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Sweet corn season

For many, one of the tasty treats of summer is enjoying some fresh from the field sweet corn. And one of the best signs the season is underway is finding sweet corn for sale at Central Park in Northwood. Pictured above is Dawson Dirksen of Plymouth, selling Johanns sweet corn to Anchor office manager Becky Haberman.

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several years ago, but came to a stop in 2021 when Worth County instituted a moratorium on new wind development until it could expand zoning regulations countywide, which took place in June 2022.

The company brought the County to court, arguing that the Worthwhile Wind project had been substantially developed before the new rules and that it had been targeted by the new regulations and zoning.

The County's response was that the project was not the target of the new regulations.

The court decision was in the favor of the Worthwhile Wind project, allowing them to proceed without having to comply with the zoning or specific wind regulations passed after 2021.

The project would still have to comply with zoning rules in place in three townships at the time, including Hartland, Brookfield and Danville.

The County filed an appeal of the decision in November 2024. The appeal has not been decided.

At the July 14 meeting, a representative said that the company is moving forward with the Worthwhile Wind project, based on the strength of the district court decision, and taking a chance that the results of the appeal won't stop their project again.

The company also received a permit in 2019 to develop a solar project in the area.

According to the company representative, construction on the projects began two weeks ago, starting with the initial boring and underground work on private ground where the company has easements.

The company is moving forward with the Silver Lake and Bristol township portions of the project first, where there would be no zoning rules they would have to follow.

The company also plans to pursue the portion of its project in the Hartland and

Brookfield townships. The representative said that they want to work with the County on those projects, where older zoning rules would apply to the project.

The supervisors were told that the company hopes to begin operations as soon as next year.

The matter before the supervisors was to allow the company permits to bore and install the utility conduits under 465th Street, one for the wind energy and one for solar energy.

County engineer Rich Brumm told the supervisors that he typically doesn't bring in utility permit applications, as they are usually requested by public utilities as they replace or improve existing utilities.

In this case, Brumm said that since it was more of a private entity, the supervisors should consider the applications.

Supervisor AJ Stone said that he didn't think that the supervisors should approve the permits, as the County remains in litigation with Worthwhile Wind while the appeal is still in process. Stone said that he didn't think the County should consider any applications until the case was decided.

Supervisor Mark Smeby said that may be true of the application for a permit for

the wind project. He said that the solar project is not up for dispute in the courts, and could be approved separately.

The representative from Worthwhile Wind said that the empty conduits would be an extension of construction already in the works on private property.

Smeby said the company has been patiently waiting for years, and that the County should work with them, which they haven't done.

Supervisor Enos Loberg said that he agreed with Stone. Loberg said that they had just received word about the permits the Friday before and he had not had a chance to contact the attorney acting for the County in the appeal case.

Smeby said that the supervisors should still consider approving the permit for the solar project..

At their meeting on July 14, motions were made to allow permits for the wind and solar projects. The motions were defeated, with Smeby voting in favor and Stone and Loberg voting against.

Loberg said that the company should apply again at the next supervisors meeting, which was set for this past Monday.



A little squirrely

While stopping for sweet corn and a picture, Anchor staff spotted this squirrel atop a garbage can nearby. The creature may have been trying to find a way to sample the sweet corn itself.

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code, 7%, collected on the bills of those that stay in hotels in the city.

As discussed at the meeting, currently that would include the existing Royal Motel. It would also include registered properties offered as short term stays, such as AirBNBs and similar online services.

When the rooms at the Hotel Winifred are completely and open for business, it would also include them.

There are some requirements for the use of the hotel/motel tax revenue.

City administrator Amber Julseth explained that at least half of the funds must be spent on maintaining or expanding recreational, convention, cultural or entertainment facilities in the town.

City council member Annika Schreiber said that it was a good way to have visitors help contribute towards the parks, utility and emergency services they use while in Northwood. She added that most communities in the State have the tax.

That includes Worth County, with a 7% tax on hotel and motel stays in the unincorporated areas.

The rest of the council agreed that they saw no real drawbacks, and that Northwood voters should decide whether or not to proceed.

The question will be put to voters of whether or not the City of Northwood should be allowed to impose a hotel/motel tax. The tax

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ly by the Commission and includes specific highway and bridge projects anticipated to be constructed over the next five years on the state highway system made up of all Interstate, U.S. and Iowa signed routes. All other roads in the state are under the jurisdiction of individual cities and counties and each local jurisdiction develops their own program of highway, road, street, and bridge construction projects.

Worth County projects in the program total \$15,381,000.

That includes several projects on Interstate 35. There are two in the plans for the coming fiscal year that starts on July 1. That includes a pavement rehab north of Highway 9 to north of 450th Street, at an estimated cost of \$2,456,000 and a pavement rehab from 435th Street to two miles north of Highway 105 for \$5,994,000.

In the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2026, a bridge deck overlay on the 410th Street interchange for \$824,000 and paving on the weigh station north of that interchange for \$1,446,000.

In the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2027, pavement rehab is planned from two miles north of

would take effect on January 1, 2026, if approved by voters.

The council also approved a report on city streets for the Iowa DOT. The report showed funding and spending, with local and state dollars involved, after the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2025.

According to the report, the City spent \$763,945 on city streets, \$496,939 in City funds and \$267,006 in State Road Use funding.

The expenses included a portion of salaries and benefits; vehicle and office operations, repair and maintenance; street maintenance and repair; street lights; supplies; and vehicles.

The City put \$496,939 in property tax revenue towards streets in the last fiscal year, and received \$294,264 in road use revenue from the State.

In other business, the council were asked about the status of the gardens along Highway 65, south of the viaduct.

In past years, local gardener Rose Fredericks had planted and maintained two spaces with appealing floral and horticultural design.

After Fredericks decided to move on from the project. The Council said that the City tried to find someone to take on the project, but that it would be abandoned eventually and become more of an eyesore than an appealing green space.

City superintendent Dirk Van Ryswyk said that the

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Highway 105 to the Minnesota border, for \$549,000 and from the southern railroad bridge to one mile north of Highway 9.

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identifying bike trails and traffic levels on all paved roads. The map also includes more detailed insets for Iowa's 16 largest cities.

In Worth County, the map shows Highway 65 between Northwood and the southern county border having a paved shoulder for bikes. A group is reforming in the county with the goal of adding more bike riding options in the future.

A person riding on a public road has all the rights applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle and is required to know and obey all traffic laws and rules of the road. To assist bicyclists in understanding their rights and responsibilities, a section of the map is dedicated to highlighting rules of the road. Also, bicyclists are urged to always wear helmets, use lights at night, and watch out for road hazards including stormwater grates, gravel, sand and debris.

City removed the gardens after they were neglected over the course of two years.

Van Rysyk said that the city's mini-park at the intersection of highways 105 and 65, also known as Central Avenue and Eighth Street North, may make a better project for a group that would like to take on a gardening project.

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counties and cities, is applying to receive funding to help rebuild 34 bridges in poor condition across the state. These bridge replacement projects would improve safety, increase communities' connection to nearby areas, such as schools, businesses, hospitals, and parks, provide easier access for freight and agricultural-related movement, and allow for economic growth.

We need your assistance by telling us how you use the current structures, and your thoughts on potential wider, safer bridges that can carry heavier loads. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. We appreciate your input!

The survey can be found online at hdr.jotform.com/team/public/2025-CHBP.

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downtown Northwood.

Each student will receive a \$75 gift card.

Only parents may pick up gift cards for their children.

Parents of students that are new to Worth County will need to bring a Worth County driver's license and school registration paperwork to receive a gift card.

No appointment is necessary to receive a gift card.

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The event includes a three stage race involving swimming for 150 meters, riding a bike for 10.4 miles and then running a 5K.

The triathlon begins at the Northwood swimming pool at 9 a.m. followed by a bike ride outside of town and back before the run portion, following a path around Northwood, ending back at the pool for the finish line.

Those taking part can do so as individuals or as part of a 2-3 person relay. There are also options to take part in the aquabike (swim and bike ride) or a duathlon (a one mile run before the bike ride and 5K).

Registration for the event is currently underway.

Those interested may find more information by searching online at <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/IA/Northwood/NorthwoodTriathlonDuathlonAqua> bike.

For those not taking part, drivers are asked to be aware if traveling the route of the event this Saturday, July 26.

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Conservation welcomes visiting YMCA camp
Last week, Worth County Conservation worked with the Mason City YMCA to host activities at Kuennen’s Quarry. The YMCA brought its summer camp to the Worth County park for canoeing, kayaking and swimming. For those that would like to kayak or canoe themselves, WCC offers rentals. Those interested may call 641-324-1524 or email owen.burrack@worthcountyiowa.gov.



