



Viking Laser Carwash owners Barb and Brian Abele

Vikings Laserwash focuses community and car cleanliness

As summer began, and many in the area were looking for a place to keep their vehicles clean, the new Vikings Laserwash opened in Northwood's carwash building, with new owners replacing equipment and adding a variety of new services.

For Brian and Barb Abele, it's all about providing those that use the carwash with a quality clean and good customer service.

For Brian, a retired Lake

Mills area farmer, and Barb, a retired Lake Mills teacher, the carwash in Northwood is the third they have built or bought and improved since 2021.

"We first started thinking about building a carwash in Lake Mills, since there wasn't anything in town," Brian said. "I knew the owner of the carwash in Buffalo Center, so I called him and asked him if he had any information or advice about building one."

"As we talked, he asked if I would be interested in buying his wash. So we figured it would be a good way to learn the business."

The Abeles ran their first carwash for a year or two before deciding they wanted to build one in Lake Mills, which opened in 2022.

"Our daughters always tease him that this is the perfect business for Brian. He's always had to have his cars clean and looking nice,"

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Fourth festivities begin tomorrow July 3 at 10 p.m.

This weekend, the community of Northwood will play host to a variety of fun, events and activities to celebrate America's independence.

Art Farm Iowa will host exhibits and concerts, along with food trucks and more. Read more in the story in

this week's Anchor, or online at www.artfarmiowa.com/events.

Following is a schedule of events held in Northwood for this weekend's Fourth of July festivities:

Thursday, July 3
10 p.m.- Fireworks at the

Airport (Rain Date Sunday, July 6)

Friday, July 4
11 a.m.- Parade
After parade at the fairgrounds – Signatures, Mini Donuts of Northwood, Half Pint the **Fourth of July, see Page 2**



ARTFARMAGANZA begins July 4 at Art Farm Iowa

The public is invited to Art Farm Iowa during the annual Fourth of July celebration, with a weekend of art, music and celebration with its ARTFARMAGANZA! Arts Festival, taking place Friday, July 4, through Sunday, July 6.

The festival will bring together internationally acclaimed felt artist Lucy Sparrow, celebrated singer-songwriter Dan Bern, and Australian folk-noir musician Nigel Wearne for a one-of-a-kind event in the heart of the Iowa countryside.

The family-friendly festival offers an immersive cultural experience that

blends creative expression with community celebration.

Sparrow is an artist from the UK who will visit and share her first Midwest exhibit this weekend.

Sparrow uses colorful felt creations to comment on the world around her.

Sparrow's displays have recreated entire convenience stores, ice cream trucks, stores, meals, restaurants. She has also recreated exhibits for the royal family's celebrations on occasion. Her work has garnered global media attention and appreciation.

At Art Farm Iowa, for her first visit to the

Midwest, Sparrow's exhibit will include what may be the world's largest felt SPAM sculpture.

Dan Bern will perform at Art Farm Iowa on July 4 and July 6.

Bern's music crosses genre influences that include folk, rock, singer-songwriter and even kids music.

Bern has written thousands of songs, released on dozens of albums and shared at shows across North America and Europe.

Bern has performed everywhere from coffee shops to Carnegie Hall and most recently opened for **Art Farm, see Page 2**

Briefs

Help asked to take down flags Monday

With Independence Day on the way, local veterans and volunteers are asking for help to take down the flags at the courthouse after this week's celebrations in Northwood.

Help is asked to take down the flags at the Worth County Courthouse at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 7.

Worth County Cattlemen annual picnic

The Worth County Cattleman annual picnic is set for Tuesday, July 15 at the Worth County Fairgrounds Shelter House from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Nominations continue for N-K Hall of Fame

Nominations are currently being sought for the first inductees into a hall of fame dedicated to Northwood-Kensett's student athletes.

The committee formed to establish a Northwood-Kensett Athletic Hall of Fame is working on plans to announce and recognize its first inductees at the first home football game this fall.

The group is currently seeking assistance with nominations for those first hall of fame athletes. They are also accepting donations to cover the expenses involved and to be able to build a Hall of Fame display at the high

school.

Those that have suggestions for the initial Hall of Fame class are invited to submit a form to the committee.

Student athletes must be a graduate of N-K and must have graduated at least 10 years before they would be inducted.

Teams nominated must have regional or state level achievements.

Former and current coaches, administrators or community members and volunteers that have supported N-K athletics may also be nominated.

The form asks for information on the **Hall of fame, see Page 2**



JJ's Hardware makes the cut

Last Saturday, June 28, JJ's Hardware Store celebrated its grand opening. Visitors to the store were offered hot dogs and chips, could enter for drawings and had a chance to check out what the store has to offer. The Northwood Chamber of Commerce also welcomed JJ's Hardware to Northwood with a ribbon cutting held during the grand opening. JJ's Hardware owners Jess and Jamie Cummins are pictured above along with friends, family and members of the Chamber.



The Week's WEATHER

From National Weather Service information

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Mon. June 23	85	70	0.13
Tues. June 24	77	68	T
Wed. June 25	84	67	0.67
Thurs. June 26	83	65	1.36
Fri. June 27	78	59	
Sat. June 28	88	65	
Sun. June 29	83	67	

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Clown, face painting, barrel train rides
12:30 p.m.- Registration for Pedal Pull in Shelter House at fairgrounds
1 p.m.- Pedal Pull
1:30 p.m.- Lions Club Duck Pluck at Fairgrounds
2 p.m.- Royalty & citizen awards in the Shelter House at Fairgrounds
6 - 11:30 p.m.- Beverage garden opens at the fairgrounds
6 p.m.- Food being served at beverage garden by Toño's Tacos & Signatures
8:30 - 11:30 p.m.- "IV Play" in the beverage garden
Saturday, July 5
6 - 9 a.m.- VFW Pancake Breakfast
8:30 a.m.- 5K run/walk registration at the Timbers
9 a.m.- Start time for 5K run/walk
10 a.m.- Registration for NKCEF Annual Golf Tournament at the Northwood Country Club
10:30 a.m.- Tee Time - NKCEF Annual Golf Tournament
5 - 7 p.m.- Pool Party! K-12, music, games & food
6 - 11:30 p.m.- Beverage garden opens at fairgrounds
6 p.m.- Food being served by Toño's Tacos
8:30-11:30 p.m.- "Decoys" in the beverage garden

Hall of Fame
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nee, including contact and address information, year of graduation and an explanation of why they should be considered for the hall of fame.
Nomination forms can be found online at hof.nwood-kensett.k12.ia.us, at the Northwood Anchor or at the N-K High School office during normal business hours.
Nominations are due by July 15. All nominations must be in writing.
The N-K Hall of Fame is being funded with public donations.
Those that would like to donate or who may have questions, may contact Hall of Fame chairperson Chuck Alexander at alexandr82@charter.net or 952-221-8315.
The Hall of Fame induction ceremony program is currently planned for half-time at the August 29 home football game. Other events that day will also give an opportunity for people to meet the inductees before the game.
Look for more information on the hall of fame and induction in the Anchor as the date approaches.

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young people riding the scooters to help reinforce the dangers and how to safely drive a scooter.
One of the primary rules that keeps all drivers safe is to stop at stop signs. And at intersections with no signs, to pause for traffic before passing through an intersection.
Many drivers will stop and look both ways before crossing or turning. However, the scooters can be traveling fast and may not be seen as easily. Kids on scooters should be told to stop for vehicles and only cross when other vehicles are clear, or when other drivers have signaled that the scooters have been noticed.
Scooters should cross roads at crossways, and not down the middle of the road.
"There have been some close calls that are 100% avoidable. It's scary on all accounts. Reminders from parents go a long ways. If you see something, say something. Let's have a safe summer!"



Thronds' home has Curb Appeal
Throughout the summer, the Green Thumb Garden Club has been chosing homes with curb appeal. "The yard of Dale and Kathy Thrond at 407 Ninth Street North is eye catching with different perennials blooming throughout the summer plus annuals and pots besides hanging baskets. From the street you can see into the backyard on both sides of the house seeing more perennials ringing a tree and by the garage. A bonus view can happen from the alley also."

