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Briefs

Fireworks fundraising continues

Northwood's Fourth of July celebration is a little over three weeks away, and while the event will be different this year, it will still come to a close with the annual pyrotechnic display at the Northwood Airport.

The patriotic explosive show is made possible with community contributions.

Those interested in contributing to the Ol' Crackers fireworks fund drive may drop off donations at Farmers State Bank in Northwood or at the Northwood Anchor office.

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Fire Dept. raffle canceled

The 4th of July Firemen's raffle has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

Instead, a drive-up to-go barbecue will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company.

The menu includes smoked pulled pork, beans and salad.

Free will donations will be taken.



National Flag Day June 14

National Flag Day is Sunday, June 14. Flag day honors the United States flag.

For more details on Flag Day see page 8 of this week's Anchor.



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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues. June 2	87	56	
Wed. June 3	94	56	.64
Thurs. June 4	82	58	
Fri. June 5	86	63	
Sat. June 6	80	59	.09
Sun. June 7	79	61	
Mon. June 8	86	63	



Promdemic 2020

Cade Hengesteg and Shallon Batton, both juniors, are twirling through the week, getting ready for the 2020 Northwood-Kensett prom. The Worth County Fairgrounds will be fully decorated for the "Promdemic 2020" event that is happening there this Saturday. Hengesteg will be attending prom with Josie Einertson and Batton will be accompanied by Kyle Nichols.

'Promdemic' on the way Saturday

This Saturday, June 13, Northwood-Kensett juniors and seniors and their dates have been invited to take part in the delayed and the carefully planned` Prom and Post Prom event, with a "Promdemic 2020" theme.

While the original plan had been a prom in Swensrud Park, the likelihood of muddy conditions and potential weather concerns led organizers to relocate the festivities. Instead, the 2020 Prom and Post Prom will be held at the Worth County fairgrounds.

Before students will be allowed to take part in the night's activities they will have their temperatures taken and will be asked some health questions.

Chaperones will be on hand for normal prom supervision, as well as making sure that students are observing social distancing guidelines. Students will also not be allowed to leave the fairgrounds during the event.

The Grand March begins at 6 p.m. at the north gate of the fairgrounds. Students will enter and continue through the gardens on the north end. Those coming to watch the grand march must enter and exit through the north gate. Spectators are also asked to bring their own chairs and practice social distancing.

Following the grand march, the students will enjoy a meal catered by local restaurants Signature's Supper Club and Tequila's Mexican Bar & Grill.

Following the meal, the prom dance will be held at the same time as typical post-prom activities, such as bingo, bags, a caricature artist and human foosball. There will also be snacks and door prizes.

The prom dance and post-prom activities

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Courthouse re-opens, but off-site contact still preferred

In mid-March Worth County offices closed to the public, with county business and communication largely limited to phone and electronic interactions. This past Monday the Worth County courthouse and other county offices re-opened, with safety guidelines in place.

As of Monday, June 8, Worth County offices were open to the public, but those with courthouse business are still asked and encouraged to use alternate contact options whenever possible, including communicating with County offices by phone, mail, email, fax or online at www.worthcounty.org.

Those that are sick

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N-K graduation plans set for June 28

Northwood-Kensett's postponed graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 1:30 p.m. While commencement will be held, it will look a bit different for those that can attend.

For one, the chairs and bleachers in the high school gym won't be as crowded. Each graduate will be allowed to invite seven guests to attend. And each graduate's guests will be seated so that they are six feet away from other groups.

Unlike other years,



some watching their graduate will do so with face masks, which are encouraged, but not required.

The students also won't get the chance to rehearse the ceremony, like in most years. But the ceremony will be simpler, without the school band or choir on hand to add music, and without the public there to wish students well.

The ceremony will include graduates entering the gym to the traditional processional music, but they will be single file and spaced six feet apart.

Class officers will speak and a video will be shown.

Then students will cross the stage one by one, making sure that they are alone on stage with a school board

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Worth County primary election results, Hanson wins District 2 supervisor contest

By Erin McCord

Tuesday's primary election saw voters cast 1,076 ballots in Worth County to decide Republican and Democratic candidates for November's general election. Statewide, 24.22% of Iowans registered to vote headed to the ballot box.

An expanded period of early voting and absentee ballot request forms sent to every registered voter in Iowa helped send the number of Worth County residents who voted by absentee ballot soaring over the previous presidential election year, which was in 2016.

The count of absentee ballots cast in Worth County as of press time was 855, versus 53 in the last presidential primary, according to Worth County Auditor Jacki Backhaus.

The races decided in this election included U.S. Senator. Incumbent Joni Ernst had no Republican challenger and received 551 votes, or 98.75%.

Four candidates ran for the Democratic nomination for Senate. Theresa Greenfield will be challenging Ernst in the general election, topping the field

Elections, see Page 2



Brick by brick

Last week work wrapped up on the bricks of the Hotel Winifred in Northwood. The project was made possible by funds from the WCDA, granted in November. Pictured is Mike of Stateline Tuckpointing, as he touches up the brickwork on the hotel.

Lady Vikings leave fear at the gate — See Page 5

Classes return to N-K with driver's ed

For the first time in 11 weeks, students are taking classes at N-K schools. Until recently there was some question about whether or not student drivers would be able to get their vehicular education in this year. That changed when the State of Iowa opened school facilities, as of June 1.

Driver's Education classes started on June 3 at Northwood-Kensett, the first classes to be taught at N-K schools since March 14. The return includes additional safety measures taken in the classroom and in the car.

Longtime driver's education teacher Ron Dodd is back in the classroom and in the passenger seat.

Before class begins each day, students will have their temperatures taken and students will be asked not to attend if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone testing positive within 14 days. Parents will not be allowed into buildings and can only pick up and drop off students before and after classes.

Students will also be asked to bring their own water bottles, with water fountains unavailable. Only one set of bathrooms will be open as well, to limit the cleaning and sanitizing that will occur every day.

The classroom portion of the learning will take place in the high school media center, with seating spaced to meet social distancing guidelines. Students will also be welcome, but not required, to wear face masks.

The curriculum for this year's driver's education classes will include proper handwashing technique. That is a State of Iowa requirement for summer education. Symptoms of COVID-19 will also be regularly reviewed.

Extra precautions will also be taken in vehicles, with Mr. Dodd driving with two students at most at any one time.



Raindrops keep falling...

A series of storms and heavy rains swept through the area on June 2. Pictured above is a cloud pouring precipitation in the distance during a break in the local downpour. As of press time Monday, even more significant rainfall was forecast one week later, on Tuesday, June 9.

Election
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in Worth County, where she drew 348 votes, 73.11% of the votes cast. Greenfield also won statewide with 130,287 votes (47.70%). Michael Franken was next in Worth, with 62 votes (13.03%), followed by Kimberly Graham, 49 votes (10.29%), Eddie Mauro with 14 votes (2.94%) and Cal Woods with 3 votes (0.63%).

Ashley Hinson will be the Republican challenger to Democrat Abby Finkenauer's District 1 House of Representatives seat. In Worth County, Hinson earned 369 votes, or 66.49% of the Republican ballots, versus Thomas Hansen, who drew 183 votes (32.97%). District-wide, Hinson garnered 38,320 votes, 77.83% of the total. Finkenauer was unopposed on the Democratic side.

Republican state representative Jane Bloomingdale (570 votes, 99.48%) and state senator Waylon Brown (565 votes, 99.65%) had no Republican primary challengers.

Bloomingdale will face Democrat Jane Podgorniak in the primary election for the District 51 statehouse seat. Podgorniak received 411 (98.80%) of the votes on the Democratic ticket.