Stopping at the rock on the way to Lifest
This group of youth and chaperones from First Lutheran Church in Northwood traveled to Appleton, Wisconsin, to take part in the Lifest event, a Christian music festival. In addition to the music, Lifest included speakers and other activities. The group from FLC also took several side trips and activities, including a visit to Ship Rock, where the group is pictured above.

Fertile Days set for August 8-10

The city of Fertile will host several days of events and activities with Fertile Days, set for Friday through Sunday, August 8-10.

Fertile Days events will begin on Friday with a movie at the library, with popcorn provided.

Saturday’s events will include citywide garage sales, a firemen’s breakfast, the Fertile Days 5K run/walk, the parade, yard games in the park, a car, truck, tractor and toy show on Main Street, firetruck rides, food vendors in the park, a bags tournament, free cotton candy, a foam cannon, face painting, inflatables, a Mr. Potatohead contest, the Fertile’s Got Talent show, a visit from the Reptile Amphibian Discovery Zoo, a community meal catered by the Rib Crib, Fertile Days T-shirt sales, bingo, the Borderline Band and food from Smokin’ Mana’s. The day ends with fireworks at the ball diamonds.

Sunday’s activities include a community church service hosted by Fertile Lutheran Church and a pot-luck at the church after.

See more information in next week’s Northwood Anchor, and on the Fertile Days Facebook page - “Town Celebration- Fertile Days.”

Glenville Days set for August 7-10

Glenville Days will bring a number of events and activities to the city the weekend of August 7-10.

Events will be held from Thursday through Sunday, August 8-11.

Thursday will bring the start of a women’s volleyball tournament and concessions and swimming at Glenville Beach.

Friday there will be food vendors, the crowning of the little King and Queen, a bike giveaway, the start of a medallion hunt, a garden tractor pull and music by the Fool House- the Ultimate 90s Band.

Additional food vendors will be in Glenville on Saturday, August 9.

Saturday’s events will also include a 5K run/walk, parade, the Show N Shine Car and Tractor Show, ring toss, pedal tractor pull and fireworks to end the day.

Park activities on Saturday will include the happy train, inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, spider jumper and pony rides.

Entertainment on Saturday will include Dariel Felten, LP and the 45s, Bjerke Unplugged and Red Dirt Road.

Sunday’s activities will include a community church service at First Lutheran Church, a Dad’s Belgian Waffle breakfast and the beach open for swimming.

See more in next week’s Northwood Anchor. More information, including how to sign up for events, competitions and contests, can be found on the Glenville Days- Glenville Community Boosters Facebook page.

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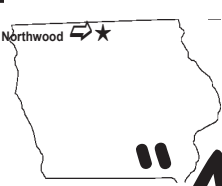
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Iowa State University Fruit and Vegetable Field Day set for Aug. 5

The horticulture team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will hold the 2025 Fruit and Vegetable Field Day on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the ISU Horticulture Research Station.

The annual event will feature various research and demonstration projects on fruit and vegetable production for commercial growers, extension personnel, nonprofit organizations and Iowa Master Gardeners. Commercial production of vegetable fruit crops sold through farmers markets, community supported agriculture farms and wholesale will also be highlighted.

“Growers from around the state will have the opportunity to learn about production practices of fruits and vegetables and understand critical practices for managing pests, soil fertility, crop yield and quality,” said Ajay Nair, professor and chair of the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State. “The day will

also provide a platform for faculty, extension agents, growers, consumers and other participants to interact and share challenges, concerns and opportunities in the area of fruit and vegetable production.”

This event is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and organized in partnership with the Iowa Specialty Crop Growers Association, Practical Farmers of Iowa and the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

The Horticulture Research Station is located at 55519, 170th St., Ames. Following the completion of the field day at 5:30 p.m., a supper will be provided.

Registration for this field day is available at no cost, but organizers ask that individuals register online by July 31 for an accurate food count.

More information is available by contacting Ajay Nair at nairajay@iastate.edu or 515-294-3718.



Getting the ground for the playground

When school starts again at Northwood-Kensett Elementary, a new place to play will be in place. The new equipment is at the school, and the new rubber mulch recently arrived. The new playground equipment and mulch are expected to be ready for the first recess of the new school year.



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Anderson, Kaitlyn	42,228.30
Aswegan, Bruce	15,198.47
Aswegan, Joann	22,119.45
Backhaus, Marli	455.00
Barnes, Jared	64,338.90
Beck, Richard	36,908.23
Berge, Jeanette	2,961.00
Biretz, Matthew	6,037.08
Block, Dan	6,726.75
Bloomington, Mary	6,007.50
Bork, Lauren	2,344.50
Bowman, Kelly	40,087.30
Brunsvold, Jo Ann	585.00
Butler, Elizabeth	87,073.07
Butler, Steven	58,948.00
Cakerice, Scott	130.00
Capitani, Dave	60,767.61
Cheney, Chloe	40,927.30
Christianson, Jennifer	20,850.24
Christianson, Kennedy	275.00
Clark, Allison	62,745.70
Conlin, Diane	15,443.13
Costello, Brian	117,067.00
Cotter, Martin	30,510.00
Craig, Kristin	20,858.98
Crawford, Pam	520.00
Crawford, Ted	390.00
Cronbaugh, Rebecca	55,057.00
Crozier, Michael	210,271.50
Davey, Renee	4,122.00
Davidson, Preston	46,343.30
Davis, Clifton	45.00
Davis, Tyler	10,505.50
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Strouth, Beth	1,015.00
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Trenhaile, Patricia	786.00
Tweeten, Benjamin	45.00
Ubben, Colette	10,232.20
Ubben, Paul	5,360.02
Urbatsch, Jacob	75,966.20
Varner, Derek	10,255.00
Vinge, Barbara	622.50
Vorland, Joan	915.08
Wagner, Carrie	74,216.80
Wangness, Barry	59,177.75
Welch, Ryan	63,343.00
Welch, Sydney	1,156.50
Wheeler, Jayne	19,910.00
Yezek, Jeff	2,904.00

City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on July 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present:

George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.
Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to approve the following under Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2025; Treasurer Report; Mayor Appointments: New Business Development Committee- Dan Hendrickson, Rhonda Taylor; Airport Commission-Dr. Mike Dier-enfeld, Jane Podgorniak, George Goeders; Library Board-Jim Han-son; Liquor License Renewal-Our

Buddies, Memorial Post No. 6779 VFW; Claims as follows:
Payable to: For: Amount
Principal, Insurance..... \$709.67
ICAP
Property Insurance . \$129,658.00
NSB, Monthly ACH Fee ... \$20.00
Professional Solutions
Annual Credit Card Fee .. \$89.99
Iowa Depart of Revenue
WA Excise Tax \$1,143.63
Iowa Depart of Revenue
Sales Tax \$1,822.03
Visa
Conf. Reg., Supplies-pool_rec,pw
..... \$733.57
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance..... \$16,757.46
Wellmark BCBS
Insurance Program F.. \$1,474.77
Wellmark BCBS

Insurance..... \$295.68
Verizon Wireless
Cell Phone, Router-tr,fd. \$107.03
Heartland Asphalt
8th Ave S \$17,980.00
Mike Hanson
Housing Dev. Agreement.....
..... \$150,000.00
Payroll, Wages..... \$22,867.74
Payroll, Pool Wages \$7,584.06
Alliant Energy
Utilities..... \$12,619.84
USPS, Mailing-cc \$375.20
Payroll, Wages..... \$28,525.11
Payroll, Pool Wages \$9,132.18
Alliant Energy
Utilities..... \$19,250.20
Ace Professional Cleaning
Services-cc \$50.00
Albert Lea Seed
Supplies-pw \$265.00

Amber Julseth
Mileage & Expenses-cc .. \$227.60
Badger Meter
Services-pw \$66.71
Car Quest, Supplies-pw ... \$215.30
Carrico, Supplies-pool... \$2,143.73
Chelsey Doty
Lessons Refund-pool \$50.00
Clear Lake Sanitary
Testing-pw \$232.50
Cooley Pumping
Portable toilet-rec..... \$100.00
D & L Equipment
Repairs-pw \$1,032.94
Dale Arhart
Tree Remove..... \$700.00
DSG, Supplies-pw \$1,642.94
Doug Moehle, Mileage \$43.40
Eilertson Repair
Repairs..... \$1,100.95
Falkstone, Supplies-pw. \$2,585.38