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Barb said. "So this business is really a perfect fit."
Earlier this year, Brian was talking with the owner of Northwood's carwash. "He knew he would have to fix it up or sell it soon."
Barb added, "People were coming from Northwood to Lake Mills and complimenting us on our carwash, so we knew people had an interest in some options that had been installed more recently."
"We bought the Northwood carwash around the end of March," Brian said. "We had to tear everything out and start over."
The Abeles said that they re-organized, re-wired and replaced all the equipment and electronics, and much of the piping, for both the automated carwash and the two self-serve bays.
"It was kind of organized chaos before we replaced everything," Brian said.
The Vikings Laserwash, with its new equipment, opened recently. The name continues the trend of their other carwashes, the Bison Laserwash and the Bulldog Laserwash, all named after the local school mascot.
"We want to be connected and want to reflect our dedication to serving the community."
The newly installed equipment is run through a new control panel, which monitors supply levels, how the washing equipment is operating and if any maintenance is needed. Much of that can also be operated remotely.
"We like to stop by our carwashes every day to make sure everything's working correctly. But I can do a lot of that from my phone. For example, if someone doesn't drive into carwash correctly, and one of the spraying arms gets bumped out of place, it will stop the wash. I can reset the system with my phone and help get them back in to try again, without the system charging them."
The automated carwash, besides being brand new with better more precise controls, also includes a new step, with a drier on the way out of the washing bay. And the building is surrounded in a resurfaced parking and driving area.
The new system also includes a new payment console, where people can select the washing and finishing options.
People can pay with cash, credit cards or quarters.
"People still like to save up their quarters for a carwash, so we wanted to make sure that was an option."
Another payment opportunity will soon be available, with gift cards, which will be sold at JJ's Hardware in Northwood.
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the The Who and Roger Daltrey.
Bern's songs have appeared in films like "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story," "Get Him to the Greek," "The Bubble" and "Zero Effect" and TV shows like Amazon Prime's award-winning kids program "The Stinky & Dirty Show".
In addition to his music, Bern is an author, painter, podcast host and internet radio DJ.
Bern is also a member of the Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
In addition to his performances, Bern will have paintings of well-know Iowans on display.
Australian Nigel Wearne blends blues, jazz and American-noir. Wearne is a guitarist, but also plays a variety of other instrument.
Wearne has played some of the world's most prestigious music festivals. His music has earned acclaim and recognition from Australian music awards shows, charts and from Australian and international media. Wearne will perform on July 4.
Other artworks will be featured in the gallery and on site from local and international artists.
In addition to the variety of art from Iowa and across the globe, the weekend's events will include food trucks, open-air art stations, kids' crafts and a nearby fireworks display at dusk.
The event will be held at Art Farm Iowa, located just outside of Northwood, with festivities beginning at noon on July 4 and continuing through Sunday until 6 p.m.
Event times are listed on the Art Farm Iowa website, at www.artfarmiowa.com/events.
Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs and an open mind.

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Kensett, Hanlontown join program to support veterans moving to their towns

The cities of Kensett and Hanlontown have joined more than 125 other Iowa local entities who have chosen to show their support for Iowa veterans by becoming a Home Base Iowa community. Both communities were celebrated on Friday, June 20.

Home Base Iowa is a one-of-kind program designed to connect veterans and service members with more than 2,300 businesses statewide who have pledged to hire veterans.

Home Base Iowa designates qualified communities as centers of opportunity for military veterans based on four standards:

- Within a designated community, at least 10% of eligible, hiring businesses must become an HBI business and pledge to hire veterans
- Community specific incentive package
- Community signs of HBI designation
- Resolution from the appropriate governing body

Melissa Michaelis, Executive Director of Winn-Worth Betco, made it her mission to complete what her predecessor had started over a decade ago. In November of 2022, Michaelis worked with both Winnebago and Worth counties for their own county HBI designations.

At the same time, Michaelis partnered with the City of Northwood and Forest City to kick off the start of obtaining the designation for each of the 14 communities Michaelis serves within both Winnebago and Worth counties.

Each county incentive



package includes \$1,000 in relocation assistance to veterans moving to either county. Winn-Worth Betco has budgeted to assist with up to six veterans per year to choose either county as their home.

The City of Kensett has officially been awarded the designation of a Home Base

Iowa Community offering a three month waiver of utilities.

The City of Hanlontown has officially been awarded the designation of a Home Base Iowa Community offering a gift basket.

Those who would be interested in having their community become the next

Hands-free, it's the law

From the Iowa Department of Public Safety:

The Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Iowa State Patrol, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) are collaborating to educate the public on Iowa's new Hands-Free Driving Law. Governor Kim Reynolds signed bill SF 22 into law on April 2, 2025, making Iowa the 31st state in the nation to enact hands-free legislation. The law went into effect on July 1, 2025, with an initial warning period through December 31, 2025.

Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of traffic crashes. A 2024 GTSB survey of over 1,300 Iowans from nearly every county revealed that 90% of respondents considered using a cell phone while driving to be extremely dangerous, even though 50% admitted to driving with a phone in their hand.

"Iowa's new hands-free law marks a pivotal moment in our fight against distracted driving; it's an unprecedented opportunity to fundamentally change driver behavior," says Brett Tjepkes with the GTSB. "By embracing this change, we can drastically reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roads, making Iowa safer for everyone."

The hands-free law prohibits drivers from using electronic devices while driving unless the device is in a hands-free setting. This means driv-

ers cannot hold their phone, type, scroll, enter GPS coordinates, stream video, view content, or make calls unless voice activated. Drivers can use several options to stay hands-free: phone mounts, auxiliary cables, speakerphone features, Bluetooth, and other voice command systems.

With the implementation of the new law, the Iowa State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies will focus on both education and enforcement during the six-month warning period. Law enforcement across the state is distributing educational materials to raise awareness about the law and how drivers can comply with it. The Department of Transportation, cities, and various coalitions are also distributing information.

"Every life lost to distracted driving is a tragedy," says Iowa State Patrol Colonel Nathan Fulk. "By adopting Iowa's new hands-free law, we are taking a major step toward safer roads in our state. Let's all do our part: put down the phone, focus on the road, and help make Iowa's roads safer for everyone."

Iowans are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the new law and consider what hands-free options will work best for them and their vehicle. For more hands-free resources, please visit <https://dps.iowa.gov/hands-free-law-materials> or DriveSmartIowa.com.

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ISU announces Spring 2025 Dean's list

More than 11,300 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2025 spring semester Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local students on the Dean's List include Marli Ann Backhaus, Elementary Education, B.S.; Jady N. Beland, Animal Science, B.S.; and Natalya Amaya Griffin, Animal Ecology, B.S. of Kensett. Dean's List students from Manly include Blake William Keller Barker, Aerospace Engineering,

B.S.; Cecelia Susan Hill, Kinesiology and Health, B.S.; Hannah Lanphere, Veterinary Medicine, D.V.M.; and Sydney Schilling, Agricultural Studies, B.S. From Northwood, Madelyn Paige Berge, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Undergraduate Non-Degree; Kenneth Timothy Conlin, Electrical Engineering, B.S.; Emma L. Davidson, Agronomy, B.S.; Madalynn Hanson, Elementary Education, B.S.; Kael Julseth, Agricultural Business, B.S.; Hayden Moore, Finance, B.S.; Peyton Elizabeth Shoger, Dietetics, B.S. (HHSCI), and Grace Stoneking, Psychology, B.A. From Grafton, Tianna Laura Charlson, Animal Science, B.S. of Plymouth.

Riverland announces Dean's list for 2025 Spring semester

Riverland Community College announces the students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2025 Spring dean's lists. Riverland congratulates these individuals for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

To be eligible for the

dean's list students must have completed six credits per semester and have earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.74 on a 4.00 scale.

Named to the list was Meredith Iverson of Northwood.

Fireworks fundraising continues

With the annual fireworks display on the way this Friday, organizers are collecting donations for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display, this year and for future displays.

There are two ways to support the annual fireworks show.

Those interested in contributing to the fireworks fund drive may drop off cans in the receptacle located underneath the water tower in downtown Northwood. The cans are redeemed and funds are used to help purchase the fireworks each year.



Conference-bound

Pictured are young people that represented Worth County at the 2025 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. The conference offered opportunities to focus on agriculture, STEM, community service, leadership, arts and more. The conference also helped students develop their leadership skills. They learned about academic options at Iowa State University, and got a chance to experience campus life.

FFA Student survey shows high interest in career in agriculture, concerns with start-up costs

A recent survey conducted by the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF) at the 2025 Iowa FFA Annual Conference revealed that 62 percent of students are interested in farming in the future, however, nearly half (47 percent) of these students expressed concerns about high start-up costs.

The CSIF survey, now in its 20th year, offered insight into students' perspectives on the future of

farming and the challenges young people face when pursuing agricultural careers. Notably, 61 percent of participants currently live on a farm.

FFA provides students with valuable insights into the agricultural industry while also developing essential life skills that prepare them for success after graduation. The survey showed that 76 percent of students are interested in pursuing a four-year degree or higher, and an additional 83 percent plan to farm or work in an agriculture-related field.

"I plan to attend Southwest Community College in Nebraska to become a John Deere technician before returning to my family's row crop and livestock farm in western Iowa. I look forward to finding my place in our operation and helping

it continue to grow," said Jack Vorthmann, a senior at Treynor Community School District and an FFA member at Riverside.