Locally, Gary Hanson won the Republican nomination for District 2 supervisor with 137 votes (48.07%). Incumbent Mark Smeby ran second with 111 (38.95%). William Schulte received 37 votes (12.98%). There were no Democratic candidates for District 2 supervisor.

Jacki Backhaus faced no primary challengers for county auditor, nor were there any Democratic candidates. She received 556 votes (99.46%).

Sheriff Dan Fank also went unopposed as a Republican and with no one on the Democratic ic ticket. He received 566 votes (98.78%).

Courthouse
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or not feeling well should not visit the courthouse in person.

All those visiting the courthouse are asked to observe social distancing guidelines. Masks are recommended, but not required.

For the time being the south door of the courthouse will remain closed.

There are some exceptions to the openings.

The Clerk of Court office window will remain shut until further notice. Anyone with clerk of court business should call with questions.

The Treasurer's office, at 822 Central Avenue, will remain open by appointment only.

Meetings of the Worth County Board of Supervisors will be open, but with limited seating the meetings will still be held electronically as well.

More information on contacting county offices can be found at the County website, online at www.worthcounty.org.

Turkey Day cancelled

Grafton's annual mid-summer celebration, Grafton Turkey Day, has been cancelled, due to health rules and difficulties in securing the namesake meal.

Turkey Day organizers announced last week that the event was off for 2020, mainly due to difficulties acquiring the size and quantity of turkeys needed to serve those attending.

The potential status of rules for gatherings like a typical Turkey Day celebration also raised concerns for organizers.

N-K
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member, principal Keith Fritz and superintendent Mike Crozier.

After diplomas have been awarded, the students will leave the school single file. They have been asked to take photos outside or offsite to make sure there are no crowds inside the school.

Fireworks
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As donations begin, the Northwood Anchor will publish the names of those contributing to the fund.

People may also support the fund drive by donating cans in the receptacle located underneath the water tower in downtown Northwood. Organizers say that these can donations have had a significant impact on raising the funds needed for the annual show and they expect an entertaining display for this year's Fourth as a result.

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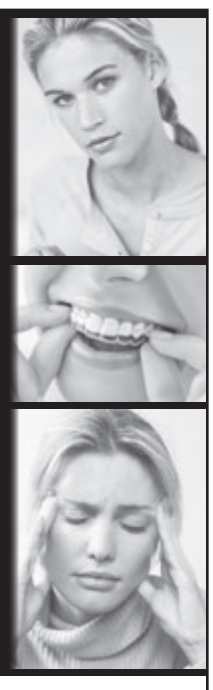
are being held simultaneously to help limit the number of promgoers on the dance floor at any one time.

The post-prom will also include a hypnotist, to close the evening's activities.

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Indoor dining, gyms and entertainment venues reopen in Minnesota June 10

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz last week announced the next phase of the Stay Safe MN plan, including reopening indoor dining, gyms and entertainment venues starting Wednesday, June 10.

Customers and employees will be either strongly recommended or required to wear masks and will be required to adhere to appropriate social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"Thank you, Minnesotans, for the sacrifices you've made to slow the spread of COVID-19," Governor Walz said. "Thanks to your dedication, we are now in a position to carefully turn the dial toward reopening society. As we move forward, it is more important than ever that we each do our part as we trust and rely on each other to keep our state safe."

Occupancy rates will be limited based on risk, with an overall occupancy maximum of 250 people. All critical businesses are required to develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan by June 29, and the Department of Health (MDH), Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) will publish industry guidance by June 15.

Under Phase III of the Stay Safe MN plan:

Restaurants can begin offering indoor dining while maintaining social distancing, requiring reservations and seating no more than 50 percent occupancy.

Indoor social gatherings can take place with 10 people or less; outdoor social gatherings can take place with 25 people or less.

Gyms, personal fitness and yoga studios, and martial arts may open at 25 percent capacity.

Indoor entertainment venues, such as theaters and concert halls, can open at 25 percent capacity.

Recreational indoor entertainment venues, such as bowling alleys, arcades and museums may open at 25 percent capacity.

Personal services, such as salons, tattoo parlors and barbershops, may increase occupancy rates to 50 percent while requiring reservations.

Outdoor entertainment venues, such as sporting events, concerts and theaters may open at 25 percent capacity.

Places of worship can increase occupancy rates to 50 percent.

Since the start of Minnesota's COVID-19 peacetime emergency, the State of Minnesota has prepared for a gradual re-opening by working with the health care sector to expand health care capacity and procure ICU beds, ventilators and personal protective equipment.

"This safe, steady reopening cannot happen without the commitment and vigilance of all Minnesotans to protect themselves and each other against COVID-19," said Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan. "We must continue wearing masks, washing hands, staying six feet apart and working from home when possible. Those practices bought us time to learn about and prepare for the virus – and they will keep us safe during this next phase of our response."

"As we face the likelihood of many more months of this disease spreading at various levels in our communities, we must find a way to live with it – accepting a certain level of risk while taking steps to prevent a wave of cases overwhelming our health care sector," said MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "The goal is to find a proper balance of protections in a way that promotes the best interests of our state. That's the balance we're seeking here today."

Bloomingdale joins NSB Bank

NSB Bank President Kirk Paulson recently announced that Mike Bloomingdale has joined the bank as Commercial Lending Officer.

Bloomingdale will work out of NSB's Mason City West location. Bloomingdale comes to NSB after working the last eight years for Wells Fargo in Des Moines in a variety of positions.

Bloomingdale is a University of Iowa graduate and will be relocating to the Mason City area along with his wife Courtney and their son Carter.

Both Mike and Courtney are native North Iowans, with Mike growing up in Northwood and Courtney in Lake Mills.



MIKE BLOOMINGDALE

American Revolution: Battle of Lexington and Concord

By Sharlene Stoddard
Helen Hinman Dwelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

The Battles of Lexington and Concord signaled the start of the American Revolutionary war on April 19, 1775.

The British Army set out from Boston to capture rebel leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock in Lexington as well as to destroy the Americans' store of weapons and ammunition in Concord.

The colonists were warned however, by riders, including Paul Revere, that the British Army was approaching. Sam Adams and John Hancock were able to escape, and the local militia was able to hide much of their ammunition and weapons.

Battle of Lexington

The Battle of Lexington was a very small fight. You could hardly call it a battle, but it's important because it's where the Revolutionary War started.

When the British arrived, there were only around 80 American militiamen in the town. They were led by Captain John Parker. They were up against a much larger British force led by Major John Pitcairn.

Neither side expected to actually fight, but in the midst of the confusion a gunshot went off, forcing the British to attack. Some of the colonists were killed and the rest fled.

The gunshot was the first shot of the American Revolution and the start of the war. It was called the "shot heard around the world" by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his poem "Concord Hymn." No one is actually sure who fired the first shot or if it was an American or British soldier.

Battle of Concord

After the Americans fled from Lexington, the British marched to the city of Concord.

When they first got to Concord, they met little resistance and began to search the town for the militia's hidden stash of weapons and munitions.

The Americans had retreated to the outskirts of Concord and observed the British from the other side of the North Bridge. As the Americans waited, more and more local militiamen arrived, making their forces stronger and stronger.

The Americans decided to cross the North Bridge back into Concord. They defeated the British troops at the North Bridge, giving the Americans renewed confidence. Soon the British commander, Colonel Francis Smith, realized that the American militia resistance was rapidly growing and it was time to retreat.

The British Retreat

Once the British decided to retreat, they began the long march back to the city of Boston.

The Americans continued to gain forces and continued to attack and harass the British during their retreat. By the time the British reached Boston they had lost 73 men and 174 were wounded. The Americans lost 49 men and 41 were wounded.