Fallgatter's
Supplies-pool.rec \$140.43
Farmers New Ag
Supplies-pw \$127.08
Freeborn Co. Coop
Services..... \$4,279.44
Gateway Hotel
Lodging-cc..... \$295.68
Hawkins
Supplies-pw, pool \$3,388.22
Huber Supply Co.
Supplies-pw \$58.50
IA DNR
Annual Supply Fee..... \$225.26
Iowa League of Cities
Annual Dues..... \$1,681.00
Iowa One Call, Services \$21.70
JJ's Hardware
Supplies-pw, pool, rec ... \$614.03
John Deere Financial
Supplies-pw \$138.71
John Greve
Legal Services \$500.00
Kathryn Strobel
Water Dep. Refund \$50.00
Knutson Oil
Fuel-pw,tr..... \$4,498.50
LL Umps, Services-rec.. \$1,185.00
Lincoln Aquatics
Steps-pool \$1,028.02
Marco, Services-cc..... \$841.95
Mircobac, Testing..... \$887.75
Mid-American Chem.
Suppliers..... \$364.97
N-K Community School
.. Shared Position Park & Rec Dir. \$15,034.50
NIACOG, Repairs-tr \$54.82
Northern Lights Dist.
Concession Supplies-pool.....
..... \$3,300.39
Northwood Anchor
Publications \$225.91
Northwood Anchor
Subscription \$78.00
Northwood Chamber
City Celebration \$5,000.00
Northwood Sanitation
Services..... \$7,696.00
Northwood Senior Center
Monthly Donation \$800.00
Northwood Waterworks
Deposit Refund Transfer
..... \$114.50
Northwood Waterworks
Water Deposit Transfer... \$50.00
ODP Business Solutions
Supplies-cc..... \$83.63
Olson Insurance
Aviation Policy \$1,939.00
PepsiCo.
Supplies-pool \$817.44
Proline Dist.
Supplies-pw \$32.25
Sarah Heiken
Lessons Refund-pool \$100.00

Short Elliot Hendrickson
Treatment Agreement-pw
..... \$280.71
Simmering-Cory
Ordinance Services-cc \$199.00
Simmering-Cory
Ordinance Services-cc \$36.00
State Line Works
City Crew Shirts \$250.00
Trading Post, Supplies-pw. \$84.99
WCTA, Phone/Internet ... \$854.61
Wo. Co. Sheriff's Office
28E Police Services ... \$34,061.08
Worth Lumber Co.
Supplies \$466.10
Library:
Alliant Energy, Utilities .. \$262.47
Visa
Supplies, Materials, Mailing
..... \$827.27
Ace Professional Cleaning
Services..... \$60.00
Baker & Taylor
Materials \$1,222.31
Center Point LP
Materials \$157.7
JJ's Hardware, Supplies..... \$34.7
Marco, Services \$80.98
North Iowa Libraries Coll
Annual Support..... \$1,095.41
Overdrive
Bridges Account \$797.28
Summary of June 2025 receipts
by fund type: General - \$71,446.49;
Special Revenue-\$54,856.12;
Debt Service - \$3,687.64; Capital
Projects-\$1,255.72; Enterprise-
\$115,730.36; Trust & Agency -
\$146.43.

Summary of June 2025 dis-bursements by fund type: Gen-eral - \$277,816.87; Special Revenue-\$211,379.37; Debt Ser-vice-\$201,510.00; Capital Pro-jects-\$0; Enterprise- \$314,356.99; Trust & Agency - \$1,430.00.

Roll was called and the fol-lowing voted aye: George-Zenz, Bode, Peterson, Schreiber, Reeder.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2507-17 Approving Iowa DOT Financial Report for FY 24-25. Unam.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2507-18 Calling An Election on the Proposition of Imposing a Hotel and Motel Tax. Unam.

Motion to approve a \$500 do-nation to the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition for water monitoring & outreach. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.
Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Supervisors

**July 14, 2025
Twenty-eighth Day**
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to ad-journment 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 30, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the utility permit on 465th ST in Silver Lake Township for Worthwhile West Solar. Roll call vote: AYES: Smeby; NAYS: Loberg, Stone. Motion failed.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve the utility permit on 465th ST in Silver Lake Town-ship for Worthwhile Wind. Roll call vote: AYES: Smeby; NAYS: Loberg, Stone. Motion failed.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$35,492.00 per the fol-lowing schedule. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 6 Main, Prof Services..... \$28,596.50
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 21 West Main, Prof Services..... \$3,625.00
Worth Solutions LLC, DD 21 West Main, Repairs..... \$2,040.00
Goodwin Law Office, PCDD 72 Main Open Ditch, Prof Services... \$1,230.50

Grand Total..... \$35,492.00
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve Resolution 2025-27 Resolution to Levy Drainage As-sessments. Roll call vote: AYES: Stone, Loberg, Smeby. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution is available at the auditor's office).

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve claims in the amount of \$1,167,741.15 per the following schedule. Motion carried.

Activated Insights
Service-Phd..... 197.88
Avantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng..... 14,977.79
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.
Service-Sup..... 133.00
Alliant Energy
Service-Gsr..... 5,212.15
Amazon Capital Services
Supplies..... 298.55
At&T Mobility
Service-Shf..... 1,679.14
Austin Office Products
Supplies-Shf..... 44.20
Barco Municipal Products Inc
Supplies-Eng..... 2,377.00
Bcn Telecom, Service-Gsr .. 189.00
Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church
Service-Vaf..... 108.00
Black Hills Energy Inc
Service-Eng..... 110.76
Bmc Aggregates Llc
Rock-Eng..... 153,038.08
Bomgaars Supply, Inc
Supplies-Con..... 779.84
Brian M. Kuchay, Md
Ems Contract 100.00
Brightree Home Health & Hospice Llc, Service-Phd 3,234.96
Bristol Lutheran Cemetery
Service-Vaf..... 60.00
Carquest Auto Parts Inc
Supplies-Eng..... 832.25
Cellebrite Inc
Service-Dap..... 8,800.00
Central Ia Distributing Inc
Supplies-Con 83.00

Centurylink, Service-Eng .. 181.66
City Of Carpenter
Rutf-Eng..... 35.96
City Of Fertile, Rutf-Eng 2,335.73
City Of Grafton
Rutf-Eng..... 1,345.15
City Of Hanlontown
Service-Rutf..... 586.31
City Of Juice, Rutf-Eng... 1,585.03
City Of Kensett, Rutf-Eng. 781.87
City Of Manly, Service-Eng. 59.85
City Of Northwood
Service-Gsr..... 400.53
Corwyn Lee Pulju
Service-Eng..... 540.00
Crazy Clean, Service-Gsr 1,050.00
Culligan Of Mason City
Service-Con..... 125.90
D & L Equipment
Supplies-Con..... 129.95
Diamond Mowers Inc
Parts-Eng..... 938.35
Electric Pump Inc
Service-Wwt..... 12,140.00
Electronic Engineering
Service-Eng..... 336.68
Elk Grove Cemetery
Service-Vaf..... 12.00
Falkstone Llc
Rock-Eng..... 156,831.64
Floyd County Sheriff
Service-Jur..... 135.00
Frank Stearns
Service-Mex..... 225.00
Freeborn County Coop Oil
Fuel-Eng..... 17,819.63
Galls, Llc, Supplies-Shf..... 451.60
Grafton Cemetery Assn
Service-Vaf..... 666.00
Greve Law Office
Rent & Payroll-Aty 7,306.33
Heartland Asphalt Inc
Supplies-Eng..... 3,378.94
Heartland Business Systems, Llc
Service-Dap..... 1,651.25
Heartland Power Coop
Service-Wwt..... 3,338.62
Hogan Bremer Moore Col Chapels
Service-Mex..... 753.00
Hotsy Equipment
Supplies-Eng..... 145.00
Huber Supply Co Inc
Supplies-Eng..... 326.50
I35/105 Welcome Center Inc.
Fy25 June H/M Tax-Ndp.....
..... 1,692.03
Ia County Atty's Assoc
Edu-Aty..... 370.00
Ia Dept Of Natural Resources
Fees-Wat..... 468.56
Ia Law Enforcement Academy
Edu-Shf..... 150.00
Ia Prison Industries
Supplies-Eng..... 999.79
Ia State Assn Of Assessors
Edu-Asr..... 150.00
Iacvs, Dues-Vaf..... 50.00
Icap, Service-Ema..... 6,784.00
Icap, Service-Ins..... 236,036.00
Iccs, Dues-Con..... 1,500.00
Icecoo, Edu-Eng..... 275.00
Icube, Dues-Dap..... 200.00
Idda, Dues-Drng..... 6,375.00
Imwca
Wk Comp Prem-Ins..... 12,108.00
Ip Pathways
Service-Dap..... 36,096.24
Ipac, Fy26 Fee-Aud..... 4,709.72
Isac, Dues-Org..... 6,820.00
Iscta, Dues-Trs..... 250.00
Jacki Backhaus
Reimb-Aud..... 698.04
Jj's Hardware
Supplies-Eng..... 1,772.23
Kaseya Us Llc
Service-Dap..... 1,456.62
Kingland Construction Services
Service-Cap..... 62,767.45
Kiow, Service-Phd..... 690.00

