

Hedging their bets

The hedges outside of the MercyOne clinic in Northwood recently became an amusing display of one of the current measures of public safety. Naturally, the hedges aren't capable of socially distancing from each other and have been adorned with face masks for their protection and for the protection of those around them.

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Pre-school registration open

Northwood-Kensett Children's Garden Preschool is currently accepting pre-registrations for new students.

Families of new preschoolers may call the school at 541-324-1127, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. They will give their name and address and a form will be mailed to them. Forms are to be returned to the Elementary office.

The registrations are for new students only. Students that will be in pre-school in the fall have already signed up.

N-K opens for summer material drop off/ pick up

This Thursday and Friday, May 14 and May 15, from 3-7 p.m., Northwood-Kensett students will be able to come to the school buildings to drop off laptops and pick up any materials after they were last allowed inside more than eight weeks ago.

At the elementary building, families will enter the north door of the gym. Tables will be set-up in the gym for each homeroom class with student materials on them. There will be totes to drop off lap

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by National Weather Service Observer
John Podgorniak

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A colorful conclusion

After a somewhat dreary Saturday afternoon rainfall, a vibrant rainbow could be seen. Anchor readers are encouraged to interpret their own metaphors of the image to the current pandemic situation.

Second case of COVID-19 identified in Worth County

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Worth County Public Health have identified one additional case of COVID-19 in the county, in the 18-40 age range.

The first case of COVID-19 in Worth County was identified in April and has since recovered. A total of 153 tests for COVID-19 had been conducted on Worth residents as of press time Monday.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever (100.4 or greater) and shortness of breath. Those that are experiencing any of these symptoms should call their health care provider before going into the office. The provider may have special instructions and will determine if someone should be tested.

Worth County Public Health continues to remind residents to take preventive mea-

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Worth offices open by appointment May 18

The Worth County Courthouse has been closed to the public since March 17. Now, nearly two months later, Worth County officials have discussed whether they should remain closed, with Iowa courts planning to open in June.

At the regular meeting of the Worth County Board of Supervisors on May 4, Doug Krull, magistrate judge in Worth County, was at the meeting to discuss what the court will require of the County with plans for courthouse use by the Iowa Judicial Branch to resume in June.

Krull said that the County will be asked to step up cleaning, including cleaning and disinfecting high traffic areas after each hearing.

With the court's needs in mind, discussion turned to plans for other county offices in the courthouse and elsewhere in the county.

At the meeting, treasurer Jake Hanson had mentioned that he planned to open his office by appointment only, and install a plastic barrier between his staff and customers, and clean surfaces between visitors.

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WCDA suspends fall 2020 grants

The Worth County Development Authority (WCDA) announced last week that, due to the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no fall 2020 grant awards.

The WCDA receives a percentage of revenue from the Diamond Jo Casino, which it uses to provides funds for education, as well as for local grants.

Since 2006, the WCDA has awarded funds twice each year to groups in Worth County and the surrounding areas. The only exception has been when the WCDA devoted a half year's grant funds to economic development projects in the county.

With the casino shut down, per the State of Iowa's COVID-19 response, since March 16, and with no indication that casinos in the state will be allowed to reopen in the near future, the WCDA will face a lack of funds that would have been used for the fall grants.

According to the WCDA, the fall grants will be suspended, but the previously announced spring grants will be honored.

In a release last week, the WCDA said, "We are confident this is a temporary situation and we look forward to the future of Diamond Jo and the WCDA."

'Spring planting going extremely well,' says Johnson

By Erin McCord

Spring is here-birds singing, bare brown branches, lands are turning green and area farmers have been out in the fields getting another year's crop in the ground.

County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson said that this has been the best spring for planting in a few years. With the past couple of years' wet springs preventing farmers from getting into the fields until June in some cases, this year, farmers are getting as much done as they can.

The warm spring has also given farmers a chance to catch up on tilling and fertilizing that they might not have gotten to last fall, as wet weather prevented that preparatory work.

Recent freezing overnight temperatures will not have much effect on young plants, said Johnson. "The growing point is still tucked into the soil, where it stays

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40-50 degrees."

"When we're talking about those crops, to get a real hard killing frost, it needs to be 28-30 degrees for six hours or more to be really damaging. If it's 28-30 degrees for an hour or two, it's not as bad, the heat in soil will insulate and protect plants."

According to Johnson, it is the later freezes, in late May or early June, that cause the most damage. "We've seen that once in a while. There is no recovery then."

Once crops are in the ground, Johnson said the next step is scouting for pests and weeds.

"In this cool spell, insects won't show up until 70 plus degree days. When it's 85 degrees, that is the maximum growing degree date temperature for crops and insects."

"Cutworms and grubs are the first ones for corn. They hatch out late to the third or fourth week in May. If those pests chew a plant off below the growing point, that plant is gone. Farmers need to be scouting for them in the near future."

The planting-conducive spring weather is the good news, but there is a flip side.

"I want to tell you this- there aren't many positive things." Johnson said. "Our food supply has been interrupted and corn consumption is down big time, because there is no corn going to ethanol."

"Prices aren't too great yet," Johnson said. The price of corn as of May 8 was $3.19 a bushel, compared to $3.52 a year ago.

The resumption of selling soybeans to China raises the hope of getting a better price for that crop.

"Farmers have to plan out their year in the winter, and stick to their crop rotations," said Johnson. "They don't plant based on what they think markets might do."

When it comes to making predictions for what the future might hold for agriculture in this time of uncertainty, Johnson gives what he calls the classic Iowa State University answer- "It depends!"

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tops, textbooks and library books. People will exit through the west entrance. There will be signs to guide people.

At the JH/HS building, people should enter through Door 2 at the front of the building (the north end) and leave materials (laptop, textbooks, library books) alphabetically by last name in the main front hallway. There will be signs to guide students and families. They should exit out Door 1 (the main front door).

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Auditor Jacki Backhaus noted that efforts had been made to encourage voters to mail in ballots, but that in person absentee voting was an option and so her office has been open for that use since the end of April.

In those cases, voters check in at the sheriff's office and explain why they need to access the auditor's office.

The sheriff's office has been the check in point since the courthouse shut down to the public, and they already have a glass window in place, so sheriff Dan Fank said that his office would operate as it has been.

In the recorder's office, the plan is to get a plastic in shield in place for the counter to provide some protection.

For the assessor, the plan was to open as other offices are ready. Assessor Cindy Thompson said that the distance between the counter in her office and the assessor's staff would allow for social distancing.

IT director Joel Rohne suggested that offices should also mark off where people should stand to maintain six foot distances when anyone might be waiting in line.

The consensus of those in the courthouse and at other county offices, was that the courthouse would be open on an appointment basis only. Doors would remain locked, but each office would make appointments and escort visitors in and out of the courthouse and to their offices.

The County personnel plan to revisit how that worked when judicial services may require the courthouse to be open more often, to see if they need to adapt their procedures.

While offices will be open by appointment, one County recreational resource will remain closed as summer weather approaches.

Conservation director Jim Hanson noted that Kuennen's Quarry and campgrounds are used by out-of-area and out-of-state visitors frequently over the summer months. The potential threat of COVID-19 spread led Hanson to suggest that those areas remain closed for the time being. He added that water and bathrooms would like remain shut off to campers if they do open.

In other business at their meeting on May 4, the supervisors discussed clarification sought by the developers of the wind farm in the northeast corner of the county.

County engineer Rich Brumm shared that he had been contacted about what approach the County would ask the wind developers to take when it comes to put in electrical infrastructure in drainage areas. The particular question was whether they would be required to bore under drainage tiles.

The supervisors agreed that they should locate any drainage systems before they begin the work and be required to repair any damage as they go.

They would also be asked to bore under any tiles that are 24" or larger.

Social isolation does not mean you have to be lonely

Over the past several weeks, many Iowans have been self-isolating to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19. However, self-isolation can lead to increased loneliness and social isolation, particularly for older adults, according to Jeongeun Lee, an Iowa State University assistant professor and extension specialist in human development and family studies.

Because older adults are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19, self-isolation is important for their safety during this pandemic. At the same time, social connection is important for their wellbeing.

"During ordinary times, any regular contact with family, neighbors, friends, faith communities and social services – such as meal delivery or home care assistance – can serve as important points of social contact and support. These can be a lifeline for social connection," Lee said.

However, social distancing due to COVID-19 has disrupted many of these opportunities for social connection, creating further isolation.