The survey also revealed that 96 percent of students have a positive or very positive attitude about the future of agriculture in Iowa. "I feel optimistic about the future of agriculture because of how much technology has changed over the years and will continue to improve to provide for more people every year. Agriculture has raised so many of today's youth and many people want to continue to build their knowledge and role in the industry because of it," said Trudy Loeke, a senior at West Delaware High School.

Additionally, students were asked to identify the key barriers preventing

young people from pursuing farming as a career. "One of the biggest issues from a cattle production perspective is the cost of land for hay and pasture ground. In addition, the cost to put up facilities is at a high right now because of material costs," said senior Brady Streeter of I-35 High School.

During the conference, the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers encouraged attendees to explore the Building Your Livestock Legacy program, a newly launched initiative designed to empower individuals to start or expand farming operations by equipping them with the tools needed to succeed. Individuals can sign up for the Building Your Livestock Legacy program by visiting supportfarmers.com.



3 on 3 basketball champions

These Northwood-Kensett fifth graders were crowned 3v3 basketball champions this past Saturday, June 21, at the St. Ansgar Town & Country Days. Pictured are (from left) Baylor Abrams, Callan Brunsvold and Ryder Duvall.



Fair clean up

These three young people spent some time getting the fairgrounds ready on June 23, before that evening's ribbon sale.





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N-K Baseball Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett Baseball team include (front row, from left) Brady Tufte, Hunter Juanssen, Quinton Butler, (middle row) Evan Lorenzen, Aden Bice, Brady Christianson, Camden Trenhaile, Caysen Chodur, Jaxon Reyerson, Jace Lindberg, (back row) Aydan Schutz, Carson Tufte and Bowan Behne.



N-K Softball Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett Softball team include (front row, from left) Ivy Urbatsch, Lexis McHenry, Kenly Solberg, True Hackenmiller, (middle row) Topanga Hackenmiller, Chloe Woods, Bailey Thorson, Janiya Jackson, Hadley Buenzow, Hixton Krambeer, Matilde Balboa, (back row) Casey Gentz, Macy Thorson, Madeline Christianson, coach Stacy Martin, Logan Manning, Lauren Heiken and Dayanna Jackson.

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Kensett Public Library

By Lisa Lestrud
Library Director

We had an exciting and fun Summer Reading Program that wrapped up the last Tuesday in June. We did lots of fun crafts and always incorporated some science into each of them. The kids enjoyed story time, great snacks and making new friends.

We had a fun last get together with making glitter calming jars, bingo and

prizes, soda pop cupcakes and a special treat to take home of cotton candy made by Noelle Kramer. The kids all got a free admission pass to the Blank Park Zoo, which were provided by the State Library of Iowa. Thank you to all those that participated.

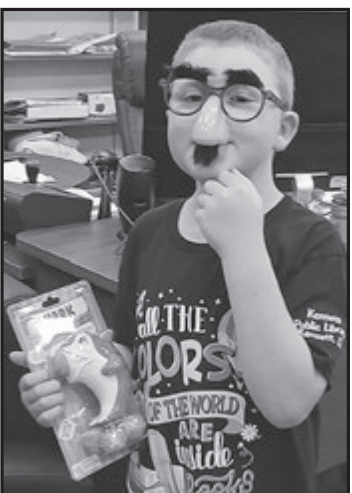
I am excited to be having Nikkole Koenig coming to teach "Chair Yoga" at the library starting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. This will

be every Tuesday from 5 - 6 p.m. No class on July 22. The cost is \$15/1 class or \$45/4 classes. Classes must be prepaid. Limit of 10 people and this is an adult only class. Please sign up at the library, email kensettlibrary@wctatel.net or call 641-845-2222. We are starting to fill up. If it goes well, we will look at having future classes.

On Saturday, July 19, 10 - 11:30 a.m. We will

celebrate, "National Play Day." Join us for the movie "Wonder Park," rated PG. We will have games, Legos, a simple craft and a treat. Hope you can join us and have some fun.

As always come see what is happening in Kensett at the library! You can also find what's happening by following us on Facebook.



A Senior Moment

By Sandy Olson

All winter we longed for warm weather...we got it! July is one of the true summer months in Iowa and, for the MOST part, we all love being outside enjoying it. But...for those other parts, we need A/C, lots of refreshments and good friends to help us keep cool. Reconnect 720 offers all that and more.

Our July calendar is pretty basic: men's and women's coffee and conversation: men on Mondays at

8:30 a.m. and women at the same time on Tuesdays.

Our lively Bookworms Club will meet at the Public Library on Monday, July 7 at 2 p.m. It's always both fun and educational!

Bible Art Journaling is scheduled for two Thursdays, July 3 and 17, at 9:30 a.m.

Bingo fans have two versions to enjoy. Fun Bingo, played with regular decks of cards, is on Friday, July 11 at 12:30 p.m. and traditional Bingo is on Friday,

July 25, also at 12:30 p.m. Prizes and no cost to play.

Our July Birthday Party will start at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16. All seniors born in the firecracker month, and their senior friends, are invited for cake and ice cream.

The Mexican Train will pull out of the station on Thursday, July 10, at 12:30 p.m. Don't miss the ride!

A very special "Red, White & Blue" potluck will celebrate America's independence on Thursday,

July 3 at 12 noon. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a good meal with friends as we recognize the blessings we have in our country.

Life is good in the Northwood area. We invite all men and women over 60 to enjoy our lunches, activities and fellowship. Call 641-324-1244 before 8 a.m. to reserve your lunch. The menus are in the Anchor each week as well as being posted on the front window of our building at 720 Central Ave.



Bubble fun

Last Friday, the basketball courts in downtown Northwood were the location of bubbles of all shapes and sizes, as the Northwood Library welcomed Absolute Science and their bubble stations. Several tables were set up on the courts, with tubs of bubble solution. Wands of different shapes and sizes were available for kids to try out their bubble-making skills.

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Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

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Sacred Heart Church, Manly

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Spiritual Discipline

In most contexts, to be disciplined means to be faithful to a routine or a regimen, such as a diet or an exercise routine. And while it is important to have a spiritual diet of books to read and prayers to say, and a regimen concerning when and where we pray, it is more important in the realm of the Spirit that one be committed to following the urgings of the Holy Spirit. God's plan for us may be different than our plans for us, and therefore a spiritually disciplined person remains flexible to the needs of others, and most especially, what God is urging us to do. Be steadfast in your religious observances but stay open to the Spirit and discerning in what God wants of you. —Christopher Simon



Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. – 1 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

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Cook Bookin'

We may live without poetry, music and art; We may live without conscience and live without heart; We may live without friends; we may live without books; But a civilized man cannot live without cooks.
Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson



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

Back in the day (1993 in this case) major food companies often compiled recipes using their best products into booklets and placed them next to the check-out counters of grocery stores. Perhaps some still do this but recipes are online more and more these days. I have a great collection of the soft-cover, pamphlet-style cookbooks and, as we all know, recipes don't go out of style. Sometimes modifications can be made to adapt to 21st century lifestyles but good cooking is timeless.

Back in 1993, Proctor & Gamble Co. published a cook booklet using Crisco® their popular shortening product. "American Cookie Celebration II" is the title. Cookies are a great summer dessert after a big grilled steak or a rack of smoked ribs. Just a little bit of sweetness after a rich meal. The following are adapted from this book.

Chocolate Orange Dreams

- 1 cup butter-flavored Crisco®
- 2 teaspoons fresh orange juice
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs
- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 teaspoons grated orange zest

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease your baking sheets with shortening. Combine the shortening, sugar and cream cheese in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until well blended. Beat in the eggs, orange zest, orange juice and salt. Combine well. Add the flour while beating a low speed, mixing until well blended. Add the chocolate chips by stirring in gently but thoroughly. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2-inches apart on the greased cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until light brown around the edges.

While they are baking, make the Glaze:

Glaze:

- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons orange extract
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons strained, fresh orange juice
- Stir until well blended. Brush on the cookies immediately upon removing them from the oven. Remove to a wire rack to cool. Makes about 4 dozen.

Way Different Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 cup butter-flavored Crisco®
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 1/2 cups regular oatmeal
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup finely chopped hazelnuts

- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 - 1 cup finely chopped apricots
 - 1 1/2 cups PLUS 1 tablespoon flour
 - 1 cup chopped vanilla chips
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the Crisco, both sugars, the eggs and vanilla in a large bowl. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer. In another bowl, combine the 1 1/2 cups flour, baking soda and salt. Add this mixture gradually to the creamed mixture, at low speed. Beat until well blended. Stir in the oats and nuts with a wooden spoon. Toss the chopped apricots with the remaining tablespoon of flour and stir into the dough. Stir in the vanilla chips. Shape this dough into 1 1/2 inch balls, then flatten slightly. Place 2 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 11-13 minutes or until they are just starting to brown around the edges and slightly moist in the center. Remove to a sheet of foil to cool. Makes about 3 dozen cookies. NOTE: be sure to use regular oats, uncooked. Not instant oatmeal.

