. All of this, however, has not changed our commitment to serving the needs and improving the health of our communities.

This unprecedented shift in how we do business is not without its difficulties. Like other industries, our hospitals and clinics need economic assistance to fund our fight against COVID-19 – to source supplies which are needed in quantities and at a cost no one could have ever predicted and to re-direct our structure in a matter of weeks to meet our communities' needs for testing, monitoring and care against a new threat. At the same time, the dramatic decreases in routine patient visits and care are causing financial hardships on already-fragile hospitals in rural Iowa, not to mention negative impacts on our urban facilities.

Meeting the needs of our communities is only possible with the dedication of many heroes. We thank our caregiving teams for their resolve, courage and commitment to stop this virus and for helping those most in need.

We are thankful for the leadership, commitment and collaboration of our Governor and her staff as well as the State Legislature, Iowa Department of Public Health and many emergency preparedness teams across Iowa. These partnerships are crucial in securing much needed COVID-19 funding, testing and supplies.

Lastly, we are appreciative of Senators Ernst and Grassley, along with Representatives Axne, Finkenauer, King and Loebsack, for their hard work in advancing the disaster relief packages, such as recent legislation designed to stabilize the economic impact COVID-19 has had on businesses and people. The health care industry is thankful to be included in this much needed relief package to ensure we can meet the challenges in front of us. As we monitor this pandemic day-by-day, our industry will likely need to call on Congress, yet again, to stop this virus and focus on recovery efforts.

MercyOne remains unwavering in our commitment to deliver high-quality, compassionate care during this most difficult time. Like everyone, we look forward to returning to our normal lifestyles. In the meantime, share a message of support with your health care and essential worker heroes, continue to practice social distancing and please stay home when possible.

Thank you for the privilege to serve you, Iowa. We look forward to brighter days ahead.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

Could I borrow $495?

I loaned you $500 last week.

I know, but I'm doing much better now.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: It's April. That means spring has had time to hide. More snow! Is that what we pay taxes for? Weather can be a joke nobody gets.

Time moves fast and time moves slow. Days bunch together. I'm learning to pace myself. Life is good — I'm not living on sardines and Lima beans. The clinic sends me helpful emails to remind me that if I sneeze into an elbow, it should be my elbow, not the elbow of a loved one or a stranger. I hope the Toilet Paper Fairy has visited you. Homes need more of the stuff because more games are being played on the home field, so to speak, than before. My neighbor Crandall called to tell me that he hadn't taken a shower in nearly two weeks, but his hands have never been cleaner. He's eating in a new restaurant called his kitchen. He hoped there would be a baseball season this year. It's doubtful due to the chronic spitting involved.

Remember the good old days of a couple months ago? Boy, those were the days. I miss walking into a restaurant and being asked, "Table or booth?" It was a choice between a chair or a sofa. I generally opted for the tush cushion. I have no isolation blues, but I haven't had much practice being secluded. My parents never grounded me. Why would they want to subject themselves to the presence of a surly teenager any more than they had to? I was the baby of the family, so they'd already given up on having a perfect child.

I grew up being admonished for any indication of sloth. Idle hands are the devil's workshop. I heard that often. It wasn't from the Bible, but sounded as if it should be. Maybe that's why I don't idle well.

The mail brought a package from a Nebraska reader. It contained an MIA bracelet bearing the name of Sgt. Michael Batt who died on March 16, 1969 in Vietnam. He died on my birthday. I had two cousins killed there. I suspect Michael, an Ohioan, was what my family refers to as a shirttail relative – a distant one. His death saddens me.

The joke department

A caller asked, "What is red and smells like blue paint?" I didn't know the answer. "Red paint."

Another called to ask what you get when you cross a pitbull with a rabbit. I got that one. A pitbull.

In local news

Podiatrist charges by the foot.

Man insulates his house with drugstore receipts.

The lines at the Molasses Museum move slowly.

Nature notes

Bruce Armstrong of Hartland asked how robins find worms. Sight is the key sense. Dr. Frank Heppner, an ornithologist, used sensitive equipment to record the low-frequency sounds made by burrowing earthworms. He found that robins ignored those sounds. Years later, two Canadian scientists published conflicting findings. They discovered robins couldn't find buried mealworms if their hearing was compromised. Hearing might work in concert with vision — or not.

Barb Bruns of Mankato asked why a robin was flinging itself at a window. The bird might be employed by a window cleaning company, hired to drum up business by soiling glass. Hey, a bird has to put food on the table. OK, the bird doesn't have a table. All the more reason he needed a job. But it's likely doing what birds of many species do. When a pair decides on a nest site, a surrounding area becomes their territory and they aggressively protect it by driving away other birds of their species. When a male robin spots another male, a chasing fight ensues. The dominant male gets a mate, the nesting location, the territory and the area's food. When a territorial bird, sees its image in a window's reflective surface, it perceives its mirrored image as a rival and tries to drive the other bird away. A real robin would leave, but the reflection remains. Being persistent and stubborn, the robin continues to attack. If you want the robin to stop, block the image. Put a piece of cardboard or plastic cling on the outside of the window where the bird is attacking. Soaping the window works. This may cause Martha Stewart to shudder, but, in most cases, you'll need it only until the shadowboxing robin thinks its worthy adversary has departed.