"The current crisis is affecting almost everyone's routines and some 'non-essential' social services. This means that the usual social support and contacts older adults have with others are diminished," Lee said.

"There are ways to stay connected even as we isolate ourselves from each other. Everyone has a role to play in supporting older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic," Lee said.

Lee offered these suggestions for helping older adults:

• Provide emotional support for people via phone calls or messages. This can be an extremely lonely time for many. Call people and provide them with support.

• Video-chat or connect via texting or social media, if the person with whom you want to connect is comfortable using these options.

• If you are good at using technology and social media, you can help others who may not be. Call them and show them remotely how to find friends and find reliable information and advice online.

• Ask how they are doing during this time, how their routines might have had to change and what they are doing to cope with stress.

• Encourage them to keep doing the activities that are allowable during COVID-19 for their community, and that they identify as being most helpful for them, such as daily exercise or a walk, stretching, listening to or playing music, reading, and meditation or prayer.

• Help them seek medical advice or care if they are experiencing symptoms of physical or mental health decline.

• Express gratitude and appreciation for any support you get from your relationship with them. Let them know what you admire about the way they conduct their life.

"It's important that we all care for each other during this challenging and uncertain time. By taking a few simple actions, you can make all the difference in an older person's life when they may need it the most," Lee said.

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sures to slow the spread of this virus. It is important for everyone to practice social distancing, which is staying away from groups of people and keeping a 6-foot distance from other individuals.

All residents should:

• Stay home when even mildly ill (the kind of illness that normally wouldn't prevent someone from everyday activities).

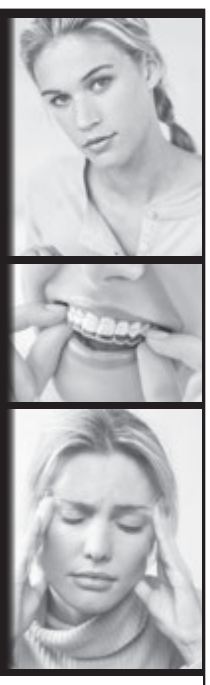
• Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow/upper arm.

• Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Up-to-date information on COVID-19, is available by visiting the IDPH webpage at idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus and follow the department on Facebook at @IAPublicHealth.

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The drive is being held with LifeServe Blood Center.

To address concerns about safety:

• LifeServe team members only report to blood drives if they are feeling well and health.

• Only healthy volunteers will be allowed to give blood. Donors will be encouraged to use their own devices, such as smartphones, tablets, etc., to complete donation questionnaires. Hand sanitizer will be available.

• Blood donation environments will be set up to allow for safe social distancing.

• Team members will clean donor beds and change cloves between every donor interaction.

• The donation site will follow stringent cleaning and disinfection schedules for all equipment, as well as commonly used services, such as door handles, etc.

With social distancing and other safety protocols in place, blood donors must make an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted for this blood drive.

Appointments may be made by texting LIFESERVE to 999-777, calling 800-287-4903 or online at lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Anyone with questions can also contact local blood drive organizer JoAnn Andera at 641-454-2451.



On the road again

With weekend rains softening roads, the Worth County Secondary Road department brought their equipment to the county's gravel roads, to level them out and address frost boils that have developed this spring.

Dentists and more businesses allowed to reopen as school clarifications are made

On Wednesday, May 6, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation that took several actions.

Starting last Friday, May 8, through this Friday, May 15, when the current emergency declaration ends dental services, campgrounds, drive-in theatres, tanning facilities and medical spas were allowed to re-open. Limits were lifted on clubhouses for specific purposes. Additional clarifications were made for districts preparing for the next school year. Business restrictions were also eased in 22 Iowa counties in stricter lockdown.

The proclamation opened dental services in Iowa on May 8, as long as dentist's offices meet several guidelines.

Primary amongst those are the guidelines outlined by the Iowa Dental Board in the "Safe Transition Back to Practice," which were adopted on May 5.

The guidelines require the pre-screening of dental hygienists at the beginning of their shifts for signs of fever and other symptoms of COVID-19.

Patients too, will have to be pre-screened. They will answer questions about any symptoms and potential contact with COVID-19 before coming to the dentist. If patients pass screening they must wear face masks in offices when not receiving dental services.

The guidelines also spell out proper cleaning procedures, patient safety measures and other activities that dental personnel must undertake before and after a patient visits.

Besides the Iowa Dental Board's guidelines, dentist's offices must also have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand for each procedure.

Campgrounds, drive-in theatres, tanning facilities and medical spas were allowed to reopen on May 8, under the proclamation.

That came with the condition that all the businesses ensure proper hygiene and social distancing measures are followed and other public health guidelines are met.

The proclamation also reopened clubhouses, those used by social and fraternal groups and those on golf courses, for specific purposes.

The first of those is to provide access to golf courses.

Golf and social and fraternal clubhouses may also open to serve food and beverages.

However, the primary purpose of the opening must be food service, and not alcoholic beverages. If the clubhouse primarily serves as a bar, with snacks and other pre-packaged and frozen items as secondary offerings, they are not allowed to reopen.

Those clubhouses serving food will be required to meet the same guidelines as restaurants. In those cases, clubhouses must limit capacity at indoor and outdoor spaces to no more than 50% of normal operating capacity. There can be no groups larger than six people. There must be at least six feet between groups. There can be no self-service or buffets.

The proclamation also addresses the start to the next school year and clarifies the academic eligibility when school begins again.

Previously, Reynolds had stated that she would waive the requirement that school districts start the school year no earlier than August 23. In the May 6 proclamation, it was clarified that districts are only allowed to do so as measures to help students Return to Learn.

It was clarified that school districts that start earlier than August 23 must add those days to the 180 days or 1,080 hours of education they are required to provide.

At the most recent Northwood-Kensett Board of Education meeting, the board had discussed starting earlier, in the week of August 17.

The board had discussed two options for the early start. The district would either transfer five days of the teachers' contract for the current school year to the next to be able to extend the school year, or the school calendar would be adjusted to hold more break days to offset the early days at the start of the school year.

With the requirement that the days before August 23 be added to the school year, N-K will not be able to take additional break days later, and will have to ask teachers to shift days from this school year to extend the 2020-2021 school year.

The proclamation also lifted any academic ineligibility that may have been in place when school was called off on March 14.

When school resumes, all student athletes will be academically eligible to compete.

When Reynolds reduced limitations on restaurants, stores and other businesses on May 1, that applied to 77 counties that had seen limited exposure or growth of COVID-19 cases. The May 6 proclamation eased some restrictions in the 22 counties that had remained under the more strict guidelines.

In those counties fitness centers may now open on an appointment-only basis with one patron at a time, in addition to meeting strict hygiene and public health measures.

Malls and retail stores may reopen in those counties, as long as they limit their capacity to 50% of maximum occupancy and implement measures to ensure social distancing, health, safety and increased hygiene practices.

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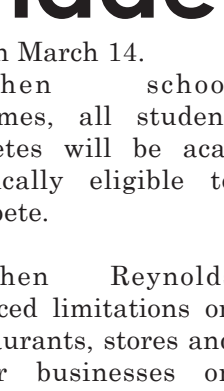
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National Mental Health Month: You are not alone

May is National Mental Health Month and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is promoting the theme "You Are Not Alone."

"I cannot think of a better campaign theme during the COVID-19 pandemic," said David Brown, behavioral health specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"During this era of social distancing, it is important that no one should ever feel alone. Social isolation has a host of negative implications, so we need to set up forms of non-physical interaction for visits and social connections," Brown said.

People should check in on others via social media, texts, video chat or phone calls.

"If you're feeling sad, lonely or fearful, use these connections as an opportunity to reach out to others, to share experiences or just talk," Brown added.

For those with mental health vulnerabilities, the ongoing uncertainty of the COVD-19 pandemic and the impact of social isolation may be particularly challenging. NAMI notes that many forms of communication, both formal and informal, can be beneficial. Frequent communication can help to lessen worry, assist in establishing comfort and lower the potential for loneliness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers the following recommendations to manage the potential stress of social isolation:

• Take care of your body. Eat well-balanced meals, get plenty of rest and build physical activity into your day.

• Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking. Optimism helps us to approach unpleasant circumstances in a more encouraging and helpful way.

• Do not be afraid to ask for help. This is especially important if the stress of isolation is influencing your ability to take care of yourself and your family.