Knudtson Automotive Service
Service-Shf..... 3,439.37
Lake Mills Graphic
Service-Eng..... 108.00
Larsen Plumbing & Heating Inc
Service-Wat..... 4,221.07
Lexisnexis
Service-Aty..... 208.00
Liberty Tire Recycling Llc
Service-Eng..... 4,111.27
Liftoff, Llc
Service-Dap..... 1,112.00
London Deer Creek Cemetery
Service-Vaf..... 204.00
Macqueen
Service-Dap..... 3,510.00
Mail Services Llc
Service-Trs..... 425.18
Manly Junction Signal
Supplies-Con..... 334.50
Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Dap & Asr..... 732.32
Marty Martin
Service-Sup..... 25.00
Medline Industries Inc.
Supplies-Phd..... 206.41
Mike's C & O Tire
Service-Shf..... 711.92
Mitchell Co Regional Health Cen-ter, Service-Shf..... 679.30
Mitchell Co Sheriff
Service-Shf..... 4,810.00
Municipal Supply, Inc
Service-Wat..... 543.85
Myron Corp
Supplies-Vaf..... 347.58
Nassco Inc., Supplies-Gsr.. 143.50
Nelson Family Trust
Rent-Shf..... 300.00
Nexus Cooperative
Supplies-Con..... 155.92
Niacog, Service-Tra..... 1,443.41
North Central District Of Asses-sors, Dues-Asr..... 400.00
North Iowa Broadcasting Inc
Service-Phd..... 2,482.00
Northwood Anchor Inc
Service-Trs..... 2,513.30
Northwood Sanitation Llc
Service-Gsr..... 246.50
Nsb Bank, Service-Dap..... 236.85
Nuss Truck & Equipment Inc
Service-Eng..... 1,038.54
Plunkett's Pest Control Inc
Service-Ema..... 271.72
Ray O'herron Co, Inc
Supplies-Shf..... 23,818.65
Reserve Account
Postage-Aud..... 539.46
Ron's Plumbing, Hvac & Electric
Service-Gsr..... 4,258.32
S&H Environmental Services Llc
Service-Wat & Wwt..... 20,218.34
Sacred Heart Cemetery
Service-Vaf..... 444.00
Schneider Geospatial, Llc
Service-Dap..... 12,456.00
Servpro Of Mason City
Service-Shf..... 676.63
Shane Batton
Service-Gsr..... 590.00
Shi International Corp
Supplies-Dap..... 2,356.31
Silver Lake Cemetery
Service-Vaf..... 516.00
Sion Lutheran Church
Service-Vaf..... 216.00
Stanard & Associates Inc
Service-Sup..... 94.87
State Hygienic Laboratory
Service-San..... 89.00
Stephens-Peck Inc
Service-Trs..... 125.00
Sunset Rest Cemetery
Service-Vaf..... 2,868.00
Sweeney Court Reporting Svcs
Service-Aty..... 388.31
Teresa Olson
Reimb-Rec..... 797.16

The Railroad Yard Inc
Supplies-Eng..... 44,640.00
The Timbers
Election-Aud..... 100.00
T-Mobile, Service-Phd..... 334.22
Trading Post
Supplies-Eng..... 1,708.41
Truck Center Companies
Parts-Eng..... 3,848.24
Tyler Technologies Inc
Service-Dap..... 50,233.53
United States Treasury
Fee-Ins..... 244.64
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc
Service-Cap..... 71,048.00
Vessco, Inc.
Service-Wat..... 383.98
Vestis, Service-Eng..... 103.17
Wageworks, Inc.
Service-Ndp..... 59.25
Wahltek Inc
Service-911..... 55,406.00
Wex Bank
Service-Tra..... 2,150.84
Winnebago Coop Telephone Assn
Service-Gsr..... 3,739.93
Winn-Worth Betco
Fy25 June H/M Tax-Ndp.....
..... 2,538.05
Worth Co Emergency Mgmt
1st Qtr Pymt-Dis/Ema 22,693.25
Worth Co Historical Society
Fy25 June H/M Tax-Ndp.....
..... 1,692.03
Worth County Engineer
Fuel-Shf..... 5,312.17
Worth County Fair
Fy25 June H/M Tax-Ndp.....
..... 2,538.05
Worth County Sheriff
Service-Jur..... 94.60
Worth Lumber Co
Supplies-Eng..... 221.27
Ziegler Inc, Parts-Eng..... 2,950.20
Grand Total..... 1,167,741.15
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the monthly and quar-terly sheriff's reports. Motion car-ried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the salary increases for Zachary Schrupp at \$72,966.40/ year and Teri Dorsey at \$30.61/ hour as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the Class E Retail Alcohol License for Diamond Jo Worth, LLC d/b/a The Jo Stop and the Special Class C Retail Alcohol Li-cense for Art Farm Iowa, Inc. Mo-tion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to set the hearing date for the FY26 Budget Amendment for July 28 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve the use of \$63,438.21 in opioid settlement funds for prevention programs as submit-ted by Shana Butler, Administra-tor, Worth County Public Health. This increases the total commit-ted to Public Health for FY26 to \$64,627.00. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve the installation of cellular monitoring devices on the gen-erators at the courthouse and public health as quoted by Ron's Plumb-ing, HVAC & Electrical. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Loberg to adjourn at 9:15 A.M. Motion car-ried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson



Worth County Treasurer's Semiannual Reconciliation

For 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

	Beginning Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Beginning Balance + Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance	Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance	Difference	Outstanding Bank Items
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	3085097.56	6766514.49	9851612.05	5488054.71	23459.3	4387016.64	4387016.64	0	133419.5
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	589235.34	2263039.81	2852275.15	1549036.52	-7539.29	1295699.34	1295699.34	0	130
0003 - GENERAL BASIC TRUST	14973.16	50000	514973.16	0	0	514973.16	514973.16	0	0
0004 - ARP FUND	953157.79	33889.71	987047.5	853377.09	-43827.84	89842.57	89842.57	0	0
0011 - RURAL SERVICE BASIC	904819.87	2405706.38	3310526.25	2239094.81	-1432.63	1069998.81	1069998.81	0	15132.47
0014 - RURAL SERVICES TRUST	484416.38	131413.64	615830.02	376	0	615454.02	615454.02	0	0
0020 - SECONDARY ROADS	4618522.32	5394499.73	10013022.05	4569177.23	-54435.41	5389409.41	5389409.41	0	47204.9
0021 - HWY 105 TRUST FUND	1348612.41	544856.28	1893468.69	700000	0	1193468.69	1193468.69	0	0
0023 - REAP	49621.75	9570.42	59192.17	0	0	59192.17	59192.17	0	0
0024 - RECORDER'S RECORDS MGT	17504.55	1455	18959.55	0	0	18959.55	18959.55	0	0
0026 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	1119.46	2605	3724.46	2958.08	203.92	970.3	970.3	0	219.66
0027 - CNTY CONSERVATION RESERVE	20187.68	0	20187.68	0	0	20187.68	20187.68	0	0
0029 - CNTY DISPOSAL CLOSURE	6611	0	6611	0	0	6611	6611	0	0
0030 - BOARD/ROOM	76108.68	16366.44	92475.12	0	-1500	90975.12	90975.12	0	0
0031 - PROBATION FEES	13246.11	0	13246.11	0	0	13246.11	13246.11	0	0
0036 - COMMISSARY FUND	16612.98	0	16612.98	0	0	16612.98	16612.98	0	0
0037 - DARE	3940.08	0	3940.08	0	0	3940.08	3940.08	0	0
0038 - WINDFARM TIF	2555849.17	2832183.68	5388032.85	1336350	0	4051682.85	4051682.85	0	0
0039 - FORFEITURE FUND	5846.68	0	5846.68	0	0	5846.68	5846.68	0	0
0040 - CANINE FUND	6894.88	635	7529.88	0	0	7529.88	7529.88	0	0
0042 - NEW HEAVEN GRANT TIF	60355.73	22423.8	82779.53	0	0	82779.53	82779.53	0	0
0043 - RESERVE DEPUTY FUND	5657.34	0	5657.34	0	0	5657.34	5657.34	0	0
0044 - LOCAL GOV'T OPIOID ABATEMENT	83051.1	26944.23	109995.33	46358.43	756	64392.9	64392.9	0	756
0100 - DRAINAGE	242825.07	915810.72	1158635.79	1867282.59	930691.75	222044.95	223940.95	-1896	0
1500 - CAPITAL PROJECTS	2641786.86	133237.77	2775024.63	148924.15	-18160.85	2607939.63	2607939.63	0	0
1502 - CAPITAL PROJECTS - FACILITY IMP	5678.64	1000000	1005678.64	213986.64	0	791692	791692	0	0
4000 - EMERGENCY MGMTNT AGENCY	145490.25	164373.65	309863.9	169675.76	11.14	140199.28	140199.28	0	1438.86
4010 - 911	1046277.49	145406.25	1191683.74	116770.46	743.79	1075657.07	1075657.07	0	777.74
4060 - FLEX BENEFITS	12498.27	14649.16	27147.43	17082.94	0	10064.49	10064.49	0	0
4100 - CNTY ASSESSOR AGENCY	432326.49	395110.09	827436.58	335803.79	-38.58	491594.21	491594.21	0	6575.26
4140 - AG EXTENSION EDUCATION	2016.99	241856.96	243873.95	242676.43	0	1197.52	1197.52	0	0
4160 - PROPERTY TAX AGENCY	11.91	1448.02	1459.93	1452.91	0	7.02	7.02	0	0
4200 - SCHOOL DISTRICTS	74043.01	8920256.31	8994299.32	8953669.5	0	40629.82	40629.82	0	0
4300 - NIACC	8071.58	861751	869822.58	865647.92	0	4174.66	4174.66	0	0
4400 - CORPORATIONS	27276.14	2247004.13	2274280.27	2248548.74	0	25731.53	25731.53	0	0
4450 - CITY SPECIALS	160.81	24629.12	24789.93	19578.89	0	5211.04	5211.04	0	0
4500 - PRIVATE OWNED TAX SALE CERTS	43146.7	183302.41	226449.11	198071.82	-11915.9	16461.39	16461.39	0	0
4700 - TOWNSHIPS	1395.53	165967.6	167363.13	166677.17	0	685.96	685.96	0	0
5010 - MOTOR VEHICLE	140773	2017076.78	2157849.78	2013796.8	713.25	144766.23	144766.23	0	797.25
5020 - USE TAX	96891.47	1239413.44	1336304.91	1249000.65	0	87304.26	87304.26	0	0
5040 - AGPAT FUND	6.65	170.05	176.7	174.8	0	1.9	1.9	0	0
5090 - TAX IN ADVANCE	57155.39	-15201.68	41953.71	0	0	41953.71	41953.71	0	0
5300 - RECORDER'S ELEC FEE	114	1455	1569	1447	0	122	122	0	0
7000 - SHORT & OVER	214.18	-3940.21	-3726.03	0	0	-3726.03	-3726.03	0	0
8000 - WASTE WATER	261028.29	182635.1	443663.39	221636.93	-11450	210576.46	210576.46	0	800
8001 - WATER	311626.06	149596.12	461222.18	128916.78	-7632	324673.4	324673.4	0	0
8500 - HEALTH INSURANCE	418785.88	1002227.73	1421013.61	934406.98	68686	555292.63	555292.63	0	68686
9999 - TREASURERS FUND	5922	0	5922	0	2401.5	8323.5	8323.5	0	8323.5
Report Totals:	2089664.68	40940339.13	61837303.81	36900012.52	869734.15	25807025.44	25808921.44	-1896	284261.19

I hereby certify the above report to be a true and Accurate account of transactions during the

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sheep for meat and wool products, under the name Sane 3 Goats Ago. The McClures then talked about their Red Boar Ridge venture, which offers the acreage where Buck and Bev lived as a weekend and vacation rental for visitors to the area. As Naig joined them for a tour of the home, Paige and Kevin talked about some of the work they had done to make the home ready for guests, along with some of the memories of Paige's time in the home visiting her grandparents. Besides the home, the property also offers a taste of time spent on a quiet farmstead, along with chickens, boarded cattle and other farm animals, depending on the time of the year.

The McClures also offer wagon rides and other farm experiences. Nearby property is also made available to rent for hunting in the season. Besides the rental opportunities and a stay on a farm, the property also includes an outbuilding, where Paige operates RBR Massage & Bodywork, offering a variety of massage and similar services to support better health and movement. Naig said he was impressed with the McClures' efforts and their unique combination of promoting and supporting agriculture and tourism in their community.



Northwood Church

Fertile Lutheran Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.
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Compassion Fatigue

Compassion fatigue is a term that is often applied to people who work in the helping professions, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, and social workers, and refers to the gradual decrease of compassion which these people sometimes feel in response to others' suffering. It may be that after seeing so much suffering we become desensitized to it. Indeed, there is some evidence that everyone may be prone to compassion fatigue through the media's portrayal of suffering people. Hearing everyday about Syrian refugees or the homeless in America may make us less likely to respond compassionately than if we were hearing about these unfortunate souls less often. People who are experiencing high levels of stress and who have inadequate support networks are more likely to experience compassion fatigue, perhaps because they feel that no one is helping them with their problems and they feel like they have nothing left in their "bucket" to share. Since compassion is one of the essential callings of the faithful, we should do our best to prevent compassion fatigue by managing our own levels of stress and by ensuring that we have a good support network in place. And, we should remember that God is always there to back us up. - Christopher Simon



*I cannot carry all these people by myself;
the burden is too heavy for me.
-1 Corinthians 12:13*

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Cook Bookin'

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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

“Watt’s Cookin’” is the clever name of a great community cookbook compiled by the owner and staff of Good Steward Consulting in Albert Lea, Minnesota. They provide consulting services for energy companies thus the play on words when naming the book. I was given a copy by Mariah Lynne, president and CEO of the company; it’s a treasure trove of real recipes from actual cooks! As readers of this column know, that’s my very favorite style of cookbook. I’ve adapted the recipes for clarity as needed.

Crockpot Chicken Chili (Mariah Lynne, courtesy of Lioba Forman)

SANDY’S NOTE: This is the best white chicken chili I have EVER tasted; there is a secret ingredient in the recipe!

2 frozen boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 can whole kernel corn, undrained
1 can black beans, drain and rinse
1 can Rotel® diced tomatoes with peppers
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 package dry Hidden Valley® ranch dressing
8 oz. cream cheese (hint: this is the secret!)

2 cups chicken broth.

Combine all ingredients in a crockpot on low. When cooked (about 6 hours or until the chicken will shred) use a fork to shred the chicken. If the chili is too thick you can add more chicken broth. Best served with Fritos® corn chips.

Uncle Bud’s Sauerkraut and Meatballs (Mark Raney, passed down from Uncle Bud)

1 pound lean ground beef
1 pound ground pork
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 large egg, beaten well
1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs
24 oz. sauerkraut, can or jar
1 can (14oz.) diced tomatoes with their juice

2 teaspoons sugar

Mix the two meats with salt, pepper, egg and breadcrumbs. Shape into small meatballs. Brown on all sides in a little vegetable oil in a deep, heavy skillet. Spread the sauerkraut and its juice over the meatballs and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain the juice from the tomatoes and pour it over the sauerkraut and meatballs. Set the drained tomatoes aside. Continue simmering for 15 minutes. Add the tomatoes and sugar; continue heating for 15 minutes longer. SANDY’S NOTE: The recipe does not indicate whether the skillet is covered during the simmering but since it totals 45 minutes, I would cover to avoid the food drying out.

Mom’s Goulash (Sue Van Vooren)

1 pound ground beef, 85% lean
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes with their juice
1 small onion, diced
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 cup uncooked elbow or rotini pasta
1 cup water
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown the beef and onion in a large frying pan until the meat is no longer pink. Stir in the tomatoes, undrained, water, garlic and pasta. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and cook until the pasta is done, about 20 minutes. Stir often to avoid sticking to the bottom of the pan. If the pasta is not done but the water has boiled off, add another ½ cup of water and continue cooking. When the pasta is tender, remove from the heat and stir in the cheese until melted. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serves 3-4.