Meeting adjourned

Spread the love one kind word at a time.

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Fit to print...

Life in Quarantine

By Erin McCord

I made my usual Target/Fleet Farm circuit today. In normal times, oh so long ago, that meant loading up the family in the old minivan and heading to town to join hundreds of other men, women and children in a busy, tiring, afternoon-long endeavor to fill the pantry and the feed bins, looky-looing about at clothes, toys and farm supplies.

Our boys would be running around us, being bored, wanting to look at toys, sitting in the carts, eating snacks from the Target Starbucks and we would be exchanging understanding glances with other parents who were on the same shopping journey as us. It was a busy, fun family tradition that I didn't even realize I missed.

Today, I ventured out alone for supplies. The mood in the Target store was solemn, silent and weekday morning empty on a Sunday afternoon. About half the shoppers were wearing masks, and most were also alone. We were purposeful as we went through the store, marking off our lists and swinging wide around each other, this time with glances that seemed more apologetic.

I had called part of my order in at Fleet Farm, but grabbed my various animal feeds myself. After I grabbed my feed, I broke with quarantine guidelines and allowed myself to linger a little bit in the garden aisles. It's still spring, isn't it?

And that's the hard thing about this situation. For Worth County, with one reported case, it still seems far away, despite the many changes to our daily lives. We await an unseen enemy, girded for battle, yet also needing to go about our lives, in whatever way we safely can.

I have voluntarily been at home since returning from Washington, D.C., in March, when "the 'rona" was still something far away, and, dare I say, novel. My husband was ordered home shortly thereafter by his company and the state of Minnesota.



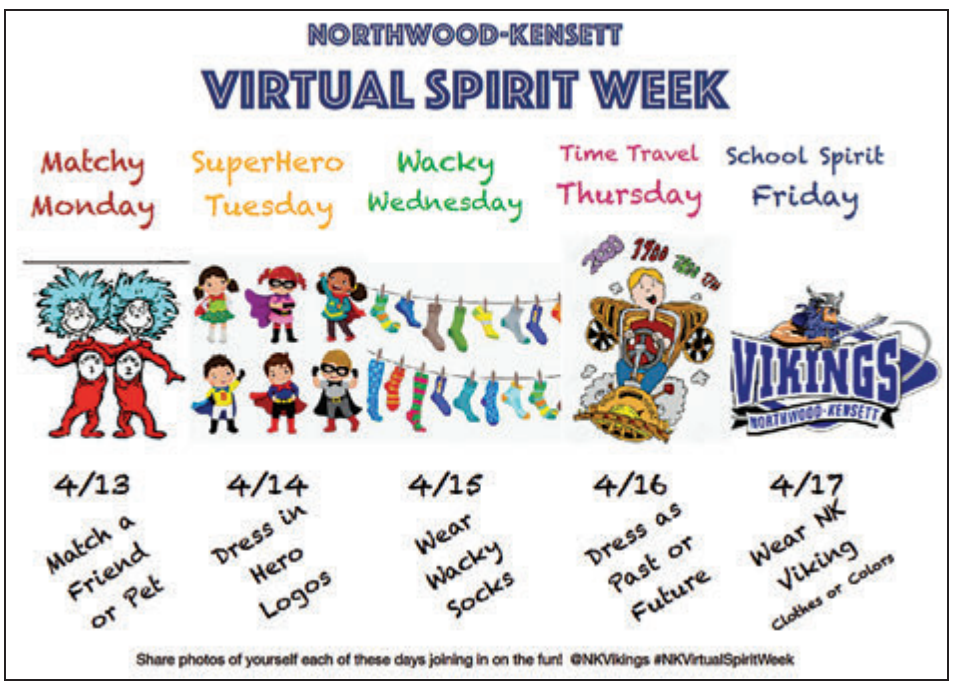
For all the strangeness of the situation, I feel almost guilty for saying how *good* life has been at our house since all four of us have hunkered down at home. Even with endless Zoom meetings for my husband, and the constant juggle of work, schoolwork and keeping up with two wild boys, my family has reconnected. We have conversations. The boys ask to sit at the table for supper "so we can look at each other." We have been cooking actual meals instead of throwing whatever will hold still into a pan or the microwave so we can get supper out of the way so we can get bedtime out of the way, so we can get to morning and get out the door and rush rush rush five days a week.

My five year old said while we were coloring the other day, "This is nice, having some you and me time." My heart melted right onto the floor. Pre-quarantine, I couldn't even tell you the last time we had you and me time, or any time at all, for that matter. I feel like am truly, deeply, seeing my family during these days at home.

I will be the first one to admit I bring a lot of the busyness in our lives on myself. I've been doing that my whole life. This is the first time I have been forced to just stop and look around myself, and I am a little ashamed that it took a global disaster for me to do so.

Who knows when, or if, the world will get back to "normal." For many thousands of people who will have lost loved ones, it never really will.

For those of us who still have our loved ones, hopefully it never will, either. We can look at this time and remember to slow down, look around and remember what matters the most.







A Home-staying Week activity

Last week, Northwood-Kensett invited students to take part in a Virtual Spirit Week, where they would dress up for a daily theme at home, similar to the Homecoming Week tradition held each year. Seen on this page are a few photos shared to the N-K Facebook page.

















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