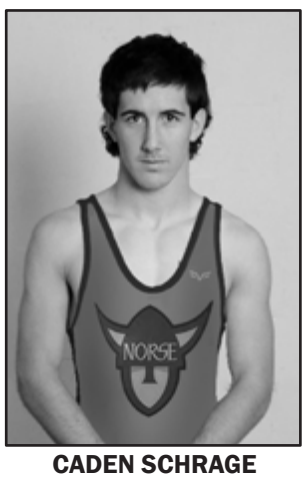
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Schrage signs letter of intent to wrestle at Luther

By Mike Simmons, Sports Editor



CADEN SCHRAGE

Northwood-Kensett's Caden Schrage has signed a letter of intent to continue his wrestling career at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Schrage, who was the Vikings' MVP three consecutive years, ended his high school career with a 148-38 record, including a career best 47 wins this past season, his last in a Vikings singlet.

Schrage wasn't just a wrestler though, the multi-talented senior was a four year letter winner in multiple sports, including football, wrestling, track and field and baseball.

Absentee voting continues

Worth County voters taking part in the June 2 primary are encouraged to vote safely from their homes by casting an absentee ballot now.

The June 2 primary will decide which candidates will represent the Democratic and Republican parties in the November general election, for county, state and federal offices.

With COVID-19 a concern, local county auditors and the Iowa Secretary of State's office have taken steps to encourage Iowans to take advantage of the alternative to voting in person by mailing in their ballot.

The Secretary of State's office mailed absentee ballot request forms to all Iowans last week. The forms included prepaid postage for return mailing to county auditors.

Iowans can request absentee ballots through May 22. County auditors have begun mailing ballots.

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 or at www.worthcounty.org.

While voters are encouraged to vote by mail, polling sites will be open for the June 2 primary election. However, many will be combined with other precincts. In Worth County, the Kensett Community Center will be the place for all in-person voting on June 2.

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 or at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org.

More information is available online at VoterReady.Iowa.gov. People may also contact the Worth County Auditor's office at 641-324-2316 for more information.

National Weather Service hosts 'DMX Weather Classroom'

With in-person school cancelled for the rest of the year across Iowa, the National Weather Service in Des Moines is launching a education initiative, hosting the "DMX Weather Classroom," sharing weather information through a series of webinars over the next several weeks.

The webinars are designed to supplement educational material on the NWS Des Moines' new education website (weather.gov/dmx/education) and are also geared towards aligning with the Iowa Core science standards.

A typical webinar consists of a roughly 15 minute "teaching" lesson/presentation from one of the NWS meteorologists, followed by about 15 minutes of an open-ended question and answer session from webinar attendees.

The first webinar was scheduled for today, Wednesday, May 13, from 10:30-11 a.m.

Those interested may register at attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8595170873167536910.

More information may be found online at weather.gov/dmx/education.

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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

Along with my love of cooking and eating, I very much enjoy sewing quilt tops of all types. Keepsake Quilting is a very large quilt store in New Hampshire with catalog and online sales as well as in store sales of fabric and all things quilty. They even published a cookbook! "The Keepsake Quilting Cookbook: The Fabric of Our Lives" (2001, Keepsake Quilting Inc, Center Harbor, New Hampshire) features both snippets and full page color photos of quilts rather than the usual food pictures. The following recipes were adapted from the chapter "Desserts, Cakes and Pies."

Frosted Apple Bars

2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
12 oz. can frozen apple juice concentrate
1 cup shortening
12 cups peeled, sliced baking apples
1 tablespoon real butter
1 egg white, beaten slightly
1 egg yolk
Approx. 1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon water
1 cup crushed cornflakes
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
3 tablespoons cornstarch

Mix the flour and salt in a bowl. Cut in the shortening. Beat the egg yolk in a 1-cup measuring cup and add enough milk to make 2/3 cup liquid. Add to the flour and mix with a fork just enough for the dough to cling together. Shape the dough into a ball; divide into two portions. Roll one of these onto lightly floured waxed paper or parchment paper into a large rectangle. Fit the dough into the bottom and up the sides or a 10x15-inch baking sheet. Sprinkle with the cornflake crumbs. Blend the cornstarch, cinnamon and apple juice concentrate in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. In a large bowl, combine the syrup with the apple slices mixing to coat the slices. Spread this evenly onto the crust and dot with the cold butter. Roll out the remaining dough and cover the apples. Seal the sides and cut in a few vents. Brush with the egg white and bake at 375 degrees F. for 1 hour. While the bars are baking combine the remaining ingredients to make a glaze. Allow the bars to cool for about 5 minutes then spread the glaze over the top. Cut into bars.

Rhubarb Crisp

1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cornstarch
3/4 cup quick-cooking oats (not instant)
1 cup water
1 stick real butter, melted
1 teaspoon real vanilla
3 cups finely chopped rhubarb
4 drops red coloring, opt.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Mix the brown sugar, flour and oats in a bowl. Stir in the melted butter. Press about 2/3 of this mixture into the bottom of an 8-inch baking pan. Spread the rhubarb over the crust in the pan. Combine the white sugar, cornstarch and water in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Add the vanilla and the food coloring if you are using it. Pour this mixture over the rhubarb and top with the reserved crumb mixture. Bake for 45 minutes. Serve warm (with some real whipped cream or vanilla ice cream) or room temperature.

Indian Pudding
(an old-fashioned treat)

6 cups whole milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup molasses (not blackstrap type)
1 tablespoon real butter
3 heaping tablespoons cornmeal

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Bring 2 cups of the milk to a gentle simmer in a large, heavy ovenproof saucepan (no plastic handles!) Sprinkle the cornmeal over the top gradually, stirring constantly until the mixture is thickened; don't allow it to boil! Add the butter, molasses and salt and mix well. Stir in 2 cups of the remaining milk. Put the pan into the oven and bake for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Remove from the oven, stir in 1 cup milk and return to the oven. Continue baking another hour stirring occasionally. Stir in the last cup of milk and continue baking until the pudding is thickened to the desired consistency; it is best if nearly caramelized. Serve warm with the best quality vanilla ice cream.

I've learned that people, both men and women, who like to quilt, also like to eat. Some of them even like to cook! I guess it's some type of genetic throwback to the urge to feather a nest or keep a household warm and comfy. Whatever the reason, I love to do both and with the current stay-at-home orders, I have time to indulge myself. And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



A hanging garden

This home in the southeast corner of Northwood turned into a veritable outdoor greenhouse recently with a variety of plants and hanging baskets for sale in front of the house. It has been an unusual lawn sale, to say the least.

MercyOne vascular and wound care welcomes Scott Compton

Scott Compton, DO, has joined MercyOne North Iowa Vascular and Wound Care. Dr. Compton received his education from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Missouri. He is board certified in wound care and has training and experience in hyperbaric oxygen.

Compton has more than 25 years' experience as a physician and has specialized in wound care since 2017. Compton will work in conjunction with Dr. Ali Mardan in the Vascular and Wound Center, along with nurse practitioner, JoAnn Ermer-Seltun.

"I enjoy working in wound care because you see the progress of healing wounds. It is very rewarding when the patient is healed and able to resume their daily life. I am excited to work at MercyOne and make Mason City my new home. I grew up in a small town in Kansas and northern Iowa feels like home to me with the same friendliness and Midwestern values," said Compton.

MercyOne North Iowa Vascular and Wound Center is currently accepting new patients with telehealth options. Those interested may schedule an appointment with Dr. Scott Compton by calling 641-428-8001.

ACT cancels final two shows of the season

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the health and safety of its patrons, actors and volunteers, the Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) Board of Directors has cancelled the remaining two shows for its 2019-20 season: "Doublewide, Texas" and "Willy Wonka." ACT plans to include these shows as part of next season's four-show schedule, with dates and more information to be announced later this summer.

Patrons who have tickets to "Doublewide, Texas" and/or "Willy Wonka" from their originally scheduled dates have several options:

Donate the value of tickets. ACT is a local nonprofit organization. A ticket purchase is a tax-deductible contribution, which plays a critical role in the sustainability of the community theatre. By not requesting a refund or credit for next season, a person is donating the value of their ticket purchase to ACT.

Hold tickets as a credit for next season. Anyone purchasing 2020-21 season tickets (available later this summer) may use their current tickets for "Doublewide, Texas" and "Willy Wonka" as a credit for next season — meaning their season ticket would be half price. Season ticket holders should retain printed tickets and include them with the 2020-21 season ticket form.