With these battles, the American Revolution had officially begun. Shots had been fired, thousands of militiamen surrounded Boston, and the Americans felt they had pushed back the British, giving them the courage to continue to unite and fight.

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Davidson received Lions Club Award



LINDSEY DAVIDSON

By JoAnn Lower

Lindsey Davidson, daughter of Ron and Michelle Davidson, has been presented the $500 Northwood Lions Club Achievement Award for 2020.

High school years at N-K were busy ones for Lindsey. Not only was she a member of Math Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Speech and Drama, she was on the cross-country and basketball teams.

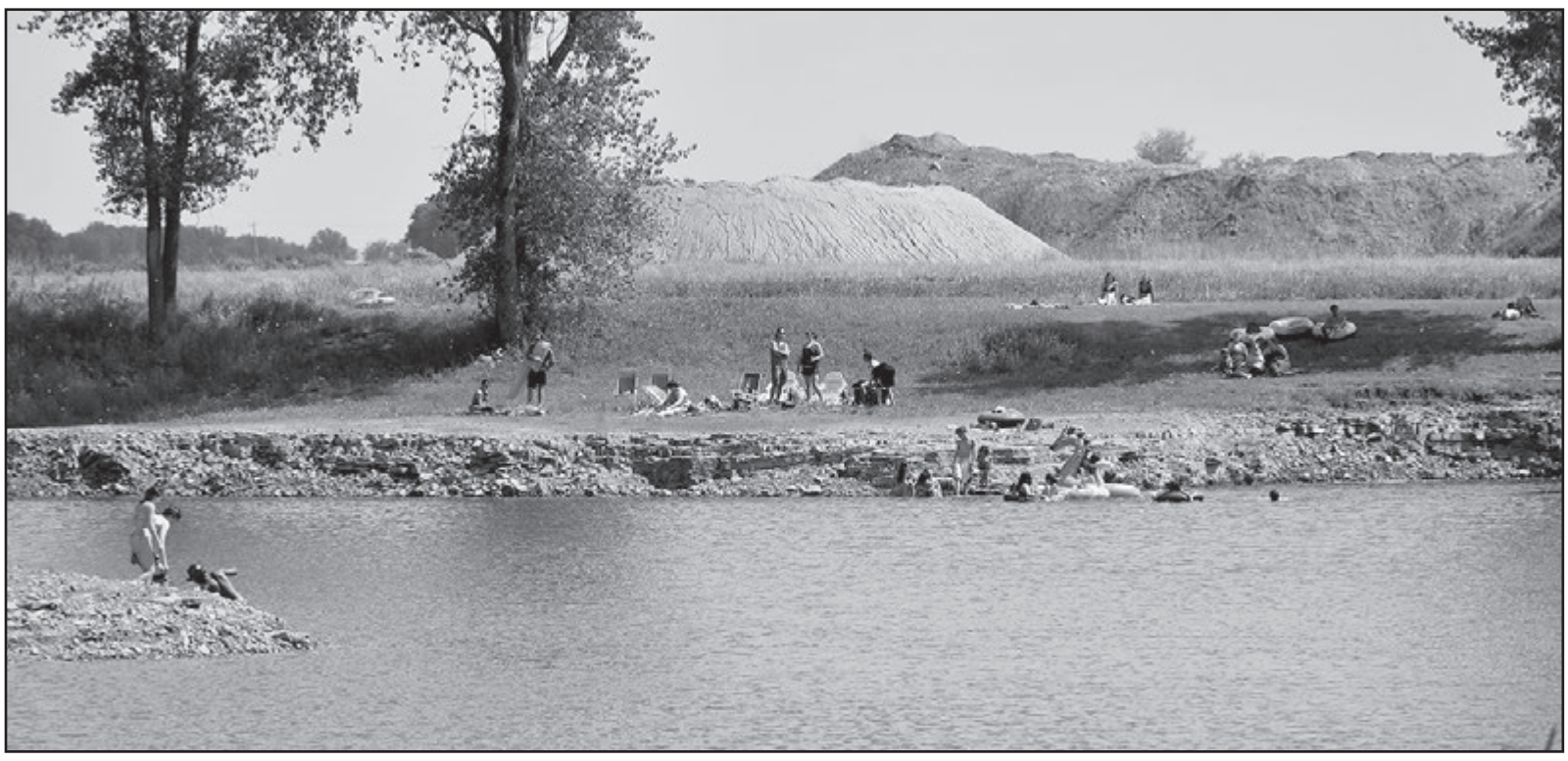
This fall she will attend Central College in Pella, Iowa, where her focus will be elementary education, track and cross-country.

"My free time is spent running, reading and writing," she said. "I also enjoy helping people and spending time with my family."

The Davidsons live on a farm west of Northwood. Lindsey's 16-year-old sister Emma has just finished her sophomore year.

After purchasing her prom dress last Christmas, Lindsey is excited that they won't have to miss out on the prom.

To the Northwood Lions Club, she said, "Thank you for the award and for recognizing my efforts."



Taking a dip

With Iowa pools not open for general swimming, local youth and families have turned to the next best, or better, thing, with the cool waters of Kuennen's Quarry. Pictured above are the swimmers and sun-bathers taking in the park's west shore on Friday.

Nursing homes receive guidance for easing restrictions

Guidance for a phased approach to easing restrictions on Iowa's long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, was announced last week.

Since March 13, Iowa long-term care facilities, including the Lutheran Retirement Home and Manly Specialty Care in Worth County, have been closed to visitors, seeking to protect the residents, who are amongst those most susceptible to the symptoms of COVID-19.

The guidance for reopening comes from the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Before looking at the phased guidelines, long-term care facilities are encouraged to have residents and staff tested for COVID-19 to set up a "baseline" to see if there may be anyone that has the virus without symptoms.

Testing is also recommended in the same hallway as a resident whenever a case is identified, if not testing all residents and staff at that time. If a staff member declines a test, they should be treated as having the virus or unknown, with PPE used around them.

In later phases, testing is encouraged when staff and residents have symptoms or have been in contact with those with COVID-19.

Phase 1 of the guidance is largely how facilities have operated since March.

Visitors have been prohibited, except in cases of end-of-life and psycho-social needs.

Alternatives like window visits or electronic communications are suggested instead.

All those essential personnel in the facilities are screened upon entry and hygiene, personal protective equipment and face coverings are all required.

If residents must leave the facility for necessary trips, they have to wear face masks, as must those transporting them. Equipment is sanitizing after use. Once they return, residents must be quarantined for 14 days.

Residents will either eat in their own rooms, or, if in shared spaces, will be limited to 10 people, spaced at least six feet apart.

Residents are to be screened in each shift and staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts for symptoms and other indicators of COVID-19.

All facilities are to have designated areas and staff to care for those residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 or who have symptoms of the virus.

Group activities are restricted to those that can be done with social distance, while wearing face coverings and practicing proper hand hygiene. Technological alternatives are encouraged. That includes opportunities for activities that "improve quality of life," such as church, art classes and concerts.

Facilities enter phase 2 when there have been no cases internally for 14 days, staffing levels are adequate, PPE supplies are readily available, there is ample hospital availability, there is space to separate those with COVID-19 or symptoms and there has been a downward trend in virus cases in the county for 14 days.

In phase 2, visitation rules are slightly lifted for residents with end-of-life care and those with significant changes in their condition.

More visitation is allowed in those cases, but only by appointment, and in designated areas that will ensure safe distances, hygiene and other supervision for the protection of residents. All visitors will also be screened before interacting with residents. Outdoor visitation is also preferred in phase 2.

In phase 2, more non-essential personnel are allowed. Specifically mentioned are beauticians and barbers. They will be screened, wear masks, only travel to and from the area where they will attend to residents, limit the number in their area and sanitize and practice hygiene before and after each resident.