Cookbooks filled with tried and true recipes are like peeking into someone’s home kitchen. Sharing food is mentioned in the dedication of this cookbook, the memories it evokes and the warmth it extends. Yes, the slick professional television chefs are interesting and accomplished but home cooks are near and dear to my heart. And...that’s all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



Making magic

The Northwood Public Library recently welcomed magician Mikayla Oz as a part of the Summer Reading Program. Oz entertained the audience with a variety of magic tricks, funny characters and entertaining illusions. She also welcomed a few young people to help her during the show, much to their amusement.

2025 Livestock Enterprise estimates available

Iowa livestock producers can estimate their production costs for 2025 by using information published in the June edition of Ag Decision Maker.

The article, “Livestock Enterprise Budgets for Iowa,” provides average production cost estimates for common swine, beef and sheep enterprises in the state. Decision tool spreadsheets are also included that allow producers to enter their own numbers and estimate livestock enterprise budgets for their own operation.

Each budget contains estimates for both fixed and variable costs. The article notes that fixed costs occur regardless of the level of production each year. These

costs include factors such as depreciation, interest and taxes on facilities and breeding livestock. Variable costs, like feed, depend on the scale of the production.

Production costs are always important for producers to understand, said Tim Christensen, farm management specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and co-author of the article.

“Having a strong handle on production costs is a core business management aspect for livestock producers. Knowing the key components of their production costs can help producers immediately see the impacts changing feed costs or profits will have on their overall operation.”

Christensen noted that long-term average prices were used in the development of the livestock budgets. However, since each operation is unique, producers are encouraged to use the Livestock Enterprise Budgets for Iowa resource as a template and to build budgets for individual costs and projections using the decision tool spreadsheets.

While feed costs saw a decline from 2024, notably, purchase prices for all livestock increased, making changes variable across the various enterprises.

For more information, contact Tim Christensen at tsc@iastate.edu.

Agrivoltaics in action: Open houses at the Alliant Energy Solar Farm at Iowa State University

Iowa State University is holding a series of open house events at the Alliant Energy Solar Farm near Ames. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the farm and learn about agrivoltaics — the integration of solar energy and agriculture.

These events offer a unique look at Iowa State’s innovative agricultural research. Matthew O’Neal, professor of entomology and a H.A. Wallace Chair for sustainable agriculture at Iowa State, emphasized the potential of agrivoltaics to produce multiple uses at the same farm.

“Agrivoltaics is the practice of farming under and around solar panels. That land can be suitable for many

shade-tolerant or shade-loving crops,” O’Neal said. “Solar farms can be planted with forage, making them suitable for livestock grazing, primarily sheep. And, if the mix of plants is picked thoughtfully, solar farms can improve the landscape for pollinators.”

Each session will share insight on the farm’s construction and explore research conducted by a multi-disciplinary team at ISU aimed at determining the best agricultural practices for solar farms. Visitors will learn about fruit and vegetable cultivation and honey beekeeping.

These events are open to anyone, from curious community members to experienced producers and landowners

considering solar leasing opportunities.

Open houses will take place on:

- Friday, July 25, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This opportunity is available at no cost to participants but pre-registration is required online to attend. The Alliant Energy Solar Farm is located at 52166 260th St., Ames.

More information is available by visiting Agrivoltaics at Iowa State University or contacting solar_farm@iastate.edu.

Top of Iowa Worth County Bike Trail meeting set for July 29

All North Iowa and southern Minnesota bike enthusiasts are invited to a bike trail meeting at the Worth County Extension Office on Tuesday, July 29, with free pizza at 6 p.m.

and the meeting to take place at 6:30 p.m.

The group will be discussing potential bike trail routes throughout the county and region.

All those wanting more

information about the meeting are asked to call Tom Reid or Dennis Johnson at the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531.

Iowa State University Extension Worth County Office 641-324-1531 Calendar of Events for July/August 2025

July 24—Worth County Extension Council Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Emma Wagner Worth County Extension Office Coordinator, Teresa Butler, Worth County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist, Curt Schaub, Worth County Extension Council President and Amy Hunzelman Region 4 ISU Extension Education Director

July 29—Top of Iowa Worth County” Bike Trail Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 6 P.M. with Tom Reid and Dennis Johnson Bike Trail Meeting organizers

July 30—Worth County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Practice Session at Worth County Extension Office Community Room, 6 P.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist and Emma Wagner, Worth County Extension Office Manager

August 1—4-H Livestock Judging Contest at Freeborn County Fair, Albert Lea, Minnesota, 10 A.M. with Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

August 4—Worth County Farm Bureau Summer Appreciation Picnic at Worth County Fairgrounds Shelter House, Northwood, 5:30 to 7 P.M. with Worth County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and Teresa Stehn, Worth County Farm Bureau Office Manager

August 6—Worth County Extension “Rising Star Interns” Presentation Day at Iowa State University Campus, Ames, Iowa, 9 A.M. to Noon with Taylor Nelson, ISU Extension “Rising Star Intern,” Natalie Kuhlman, ISU Extension “Rising Star Intern,” Amy Hunzelman, Region 4 Extension Director and Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist

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Opinion

Savvy Senior

How to find affordable senior housing near you

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any resources that you know of that can help seniors locate affordable housings? My sister, who's 65 years old, needs to find a different place to live but has very little money. What can you tell me?

Searching Sister

Dear Searching,

Finding affordable senior housing options can be challenging depending on where your sister lives. Senior apartments for some retirees are a good option, and you'll be happy to know that there are several government programs that can help financially. Here are some tips that can help your sister locate an apartment that fits her budget and living preferences.

Start with HUD

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers a variety of resources that can help lower-income people, like your sister, locate and pay for housing. Here are three different programs to look into.

- Privately owned subsidized apartments: HUD helps many apartment owners across the country offer reduced rents to low-income tenants. To search for subsidized apartments in your area, visit [Resources.hud.gov](https://www.resources.hud.gov).

- Housing choice voucher program: This program allows low-income families, elderly, and disabled people afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. The housing subsidy would be paid to the landlord each month. Your sister would then pay the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program. To learn more or apply, contact your local public housing agency (see [HUD.gov/contactus/public-housing-contacts](https://www.hud.gov/contactus/public-housing-contacts) for contact information), or call 800-955-2232.

- Public housing: This low-income housing option comes in all sizes and types, from scattered single-family houses to high rise apartments for elderly families. Your local public housing agency is again the resource for locating public housing in your area.

If you need more help or housing advice, contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency near you. See [HUD4my.site.com/housingcounseling](https://www.hud4my.site.com/housingcounseling) or call 800-569-4287 for contact information.

How to Choose

If you or your sister find several apartment choices that fall within her budget, she should consider what's important to her. She may want housing that's close to family, religious organizations, senior centers, or places she visits regularly, like grocery stores, parks or gyms.

Or, if she has a disabling condition, it may be especially critical for her to find a living space that has easy access to important services like senior transportation and health care centers.

In your housing search, you may also come across some red flags that indicate a retirement community wouldn't be a good fit for your sister. Keep an eye out for extra fees that may be applied to everyday items or perks you normally wouldn't think about like laundry service, parking or pets.

You should also make sure the apartment is in good condition and then scout out the neighborhood. Ask yourself if the community is clean and well maintained and if there is any debris or messy landscaping. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, follow up with questions before your sister signs a rental contract.

Other Programs

In addition to affordable housing, there are a number of other financial assistance programs that may help your sister pay for things like food, medications, health care, utilities and more. To locate these programs, check her eligibility and apply, visit [BenefitsCheckUp.org](https://www.BenefitsCheckUp.org).

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafer's Club Meeting

My wife says that I can be an idiot sometimes. That's good to know. Why is that good to know? Rather than as an accusation, I take it as a permission to be myself.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me from the land of the tall yellow corn. I have a fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it. There was a dead chicken on the road not far from our humble abode. I hope it hadn't been trying to show the opossum that it was possible to cross the road.

I've learned

I hope gravy has a lot of vitamins. Psychologists believe that walking through doorways resets memory to make room for a new episode to emerge. This is the doorway effect. It involves a liminal space, a place of transition, a threshold between two points, signaling the end of one space and the beginning of another.

The man said he was a good ventriloquist, and he wasn't the only one saying it.

The Anchorage, Alaska, Zoo has wolverines and polar bears. It isn't a petting zoo. A polar bear can eat 100 pounds of seal blubber in a single sitting and would destroy Joey Chestnut in a hot dog eating contest.

Gov. Wally Hickel of Alaska, also Secretary of the Interior under President Nixon, wanted to be buried upright and was buried vertically and facing toward Washington, D.C., so he

could keep an eye on it, at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

Seeing a Bigfoot is no small feat. When I step onto a scale, I remind myself that wisdom is heavy.