Request a refund. People may call the box office at 507-377-4371 and leave a message with contact information. Box office volunteers may receive a high volume of calls, and will respond as soon as possible.

Additional information and updates will continue to be provided in the coming months through the ACT website, social media, email and other communications channels.

Online sales tools webinar set for May 19

The marketing limitations of COVID-19 are causing businesses owners across Iowa to consider ways to move sales online.

To help businesses take full advantage of online sales, the Farm, Food and Enterprise Development (FFED) and Community and Economic Development programs at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will hold a webinar on Tuesday, May 19.

Martin Guerrero, e-commerce specialist with Square, will lead a 90-minute presentation called "How to Take Your Business Online."

Guerreo will cover topics such as choosing the best online platforms and forms of payment, creating and updating websites and listing inventory.

Examples will be provided, as well as some useful templates for creating a website, and links to additional resources.

Brian Tapp, enterprise development team coordinator with FFED at ISU Extension and Outreach, said online marketing and sales are important during the pandemic, and are something that can benefit business owners long-term.

Registration is required and is available on the ISU Program Services website. Participants will receive connection instructions in their confirmation email, which will be sent soon after registering.

The webinar will be hosted at 2 p.m., on the Adobe Connect platform. Participants should download and try logging in prior to the webinar, using the link in the confirmation email.

Additional webinars and podcasts are available on the Back to Business Iowa website, another project of ISU Extension and Outreach.

More information is available by contacting Tapp at btapp@iastate.edu, or 515-294-4417.

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USDA announces updates for honeybee producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced updates to the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). These updates include changes required by the 2018 Farm Bill as well as discretionary changes intended to improve the administration of the program and clarify existing program requirements.

"Honeybee producers should pay close attention to the ELAP program changes to ensure they meet the new deadline requirements," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "These changes better align two key disaster assistance program deadlines to provide consistency and ease of management for honeybee producers."

ELAP was previously administered based on FSA's fiscal year but will now run according to the calendar year. Producers are still required to submit an application for payment within 30 calendar days of the end of the pro-gram year. This is not a policy change but will affect the deadline. The signup deadline for calendar year 2020 losses is January 30, 2021.

Starting in 2020, producers will have 15 days from when the loss is first apparent, instead of 30 days, to file a honeybee notice of loss. This



change provides consistency between ELAP and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Pro-gram, which also has a 15-day notice of loss period for honey. For other covered losses, including livestock feed, grazing and farm-raised fish losses, the notice of loss deadline for ELAP will remain 30 days from when the loss is first apparent to the producer.

Program participants who were paid for the loss of a honeybee colony or hive in either or both of the previous two years will be required to provide additional documentation to substantiate how cur-rent year inventory was acquired.

If the honeybee colony loss incurred was because of Colony Collapse Disorder, program participants must provide a producer certification that the loss was a direct result of at least three of the five symptoms of Colony Collapse Disorder, which include:

- the loss of live
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For honeybees, ELAP covers colony losses, honeybee hive losses (the physical structure) and honeybee feed loss-es in instances where the colony, hive or feed has been destroyed by a natural disaster or, in the case of colony losses, because of Colony Collapse Disorder. Colony losses must be in excess of normal mortality.

ELAP also provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock and farm-raised fish including for feed and grazing losses. It covers losses because of eligible ad-verse weather or loss conditions, including blizzards and wildfires on federally managed lands. ELAP also covers losses resulting from the cost of transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought.

For more information on ELAP visit farmers. gov/recover or contact your FSA County Office. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers. gov / service-locator.

Federal funding directed to states



Jane Bloomingdale
Iowa House
District 51

It was announced that Iowa will receive over $71 million in federal aid to help PK-12 schools mitigate the effects of COVID-19. According to the Department of Education, these funds will provide critical support for schools, especially as they develop plans for what a return to school this fall may look like. Schools can use this funding for coronavirus-related challenges including online learning support, professional development, and mental health services.

Iowa received almost $32 million in CARES Act funding for the Childcare Development Fund. Iowa has seen 1,000 childcare centers and homes temporarily close during this time. This plan is intended to assist childcare providers to remain open or to reopen. Expanding and reopening childcare is necessary for us to restart the economy and get Iowans back to work. DHS will be providing a monthly stipend of $2,000 to licensed centers and $500 to registered homes each month for April through July. For more information about these funds, go to: dhs.iowa.gov/childcare/funding-opportunities

Two weeks ago, the Governor lifted some restrictions and started the process to reopen Iowa's economy. Hospitals and health care providers can resume offering elective surgeries and procedures, farmers market, restaurants, malls and retail shops, and churches were allowed to reopen. Starting last week, several other businesses were allowed to open including tanning salons, campgrounds, drive-in movies, dental offices, and medical spas. All openings have restrictions to protect workers and patrons. Establishments must follow public health guidelines, continue social distancing, and use increased hygiene practices. The Governor continues to gather data, safely and responsibly open Iowa's economy, and allow people to get back to work.

For details on reopening go to: governor.iowa.gov

On May 7th, Governor Reynolds announced a change to the way the State of Iowa is reporting information on COVID-19. The new and updated dashboard will be available at the same site, coronavirus.iowa.gov. The new information and format will include more county-level information and historical information. It will be more user-friendly, allowing for downloads of data into spreadsheets, and providing better visualizations of important COVID-19 information.

Funding continues through the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant program and the Iowa Economic Development Authority is working through the current applicant pool. The list of new grant recipients is available at iowabusinessrecovery.com

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On May 6 the governor signed a new proclamation with additional openings for some Iowa businesses and facilities and additional regulatory relief. Just like the last proclamation, these businesses will only be allowed to reopen if they can follow appropriate public health measures.

Starting May 8 throughout the state, including in our communities, dental services can resume if they follow established guidelines and have enough of the necessary protective equipment. The proclamation also reopens campgrounds, drive-in movie theaters, tanning facilities, and medical spas. As mentioned before, all these establishments must follow public health guidelines, adhere to social distancing, and use increased hygiene practices. Malls are also allowed to reopen to no more than 50% of its capacity but food courts and play areas must remain closed.

Additionally, the proclamation allows schools to start the next school year before August 23, but only if that time exceeds 180 school days, or 1,080 hours for the school year.

Some of the regulatory relief included in this proclamation is suspending the requirement for face-to-face contact between children and licensed practitioners giving private instruction, suspending the requirement for face-to-face contact between children and private home school assistance program teachers, and suspending scholarship rules for interscholastic athletes.

If you'd like to read more about the proclamation, please visit governor.iowa.gov.

This proclamation is one more step Iowa is taking to safely and responsibly reopen the state, while balancing the health and safety of Iowans. These proclamations do not require these facilities to open. It simply gives them the freedom to do so. The state continues to expand testing and data will continue to be monitored so the best decisions can be made to protect not just the health of Iowans, but also their livelihoods. As we continue to monitor the data about cases in our state, I urge you to keep limiting your trips to grocery stores, washing your hands often, and adhering to social distancing practices as much as you are able. As long as each of us continues to be responsible about the actions we take each day, we will be able to get back to a sense of normalcy sooner rather than later.

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In the Furnace and on the Anvil



Often in life we feel that we are either in the furnace and being burned up or on the anvil and being hammered. Perhaps this metaphor is apt. In order to grow and develop we may need to be heated to the melting point and then pounded into shape. The trials and tribulations of life are often sources of growth and development, if only we can learn from them. This can be an easy thing to accept in the cool of the afternoon, when things are going smoothly and we have time to reflect, or even when the trials and tribulations are small and are better described as irritants. As the trials grow and increase in size from mere irritants into serious problems—car crashes, deaths, and job losses—it becomes increasingly more difficult to affirm them as opportunities for growth. It may, at times, be wrong to think of them this way, as it would be heartless to say that someone's loss of a loved one or a cancer diagnosis is an opportunity to grow and develop. But inwardly, we sometimes have to believe this, to believe that God is shaping us for higher things through this cosmic furnace and anvil. Otherwise, we despair. How strange and wonderful are the ways of God. – Christopher Simon

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." – James 1:2-4 NIV

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

May 12, 1920

Six boys and 16 girls make up the 1920 graduating class of the Northwood high school and this class of 22 will receive diplomas on May 27 when the commencement exercises will be held at Dwelle Hall. The program for that time has not yet been completed but will include a speaker of ability and the usual musical numbers.