Communal dining is also opened slightly in phase 2. Residents must still be seated six feet apart, but the number in an area is open to up to 50 percent of that room's capacity, or to 10 people, whichever is more.

In phase 3, limited visitations will be allowed for all residents.

Facilities should set up visitor screenings, appointments, schedules, hours and designated visit locations and institute infection control practices. PPE should be used for visits.

If a COVID-19 case is found in a resident or member of a facility's staff, and another has symptoms, the facility will return from phase 2 or 3 to phase 1 and begin the process again.

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Lady Vikings begin the season by leaving their fears at the gate

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

With the state's high school leagues giving the go-ahead to begin the summer sports season, baseball and softball practices started last week with games to begin on June 15.

But with the pandemic still raging in some states, the teams have to begin to live with a new normal, at least for the remainder of this season. Among the changes, frequent hand washing, sanitizing equipment and social distancing, as much as playing a sport allows.

For the Lady Vikings, the biggest victory so far is just being able to get back to some sense of normalcy in a situation that is anything but normal. But for the seniors on the team, it's the sense of closure that matters most.

"It was basically the only way for the seniors to get closure of their senior year," said Lady Viking senior Jaela Parks. "It's a lot of hand sanitizing and trying to keep our distance, but at least we're here."

For Parks, any fear about the virus is left in the parking lot.

"It really doesn't feel any different for us once we go through the gates and step on the field. You just have to leave that all behind."

So let's get down to talking some softball. The Lady Vikings are coming off their best season in the recorded history of the program, finishing last year with a 13-13 overall record, the first and only time the team has not finished well under the .500 mark.

But all that was last year. This year's team will have to cope with what last season's seniors took with them from the program, 36 percent of their runs scored, 45 percent of their hits and 51 percent of their RBIs.

With so many gaps to fill and such a short season projected, this year the team may just have to settle for the victory of being able to compete.

"To tell you the truth, we lost a lot of our offense from last season and that's going to be tough to overcome," said Lady Vikings head coach Greg Parks. "We're just all glad to be here, and while we will always do our best to compete I just don't see us putting a real big emphasis on winning at this point."

While this young team may struggle, one thing it does have going for it is the return of its pitching battery, catcher Alexis Halbach and pitching ace Kayla Senne. Senne went 11-8 last season with a very respectable 3.95 ERA with a 1.55 WHIP (walks, hits per inning pitched). Halbach and Senne also return with the two highest batting averages; both hit .315 last season.

The Lady Vikings will open the season on Monday, June 15, when they travel to Allison to take on the Bearcats of North Butler.

Members of this year's squad include Alexis Halbach, Hallie Varner, Peyton Pangburn, Jaela Parks, Carly Hengesteg, Addy Bachtle, Kennedy Eskildsen, Kayla Senne, Olivia Stilley, Teanna Ausborn, Peyton Shoger, Teagan Johnson and Jasmine Renteria.

Local students named to BVU spring Dean's list

Buena Vista University recently recognized over 500 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List.

Local students who made the list include Kari Seger of Northwood, Allison Clark of Manly, Derek Jorgensen of Grafton and Angela Letscher of Manly.

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June 1, 2020
Twenty third 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 June 1, 2020 agenda.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the May 26, 2020 board minutes.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to authorize auditor, Jacki Backhaus, to sign the business account credit application for UPLIFT Desk and Human Solution and approve the request of an $8,000.00 credit amount as presented by Joel Rohne, IT Director.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to acknowledge the July 1, 2020 change in Worth County's maximum annual maintenance/repair expenditure amount, monthly compensation and "base amount" for chemicals pursuant to paragraphs 1.4, 4.2 and 4.4 of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement dated July 1, 2017 between Worth County and PeopleService, Inc. This adjustment is to be based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers. The change for this year was a positive 2.1%. Following are the changes effective July 1, 2020:

Maximum Annual Maintenance/Repair Expenditure: from $10,445 to $10,664

Monthly Compensation: from $13,840 to $14,131

"Base amount" for Chemicals: from $26,112 to $26,660

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve acknowledgment of county receipt of manure management plan annual updates from the following: Corner View Crop & Livestock, LLC for Facility #69395 located in Section 24, Union Township, Worth County; Meyer Livestock Farms, LLC – Ryan Site for Facility #69382 located in Section 1, Kensett Township, Worth County and Meyer Livestock Farms, LLC – Travis Site for Facility #69381 located in Section 7, Barton Township, Worth County.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to reopen the court house facilities to the public on Monday, June 8th. The Main South Entrance of the Court House building will remain closed to the public and will only be an Employee Entrance going forward. Signage will be ordered.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 9:02 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, June 8, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Aaron Stone, Chairperson

The Constituent Connection



Waylon Brown

State Senator
District 26

88th General Assembly:

The legislative session re-started this week, continuing the work from a couple months ago and with a few new challenges ahead. This session looks much different than it did when we paused. Now, committee meetings are held in the Senate chamber instead of committee rooms to allow for social distancing, and speakers on bills will give comments from the Senate gallery instead of usually coming to the meeting tables. Our clerks that typically come in to help keep us on schedule and organized remain at home, ensuring a limited number of people in the Senate chamber and making sure we can work with distance in between each of our desks.

When the session was suspended, we still had a number of bills to get through a legislative deadline in order to be considered throughout the rest of the year. Now, we are taking that deadline and shortening it into a few days of work, while also debating bills on a wide range of issues.

This week the Senate had over 20 bills on our schedule for debate, dealing with a wide range of issues. Bill topics ranged from expanding ethanol usage to changing some rules around public construction practices and protecting money in the veterans trust fund. One of the main issues remaining for the session is the passing a state budget for next year.

When we suspended the legislative session in March, there was a lot unknown about how it would affect our state and how it would affect our budget. Recently, we received an updated estimate on how the coronavirus would affect our state's budget. The estimate for our general fund revenue next year has decreased by $360 million.

For the past several years, Republicans in the legislature have been passing conservative, responsible, and sustainable budgets, working to rein in government spending and using taxpayer money efficiently and effectively. In 2017, one of the very first bills passed in the Senate was to reduce the money already appropriated because the state couldn't afford it. However, since then, we have gone from having millions of dollars in deficit, to millions of dollars in surplus, putting our state in a good position to face the budget situation ahead of us.

Now is not the time to abandon those principles. Much like Iowa families have had to cut spending as a consequence of the coronavirus, government should also be budgeting cautiously, look at where dollars are really needed, and ensure the most necessary functions of government are funded for the Iowans.

Throughout the last several weeks, even though we were not at the Capitol, we continued our work to ensure when we did come back, we would be ready. While we work on a responsible budget we know the state can afford, we will also be working to make sure the priorities we have been working on since the first day of session make it to the governor's desk for her signature.

Recently, Iowa Finance Authority announced a new program to help people who have had trouble making rent or mortgage payments as a result of COVID-19. The program, the COVID-19 Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program, can provide assistance to renters and homeowners at risk of eviction or foreclosure due to a COVID-19-related loss of income, like job loss or a reduction in hours. For more information on how to apply and questions on eligibility, please visit iowahousingrecovery.com.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns on legislation we are discussing, or have any questions about resources still available for those affected by the coronavirus, please feel free to contact me.



National Garden Club Week

June 7-12 is National Garden Club Week and to celebrate, Nancy Amundson (right) of the Green Thumb Garden Club dropped by the Northwood Anchor on Monday, June 8, to provide an arrangement for the Anchor staff, including composer Dawn Batton, to enjoy. The arrangement is a Pot et Fleur, which combines pot plants with cut flowers, with a theme of "something planted and something fresh." It provides a nice accent, both in sight and smell, to the front counter of the Anchor, with Ivy Topia circles, the flowers and Russian Sage along bottom to cover the jar in the center.