Chocolate Coconut Bars

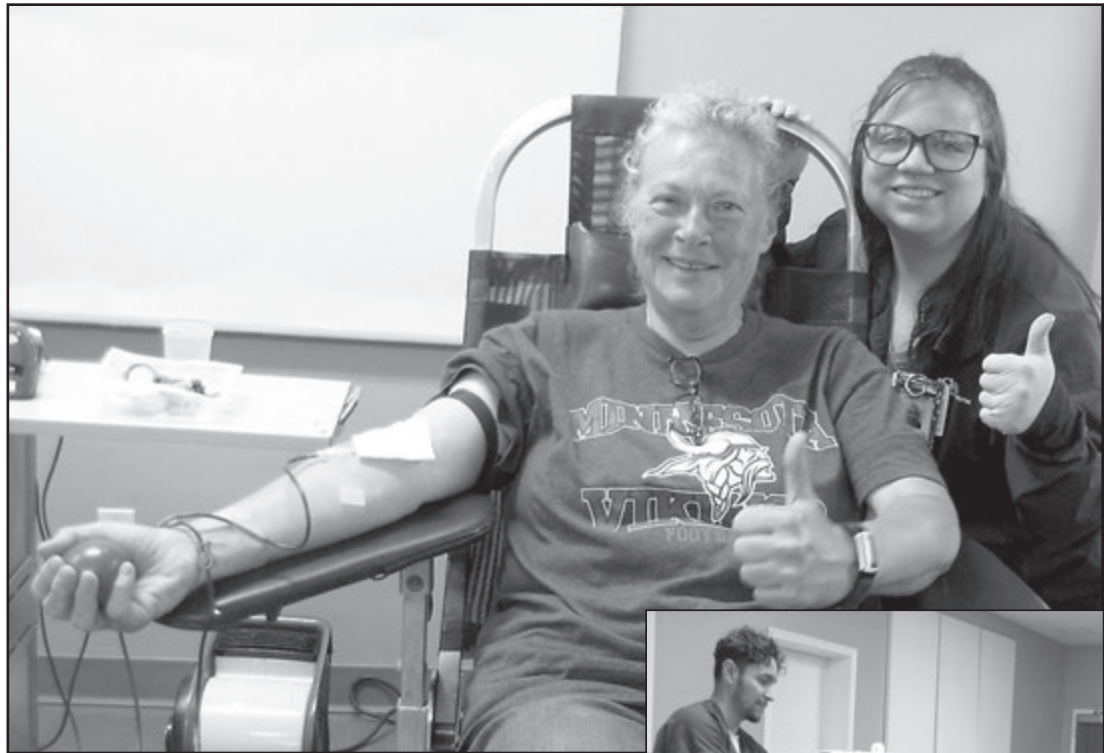
- Cookie Base:
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/3 cup butter flavor Crisco
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Filling:
- 1 can sweetened, condensed milk
- 2/3 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13-inch baking pan. For the cookie base, combine the sugar, Crisco, cocoa, egg and water in a large bowl. With an electric mixer, beat at medium speed until well blended. Combine the flour and salt. Gradually add to the creamed mixture a low speed, beating until just blended. Press this crust into the bottom of the greased pan. Bake for 10 minutes. While the base is baking, combine the sweetened condensed milk, flour and vanilla. Stir with a spoon until blended. Stir in the chocolate chips, nuts and coconut. When the crust is baked, spread the filling mixture over it, spreading carefully to cover evenly. Return the pan to the oven and bake for an additional 20 minutes. Cool in the pan, then cut into bars. Makes about 48 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inch cookie bars.

The recipes in this book were from those entered in a number of contests that were held at major state and county fairs. There are two pages of "tips for cookie success..." in case the reader is somewhat of a novice. The only problem with baking cookies is keeping them hidden so there are some left for dessert; it's not only kids who snatch them off the plate when the cook is not looking! And...that's all she wrote.

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Driven to giving

"The LifeServe Blood drive sponsored by Northwood Lions Club on June 26 resulted in 23 pints of life-saving blood," said blood drive coordinator Robert Perry. "We appreciate the people who showed up on a stormy day and donated in spite of having to take shelter in the basement due to a tornado warning."

Celebrate the Fourth responsibly

For many, the Fourth of July is synonymous with fireworks, cookouts and pool parties. Nationwide, traffic fatalities are also becoming synonymous with the Fourth of July. To help prevent these tragedies previously seen around the holiday, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau is partnering with local law enforcement for a high-visibility enforcement campaign July 3-7.

Iowa had nine traffic fatalities over the Fourth of July holiday weekend last year, making it the deadli-

est Fourth of July weekend in over a decade. No matter how you choose to celebrate, be sure you're staying safe, and never drive impaired.

"We want people to enjoy the holiday and to celebrate responsibly," says GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes. "Impaired driving endangers everyone, and our law enforcement partners know how to spot an impaired driver and will not hesitate to pull them over. If you're going to drink, plan for a sober ride ahead of time."

Need help finding a ride?

Designate a sober driver, schedule a taxi or rideshare, or use your community's sober ride program.

Through its Decide to Ride program, Doll Distributing is offering a \$10 Uber voucher to encourage Iowans to plan ahead and make safe choices. GTSB is supporting the effort by helping raise awareness. Below is a link to the Fourth of July voucher to share with your community. It's valid statewide beginning 7/3 at 5 p.m. and ending 7/7 at 2 a.m.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

We are halfway done with 2025 and halfway done with our Summer Reading Program too! We still have a few big events coming up though, including Story Times, a magician and our end of the year party will be at the Northwood Movie Theatre! Please continue to watch the Library's Facebook page and the Summer Reading Program's Facebook page for updates on those events.

The Northwood Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 4.

The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to reach out at the library for more information!

Coming to the library sometime during the month of May:

Adult Fiction books: "The Tenant" by Freida McFadden, "The Ghostwriter" by Julie Clark, "The Unraveling of Julia" by Lisa Scottoline, "Dead Line" by Marc Cameron, "An Inside Job" by Daniel Silva, "The Hamptons Lawyer" by James Patterson, "The Winds from Further West" by Alexander McCall Smith, and lots more.

Large Print Fiction: "The President's Shadow" by James Patterson, "B is for Bonnet" by Shelley Shephard Gray, "Austen at Sea" by Natalie Jenner, "The Pursuit of Elena Bradford" by Ann H. Gabhart, "Under the Stars" by Beatriz Williams, "Capture the Moment" by Suzanne Woods Fisher, "Wayward Girls" by Susan Wiggs, and more.

I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month.

Something new to note, the library has a new email address, so if you're one to email me your book recommendations or wishlist for InterLibrary Loan books, please write down the new email address. It is librarian@northwoodia.org. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have or call us at 324-1340.

We hope you will check us out soon!



RAD visitors

As a part of its summer reading program, the Northwood Public Library welcomed some special visitors last week. That included a number of young people, who were there to see animals visitors. Jamie from the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery (RAD) Zoo brought with him a number of animals to show the children. The students asked questions and learned more about the lizards, turtles, snakes and even an alligator as Jamie showed each to the crowd gathered in the Olson Community Room. Before they left, they had a chance to feel the scales of one of the lizards and the shell of a turtle.

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

Who’s eligible for Social Security disability benefits?

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

What do I need to do to get disability benefits from Social Security? I’m 60 years old and have a medical condition that doesn’t allow me to work at my job anymore, but I’ve read that getting disability benefits is very difficult.

Need Help

Dear Need,

Getting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits (SSDI) when you’re unable to work can indeed be challenging. Each year, approximately 2 million people apply for SSDI, but around two-thirds of them are denied, because most applicants fail to prove that they’re disabled and can’t work. Here are some steps you can take that can help improve your odds.

Are You Disabled?

The first thing you need to find out is if your health condition qualifies you for Social Security disability benefits.

You generally will be eligible only if you have a physical or mental impairment severe enough that it prevents you from working in your current, or past line of work, for at least a year.

There is no such thing as a partial disability benefit. If you’re fit enough to work part-time, and you’re earning more than \$1,620 (\$2,700 if you’re blind) a month on average in 2025, your application will be denied.

But, if you’re not working or are working but earning below those limits, your application may be considered.

Your skills, education and work experience are factors too. Your application will be denied if your work history suggests that you could perform a less physically demanding job that your disability does not prevent you from doing.

To help you determine if you’re eligible, use the SSA Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool at [SSAabest.benefits.gov](https://ssaabest.benefits.gov).

How to Apply

If you believe you have a claim, your next step is to gather up your personal, financial and medical information so you can be prepared and organized for the application process.