Carl Oscar Aamodt and Miss Clara Marie Peterson were married by the Rev. John Granskou at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Aamodt are numbered among the popular young people of the farming community near Joice.

The 13-year-old son of Albert Bartusek, who lives west of Kensett, lost his right eye when a cartridge with which he was playing exploded in his face. The boy was attempting to explode cartridges through the barrel of a dismantled revolver and in some manner one of the shells exploded in his face.

Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Odden, north of town, had been married 25 years and a number of their good neighbors and friends from the Gordonsville and Grove vicinities gathered at their home after church services and help celebrate the anniversary.

Charles H. Madson has not been feeling well lately and last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, by order of the physician he spent some time at home resting quietly. If anything hurts Charley worse than not to be at his place of business every day, we don't know what it is.

75 years ago

May 17, 1945

Thirty-four members of the senior class of Northwood High School will receive diplomas at the 62nd annual graduation exercises this (Thursday) evening, beginning at 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium. W.S. Rupe of Ames will give the commencement address.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Duffus of Northwood have bought the Victoria hotel at Garner, Iowa, from Edward Turner and will take possession when they will move to that Hancock County seat town.

Northwood is well on its way toward oversubscribing its $59,000 quota in the 7th War Loan, but few complete reports have been made to C.S. Huus, town chairman. By the first of next week it is hoped to have a complete report on all teams of solicitors in the town.

A program dedicating the Northwood community honor roll board will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in Central park where the board has been erected. The school band will play at the opening and closing of the programs and brief talks will be given by the Rev. O.H. Hove, the Rev. Wm. Tiede, the Rev. Rush Wagner and the Rev. Leo Wolfe. A group of the Iowa State Guard from Mason City will be present.

Seventy-one pupils of the Worth County rural schools who have completed the eighth grade course of study will receive their certificates of advancement at the promotion exercises to be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Northwood high school auditorium.

50 years ago

May 14, 1970

Twin graduates of the 1970 Northwood-Kensett class, Sherry and Shelly Thoen, have been accepted for admissions into Mankato State College, Dr. Ross C. Alm, director of admissions, announced. Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thoen, rural Kensett, they have been active in girls glee club, GRA, FTA, annual staff and other related activities.

Alvin Ellingson spent time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Ellingson. He left for Chicago where he attended a recognition dinner at the Conrad Hilton Hotel to honor the top five area representatives in the country. Ellingson, who has attained Great Circle Club officership during four of the last five terms, is sales representative for the Charlotte, N.C., territory of the southeastern district.

Linda Foley, daughter of Mrs. Florence M. Foley, Northwood, has accepted a Luther College scholarship for the 1970-71 academic year, it was announced today by the faculty Honors and Awards committee. The scholarship has been awarded on the basis of high academic performance and may be renewed for three years. This honor is given to approximately 75 freshman each fall at Luther.

The Northwood-Kensett boys and girls golf teams met North Central here. The boys won their match 172 to 193. Medalist was Jon Fredrickson with 39. In the girls match, North Central won 252-270. Low was Vicki Olson with a score of 64.

25 years ago

May 17, 1995

Northwood-Kensett senior Gretchen Adams was the beneficiary of some help from above — namely classmates Luke Hoffman and Brian Klingfuss— when the trio tried on the caps and gowns they'll wear at N-K commencement exercises.

Carroll George Inc. night shift workers who received perfect attendance awards included, Keith Anderson, Ron Kalis and Orvis Orpen. Anderson and Kalis received plaques for one year's perfect attendance and Orpen received his for the second year in a row. Ted Mikkelson, a CGI night shift worker honored for three years' dedications, was enjoying a day off when the photo was taken.

Kendra Walker, a freshman at North Central High and the daughter of Mark and Patty Walker, Manly took first place in the Iowa Future Problem Solving Bowl's intermediate individual division at Iowa State University in Ames. Her state title qualified Kendra for a trip to the International Future Problem Solving Bowl at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, June 9-12.

Twenties Club member Dee Bloomingdale had the honor of pouring at the club's annual Senior Tea. Members of the Northwood-Kensett graduating class of 1995 who attended included Missy Shores, Kathryn Severson, Kim Christianson, Brandee Harrison and Teresa Halvorsen.

10 years ago

May 19, 2010

The Northwood-Kensett track team will be represented at the Iowa State tournament at Drake University in Des Monies, starting Thursday. The 4x1, 4x2, and the shuttle hurdle teams and Jacob Gordon, for shotput, will contend. Kathy Porter, from the N-K girl's team, will also compete.

Students in Mrs. Myhre's first grade and Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten classes celebrated their latest themed reading day. The theme for the day was "Paddle Away with a Good Book." For the students pictured, and others, it mat the chance to read in a unique location, namely canoes placed on the front lawn of Northwood-Kensett Elementary.

Members of VFW Post 6779 presented American and Iowa flags to adorn the Chamber Room at Northwood City Hall at the Northwood City Council meeting. When delivering the flags, the VFW members informed Northwood deputy clerk Cindy Borcherding that the flags were to be placed behind the presiding officer at meetings. Unbeknownst to anyone else at City Hall, Borcherding turned the large octagonal city council table to accommodate the mayor, causing quite a stir.

As the school year wound down, Northwood-Kensett Elementary held a special reception to recognize the volunteers and substitute teachers that have supported the N-K faculty and elementary students throughout the year.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Charles O'Neill

Charles J. O'Neill, 86, of Nashua, died on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at the Valley View Care Center in Greene, Iowa.

A private family funeral ceremony will be taking place. Please join the family on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 10 a.m. via Facebook Live on the Hugeback - Johnson Funeral Homes Facebook page. You may leave online condolences to support the O'Neill Family. Please mail cards to his wife, Phyllis O'Neill, at Valley View Care Center, 108 High St, Greene, IA 50636. Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory - Olson Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



CHARLES O'NEILL

Charles J. O'Neill was born on August 9, 1933, on the family farm in Nashua. He was the oldest of four sons born to Harold and Elvira (Woodward) O'Neill. Like all farm kids in that era, Charles had his farm chores.

He attended country school through the eighth-grade and then transferred Nashua High School. He was a member of the Class of 1952.

After graduation, he continued working with his parents on their farm before serving a two-year stint in the U.S. Army.

He dated Phyllis Vohsman while in school, and when he returned home from the Army, the couple was married on June 24, 1957. They eventually welcomed seven children — Joann, Steve, Bob, Dave, Janet, Brian, and Scot — to the family.

Charles was a farmer. It was a family affair as the family not only raised crops but also milked cows and had pigs, chickens, goats, sheep… Put it this way, if it was a farm animal, at one time or another it was on Charles' farm. He also did a lot of custom work and ran a backhoe service.

Charles did custom work on the side, and he and Phyllis enjoyed their neighborhood card group playing a lot of "500" and "31" over the years. He also enjoyed the annual sled rides he gave his children with his Case tractors, the water fights the family had in the summer, although he always wanted to have the hose, deer hunting, going to the sale barn, fishing, and tending to his garden.

He enjoyed the several fishing trips he took to the Lake of the Woods in northern Minnesota, and was most at home in the outdoors — on his farm, out in the woods hunting, on the lake fishing, or in his yard working in his garden.

Charles is survived by his wife, Phyllis O'Neill; five sons, Steve O'Neill of Nashua, Bob (Sarah) O'Neill of Nashua, David (Carmen) O'Neill of Nashua, Brian O'Neill of Cresco, Scot O'Neill of Charles City; two daughters, Joann (Bruce) Aswegan of Northwood, Janet O'Neill of Northwood; nine grandchildren, Nathan (Alicia) O'Neill, Nickolas (Tresa) Aswegan, Jenna (Dakota Rossiter) Weitzel, Calli O'Neill, JR O'Neill, Emma O'Neill, Elayna O'Neill, Sam O'Neill, and Rosie O'Neill; five great-grandchildren, Elexa O'Neill, Gavin Buseman, Emilie O'Neill, Eliyana O'Neill, and Xavier Rossiter; two brothers, Ray (Nora) O'Neill of Dewitt and Dean (Pat) O'Neill of Davenport.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother in infancy; and a granddaughter, Dana Aswegan.