Back in Session



Jane Bloomingdale

Iowa House
District 51

Bills are moving quickly and our goal is to conclude session this week. At this time, passing our budget plans is most important, but you didn't elect us to do budget only. There is good policy legislation still being drafted and several bills reflecting Iowans' priorities have passed the House and moved to the Senate.

Some of the bills passed in the House this week included:

SF2400 – A bill relating to broadband service including creation of a more accurate map of underserved areas, the Empower Rural Iowa broadband grant fund and infrastructure tax exemptions.

SF2348 – A bill restoring voting rights to persons convicted of certain felonies upon discharge of their sentence. Damages owed to a natural person must be paid first. This act takes effect upon ratification of a constitutional amendment.

SF2261 – This bill allows schools and AEAs to contract with mental health professionals to provide screening to students in a school setting. The mental health professional and school must receive parental consent, provide a secure and confidential room, and maintain scheduling for student appointment with parental coordination to allow parents to participate.

SF2283 – This bill allows medical care ambulance services to provide EMS training if approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health. The amendment allows the creation of a Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighters, EMS and reserve police officers. It also allows County Supervisors to declare EMS an essential service with voter approval at the next regularly scheduled election.

HF2279 – This bill replaces the existing motor fuel excise tax schedule with a new schedule to determine the tax rate of motor fuel and provides legislative review every 5 years.

In direct response to the pandemic, a COVID-19 Liability Protection amendment to SF2338 was drafted and the bill passed the House as amended. This legislation protects frontline health care workers, small businesses, churches and others who have followed public health guidelines and taken reasonable precautions from lawsuits that seek to capitalize off the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation provides limited immunity to individuals and businesses who helped our state respond to this emergency by producing or donating PPE like facemasks, shields, disinfectants and cleaning supplies. There is NO blanket immunity, bad actors can be held accountable for their actions. This is only intended to protect those that acted responsibly and followed public health guidelines.

While revenue estimates were decreased last week, the budget remains in strong financial position compared to most other states. Before we suspended the session in March, this year's budget had a large projected surplus and our reserve accounts were fully filled. We will be working on a responsible and conservative state budget plan and look to pass this by the end of the week.

It is good to be back at the Capitol to finish our work. It is an honor to serve District 51. I am posting updates often on my Facebook page- facebook.com/votebloomingdale. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is: jane.bloomingdale@legis.iowa.gov.

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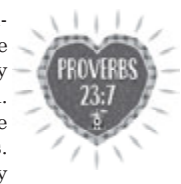
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Sometimes it is hard to see the good in others, especially when they don't treat us the way we think we deserve. It is all too easy to see others as selfish and mean-spirited. But we usually do better by believing the best rather than the worst about others. Acting "as if" you like someone and they like you is more likely to bring about friendly relations than acting as if they are your enemy. Believing that we can do a difficult task and acting on that belief is more likely to achieve those results than giving in to doubt and fear. This aspect of positive thinking also often holds true when we are talking about global or even cosmic events. Believing that we can change the world creates the impetus for positive social action. And simply believing that the world is a good and safe place changes our perspective on it. A great philosopher once said "The world of the happy man is a happy world." When it comes to questions of faith, sometimes we have trouble believing that God is working in our lives, or even believing that God exists. But sometimes we have to act "as if" God exists in order for us to see that He does exist. Getting down on one's knees and praying is sometimes the only way to open our hearts and minds to the existence of a benevolent God. Act as if you are happy, and successful, and that there is a benevolent, loving and all-powerful God who can help you. Because all of this can be true. –Christopher Simon

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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

June 14 is Flag Day. Not much hoopla is part of this "minor" holiday: no parades, no business closings, no speeches….at least not in Northwood, except perhaps at the VFW. But, seeing that our flag and what it stands for are currently under fire from different arenas, I decided this would be a good day to discuss a very special military cookbook I recently received. It was stored and forgotten at the Northwood Senior Center to which, apparently, some long-ago member had gifted it. During the current remodeling it was rediscovered and I was privileged to receive it. It is not our typical cookbook; it was published by the United States Navy for the cooks aboard ships or at Navy bases. The Cookbook of the United States Navy was revised in 1944 and published by the United States Government Printing Office in Washington, DC. There is no indication of the date of the first edition but this one was used during WWII by commissary personnel. Since the recipes are in quantities of 100 portions, we can't easily scale them down for use in our kitchens but I felt it was interesting enough to write about it

The book begins with information on the nutritional value of foods and continues with chapters on "The Menu," "Food Preparation for the Mess," "Recipes," "General Information and Tables" and a large section of baking formulas and information. In the menu section it is noted that "A balanced menu is a menu which includes the foods required by the body for most efficient functioning." It seems Uncle Sam wanted his sailors to be healthy and able to perform whatever duties came their way. It's interesting to note that seasonings are indicated as having "an important place in the Navy diet as they help relieve monotony and make the food more palatable and interesting." In the next paragraph, however, the author tells the mess cook that "seasonings such as parsley, green pepper, garlic and pimiento may be omitted, when not available, without affecting the flavor of the food too much." Obviously, this man was not Italian!

The following are a few peeks at the food our sailors were served during this period of history. The first offering is a long dialog on the methods of making coffee, obviously an important component of the menu. Two of the paragraphs of instruction refer to the typical 100 portions but there are also instruction for making small amounts (6 cups) of the beverage, perhaps for meetings of officers and the like.

There are some tasty-sounding dishes in the recipes section such as:

Macaroni and Corn Au Gratin with Bacon

1 1/4 gallons milk
1 1/4 pints of butter, melted
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 1/4 tablespoons dry mustard
2 1/4 tablespoons paprika
4 gallons water
2 1/2 pounds chopped cheddar
2 tablespoons salt
4 pounds macaroni
6 pounds sliced bacon
4 #10 cans cream-style corn

Heat the milk to boiling. Blend the butter, flour, salt, pepper, mustard and paprika to a smooth paste. Stir into the milk. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; add cheese and stir until melted. Add the 2 tablespoons salt to the water and heat to boiling. Stir in the macaroni; cook 20 minutes or until tender. Combine the macaroni, cheese sauce and corn and pour into greased baking pans. Bake in a 350 degree F. oven for 25 minutes. Broil the bacon until it begins to curl. Place on top of the macaroni 5 minutes before the end of the baking time. NOTE: spaghetti may be used in place of macaroni. You can also use whole kernel corn, drained with liquid reserved. Use the liquid for the cheese sauce.

The sailors were also treated to desserts; there are many recipes such as this:

Rice Pudding with Raisins

4 pounds white rice
4 gallons milk
4 pounds white sugar
3 tablespoons salt
1/2 gallon raisins
1/2 pound butter

Heat the milk to boiling in a steam-jacketed kettle or in the top of a double boiler. Wash the rice and stir into the milk. Let simmer about 45 minutes or until the rice is tender. Stir occasionally. Stir in the sugar, raisins and butter. Pour into greased baking pans. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 30 minutes.

This book makes very interesting reading for foodies. And, if you happen to have 99 additional people to feed, it's good to have reliable recipes to do so. Fly your flag proudly on June 14th. God Bless America! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Wilders celebrate 65th wedding annivarsary



ROBERT AND JANET WILDER

Robert and Janet (Candee) Wilder of Northwood will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 12, 1955, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly, Iowa.

The couple have three daughters, JoAnn (Boyd) Manges, Marcie (Todd) Missman, Amy (Tim) Parcher; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

They are both retired teachers.