You can apply either online at [SSA.gov/disability](https://ssa.gov/disability) or call 800-772-1213 to make an appointment to apply at your local Social Security office, or to set up an appointment for someone to take your claim over the phone.

The whole process lasts about an hour. If you schedule an appointment, a “Disability Starter Kit” that will help you get ready for your interview will be mailed to you. If you apply online, the kit is available at [SSA.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm](https://ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm).

It currently takes six to eight months from the initial application to receive either an award or denial of benefits. The only exception is if you have a chronic illness that qualifies you for a “compassionate allowance” (see [SSA.gov/compassionateallowances](https://ssa.gov/compassionateallowances)), which fast tracks cases within weeks.

If Social Security denies your initial application, you can appeal the decision, and you’ll be happy to know that roughly half of all cases that go through a round or two of appeals end with benefits being awarded. But the bad news is, with a huge backlog of people waiting, it can take another eight to 10 months or longer to appeal the decision, and another 15 months to get a hearing if reconsideration is denied.

Get Help

You can hire a representative to help you with your Social Security disability claim. By law, representatives can charge only 25 percent of past-due benefits up to a maximum of \$9,200 if they win your case.

It’s probably worth hiring someone at the start of the application process if your disability is something difficult to prove such as chronic pain. If, however, your disability is obvious, it might be worth initially working without a representative to avoid paying the fee. You can always hire a representative later if your initial application and first appeal are denied.

To find a representative, check with the National Organization of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives (nossr.org) or National Association of Disability Representatives (nadr.org). Or, if you’re low-income, contact the Legal Services Corporation (lsc.gov/find-legal-aid) for free assistance.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

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Echoes from the Loafers’ Club Meeting

We used to raise a couple of corn crops each year.

How did you do that?

We stood the farm on its end and planted on both sides.

Driving by Bruce’s drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It was raining cats and dogs—and maybe a couple of cows. I wasn’t trying to beat traffic. I hoped for a tie. A blink-long pause in the downpour allowed a couple of men wearing redneck toupees and driving ginormous pickup trucks that were far exceeding the speed limit as they tried to outrun a month’s worth of weather in a couple of days.

I picked black raspberries. Unfortunately, stable flies, also known as “ankle biters,” and a common nuisance in Minnesota during the warmer months, picked me. They have painful bites and target the legs and ankles of humans and animals.

Data at <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-where-people-spend-the-most-least-on-fast-food/146260> found that Mississippians pay more for fast food relative to their income than any other state. WalletHub analyzed the price of hamburgers, pizza and chicken sandwiches across the 50 states. Following Mississippi were: New Mexico, Kentucky, Arkansas, West Virginia, Louisiana and Alabama. Iowa was the 27th highest, with Minnesota resting in 45th place. Massachusetts was 50th.

I’ve learned

If I’m punctual, there’s no one around to appreciate it.

I asked my cellphone for the direc-

Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

tions to a cemetery where I could pay respects to a loved one. The phone voice did a skillful job and ended it with, “You have reached your final destination.”

As I looked at the restaurant’s menu, I heard the server say those three little words I love to hear, “All-day breakfast.”

A buttal requires a rebuttal.

If the flashlight on your cellphone is on as you enter a restaurant, you’ll get a senior citizen discount without asking.

We’ll always need coins to use on scratch-off lottery tickets.

Rocky the Flying Squirrel and Bullwinkle J. Moose lived in Frostbite Falls, Minnesota. Bullwinkle was born in Moosylvania, a fictional island in the Lake of the Woods, near the border between Canada and the United States. The ownership of the island is the subject of dispute between the United States and Canada, with each country claiming it belongs to the other.

You are lost when Siri asks, “Where are you?”

I enjoyed a piece of my sister-in-law’s toothsome rhubarb pie as her cousin talked about “scooter pooting” in Louisiana as a youth. That’s a colloquial term, used in the South, that refers to casual socializing or going out for fun with a group of people. The term sometimes describes a group of vehicles traveling together in a convoy-like manner.

Bad Jokes Department

What’s the difference between a camera and a sock? A camera takes photos, and a sock takes five toes.

My uncle used to travel a lot. He was a good man, but a terrible basketball player.

A game warden rescued a man being chased by a grizzly bear. Once safe, the officer arrested the man for running with a bear behind.

The man who created the wind chill factor died. He was 86, but he felt like he was 75.

I went to the doctor with hearing problems.

He said, “Can you describe the symptoms?”

I replied, “Homer is portly and lazy, and Marge has blue hair.”

Nature notes

A glance out a window revealed a red-headed woodpecker, indigo bunting, northern cardinal, Baltimore oriole, gray catbird, blue jay and black-capped chickadee in our yard. I don’t question why I watch birds, but if I did, I’d find the answers in the beauty beyond the glass.

I rambled while wearing sandals because I love the freedom of the open-toed. I walked with purpose. An inspired bird saunter. My antennae were finely tuned, searching for magic doors to open. My heart sang as I glimpsed turkey vultures slicing the air thin. I watched as a meditation. Raindrops and birds are bolts of beauty. Proust wrote, “Whence could it have come to me, this all-powerful joy?” I walked several miles until I heard a vesper sparrow sing. I was soggy, but I’d reached my destination—an all-powerful joy. I located a red-winged blackbird nest with three eggs (blue with black markings) in it, which was 2 feet off the ground in a Canada thistle in a prairie planting.

Meeting adjourned

“My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart.”—Maya Angelou.

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Fit to print...

By Kris Kenison Publisher

Each year, the Fourth of July festivities in Northwood include the parade through the streets of the city, with Worth County groups, businesses, families and more sharing their patriotic spirit. Most years will find the Northwood Anchor and Manly Signal right alongside the parade viewers, taking pictures to share in the next week’s issues.

This year, we at the Anchor and Signal are honored to have been asked to be in the parade as grand marshals.

Normally we would have a front page story on the parade grand marshal each year. However, in a bout of North Iowan humility, we’re sharing some thoughts here instead.

We know we are in disquintished company. Like in much of what we do at the Anchor and Signal, we do our best to follow in the footsteps of a man we miss often around the office, Lloyd Madson.

Lloyd’s longtime leadership and knowledge both at the Anchor/Signal and in the community earned him recognition as the Northwood Independence Day parade grand marshal in 2015.

Since then, parade grand marshals have included the Northwood-Kensett FFA chapter in 2016, the Worth County Historical Society in 2017, Doc Block as he celebrated his 90th birthday on the Fourth of July in 2018 and Geneva Patterson after celebrating her 100th birthday the year before in 2019.

In 2020, just a few months after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff of Worth County Public Health were recognized for their efforts as the grand marshals in 2020.

The Relay For Life of Worth County committee was recognized in 2021 for their efforts to battle cancer and support those with the disease.



Longtime Anchor Publisher Lloyd Madson served as Fourth of July parade grand marshal 10 years ago in 2015.

The staff of Northwood-Kensett schools led the parade as grand marshals in 2022.

Three longtime business owners in the local automotive industry, Al and Ivan Fredericks, owners of A&I Auto, and Dan Hendrickson, previous owner of CarQuest Auto Parts, were chosen as the 2023 grand marshals.

Last year’s grand marshals were members of the Hendrickson family, as they prepared to celebrate their 100th family reunion last August.

Needless to say, since someone representing the Anchor and Signal last served as grand marshal 10 years ago, those selected for the role have been a big part of our communities.

For us at the Anchor and Signal, while we can’t compare to the service to the community of many selected as grand marshals, we strive to play our part in promoting the efforts of and recognizing people, groups and businesses like them.

We work to keep the community informed. That includes covering local governments. That includes our local schools, students and athletes. That includes the milestone events and celebrations in the lives of the

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friends and neighbors that call the area home.

Our pages help let readers know when special events like this weekend’s Fourth of July festivities are on the way. And we share pictures and news from the events after they have passed. (We appreciate in advance the help with those pictures this year, as we ride the parade route.)

Our pages share valuable information, the sad news of those we have lost and the the good news of the events and the people that make the community special.

And we also record the history of the community for generations to come.

All that is not to toot our own horns (not too much anyway), but to say that we hope we’re not too out of place amongst those that have led past parades as grand marshals.

And we share our appreciation to the parade organizers for being asked this year.

To everyone we see along the parade route, we look forward to sharing some greetings and some goodies with you.

And rest assured, we’ve been practicing our parade waves.

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

Northwood Anchor

Obituaries

100 years ago

June 25, 1925

At 8 p.m. Thursday evening the 100th signer placed his name upon the contract for next year's Chautauqua and the audience under the big khaki tent was given the news that in 1925 for the 18th time the Redpath-Vawcer people would float their banners in Northwood.