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT OF FY2019-2020 CITY BUDGET

Form 653.C1

The City Council of NORTHWOOD in WORTH County, Iowa will meet at City Hall at 6 pm (hour) on 5/26/20 (Date)

,for the purpose of amending the current budget of the city for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (year)

by changing estimates of revenue and expenditure appropriations in the following programs for the reasons given. Additional detail is available at the city clerk's office showing revenues and expenditures by fund type and by activity.

		Total Budget as certified or last amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget after Current Amendment
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	753,727	0	753,727
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	753,727	0	753,727
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	400,000	0	400,000
Other City Taxes	6	216,122	0	216,122
Licenses & Permits	7	23,500	0	23,500
Use of Money and Property	8	14,700	0	14,700
Intergovernmental	9	314,426	0	314,426
Charges for Services	10	1,059,340	0	1,059,340
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	462,440	0	462,440
Other Financing Sources	13	0	600,000	600,000
Tranfers In	14	930,000	0	930,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	4,174,255	600,000	4,774,255
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	357,302	2,000	359,302
Public Works	17	511,340	15,000	526,340
Health and Social Services	18	18,813	0	18,813
Culture and Recreation	19	309,403	0	309,403
Community and Economic Development	20	356,000	0	356,000
General Government	21	204,490	0	204,490
Debt Service	22	448,815	3,000	451,815
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,206,163	20,000	2,226,163
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,089,932	600,000	1,689,932
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	3,296,095	620,000	3,916,095
Transfers Out	27	930,000	0	930,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	4,226,095	620,000	4,846,095
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out for Fiscal Year	29	-51,840	-20,000	-71,840
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	2,449,801	0	2,449,801
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	2,397,961	-20,000	2,377,961

Explanation of increases or decreases in revenue estimates, appropriations, or available cash:

Revenues: SRF Sponsored Project Funding
Expenditures: Public Safety- FD Utilities; Public Works- Street Improvements; Debt Service- Bond Service Fees; Business Type-Sponsored Wetland Project

There will be no increase in tax levies to be paid in the current fiscal year named above. Any increase in expenditures set out above will be met from the increased non-property tax revenues and cash balances not budgeted or considered in this current budget. This will provide for a balanced budget.

Amber Julseth
City Clerk/Finance Officer

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or 641-324-1051

Supervisors

May 4, 2020
Nineteenth 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 May 4, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the April 27, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve resolution 2020.05.04.03 Approval of A39 Paving Project and County Engineer Authorization to sign contract document in Doc Express.

RESOLUTION
2020.05.04.03

APPROVAL OF A39 PAVING PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the A39 PAVING project, LFM-76—7X-98, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Worth County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as HMA RESURFACIG W/ MILLING, A39; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Worth County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Heartland Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of $316,362.45 and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Richard Brumm, the County Engineer for Worth County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Adopted this_4th day of May, 2020 _____

The vote on the resolution:
Aye: Abrams, Smeby, Stone
Nay: N/A
Abstain: N/A

AARON STONE
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest: JACKI BACKHAUS
County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to accept the engineer's report for DD #13/Lat 3 and set the public hearing for June 15, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. and the public hearing for DD #46/Lat 9 for June 15, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to accept petition request from Lisa Kvam for the N ½, N ¼, Section 1, Union Township, Joint Drainage District 22/Lat 10/10B and set a landowner meeting for June 8, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve moving the May 19, 2020 drainage hearing for DD 54 Annexation to May 26 at 10:00 A.M.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the claim in the amount of $625.00 to the USPS for the auditor's office.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to set the public hearing date for the FY20 Budget Amendment on May 26, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve 28E agreement between Northwest Iowa Care Connections and Worth County, Iowa.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the Personnel Contract between Northwest Iowa Care Connections and Worth County, Iowa.

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

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to open the Public Hearing to amend the urban renewal plan for the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area at 9:02 A.M.

The Board of Supervisors was joined by Joe Myhre, Executive Director, North Iowa Area Council of Governments via Zoom to review the amendment to the county's urban renewal plan. Hearing was opened up for public comment. No public comment was heard.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to close the public hearing at 9:06 A.M.

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

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution #2020.05.04.01

RESOLUTION NO.
2020.05.04.01

A resolution to approve 2020 Amendment to Urban Renewal Plan for the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, by resolution previously established the Worth County Consolidated Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area") and adopted an urban renewal plan (the "Plan") for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken therein; and WHEREAS, Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa requires that, before a county approves any new urban renewal project, or adds property to an urban renewal area, a county must amend the existing urban renewal plan to include that new project or new property; and WHEREAS, an amendment to the Plan (the "2020 Amendment") has been prepared which involves a new urban renewal project in the Urban Renewal Area related to providing additional tax increment financing for expanded infrastructure improvements related to the SW Quadrant I-35/Hwy 105 Interchange Development Project; and WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the Board on the proposed 2020 Amendment was given in strict compliance with the provisions of Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, and the Board has conducted the hearing; and WHEREAS, copies of the 2020 Amendment, notice of public hearing and notice of a consultation meeting with respect to the 2020 Amendment were sent and the consultation meeting was held;

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined by this Board as follows:

A. The 2020 Amendment conforms to the general plan of the County;

B. The projects described in the 2020 Amendment are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the County in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.

Section 2. The 2020 Amendment, as referred to herein and in the form attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved May 4, 2020.

Aaron Stone, Chairperson
Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, County Auditor

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve chairperson to sign the following applications for the Top of Iowa 2nd Addition project: IDNR Water Supply Construction Permit Application, IDNR Wastewater Disposal System Construction Permit Application, IDNR Notice of Intent for NPDES Coverage under General Permit No. 2 and IDOT Application and Agreement to Perform Work within State Highway Right-of-Way.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution No. 2020.05.04.2

RESOLUTION TO ENTER DONATION AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND JO CASINO AND APPROVE C, C & R FOR DEVELOPMENT WORTH COUNTY

WHEREAS, this being the date and time set for the discussion on the Memorandum of Agreement for Donation and Development of Diamond Jo Worth, LLC Property and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions referred to in Paragraph 2 a. in said agreement.

WHEREAS, Worth County, owns real estate located South of Highway 105, and East of the Wheelerwood Road and West of Interstate 35 and,

WHEREAS, Diamond Jo Worth, LLC is the adjoining property owner of said real estate; and,

WHEREAS, Diamond Jo Worth, LLC has agreed in principal to donate most of that property, except the 1 acre site that contains their Maintenance Building to Worth County, Iowa, Note: that for practical reasons Diamond Jo will include the 1 acre in the Deed to the County and the County will deed back what will be known as Lot 12, subject to the C, C & R once the Plat and Dedication are prepared; and,

WHEREAS, Worth County, Iowa is developing all of the property with the intent to sell pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors that the Memorandum of Agreement for Donation and Development of Diamond Jo Worth, LLC Property and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions are both approved and the Chair is authorized to sign both documents on behalf of Worth County, Iowa.

A.J. Stone, Chairperson,
Worth County Board of Supervisors
Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to authorize the Chair to sign Change Order No 1 to the existing contract dated October 14, 2019 between Worth County and Wunsch Construction, Inc. for the Top of Iowa Second Addition Subdivision Project upon receipt of signed agreement between Diamond Jo Worth, LLC and Worth County pledging donated land.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Second Amendment to the Child Support County Staffing Contract between the Iowa Department of Human Services, Bureau of Collection and the Floyd County (Host) Political Subdivision.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution No. 2020.05.04.04

RESOLUTION
2020.05.04.04
WORTH COUNTY

Resolution to Rescind Request to Cancel Automatic Renewal

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY IOWA TO RESCIND REQUEST TO CANCEL AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Worth County, Iowa (the "Owner"), whose address is 1000 Central Avenue, Northwood, Iowa 50459 and PEOPLESERVICE, INC., and its successors and assigns ("PeopleService"), whose address is 209 South 19th Street, Suite 555, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-1758 entered into an Operation and Maintenance Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of 12/27/2011 and renewed on 06/05/2017.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms in Article V of the Agreement, this Agreement shall remain in full force.

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall automatically renew for successive terms of one (1) year each unless written notice of cancellation is given by either party to the other no less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of expiration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Owner shall rescind its request to exercise the right to cancel the automatic renewal pursuant to the terms in Article V of the Agreement, for the year beginning July 1, 2020 and commencing on June 30, 2021. The Auditor is here by directed to send written notice to the President of PeopleService Inc. advising them that Worth County is rescinding their right to cancel as referenced above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF May, 2020.