Anyone wishing to send them a card may send it to 800 10th St North, Maple Court, Apt. 8, Northwood, Iowa 50459.



Driven to donate

The June 4 blood drive sponsored by the Northwood Lions Club resulted in 24 pints of blood donated to LifeServe. The donor pictured is Dave Capitani. "Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood," said blood drive chairman Bob Perry. "On behalf of LifeServe and the Northwood Lions Club, we thank everyone who participated."

Libraries begin re-opening

By Erin McCord

As Worth County begins a cautious re-opening during the COVID-19 pandemic, library services are also resuming. Most local libraries are now offering services in some form.

The Northwood Public Library is doing curbside service on Monday from 1-5 p.m. and on Thursday from 1-6 p.m.

The library will also be open on Tuesdays from 1-6 p.m. and Fridays from 1-5 p.m., with restrictions on the number of patrons and length of visit.

The public computers, the restrooms, the reading room, the kids' toys/games and the maker space area will remain closed to the public.

In Manly, the library will be open only to at-risk populations for the first hour of each day they are open.

On Mondays the library will be open from 2-3 p.m. and open to the public, with restrictions, from 3-7 p.m. The library is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 2-3 p.m. for at risk-populations and open to the public with restrictions from 3-5 p.m. On Friday from 2-3 p.m., the library is open for at risk populations and open to the public with restrictions from 3-4 p.m. On Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. they will open to the public with restrictions. Reservations will be required for computer usage.

The Hanlontown Kinney Memorial Library is open at this time, with a limit of 10 people in library at one time. They ask that patrons follow COVID-19 precautions.

The Grafton Public Library is offering curbside service. Patrons can call ahead to make their requests.

The Joice Public Library is open for patrons with reduced hours. Curbside delivery service is available. It is preferred that patrons wear masks in the library, and those using the computer will be required to wear gloves. Computer usage and newspaper reading will be limited to 30 minutes. The library will be open on Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m.; and Friday from 1-4 p.m. There are no Saturday hours yet. Senior citizens and high-risk health individuals are welcome 1-2 p.m. each day.

Northwood UMC holds outside services in June

In response to the COVID-19 situation, the Northwood United Methodist Church will be holding regular worship services outdoors during the month of June. All are invited to gather at 10:45 a.m. on the lawn at the east side of the church building. Everyone should bring their own chair to ensure social distancing, and dress casually.

Pastor Rob Lanphere and a musician will provide music. Since the service is held outdoors, congregational singing is allowed.

In case of inclement weather, those attending should check the city shelter house on Central Avenue as they will try to hold the service there when it is available.

In addition, the Northwood United Methodist Church will be serving communion on Thursday, June 11, from 5 - 7 p.m. Pastor Rob will be available at that time with the elements and those who wish to partake will drive or walk up and receive them individually. This will take place on the west side of the church near that doorway.

All baptized believers are invited to take communion as United Methodists celebrate an open table.



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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Before the U.S. economy took a nosedive, due to the coronavirus and the resulting closure of our businesses, schools and places of worship, we enjoyed the greatest prosperity in the history of our country, due in large part to President Trump's tax-cut bill, that made its way through Congress and onto the president's desk, where it was signed into law.

When Trump appointed two new conservative justices to the Supreme Court, and when he vowed to make our borders secure, I supported him.

I've always been keenly aware of his less than honorable personality traits. His portrayal as a vindictive, paranoid narcissist, is sadly an accurate one. But, folks, we didn't go to the pools in November of 2016 to elect a pope.

The tragic incident that unfolded in Minneapolis on May 25 has been played out in other cities before. Police brutality against blacks is nothing new. But what made this particular situation so inflammatory, I feel, can be directly tied to the pandemic, and the nation's response to it. When you're told you have to stay at home, when you suddenly find yourself unemployed, and you worry how to pay the bills and feed your family, frustration builds. George Floyd's untimely death was simply the tipping point. And the president's incendiary rhetoric posted on Twitter certainly does not help the situation.

This country, under Trump's leadership, has become more polarized that it's ever been since the Civil War. Our collective prayers are needed right now, at this critical juncture in our sad history. If we continue to reject God and go down this slippery slope, I fear the outcome could be catastrophic. I hope I'm wrong. I've been wrong before. But what I've seen and hear going on in this great country of ours is disconcerting to say the least. It most certainly does not bode well for our existence as a free nation. History will judge how this all plays out.

Perhaps God will hear and answer our prayers, as He did with the people of Ninevah. Then we just might find some semblance or degree of sanity comes out of all this mess. That, my friends, may be our one and only hope.

Let's not let this opportunity flitter away.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Outdoor Meeting

My Uncle Pete put signs reading "87" all over his lawn.

Why did he do that?

He's beginning to show his age.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: Gone. That's where I was for years. Work was on the road. "Where is Al now?" people frequently asked my wife. Judy Garland could change her lyrics in "Over the Rainbow" from "Away above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me" to "Home, that's where you'll find me." That's where I am. Tom Jones sang, "The Green, Green Grass of Home." June is the month of lawn mowing. What's green and has wheels? Grass. I lied about the wheels. Mowing grass isn't a cash crop for me. If it were, I might enjoy mowing. June is like a slow starter at a traffic light. What shade of green are you waiting for? In June, all the variations of green are somewhere. It's a tantalizing mixture. The garden has once again become a test kitchen to see what rabbits will eat. They are enjoying eating marigolds again this year.

Sometimes I wonder whose side my GPS is on. "Make a U-turn." the female voice said sternly. I was in my garage. I grumbled, but I didn't lash out. She knows where I live.

I do walk regularly on the trails of a state park where I volunteered for years. I listened to a barred owl call there, "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?" Everything was nearly copacetic when I was brutally attacked by a mosquito.

Back at home, Holey hostas! Hailstones larger than golf balls. A beautiful country church had its steeple crash to the ground during the storm. The steeple was a reference point in a flat land. My wife headed out to check on relatives from a social distance. I stayed home to survey the damage and make proper adjustments. I carried sticks to brush piles and tried to count the six fox squirrels released at our place by the good folks at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Counting adopted squirrels is more difficult than herding cats.

The hail clipped spruce tips. A guy I know in Haines, Alaska, could make spruce tip beer from them. The garden took a beating from hail and rabbits. We plucked radishes. Radish sandwiches calm the peckish.

I filled battered bird feeders with bird fuel. I worried about the nesting birds — catbird, thrasher, robin, cardinal, grosbeak, chipping sparrow and more. I figured the cavity nesters such as the woodpeckers and kestrels weathered well.

I opened the garage door and a barn swallow flew out. It had entered as my wife had exited. It was happy to see the world. So was I.

Those thrilling days of yesteryear

Back there in grade school, we drew things in pencil on construction paper. I usually drew a cow. I'd been around cows all my life. I knew what they looked like, but my drawings all looked like unfit amoeba. That required me to write "cow" on the paper and have an arrow pointing from that word to the drawing. Occasionally, I'd draw the same thing and give it a speech bubble saying "Arf!" In a jaw-dropping, stunning feat of prestidigitation, I'd turned a cow into a dog. But what kind of dog says "arf"?

When you think of Little Orphan Annie, if you ever think of Little Orphan Annie, you might imagine a little red-haired girl singing "The sun will come out tomorrow." From 1924 to 2010, cartoonist Harold Gray's "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip presented the adventures of a plucky girl with empty pupils who got in and out of trouble. Her guardian was a rich industrialist named Daddy Warbucks. Wily and resourceful, she usually saved herself. "Leaping lizards," Annie said. Her dog Sandy added, "Arf."