The Magic 8 Ball was an early version of AI.

You can't be a geezer if you don't know how to geeze.

The world's shoe-tying championship ended in a tie.

Bad jokes department

You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.

The mechanic asked when I'd last rotated my tires. I told him, "On the way here."

As I get older and remember all the people I've lost along the way, I think maybe a career as a tour guide hadn't been a wise choice for me.

To whoever stole my diary. My thoughts are with you.

I cried when I got a speeding ticket. It was a moving violation.

What did the hair stylist say after counting to 10? "Ready or not, here I comb!"

Why was the bicycle so sleepy? It was two-tired.

Nature notes

A squirrel was giving a rousing stump speech as I stumbled through the treacherous phalanxes of mosquitoes. The air was flavored with the odor of skunk. Depending upon the environment, conditions and the sniffer's nose, one can detect the smell of skunk from 1.5 miles to 20 miles. As Pepe Le Pew said, "If you have not tried it, do not knock it."

Crows flapped shadows in the welkin. They made flight announcements. Henry David Thoreau wrote, "What a

delicious sound! It is not merely crow calling to crow, for it speaks to me too." I love seeing crows walking in a bandy-legged gait.

He wanted to follow me on my walk to the mailbox. He was a fawn. I called the little buck "Fawnzie." It was a happy day.

I sat on a deck with friends and watched birds, each a stunning beauty, visit the busy feeders. It's impossible to be unhappy around friends with bird feeders.

At home, a talkative eastern screech owl, all beak and eyes, perched on our deck rail at midnight. It wasn't the first night it's done that. I see it flying out of a shed, but I never see it flying in.

Juvenile cardinals resemble adult females but have gray-to-black bills. A chickadee feeds on a sunflower seed feeder each morning. No matter how many chickadees there are in this world, it needs one more.

It's the time for tiny toads in our yards and gardens as they hop from water into a terrestrial life.

Julie Knutson of Hartland said one of her sons had 4 pounds of honeybees on the outside of his mailbox. Bees swarm as a natural way for colonies to reproduce by splitting in two. The old queen and a portion of the worker bees leave the original hive to establish a new colony elsewhere. Overcrowding combined with the availability of resources like nectar and pollen can trigger swarming.

Meeting adjourned

"Every student needs someone who says, simply, 'You mean something. You count.'"—Tony Kushner. Be kind.

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Fit to print...

By Mary Swander Iowa Writers Collaborative

Iowa Writers 'Collaborative. Linking Iowa readers and writers.Buggyland will never be Buggyland again. The New Order Amish bishop has lifted the ban on bicycles and a wave of motion has washed over us all.

For a hundred years, both the Old Order Amish, the more conservative sect, and the New Order Amish, the more liberal, shunned cars and trucks, sticking solely to their horses and buggies. The Amish drove two-seater and four-seater buggies, one horse or two. They also drove carts with plexiglass enclosures during the bitterly cold winter months. Often, they rode bareback down the road.

Many of the Amish horses were retired harness racing Standardbreds with sleek musculature. They rounded curves with speed and finesse. The horses came to Buggyland with names like Electrify, Speed Demon, and Devil in the Details, soon to take on more Amish horse names like Toby, Stormy, or Harley, adapting to the slower pace of life around here.

The Buggyland Amish also have small tractors and riding lawnmowers. They are not against technology. They are just against technology that will strain family bonds. So, they take the rubber off the wheels of these vehicles and drive on the rims. That way their teenage sons can't skip chores and drive their tractors to town to hang out with their friends.

And as nostalgic as we might find buggies, you do have to feed and care for the horses, take the time to hitch up your rig, and often take your life in your hands at night when you hope that cars will see your lights and your slow-moving vehicle sign. Lights? Lights, you ask? How do lights work without an electrical system? The Amish often place a solar panel on the roof of the buggy, running a wire to a battery, providing power to red flashing lights.

"In Indiana, they can just hop on their bikes and zip down the road," my Amish neighbors have complained over and over again through the years. "And all the roads are black-topped there. Here, we have to just ride in our buggies and choke down the dust on the gravel roads."

In the Amish world, Indiana is the equivalent of California. Shipshewanna might as well be Berkeley, a progressive place where the rules are looser and the living is easier. On a drive through Elkhart County, Indiana, you might see Amish with gas grills and boats parked in the yard. Men might work in a facto-

ry instead of on a farm and wear running shoes instead of work boots. And, of course, they all ride bikes.

So, the New Order moved themselves a little closer to Indiana by allowing bicycles. And the Old Order was left to try to enforce the old rules. A couple of years ago, I watched those New Order bicycles begin to roll down the road, baskets and carriers hitched to the back, holding everything from groceries to babies. The Old Order bounced along in their buggies. About six months later, the bikes picked up speed. Wow, look at them pedaling now! They're moving. Then I realized they weren't pedaling. They were now riding e-bikes!

Soon, a local Amish man opened a shop, that sold e-bikes and accessories. Our city council adapted our light posts with plugs. The Amish rode their bikes downtown to recharge. Others bought self-charging bikes. I thought the whole endeavor looked like fun, so right about that same time, I bought a nice new recliner chair to crash in after I'd ridden my nice new e-bike. Only one complaint: coasting along the back roads, I wished for a little less dust.

It was a particularly dusty day when Leah Kauffman stopped by and asked if I could quickly run her to her in-laws' house and back.

"I'm happy to do that," I said, "as long as it's a quick trip. I am really behind in my garden."

Leah looked out on my weedy garden plot, her forehead wrinkling. Weeds were sprouting everywhere — in the walkways between the rows, around the garden fence, in the buckets I use to grow my potatoes.

We struck a bargain. I would drive Leah. On the way home, we would pick up her children and they would all help me in the garden.

Deal. Four children under the age of 11 tumbled out of my car and I equipped them with hoes, rakes and shovels from my garden shed/greenhouse.

Slam, bam. The children pulled the pigweed from the flower bed and hauled it to the compost pile. They dug out pesky burdock root. They yanked the quack grass out of the hosta bed, then mulched with wood chips transported by the garden cart. I wouldn't have made that much progress in such a short amount of time if I'd hired a dozen English adults.

Assigned tasks completed, the smallest child stopped and looked at me. "Was Kann ich tun? (What can I do?)"

"You can help me plant that clematis that I bought," I said, climbing up on a step stool in the greenhouse to give the other plants there an extra shot of

Electric bicycles join horse-drawn buggies in Iowa Amish communities

water, a few drops dribbling down on his head.

"Getauft (Baptized)!" he said.

His older brothers were climbing all over my e-bike, feet on pedals, hands on the gears of the forbidden item.

Uh, oh, I thought. Their mother isn't going to like this.

"Okay, boys," Leah called them off the bike, and the boys jumped off immediately, their faces falling in disappointment.

We drifted into the house for a drink of water, Leah remaining outside to weed the herb bed.

"Whoa," Annie, the oldest girl said. She'd discovered my new recliner and hopped in, instantly finding the control wand. "What does this do?"

I glanced out the window. Whew. Leah was well out of hearing range. This chair was electric and I didn't see much difference between it and the e-bike. I could be corrupting these kids. But they wouldn't be driving to town in it. And they were having so much fun...

"Okay, go ahead and press the top button," I said.

The chair tilted back, Annie's eyes opening wide.

"Now press the next button." Ever so slowly, the footrest rose up.

The three boys were mesmerized. They jumped into the recliner and all four children held onto each other, giggling and throwing back their heads, their eyes growing round.

"Take it up," I told Annie.

She'd quickly understood the controls. The whole chair rose up into the air, then down again. Then the back arched forward and back, forward and back, the footrest tilting the whole recliner into the air as if it were flying in space, the giggling rising into the stratosphere.

"Mom!" one of the boys called.

Oh, no, I thought.

"Mom," another boy called. "Come here."

Now, what was I going to do?

Leah was in the house. She wasn't smiling.

I might be in trouble.

"Mom, try the chair," Annie said, all the children scampering out.

Slowly, Leah sat down in the chair. Then Annie pressed the controls, and Leah's head tilted back. Another press and Leah's legs rose. A faint smile graced her lips. Leah relaxed into the cushions, the tension draining from her muscles, her body limp and loose. Her eyes closed. Her mouth dropped open, exhaling one long breath. "Ahhhhhhhhhh."