WORTH COUNTY IOWA

ATTEST:
Aaron Stone
Board of Supervisors
Chairperson
Jacki A. Backhaus
County Auditor

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve payroll change for John Smith at $59,895.24/year, Jason Schmidt at $18.76/hour, Chad Wurtzel at $56,718.50/year and Jesse Luther at $62,063.70/year as submitted by the sheriff's department and approval of $13.25/hour for Election Poll workers for the 2020 Primary as submitted by the auditor's office.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 10:08 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, May 11, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

Northwood Anchor

Legal

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 4/13/20 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Parker, Woltzen, & Pilkington.

Absent: Heiken & Douglas.

Visitors: None.

Mayor called meeting to order.

Motion to approve agenda by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by Pilkington, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Clerk discussed repairs needed at the community center, received other ½ of insurance claim from Spring 2019, ordinance review on hold due to covid-19, Alcohol license for community center and the need for a new refrigerator, citizen complaints and correspondence.

Mayor discussed having maintenance tape off park equipment, bids for street repair, donating old tables and chairs. Motion by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen to purchase 2 more tables carts, carried unanimously.

Visitors: None.

Old Business: City clean-up confirmed for May 2nd. Clerk will get on website.

Refrigerator ordered for community center.

Motion to set public hearing for Max Levy Resolution #586 for Monday, March 16th at 6:45 P.M. by Heiken, 2nd Douglas, carried unanimously.

Audit report discussed.

Past due water bills reviewed, assessment letters will be sent out as time permits.

New Business: Clerk has sent out junk letters.

City needs a community center cleaning person, will be posted and put on website. Will pay $50 per time, must be 16 or older, minimum once a month plus after rentals, interested parties respond by May 7th, motion by Parker, 2nd by Pilkington, carried unanimously. Clerk will have details at office.

Treasurer's Report: March 2020 Revenues by Fund: General 6,804.19, Utilities 5,222.43, Special 3,272.56. Total Revenues: $15,299.18. Stands approved as read.

Motion to pay bills by Woltzen, 2nd by Pilkington, carried unanimously.

Payable: Alliant Energy 2,855.33, WCTA 270.53, B. Luckason 293.32 (net), S. Overy 537.17 (net), R. Bauer 1638.79 (net), L. McNally 1,410.08 (net), Federal & SS 1,422.44 (payroll), Ipers 853.11 (payroll), P. Pilkington 135.00 (cleaning – general), KCAP 3000.00 (WCDA $ for festival – general), Viking Athletic Center 500.00 (donation – general), Schmidt Construction 3014.53 (ice dam) and 5821.90 (cc grant – general), Haines Insurance 11,403.00 (yearly insurance premium – general), R80 19.20 (general), Post Office 105.00 (general), H. Thompson 75.00 (flushing – water), Ag Source 25.50 (water test), Kensett Water 100.50 (sewer fees), L. McNally 62.06 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1,379.20 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #14 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), R. Bratrud 210.00 (sexton – quarterly – general), Kelly's Hardware 113.36 (supplies – general), R80 33.36 (gas – city – road use), Bice Electric 250.00 (service – general), L. McNally 4.99 (supplies – general), Brown Supply 600.00 (water supplies), Carquest 64.69 (charger – road use), Northwood Anchor 243.71 (publications – general), A & I Auto 36.54 (supplies – general), Menards 201.51 (cold patch – road use), D & L Equipment 199.83 (supplies – road use), Counsel 267.91 (toners – general), Baker & Taylor 746.77, Midwest Tapes 68.22, checks 30.00, Culligan Water 32.10, L. Albright 40.00, A. Begdale 180.00, Tab Computers 205.00, D. Patrick 30.00.

Disbursements by Fund: General 29,917.12, Special 1,911.00, Utilities 1,218.60, Payroll 6,339.61 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $39,386.33.

Motion to adjourn by Pilkington, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously.

Lori J. McNally, CMC,
City Clerk
Corey Pulju, Mayor

COUNTY NAME: WORTH | **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF CURRENT COUNTY BUDGET** | **CO NO: 98**

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the current County budget as follows:

Meeting Date:	Meeting Time:	Meeting Location:
05/26/2020	9:00 A.M.	WORTH COUNTY COURT HOUSE

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, the proposed amendment. An approved budget amendment is required in order to permit increases in any class of expenditures as last certified or last amended.

County Telephone No.: 641-324-2316 | For Fiscal Year Ending: 6/30/2020

Iowa Department of Management Form 653 A-R Sheet 1 of 2 (Publish) (revised 05/01/14) **REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES**		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Proposed Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	4,813,038		4,813,038
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	25,453		25,453
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	324,762		324,762
Net Current Property Taxes	4	4,462,823	0	4,462,823
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	41		41
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	34,475		34,475
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	4,474,114		4,474,114
Intergovernmental	8	4,298,768		4,298,768
Licenses & Permits	9	116,050		116,050
Charges for Service	10	301,546		301,546
Use of Money & Property	11	191,533		191,533
Miscellaneous	12	7,900	239,509	247,409
Subtotal Revenues	13	13,887,250	239,509	14,126,759
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0		0
Operating Transfers In	15	1,231,732	18,048	1,249,780
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	1,800		1,800
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	15,120,782	257,557	15,378,339
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety & Legal Services	18	2,514,043	5,000	2,519,043
Physical Health & Social Services	19	1,104,984		1,104,984
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	279,446		279,446
County Environment & Education	21	1,006,816	27,848	1,034,664
Roads & Transportation	22	4,396,145	155,491	4,551,636
Government Services to Residents	23	459,062		459,062
Administration	24	1,638,581	20,016	1,658,597
Nonprogram Current	25	0		0
Debt Service	26	2,273,061	1,000	2,274,061
Capital Projects	27	1,380,000	1,561,635	2,941,635
Subtotal Expenditures	28	15,052,138	1,770,990	16,823,128
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,231,732	18,048	1,249,780
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30			0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	16,283,870	1,789,038	18,072,908
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	(1,163,088)	(1,531,481)	(2,694,569)
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	8,954,768		8,954,768
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0		0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0		0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	7,414,030		7,414,030
Fund Balance - Committed	37	322,030		322,030
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0		0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	55,620	(1,531,481)	(1,475,861)
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	7,791,680	(1,531,481)	6,260,199

Explanation of changes:

Revenues amended are: Capital: WCDA Grant - $229,709; Conservation: Miscellaneous Refund $9,800. Expenses amended are: Supervisors: Civil Service - $100.00; Board Proceedings - $2000; Education/Training - $2000; Employee Group Ins - $2,916; Capital: Data Processing - $250,000 ; Secondary Roads: Bridges - $400,000; Roads - $100,000; Roads & Bridges - $130,491; Miscellaneous - $25,000; Conservation - Engineer - $9,800; Motor Vehicle - $18,048; Land Improvements - $61,635; Medical Examiner - $5,000; General Services: Custodial Services, Fixed Plant Maint - $8,000 Non-Departmental - Fiscal Agent Fees - $1,000; Land Improvements - $750,000; Organizations: Contr to Othr Gov & Org - City of Joice - $5,000 Transit: Salaries - $10,000.

PROFESSIONAL CARD
Business Announcements

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

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

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

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

Congregate Meals
MEALS ON WHEELS
324-1244

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MercyOne North Iowa resumes select medical services and elective surgeries with enhanced safety measures

MercyOne, one of Iowa's largest health care systems, worked to ensure safety as it prepared to resume services in North Iowa on May 4.

As the positive impact of social distancing begins to flatten the curve for COVID-19 cases in north Iowa, MercyOne has resumed select critical services and elective surgeries to provide clinically necessary care for the health and well-being of area patients. One noticeable change is the additional safety requirement that anyone entering a MercyOne facility will wear a mask.

"People need to know it is safe to seek essential treatment. MercyOne North Iowa is enhancing safety precautions already in place in order to resume select surgeries, procedures and other critical services as we remain committed to providing the safe, excellent care we know our patients and communities need," said Rod Schlader, president, MercyOne North Iowa. "We are taking a thoughtful, phased approach to resuming select services and are following CDC and state COVID-19 guidance to provide a safe environment for patients and colleagues."

Enhanced safety measures at MercyOne include:

Pre-appointment phone screening for all patients.

Everyone entering the building must be wearing a mask before being screened for symptoms.