Nature notes

I walked between stops at blooming flowers. I thought they'd never blossom, but they did. I need to maintain the faith of the flowers. I heard the snort of a deer. I'd spooked a doe from her hiding place. The deer forcibly expelled air through her nostrils. She does this when she detects danger. I watched a flock of Canada geese flying north. I see them on a molt migration during late May and early June each year. The geese, too young to mate or without goslings, fly north to safe places where they undergo an eclipse molt that includes the loss of flight feathers, which grounds the birds for four or five weeks.

Meeting adjourned

Empathy before judgement. Be kind.

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Fit to print...

Flag Day
Sunday, June 14, 2020

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.



Is Flag Day a Public Holiday?

Flag Day is not a public holiday. It falls on Sunday, June 14, 2020, and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours in the United States.

What Do People Do?

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Public Life

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

Background

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Symbols

The American flag, also nicknamed as "Old Glory" or "star-spangled banner," has changed designs over the centuries. It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars represents one of the 50 states in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

June 9, 1920

Mrs. Oliver Turbett entertained about 20 of the East Grove people in honor of Miss Madge Plowman, a June bride. The rooms were prettily decorated. Refreshments were served in the evening, after which Miss Madge was presented with a purse of money, as a remembrance of the occasion.

Miss Lulu Tosdal, one of the Worth County State Bank's efficient bookkeepers for the past year, has resigned her position and will soon retire from the institution. Miss Tosdal is helping at the bank this week while Mr. Dwelle and Mr. Bolender are absent.

Otis Woodyard, who came here from Manly several weeks ago to take the place of Agent Coomes while the latter spent a leave of absence with his family in New Mexico, has been transferred elsewhere and operator H.J. Pixley former agent, has been checked in to handle the station.

A very large crowd was in Northwood from all parts of the county to attend the picnic in the park and witness the rural graduating exercises, the participating being pupils of the eighth grades. A splendid program was delivered under the supervision of Supt. O.L Varland and the pupils presented their diplomas.

Eighty-nine people including the members of the Northwood band, sat down to a splendid banquet served in the Masonic Temple by the Wilmer Perry restaurant, the occasion being a get-together event for the American Legion men and members of the GAR.

75 years ago

June 14, 1945

Miss Lena J. Grefthen died of cancer at the Willing Nursing Home where she had been cared for the past three months. She was 65 years of age at her last birthday in November.

Ole G. Dolan, 72, a resident of Silver Lake community for 70 years, died suddenly at his home just southwest of the Silver Lake store. He was seen to collapse and fall in the yard at his home and was taken to the house where he died about five minutes later.

For only eight days Emil Rachut of Manly owned the Northwood grocery business which he bought from Donald Wright and took over June 4. A deal was closed whereby Ralph Bowen of Forest City became the new owner of the business, which will be operated as the Bowen Grocery.

Forty persons were admitted to United States citizenship and one person was repatriated in an impressive ceremony conducted in the federal court at Mason City with Judge Henry N. Graven presiding. The ceremony was conducted by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary of Mason City.

Northwood High School tied for fourth and fifth places in the town high school content examinations, given by the University of Iowa for college placement just before the close of the school year, according to announcement of results of the examination sent last week to E.A. Prehm, local superintendent of schools.

50 years ago

June 11, 1970

Richard Roe, St. Ansgar, finished third and Milo Pangburn, Northwood, fifth, in the Adult Individuals division of the National Lamb Show held on June 4 and 5 in Albert Lea. About 300 entries were exhibited in the show, which was held for the first time in Albert Lea. A purebred Suffolk lamb owned by Elden Horney, Clarks Hill, Ind., took the Grand-Championship. In the 4-H team division, Deer Creek Ribbon Takers took second place, while a composite Worth County 4-H team placed third.

Nothing is finer on a hot summer day than a nice cool dip in the pool. Here are two avid swimmers cooling off in the Northwood Municipal pool that opened on May 30. The pool is open everyday, including Sundays, from 1-9 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broitzman announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Mae to Stephen Schutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Schutz, also of Northwood. Miss Broitzman is a graduate of Glenville High School and is employed at Carroll George, Inc., Northwood. Mr. Schutz is a graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School and is employed at Jacob Decker and Son, Mason City.

John Ellingson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ellingson, Northwood and Linda Klingfus, Albert Lea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Oakland, Austin, were married at First Lutheran church in Austin, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shade, Mason City attended the couple. John is a student at the meat inspectors school in Fort Dodge. The couple will live in Mason City.

25 years ago

June 14, 1995

A number of Worth County farms caught a "double whammy" when two cells of turbulent weather moved through the area. A hailstorm damaged a swath of crops stretching form Forest City to Gordonsville, and an early evening thunderstorm packing high winds and funnel clouds took down a number of trees.

Northwood-Kensett vocational agriculture instructor Marty Cotter watched as students Jared Gordon and Steve Johnson removed tags from a shrub they'd just planted on the East side of the junior-senior high building. All of N-K High's voc. ag. students had a hand in landscaping the building.

Dr. Marcia Holstad received her Doctor of Optometry Degree on May 13, 1995, graduating with honors from the University of Missouri, St. Louis School Optometry. Dr. Holstad is a 1987 graduate of Northwood-Kensett High School, received her Associate in Arts form NIACC in 1989, and received her Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University in 1991. She is the daughter of Richard and Helen Holstad.

Navy Lt. Scott Swehla, son-in-law of Irl and Beverly Madsen of Northwood, is the executive officer and navigator onboard the world's only nuclear-powered deep diving submersible research vessel, NR-1, home-ported in Groton, Conn. U.S. Navy photograph.

10 years ago

June 16, 2010

Longtime Northwood resident Barbara Madson will open her home at 300 Ninth Street North for a monthly music series featuring professional musicians from around the world.

The "Evans Building" on Central Avenue in Northwood has collapsed from the ceiling to the basement. Interested developer Rick Rosenberg recently shared a cost estimate of $334,000 with $130,000 (over 1/3 of the cost) from the city, and a $200,000 bank loan for his plans to clean up the debris and build in the remains of the building.

Before their own school year ended, students in Mrs. Vansteenburg's fourth grade class of Northwood-Kensett Elementary school spent an afternoon visiting the Swensrud Schoolhouse, many dressed in school clothes that their counterparts would have worn at the time. They got a chance to see what it would have been like for those long-ago students and enjoyed lunch in Northwood's parks.

Spring honor rolls at Northwestern Oklahoma State University have been announced for the semester. Cheryl Flagel of Northwood was named to the President's Honorable Mention honor roll as an undergraduate.

Students in Northwood-Kensett seventh grade classes spent one of their final days of classes this past school year sharing with their fellow students, and N-K teachers the cultures of nations from around the world.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Lee Kvam



LEE KVAM

Lee Kvam, 74, of Northwood, passed away with his wife Darlene by his side on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

A drive through visitation was held at Bonnerup Funeral Service on Tuesday, June 9 from 4 to 6 p.m., 2210 E. Main St. Albert Lea, MN 56007. People drove in the main entrance and were guided to the viewing area where they were able to speak to family and pay respects to family, all from a safe distance. All visitors stayed in their vehicles at all times.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, with an hour visitation prior to the service. Interment will be in Northwood, Iowa. Bonnerup Funeral Service is serving the family. www.BonnerupFuneralService.com

He was born on March 31, 1946 to Olaf and Wilma (Reyerson) Kvam in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Lee was baptized on May 5, 1946 and confirmed on June 18, 1961, at the Silver Lake Lutheran Church of Northwood.

Lee graduated with the class of 1965 from Northwood Kensett High School, and after school enlisted with the United State Navy where he was stationed in Pearl Harbor.

On August 19, 1967 Lee married Darlene Lau at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and together they raised their two sons.