The Worth County Historical Society met in Northwood last Wednesday afternoon for organization. The following officers were elected: Dr. C.A. Hurd, president; Ed Swensrud, vice president; and Mrs. John Johnson, sec-

75 years ago

July 6, 1950

Dr. and Mrs. A.L. Hotelling finished moving to Mason City, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Boyd, who purchased the Hotelling home in Northwood recently, have moved to that residence. They are continuing to operate the Hotel Winifred until July 15, at which time new ownership is to take over.

Wallace Coleman is the new owner of the grain elevator in Kensett which he bought from R.H. McCallum. He will operate the business under the name of North Iowa Milling compa-

50 years ago

July 4, 1975

George Kesler, owner of Veteran Petroleum, Inc., Northwood was appointed and sworn in to the Northwood town council to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Lonnie Harris. Kesler owns the Skelgas and DX fuel distributorship for the area, located on East Central Avenue.

Worth County Nurse Jackie Burke prepares to give Sarah Asbjornson an injection of Vitamin B-12. Mrs. Asbjornson suffers from pernicious

25 years ago

July 5, 2000

The Worth County courthouse is flanked by its annual Fourth of July Avenue of Flags, thanks to Northwood "Our Buddies" VFW Post 6779, its Ladies' Auxiliary and volunteers, who set out several dozen specimens of "Old Glory" along the courthouse sidewalks Saturday morning.

Worth County farmers and businesses — and some proud parents, grandparents, and friends — paid \$20,670 at the Worth County Fair junior ribbon sale. Kyle Waller, son of Brian and Sue Waller of rural Northwood, took top dollar in the auction when Northwoods State Bank paid \$300

10 years ago

July 1, 2015

Lloyd Madson, a native of Northwood and a businessman for the past 55 years, is proud to be the Grand Marshall of the Northwood Fourth of July parade this Saturday.

Olson Insurance has been selected for Grinnell Mutual's 2015 President's Club. The purpose of the club is so Grinnell Mutual can honor their best agencies in terms of profitability and premium production. Of the 1700 general agents, 50 are selected.

Northwood residents Kayla Brandstad, Tiffany Johnson, Kelsey Katcher, Khystyana

retary-treasurer. Directors were also chosen from the various townships to look after the matters of historical interest in their territory.

The Civic League picnic, postponed from Friday on account of the Farm Bureau picnic, Chautauqua, and several other things will be held at Thompson's cottage, north of town, tomorrow. Dinner will be served as soon as all arrive and will be followed by an afternoon of sports and general good time.

Although the threatening clouds probably kept many away from the Worth County Farm Bureau picnic at Northwood, the crowd was large, some claiming 5,000 visitors. As floats wends their way through Main Street led

ny. Mr. McCallum is building a feed mill on highway 65 in south Kensett and will devote his entire time to the mill business.

Wilford Huso how a hole-in-one on the third hole of the Northwood golf course Monday. He was playing in a foursome with A.T. Huso, Wayne Huso and Emil Urdahl at the time. It was the first hole-in-one of the year at the local course, and believed to be the first in course history on the third hole.

A new 48 passenger school bus was purchased by the Northwood school board, making five the total of buses to be operated next year. The other four buses are 42 passenger vehicles.

John Mehaffy has been appointed Worth County

anemia, which prevents her system from absorbing the vitamin through the stomach.

James Diemer, Manly, poses with his automobile after winning the \$100 grand prize in the demolition derby sponsored by the Northwood Jaycees on June 30. The top three driver of the first heat, Bruce Bergo, Dave Larson and Ward Willand competed against the top from the second heat, Dennis Kohler, Tom Schrag and Diemer in the finals of the derby. Schrag, Carpenter, won the \$50 runner-up prize.

The Manly Jaycees present a check for \$117.40 to the Association for Retarded Children of Worth County. The Northwood Jaycees con-

for his grand champion market steer ribbon.

A Kensett cutie and a rural Northwood toddler won top honors in the 2000 Worth County Fair baby contest. A.J. Branstad, son of Brian and Mary Branstad of Kensett, was named the overall winner in the division for babies 6-12 months old and Michael Waller, son of Brian and Sue Waller, of rural Northwood, won the 12-18 month division. Both little boys won the "sweet smile" contest in their age group.

The Academic Dean's List for the spring 2000 semester at Northwestern College includes 250 students. Among those are Caleb Ingersoll, Northwood.

Bertum Bidne was honored at the Lutheran Retirement Home Maple Court Commons on Sunday,

Kirton, Tori Loken, Paige Sletten and Tyler Tempus, have all been named to the Dean's List at North Iowa Area Community College.

Russell and Delores Knudson were chosen by the Green Thumb Garden Club for having a beautiful lawn this summer. Both Russ and Delores spend quite a bit of time grooming their beautiful, colorful flowers and bushes surrounding their home. Russ also grows an extensive vegetable garden on Atwood Road in Northwood. The garden club picks two yards a month in Northwood to feature with the curb appeal distinction.

Shelby Low continues to showcase her skills on both offense and in the circle this season. The multi-talented

by the Northwood Municipal Band, content exclamations of admiration were heard from the spectators crowding the walks s the beautiful roses of the Deer Creek girls, the Fairy Land of Hartland, the Silver Lake, Kensett Korn Kids, the calves of the calf club, Barton's progressive school, the handsome Holstein cow of the Northwood creamery and many others went by.

One of the most interesting and instructive features of the annual Farm Bureau picnic day was the luncheon given by the Worth County Farm Bureau women in honor of Grace Frysinger of Washington, D.C., who was one of the two visiting speakers on the outdoor afternoon program.

chairman for the Iowa Safety congress, it was announced this week by Louis Vandermyde of St. Ansgar, district chairman.

Miss Helen Huus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Huus of Northwood, is planning a trip to Oslo Norway, in September, where she expects to teach for a year. Miss Huus graduated from Northwood high school in 1932, and then went to Cedar Falls for her B A. degree.

Northwood weather has remained unseasonably cool during the past week, with peak daytime temperatures in the high 70's or low 80's nearly every day. Corn has continued to push up steadily, however, with daily sunshine and small grains are filling out.

tributed \$280.48. They were Pat Harnack, past president of the Manly Jaycees; Dennis Hauser, internal vice-president; Jim Diemer, current president and Mrs. Leonard Garnas, president of the ARC of Worth County. The funds were raised by selling jelly during Jelly Week.

On Monday, June 24, Osage banked Northwood-Kensett 7-0 in Boys' baseball. Other than a six-run burst by Osage in the fifth inning, the game was quite close. Osage had only one more hit than the Vikings, six, but N-K committed seven errors to only one for Osage. Sullivan was the winning pitcher, and Jeff Sietsema pitched for the Vikings.

June 11 for 42 years of continuous service on the board of directors, serving over 40 often as secretary. He retired from the brand this last March.

Beth Hanson and Maren Davidson model wedding dresses at the Lutheran Retirement Home. Beth is wearing her grandmother, Betty Hanson's gown from 1946 and Maren is wearing Beth's flower girl dress from a wedding in 1988.

The Northwood-Kensett High School girls varsity softball team dropped North Iowa Conference decisions to Garner-Hayfield, Lake Mills, and West Hancock. The E'Gals drubbed N-K 15-2 here Friday, the Bulldogs downed N-K 10-0 last Tuesday in Lake Mills and the Cardinals outlasted N-K 4-0 last Monday in Garner.

junior leads the team with a 3-6 recording 55 2/3 innings of work with 58 strikeouts. At the plate, Low is third on the team with a .294 average, second with a .351 on base percentage, and is first on the team with an impressive .765 slugging percentage.

The Vikings Hayden Halbach had one of the few multiple hit nights for N-K this season when he went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored, helping the Vikings snap a 26 game losing streak with an 11-1 win over North Iowa. Halbach is batting .231 with a .394 on base percentage, Halbach playing one of the most difficult positions in baseball (catcher) also has an amazing .881 fielding percentage, committing just five errors in 42 chances.

Carl Dralla

Carl G. Dralla, 60, of Northwood, Iowa, passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Services to honor his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at First Lutheran Church, 309 Ninth St. N., Northwood, with Rev. Becky Sogge officiating. He will be laid to rest, led by The Pony Express, at Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025, at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 First Ave. South, Northwood. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the services at the church.

Carl George Dralla was born on January 21, 1965, in Mason City, the son of Lloyd John Sr. and Virginia Mae (Briggs) Dralla. He grew up north of Northwood alongside his eight siblings and graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School. His class was close-knit—many of whom remained lifelong friends. From a young age, Carl was no stranger to hard work, lending a hand to local farmers and later working at Winnebago and Viafield. But the pull of the land always brought him back to what he knew best—work-



CARL DRALLA

ing on the farm. Most recently for the Brunsvolds and Trenhaile Farms.