No visitors are permitted in any area of the hospital, clinics, outpatient areas or emergency department.

The following exemptions could be made regarding visitation on a case-by-case basis:

Children admitted to the hospital, maternity units and patients receiving end-of-life care, as determined by medical professionals.

For approved exemptions, only one visitor per patient is permitted, who must be: 18 or older; and either immediate a family member, power of attorney, guardian or patient representatives; and healthy with no symptoms of illness including respiratory or fever.

In addition, all patients scheduled for a surgery or procedure will be tested for COVID-19 within 24 hours before their procedure. If a patient tests positive, the procedure will be postponed until a negative result is obtained, unless the patient's quality of health or life is impacted. If there is a negative test result, the procedure will continue as planned.

"If you are feeling sick, or have a preexisting or chronic condition, we want to make sure you do not postpone care that you need to get healthy and stay well," said Schlader. "We are here for you and are committed to keeping you safe while you receive the medical care you need."

MercyOne continues to provide Virtual Visits as an option for receiving care. A Virtual Visit allows a patient to meet with their MercyOne primary care or specialty provider through a secure, HIPAA compliant video chat without leaving the comfort and security of their home. Individuals are encouraged to call their provider's office to find out if virtual visits are appropriate for their condition. Learn more at www.mercyone.org/northiowa/for-patients/virtual-visits.

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Janssen Family Charitable Trust
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Sidney A. Swensrud Scholarship Fund
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The Principal Manager is: Michael Crozier,
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Telephone: 641-324-2021

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CURTIS A. HILL, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Curtis A. Hill, Deceased, who died on or about August 21, 2019, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on May 6, 2020, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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Dated May 11, 2020.

Ray E. Hill, Jr.
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Date of second publication 20th day of May, 2020.

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2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR NORTHWOOD WATERWORKS

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)		Yes/No	
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	22.00 (22 - 22)	09/30/2019	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	10.00 (10 - 10)	09/30/2019	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	2.20 (ND - 2)	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.432 (0.0632 - 0.440)	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	0.7 (0.38 - 1)	09/03/2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	RAA	0.66 (ND - 0.700)	03/31/2019	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
02 - S/EP WELL 3 AND 4 AFTER TREATMENT						
Arsenic (ppb)	10 (0)	SGL	5.60	01/07/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	5.1	01/16/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NORTHWOOD WATERWORKS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Devonian aquifer. The Devonian aquifer was determined to be susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide some protection from contaminants from the land surface. The Devonian wells will be susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-324-1075.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact NORTHWOOD WATERWORKS at 641-324-1075.



Flags lowered to recognize peace officers

Flags throughout Iowa are flying at half staff this week as a part of a statewide recognition of peace officers. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds ordered flags in Iowa to be lowered for Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week. "This week, we honor the strength of character and sense of duty that drives our peace officers through every shift," Reynolds said. "Iowa's peace officers are unflinching protectors who willingly place their lives on the line to keep our communities safe." Pictured above is the flag that flies near the veterans monument, located near the Worth County Sheriff's Office.

Minn. opens elective surgeries

Last week Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed an executive order that outlined how doctors, dentists and veterinarians could begin conducting elective surgeries in the state.

The order allows medical personnel to conduct procedures that treat chronic conditions, prevent and cure disease and relieve chronic pain.

The order allows hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and clinics – whether veterinary, medical or dental – to resume many currently-delayed procedures once facilities have developed criteria for determining which procedures should proceed during the pandemic and have provided a plan to maintain a safe environment for facility staff, patients and visitors.

"Minnesota has made significant progress in building up critical resources to combat COVID-19," said Walz. "We're proud that this progress will allow our medical professionals to safely resume certain procedures to keep Minnesotans healthy and improve their quality of life."

"We remain committed to preserving and acquiring protective equipment to protect our front-line employees from COVID-19," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "But health conditions haven't been put on hold during this pandemic. This action will help Minnesotans get care for chronic pain, treat and prevent disease and address their health concerns."

Executive orders issued earlier had delayed non-essential and elective surgeries, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, allowing health care facilities to preserve resources and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Since these executive orders were issued, Minnesota has made and continues to make significant headway in securing additional personal protective equipment and improving testing and hospital surge capacity, according to the governor's office.

Although postponement of non-essential or elective procedures has proven to be an effective means of preserving essential healthcare resources for the COVID-19 response, Minnesota Department of Health guidance recognizes that extended delays in the provision of certain care may pose substantial risks to patients.

Non-essential or elective procedures are often clinically necessary to treat chronic pain and conditions, or to prevent, cure or slow the progression of diseases.



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Teleconference Meeting

Remember when we went trick-or-treating when we were pups?

Vaguely.

Your head was so lopsided, the holes in the mask you wore didn't line up with your eyes. You walked into trees, cars and a large Holstein. Now you're wearing a mask again. Cows need to be warned.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as:

Not long ago, I'd received a vaccination against yellow fever in preparation for a work trip to Kenya that ended up being canceled. I thought of the yellow fever epidemic that hit Philadelphia in 1793 when George Washington (he had no wooden teeth) was president.

Medical professionals had little concept of viruses and no vaccines in those days. Surgeons didn't regularly wash their hands or instruments between surgeries. Francis Bacon said that knowledge is power and it was lacking. There was no Dr. Fauci. Much of the medical treatments consisted of mercury compounds, bloodletting and purging. People were deploringly unclean. Baths were a rarity for most and brushing teeth was unknown to many.

In Philadelphia, one in 10 of its 50,000 population died of this disease. They practiced social distancing and there was a cessation of handshakes.

Certain liberties were put in abeyance. Doors of residences with infected people were marked. Some cities had quarantines against refugees or goods from Philly. Toilet paper wasn't hoarded during this plague because there wasn't any, but perhaps corncobs were stashed.

Despite the lack of social media, people recommended hare-brained cures: Smoking, drinking copious amounts of wine, cleaning a house or body with vinegar, covering floors with a two-inch-deep layer of dirt replaced daily, chewing garlic, hanging a bag of camphor around the neck, or firing guns in the streets. Some hoped a hurricane would blow the fever away. The vector wasn't identified as a mosquito until the late 19th century.

I bow to science today and am glad that the physician of my youthful days, Dr. Olds, wasn't much for bloodletting. I've read about dogs being trained to detect disease. Compared to us, dogs can smell in color. One day, physical exams may include being sniffed by a beagle.

Life has always been complicated, but the world has become one big, yellow light. We proceed with caution. One day chicken, the next day feathers. If we were a cartoon, discarded banana peels would cover the ground. We want explanations and villains where there might not be any.

We need Mighty Mouse. I remember his song, "Mr. Trouble never hangs around, when he hears this mighty sound, 'Here I come to save the day!' That means that Mighty Mouse is on the way!"

Nature notes

I watched a red-tailed hawk kiting into the wind. It was no check-kiting scheme. The wind allowed the raptor to hover while hunting. This hawk preys primarily on mammals.

The yard birds come and go. They aren't to be confused with the Yardbirds, a rock band, whose hits included "For Your Love" and "Heart Full of Soul." Bird migrations carry magic and wonder in their feathers. Spring migrations are more colorful as birds wear breeding plumages. Fall migration has more birds because the young birds are included.

The world is in technicolor and most birds are breath-stopping beauties, but the loveliness of some of the warblers makes for feathered jewels. I recall being a boy toiling the farm fields on a tractor without a cab one spring day. The weather had been good and bad. A little rain, some wind and then sun. I brought the tractor to a stop at the edge of a woods. I grabbed my poor man's lunch pail (a bread wrapper) and climbed onto a low hanging branch of a lofty tree to enjoy a couple of bologna and Velveeta cheese sandwiches and a like number of sugar cookies. As I munched away, the world chirped. I looked up to see branches covered in American redstarts drooping wings and fanning tails to flush insect prey from vegetation. The males flashed orange and black, while the females, nicknamed yellowstarts, showed yellow and gray. The large number of dancing warblers made me say "Wow" more than once. Their presence made for wonderful dinner entertainment. I watched the warblers for exactly too long when I should have been working. When I resumed my labors, I wished the tractor had offered musical theater starring warblers.

Time is fleeting. It seems as if the juncos had just arrived and now, they've left. I'll miss the lovely, little birds. Dark-eyed juncos nest in northeastern and north central Minnesota.

Meeting adjourned

"Kindness is always fashionable." — Amelia Barr

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