After serving in the Navy, Lee returned home to the family farm and eventually bought the land from Leonard and Alice Reyerson. Lee was a proud member of the American Legion, hardworking farmer and a dedicated church member his entire life from Emmons Lutheran to most recently at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea.

He enjoyed fishing up north with his sons, camping, dancing and going on cruises with Darlene. Lee loved all his pets on the farm, riding his Goldwing and finding any opportunity for a good prank.

His smile, twinkle of the eye and dedication to others will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Darlene; sons, Jason (Lisa) Kvam of Burnsville; Brian (Denise) Kvam of Northwood; with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David (Darlene) Kvam.

Donations are preferred to Peace and Power of First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea.

City of Kensett

The Kensett City Council meet in regular session 5/11/20 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor C. Pulju presiding. Council Members present were Parker, Woltzen, Heiken, & Douglas.

Absent: Pilkington.

Visitors: Richard and Pam Olson and Richard Bauer – city maintenance.

Mayor called meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

Clerk mentioned there would not be any WCDA fall grants and general correspondence.

Maintenance discussed lagoon draw down, mowing, curb stop repair and general maintenance.

Old Business: Mayor presented three proposals for street repairs. Motion by Heiken, 2nd by Woltzen to accept North Iowa Sand & Gravel proposal of $49,606.92, carried unanimously.

Motion by Parker, 2nd by Woltzen to hire Richard James to clean the community center at $50.00 a time, carried unanimously.

Junk cars/property letters sent out by clerk expire on May 16, possible special meeting? Mayor discussed 7 Elm Street.

New Business: Richard Olson asked for permission to have Alliant remove pole in front of his building on 5th Street, motion by Heiken, 2nd by Parker, carried unanimously. The pole will be moved to the corner of 5th and Elm Street at a later date. Water and sewer hook-up for this property also discussed briefly, will be on agenda next month.

Motion to accept City of Northwoods' proposal of $250 per time by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, carried unanimously.

The Town & Country Festival has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. A raffle will be held with the drawing on what would have been Festival Day, August 15th. Tickets will be available at R80, D & L Equipment and KCAP members.

Motion to approve Resolution #588 – Transfer of Funds (lawnmower) of $4838.00 by Woltzen, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call Vote Taken, all ayes, carried unanimously. Heiken abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion to approve Resolution #589 – Transfer of Funds (tractor – monthly – $321.98 – until paid off) by Parker, 2nd by Douglas, Roll Call Vote Taken, all ayes, carried unanimously. Heiken abstained due to conflict of interest.

Clerk has sent out special assessment letters for delinquent water bills.

Treasurer's Report: April 2020 Revenues by Fund: General 40,234.61, Utilities 6,411.43, Special 4,967.58. Total Revenues: $51,613.62. Stands approved as read.

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

Payable: Alliant Energy 2704.59, WCTA 267.98, B. Luckason 232.36 (net), S. Overy 537.17 (net), R. Bauer 1467.79 (net), L. McNally 1410.08 (net), Federal & SS 1346.34 (payroll), Ipers 803.44 (payroll), State tax 622.00 (payroll), Sales tax 405.00, D & L Equipment 4838.00 (mower – general), McCloskey Appliance 899.00 (cc refrigerator – general), Worth County Abstract 125.00 (title search – general), Ag Source 13.50 (water test), Kensett Water 100.50 (sewer fees), L. McNally 37.70 (mileage – general), Waste Management 1,379.20 (garbage & recycling), C. Pulju 184.70 (net), KFD 400.00 (fire protection), Tractor Loan Payment #15 – 321.98 (casino $ – general), Plunketts 665.83 (yearly contract – general), Kelly's Hardware 47.86 (supplies – general), R80 66.94 (gas – city – road use), Hydrite 455.85 (chemicals – water), Ag Source 129.75 (sewer test), Northwood Anchor 70.64 (publications – general), A & I Auto 231.48 (supplies – general), Menards 11.98 (sign posts – general), D & L Equipment 8.99 (supplies – general), Peterson Excavating 2403.60 (storm sewer repair), Baker & Taylor 308.73, Midwest Tapes 335.55, Northwood Anchor 38.00 (subscription), North Iowa Libraries Collaborating 688.95 (tech service), A. Bergdale 180.00.

Disbursements by Fund: General 11,599.28, Special 1540.74, Utilities 3980.38, Payroll 6603.88 (gross).

Total Disbursements: $23,724.28.

Motion to adjourn by Douglas, 2nd by Heiken, carried unanimously.

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

N-K School

The Northwood-Kensett Board of Directors met in a Special Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 Remotely via Google Meet at 12:00 P.M.

Members present via Google Meet: Susan Kliment; John Anderson; Roger Harris

Members Absent: Larry Hovey; Cindy Pangburn

(3-0) Approved the agenda New Business

(3-0) Approved holding Prom in Swensrud Park on June 13 and following guidelines as recommended by the State of Iowa, Iowa Department of Education and Worth County Public Health.

(3-0) Accepted the resignation of Shannon Seehusen as elementary teacher at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

(3-0) Approved the start of Driver's Education effective June 3, 2020

(3-0) Adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm

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4-H garden plots at Worth County Fairgrounds planted

On May 21-22, 12 4-H youth of varying ages planted the Worth County ISU Extension 4-H vegetable garden plots at the fairgrounds.

These plots are usually planted by Northwood-Kensett sixth graders, but the N-K schools closed on March 16, so this year is an exception.

Those 4-H'ers who planted a garden plot have their name stake in their plot and will care for and harvest their 4-H vegetable garden produce throughout the summer and fall. Nine garden plots with red flags have been planted for the community to harvest.

Worth County 4-H members Kelsie and Lexis Liddle are being mentored by ISU Extension Master Gardner Juanita Davidson, in planting vegetable gardens north of Maple Court in Northwood.

There are several other youth participating in this summer's Worth County Fairgrounds 4-H garden planting program, including Linca and Layla Scarlett, Merrin Hanson, Emily Hannemann, Kenny Conlin, Graham Holstad, Camryn Rheingans, Ariah and Kale Bodie and Veda and Silas Waller.



Kale Bode (left) and his sister Ariah Bode prepare their 4-H garden for planting.



Emily Hannemann (left) and Merrin Hanson, 4-H members of the Hartland Achievers 4-H Club, lay out plans and mark locations on their map for their 4-H vegetable garden plots.



Worth County 4-H Garden Project Leader Janelle Johnson supervises young gardeners Veda Waller (left) and Silas Waller as they aggressively do tillage work prior to planting their 4-H Garden plots at the Worth County Fairgrounds.



Worth County 4-H'ers are receiving garden planting instructions from ISU Extension Master Gardener and 4-H Garden Project Leader Janelle Johnson. Pictured are (from left) 4-H parent Amy Brown, Linca Scarlett, Layla Scarlett and Johnson.

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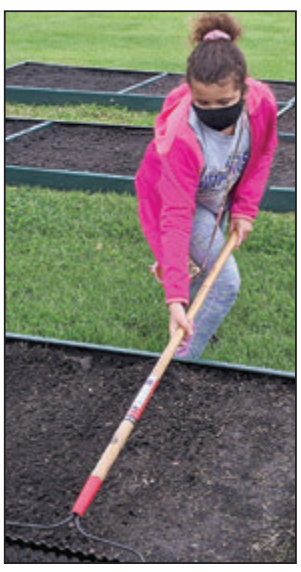


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First time 4-H vegetable gardener Graham Holstad proudly displays the tomato cage he installed in his garden plot at the Worth County Fairgrounds.



Layla Scarlett, a member of the Grove Progressive 4-H Club, tills her garden plot to make it ready for the vegetable garden planting that she and her brother, Linca, did on May 21.



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