Carl never met a stranger. He had a gift for conversation and a natural ease that drew people in, whether he was at home or halfway across the country. His family still laughs about the time he found someone he knew in Hawaii. He was a familiar face at races and tractor pulls and could usually be found in jeans, a long-sleeved shirt with the cuffs rolled just so, a hat, and a pair of red-handled pliers tucked in his pocket. He gave generously of his time and energy, especially through his work with Pony Express. For over 15 years, he helped lead their mission to support Easterseals and loved the annual ride to Sunny Side Camp—two

days on horseback to deliver a herd of horses to the kids. Carl had a deep bond with his horse, Rocket, and an even deeper connection to the friends he rode with. He wasn't happy unless he was helping someone. Whether turning a wrench, fixing something broken or simply showing up, Carl was the one people could count on. He had a bold spirit, a huge heart and a way of caring that ran deep.

He is survived by his son, Adam Dralla of Northwood; grandson, Nate Dralla; siblings, Janice Hall, of Mason City, Christina Shephard, of Mason City, Curtis (Terri) Dralla, of Nebraska, and Ginger (Travis) Holtz of Polk City; his brother-in-law, Danny Buckman; his Pony Express Family; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Sr. and Virginia; a son, Jacob Dralla; siblings, Marian (Perry) Montgomery, Corie (Richard) Rieman, Lloyd Dralla Jr. and Connie Buckman; brothers-in-law, Robert Hall and Howard Shephard; as well as many friends along the way.



Haying equipment demonstration planned at McNay Memorial Research and Demonstration Farm

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is hosting a haying equipment demonstration field day on July 8 at the McNay Memorial Research and Demonstration Farm in Chariton.

This event will feature multiple sessions, each showcasing different types of haying equipment, with demonstrations from industry representatives from the south central region of Iowa. Additionally, there will be an equipment trade show area where attendees can inspect the machinery and meet with industry representatives.

"The Hay Day at McNay is a great opportunity to show off haying equipment for local producers, as well as discuss the 'why' behind each piece and where it could fit into their opera-

tion," said Logan McCrea, ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomist. "We are excited to bring this event to the research farm and look forward to the interaction between producers and industry representatives."

Meaghan Anderson, ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomist, will lead a general session during lunch, covering weed management in forages. Other ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomists and beef specialists will be on hand for the duration of the program to meet with attendees and address production questions.

The day will begin with demonstration sessions from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Following these sessions, participants can visit the equipment trade show until

5 p.m. A lunch will be provided at no cost to attendees, prepared by the Lucas County Cattlemen.

Pre-registration for this field day event is strongly encouraged. On-site registration will also be available.

The McNay Memorial Research and Demonstration Farm is located at 45249 170th Ave., Chariton. In the case of inclement weather on July 8, organizers have planned a rain date of July 16.

More information and registration assistance is available by contacting Chris Clark at 712-250-0070, Logan McCrea at 641-226-7102 or the ISU Extension and Outreach Lucas County Office at 641-774-2016.

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Top Awards for the Worth County Fair Open Class Flower Show “Summertime Fun” 2025

Penny Robb
Horticulture Award of Merits
with Cut Herbs and Perennials
Arboreal Award
Award of Horticulture
of Excellence Award with her
Blue Delphinium
Millie Bottleman Awarded
Horticulture Sweepstakes with
the most blue and Red ribbons
Education Top Exhibitor Award
Botanical Arts Horticulture
Award



Mary Reyerson Low
Collectors Showcase Award
Succulent Collection
Tri-color award
Table Artistry Award
Award of Design Excellence
Nancy Reyerson Award



Theresa Cooper
Collectors Showcase Award
Display of Annuals



Angie Wilkins
Designers choice award
Design Sweepstakes Award
with the most blue and red
ribbons



Jean VanVeldhuizen
Horticulture Award of Merits
with Hosta
Peoples Choice Award



Cheryl Nitcher
Horticulture Award of Merits
with Bulbs, corms, Tubers and
Rhizomes

Myra Harris
Horticulture Award of Merits
with Vegetables
Growers Choice Award with
both a Hanging basket and
Planter



Riley King
Horticulture Award of Merits
with Annuals



Eugene Kes
Horticulture Award of Merits
with Roses and Fruit

Top Awards for the Worth County Fair Flower Show Youth



Layla Scarlet
Youth Botanical Arts
Horticulture Award Age 13-18
Youth Design top Exhibitor
Award Age 13-18



Benaigh Meier
Youth Horticulture Top
Exhibitor Award Age 13-18
Overall Top Youth Exhibitor
Award Age 13-18



Baylor Abrams
Youth Botanical Arts
Horticulture Award Age 8-12
Youth Horticulture Top
Exhibitor Award Age 8-12
Overall Top Youth Exhibitor
Award Age 8-12



Tinley Mickelson
Youth Design top Exhibitor
Award Age 8-12



Johny Benson
Youth Horticulture Top
Exhibitor Award
Award Age pre-k - 7



Lane Robb
Youth Botanical Arts
Horticulture Award
Award Age pre-k - 7
Overall Top Youth Exhibitor
Award Age pre-k - 7

Northwood Anchor Legal

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009468
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James E. Montgomery, Deceased, who died on or about May 25, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on May 30, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of James E. Montgomery, deceased, bearing date of June 6, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jay E. Montgomery was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated 6-13-2025.
Jay E. Montgomery
Executor of Estate
8567 Elk Ave. North
Monticello, MN 55362

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009471
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRENT J. HODAPP, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Brent J.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated 6-13-2025.
Jay E. Montgomery
Executor of Estate
8567 Elk Ave. North
Monticello, MN 55362

Timothy A. Casperson
ICIS#: AT0001472
Attorney for Executor
Casperson Law Office, PLC
102 N. 2nd Ave. W.
Lake Mills, IA 50450
Date of second publication the 2nd day of July 2025.

Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR009470
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHAWN R. DAHL Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Shawn R. Dahl, Deceased, who died on or about May 11, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on June 17, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Shawn R. Dahl, deceased, bearing date of September 2, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Denise A. Dahl was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated June 18, 2025.
Denise A. Dahl
Executor of Estate
204 13th Street North
Northwood, IA 50459
Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0004489
Attorney for Executor
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459-0200
Date of second publication the 2nd day of July 2025.

reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated June 18, 2025.
Denise A. Dahl
Executor of Estate
204 13th Street North
Northwood, IA 50459
Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0004489
Attorney for Executor
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459-0200
Date of second publication the 2nd day of July 2025.

Hodapp, Deceased, who died on or about May 20, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on June 17, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month

from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on June 18 2025.
Joanne S. Hodapp
Administrator Estate
4366 Nuthatch Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459

Douglas A. Krull
ICIS#: AT0004489
Attorney for the Administrator
Krull Law Office
714 Central Avenue
Northwood, IA 50459-0200
Date of second publication the 2nd day of July 2025.

Supervisors

June 23, 2025
Twenty-sixth Day
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Enos Loberg and Mark Smeby, present. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.
Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve today's agenda and June 16, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the FY26 DOT Program Amendment. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$489,816.27 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Bolton & Menk Inc
DD 14 Lower Main Tile
Prof Services \$5,585.00
Rognes Bros Excavating D D
14 Lower Main Tile
Repairs \$481,492.77
Bolton & Menk Inc Prof
DD 21 West Main Services \$402.50
Bolton & Menk Inc Prof
DD 72 Main Open Ditch Services \$450.00
Goodwin Law Office, PC D D
72 Main Open Ditch Prof
Services \$1,886.00
Grand Total \$489,816.27
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve claims in the amount of \$238,629.84 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
A.J. Stone, Supplies-Gsr.... 199.99
Access Systems Leasing
Service-Dap98.50
Adam Martin, Safety-Eng. 150.00
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng..... 2,714.58
All Flags, Lic, Supplies-Vaf331.76
All States Ag Parts
Supplies-Eng 239.98
Alliant Energy
Service-Con..... 1,152.03
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng..... 748.80
Brian Wallin, Safety-Eng. 150.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Sdp..... 143.93
Centurylink, Service-Eng. 181.39
Cerro Gordo Co Treasurer
Service-Mex..... 1,203.80
Chelsey Doty, Mileage-Aud. 56.00
Church Offset Printing Inc
Supplies-Con..... 65.00
City Of Mason City
Service-Shf..... 2,426.40
Colin Day, Mileage-It/Gis. 168.00
Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio
Service-Shf..... 16,284.83
Crazy Clean, Service-Gsr 1,050.00
D & L Equipment
Supplies-Con 8.20
Falkstone Llc

Rock-Eng 37,462.69
Fallgatter's Market Inc
Supplies-Con 59.89
Gateway Pipe Inc. Mo
Supplies-Eng 65,100.00
Geocomm, Inc.
Service-911 2,622.05
Grafton Welding
Service-Con..... 425.00
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Supplies-Dap 1,406.46
Helps Drain Cleaning
Service-Gsr 200.00
Hotsy Equipment
Supplies-Shf 210.00
Hovey's Lawn & Garden
Service-Con..... 3,250.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng 673.10
Ia Dept Of Public Safety
Service-Shf..... 1,788.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy
Edu-Shf..... 40.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap 826.17
Isac, Edu-Phd 780.00
Jeff Greve, Reimb-Aty..... 250.63
Jj's Hardware
Supplies-Eng 840.35
John Coyle, Safety-Eng..... 146.98
John Deere Financial
Supplies 2,320.03
Kimberly Bode, Reimb-Eng. 82.92
Kiow, Service-Phd..... 660.00
Knudson Automotive Service
Service-Shf..... 1,866.20
Lawson Products Inc
Supplies-Eng 252.75
Lexipol, Llc, Service-Shf17,074.31
Liftoff, Llc, Service-Dap..... 187.50
L-Tron Corporation
Supplies-Dap 414.00
Lynn Butler, Safety-Eng.... 150.00
Manly Junction Signal
Service-Sup..... 698.14
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap 253.63
Marcus Majerczyk
Safety-Eng..... 150.00
Mark's Tractor Inc
Service-Eng..... 222.41
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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on June 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Bode, Schreiber, Reeder. Absent: Peterson.
Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.
Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2025; Approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit Renewals- Casey's, Dollar General, Fallgatter's, Northwood Tobacco, R80, Shade Tree Liquors. Unam.
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2506-13 Authorize Transfer of Funds from 28E/Casino Fund to Taxi Fund. Unam.
Motion to approve Resolution

No. 2506-14 Authorize Payment to Mike Hanson/Southwind Estates. Unam.
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2506-15 Authorize Payment to Heartland Asphalt for 8th Ave South. Unam.
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2506-16 Authorize Payment to ICAP – Iowa Communities Assurance Pool. Unam.
Motion to adjourn. Unam.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
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Horticulture producers invited to join Choose Iowa

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced recently that the Choose Iowa program has expanded to promote a vibrant array of Iowa grown horticultural products, such as Christmas trees, cut flowers, bedding plants and ornamental trees and shrubs.

Naig made the expansion announcement in conjunction with Iowa Horticulture Week (April 20-26) during a visit to Red Granite Farm near Boone. Red Granite Farm is a Choose Iowa member whose diverse operation includes over 300 varieties of hardy perennials, vines, shrubs, annuals and succulents from their garden center, plus more than five acres of vegetables and pumpkins.

Choose Iowa’s initial focus has been on promoting Iowa grown, raised, and made food and beverages. This expansion into horticulture, which the Legislature authorized during the 2024 session, strengthens Iowa’s commitment to promoting and spotlighting the state’s diverse growers, including greenhouses, flower farms, nurseries and landscape businesses.

“Iowa’s rich and diverse horticulture industry is a cornerstone of our agricultural heritage, enriching neighborhoods and communities around our state. By expanding Choose Iowa from primarily Iowa food and beverage promotion to now include ornamental and non-edible horticulture, we’re further connecting consumers with great Iowa farmers and small businesses,” said Secretary Naig. “Whether you are looking for cut flowers or a Christmas tree, Choose Iowa can help you support local businesses and communities. With spring’s arrival and Mother’s Day right around the corner, we invite consumers to explore the beauty and freshness of Iowa’s horticulture and join us in supporting these farmers and small businesses through Choose Iowa.”

Choose Iowa membership has been growing rapidly in 2025. The program started the year at 147 members and now its ranks include more than 250 members, adding nearly a member a day. Choose Iowa membership offers a full suite of benefits. For just \$100 annually, members can showcase their Iowa grown, Iowa raised, and Iowa made food, beverages, and ag products, including horticulture, with the official logo on their packaging and labels. Through customized profiles in the Find Local directory, customers can easily locate and support these Choose Iowa member farms and businesses. Choose Iowa members can opt into cooperative advertising opportunities to amplify their reach, attract more customers, and leverage Choose Iowa digital platforms to increase their online presence and engage with a statewide audience. They receive valuable updates about grant opportunities, program enhancements, industry news, and more with the member newsletter. Learn more about the benefits of becoming a Choose Iowa member and sign up today at ChooseIowa.com.

Use the Find Local Directory on ChooseIowa.com

As consumers seek out bedding plants, potted herbaceous perennials, cut flowers, cultivated greens, foliage plants, Christmas trees, deciduous flowering and shade trees, broadleaf evergreens, landscape conifers, deciduous shrubs, and other landscaping trees and plants, they can find local growers at ChooseIowa.com.

The “Find Local” directory allows customers and agritourists to easily search for local products and experiences from Choose Iowa members. Customers can search by location, name, type of product, online or in-person sales, site amenities, agritourism and/or events. The directory will continue to grow as more members are added.

Choose Iowa is the state’s signature branding and marketing program for Iowa grown, Iowa raised and Iowa made food, beverages, and ag products. The Choose Iowa program was initiated by Secretary Naig and is administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Iowans can connect with Choose Iowa through Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), YouTube, and the Choose Iowa website, which includes several user-friendly features for both members and consumers. Questions about Choose Iowa and its member benefits, grants and programs can be emailed to ChooseIowa@IowaAgriculture.gov.



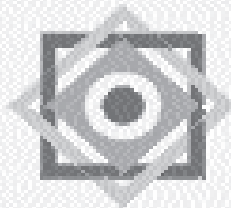
Storm damage
Last Thursday’s severe weather brought strong winds through the area. For the Ausborn family of Bolan, that meant substantial damage on their property, with seven trees on their property falling. The trees damaged their roof, shed, septic system, deck, siding and some interior water damage. These images were shared on their Facebook page, along with messages of gratitude for the people that helped and supported them as they cleaned up the aftermath and got ready to rebuild.



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Viking Topanga Hackenmiller awaits the pitch during action Friday evening in Northwood.



Viking catcher Lexi McHenry makes a nice dig out of the dirt after a low pitch during action against the Knights on Friday.



Viking True Hackenmiller waits on deck during Friday night's game against Newman.

Viking softball gets win over Huskies

By Julie Salisbury

The Vikings softball team hosted North Butler on Monday, June 23, for a Top of Iowa Conference game and lost 13-2. The Bearcats scored two runs in the first inning, six in the third and five in the fifth while the Vikings scored three in the first and one in the second.

As of Sunday evening, no other stats were made available.

On Tuesday, June 24, the Vikings traveled to Belmond-Klemme for a non-conference game and lost 11-5. The Vikings scored one in the fourth and four in the fifth while the Broncos scored two in the first, two in the third, two

in the fourth and five in the fifth.

Once again, no other stats were made available.

On Friday afternoon, June 27, the Vikings traveled to Nashua for a TIC game and picked up the win 4-3. The Vikings scored two in the third and two in the sixth while the Huskies scored two in the first and

one in the seventh.

No stats were made available.

On Friday evening, the Vikings hosted Class 1A no.

8 Newman and lost 11-0.

The Knights scored two in the first, one in the second, four in the third and four in the fourth.

No stats were made available.

The Vikings are 2-8 in the TIC and 2-13 overall.

Viking baseball gets a win over Belmond-Klemme

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings traveled to Belmond on Tuesday, June 24, for a non-conference game against the Broncos and picked up a nice win 14-5.

The Broncos scored four runs in the second inning and one in the fourth while the Vikings played one in the second, four in the third, two in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the seventh.

The Vikings were led by

Evan Lorenzen with two doubles and four RBIs. Bowan Behne had two singles, one RBI and one stolen base and Jace Lindberg had one single. Brady Tufte had a single and one RBI and Brady Christianson had one RBI. Aydan Schutz and Carson Tufte each had one RBI and one stolen base and Aden Bice had two RBIs.

The Vikings scored 14 runs on six hits, earned 11 RBIs, walked 14 times and

struck out 12 ties.

Bice pitched two innings facing 14 batters and allowed four runs on two hits while walking three and striking out two. Schutz pitched four innings facing 20 batters and allowed one run on four hits while walking six and striking out 10. Lorenzen pitched one inning facing three batters and struck out all three.

The Vikings are 1-10 in the Top of Iowa Conference and 4-12 overall.

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2025	\$3,800,000	\$0	\$3,800,000
2026	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
2027	\$4,200,000	\$0	\$4,200,000
2028	\$4,400,000	\$200,000	\$4,600,000
2029	\$4,600,000	\$400,000	\$5,000,000
2030	\$4,800,000	\$600,000	\$5,400,000
2031	\$5,000,000	\$800,000	\$5,800,000
2032	\$5,200,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,200,000
2033	\$5,400,000	\$1,616,000	\$7,016,000

Projected Additional Tax Revenue from 59 Proposed Worthwhile Wind Turbines Assuming Operations Begins in 2026

Projected Annual Tax Revenue from Existing Wind Turbines

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