Northwood Anchor

Early Files

100 years ago

July 23, 1925

Northwood markets: Hogs (top), \$12.90; New Corn (80 lbs. best) 92 cents; Creamery butter, 47 cents; Dairy butter, 37 cents; Eggs, 29 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Ebert drove to Freeborn Lake, Minn., where they met Mr. Ebert's brother, Henry and his father Fred Ebert of Alden, Minnesota, and Albert of Walseth, N.D. with their families. They enjoyed a picnic dinner and supper there, returning home in the evening.

The city council of Clear Lake recently published a

decree prohibiting street dancing. The notice came one evening last week when a large crowd had gathered to enjoy the sport, and great indignation was manifested by the business men of the city at the end ordinance as by the disappointed young folks.

Editorial comment- Too frequently the hustling American folks will cut down a noble tree merely because it blocks the sidewalk a little, or for some other trifling reason. But by cherishing their trees, planting those fitted to the soil and climate and preserving them against the inroads of posts, the inhabitants of any community can give it a rare beauty.

Mack's Melody Six Or-

chestra, with J.L. McQuatters as manger, will play for a dance at the Dwelle hall next Saturday evening, the affair being planned in connection with the Booster sale in Northwood that day.

The Northwood Municipal band has decided to enter the competition at Bayside Park, Clear Lake, in the near future, when a band tournament will be held. None but amateur bands may enter and according to present indications the local musicians will have some stiff competition. Director Dillon says he can win if the local talent will be faithful at rehearsals and his opinion is back by others who are judges of band music.



4-H judging at the North Iowa Fair

These Worth County 4-H'ers traveled to the North Iowa Fair last week to take part in the livestock judging contest. According to Worth County 4-H, "Education Specialist Dennis Johnson is always educating and inspiring our youth to learn and excel in agriculture areas."

75 years ago

July 27, 1950

Higher expenditures for the coming fiscal year are slated in nearly all Worth County taxing districts. This fact is revealed in budget estimated being filed now at the office of the county auditor.

Worth County has escaped without any polio cases thus far this season, it appeared today. About two weeks ago Joe Donovan of Kensett became ill and was taken to Mercy hospital, Mason City, for treatment. Although polio was suspected, it was found that he was suffering from meningitis.

Glenn Nelson will be featured soloist at the band concert this Thursday at 8 p.m. at Central Park, Gordon McLean, director, said today.

A.G. Morgan, publisher of the Glenville Progress for more than 30 years, died Sunday at the home of a daughter in Minneapolis. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Free Methodist Church at Glenville, the Rev. Franklin Shaw of Minneapolis officiating, and burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

A crowd of approximately 300 persons heard the address by Albert J. Loveland, Democratic candidate for U.S. senator, at the Farmers Union picnic at Crescent park Sunday afternoon.

Floyd Field of the Brook-

field Boosters 4-H club won the countywide 4-H judging contest last Thursday. Floyd scored a total of 915 points out of a possible 1,200. In second place was Clair Hagen of the Silver Streaks 4-H club. Clair is a consistent judge who placed high on contests the past three years. His score was 900.

Captain Homer Hanson, son of Mrs. Blanche Hanson of St. Ansgar, took part in recent air raid missions over Korea. Capt. Hanson was in an F-80 jet fighter while heading a raid on an airstrip held by the reds near Pyongyang in North Korea, and blew up a communist fighter plane. The soldier's mother is at present in Japan where her son and family are stationed.



50 years ago

July 24, 1975

Rain is once again a matter of concern to Worth County farmers, but now its too little instead of too much. Only 1.11 inches have been measured at Northwood since July 5, and amounts vary in the county.

Lewis O. Reyerson, 62, Northwood area farmer, died early Saturday, July 19, at a Mason City hospital where he had been a patient about one week. Funeral services were Tuesday at Silver Lake Lutheran Church with the

Reb. Otto Schmitt officiating and burial in the adjoining church cemetery.

The Ernest H. Enderson family, rural Manly, has been named District II FmHA Farm Family of the Year by the Mason City office. They will represent 15 north central Iowa counties at the state contest later this year.

Working the months of July and August at the Northwood Anchor is JoAnn Harmon, daughter of the Sidney Harmons, Northwood. She is working on a journalism summer practicum out of Iowa State University. JoAnn is a senior majoring in Home Economics Journalism and plans to graduate in February.

Barbara and Mary Gordon, daughters of the Vernon Gordons, rural Northwood, have been named to the spring semester Dean's List at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, it was announced this week by the UNI Office of Academic Affairs.

The Viking girls ended their season July 21 with a 6-3 loss to Rockwell Swaledale in sectional tournament play. LuAnn Knudtson pitched and struck out four while walking two. They won their first tournament game Saturday, defeating Klemme 16-6 with Knudtson on the mound. Julie Hagen had a triple in the first and sixth innings.

25 years ago

July 26, 2000

Worth County Relay for Life honorary co-chairpersons Julie Fiedler and Araylla Jensen will help event chairman Wayne Willand lead the survivors' walk that will open the fourth annual event here at 11 a.m. next Saturday, Aug. 5. The pink pigs at the bottom of the photo will also be on hand if they're not all tucked out from flying from lawn to lawn to raise money for the event at \$5 a throw.

Private contributions to help pay for the Northwood Volunteer Fire Company's new rescue vehicle exceeded expectations, according to Rescue 2000 committee

chairman Bud Kragenbrink. "Northwood residents, businesses, natives and friends contributed a grand total fo \$126,184 for the fire company's new rescue vehicle by our July 4 deadline," Kragenbrink told the fundraising committee at its wrap-up meeting recently.

Lutheran Retirement Home activities director Kathy Hanson and administrator Ron Feuerhak accepted a new copy of "Old Glory" from Northwood "Our Buddies" Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6779 Auxiliary members Rosemary Ellingson, Deb Christiansen, Eunice Bendickson, Doris Hudson, Anita Glaser and Lois Berge recently.

The Worth County Historical Society will host an open house at the Gladys

Pixley memorial log cabin here on Sunday, August 6.

A Northwood team won the fourth annual CarQuest three-person best shot golf tournament here on Saturday, July 15. Al Venz teamed up with brothers John and David Midtgaard to capture the CarQuest title with a nine-hole total of 54 at the Northwood Country Club.

A West Portsmouth resident was among 50 Morehead, KY State University students initiated into Phi Kappa Phi honor society at a spring banquet. The initiates included Jeremy Craft, son of Mary and Terry Williamson of Northwood. He is a junior with an area of concentration in mathematics and computing and a member of the Math Club.

Winter/May Term Dean's List. Those honored include Zachary Marpe of Northwood and Amy Prestholt of Manly.

Alissa Bachtle, daughter of Jodi and Jason Bachtle of Northwood, was named to the spring Dean's List at Upper Iowa University.

The City of Northwood offers a mosquito-spraying service, which, as one city crew member explains, is designed to help control the mosquito population, but can't provide a perfect solution. As city crew member Dirk VanRyswyk explained, "We can't kill them all, but we are doing what we can to help." They spray for mosquitoes every two or three days, when the mosquitoes get to be really annoying.

ladies, "With them I know there are things I don't have to worry about. I can't say enough about the job they have done the past four years."

Eighth grader Logan Benjegerdes has a long and bright future ahead of him on the baseball diamond. Benjegerdes led the team in nearly every offensive category, including batting average (.279), on base percentage (.446) and slugging percentage (.326).

The Northwood-Kensett Class of 1965 celebrated it's 50th class reunion on Friday, July 3, 2025, at the Northwood Country Club.

Wartburg College has recognized 454 students who were named to the 2015

10 years ago

July 22, 2015

Locals swim in the Northwood pool to get away from the heat and humidity. Last week the weather was in the high 80s to low 90s with a high percentage of humidity. This week the weather will be a little bit cooler but still hitting the 80 degree mark almost every day with the humidity over 55%.

Who are the only two girls that have lettered in baseball for N-K? Kaitlyn Varner and Shelby Hagen, team managers for the past four years. Head coach Mike Reindl says of the two dedicated young

Iowa Livestock producers concerned about diseases, uncertain about level of threat and capacity to manage

Livestock diseases have received substantial attention and global media coverage in recent years. Highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI, dominated the news as it led to loss of millions of poultry, increased egg prices and viral spillovers to other livestock such as dairy cattle, and has been found to infect humans. However, there are many other diseases that impact Iowa's livestock sector, the top U.S. producer of red meat and eggs, including porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome, or PRRS, and bovine respiratory syncytial virus, or bovine RSV, that cause billions of dollars in annual losses to farmers and increased consumer prices.

"Farmers are on the front lines of managing livestock disease threats, and their capacity to identify and treat diseases before they become major outbreaks is critical," said Hanna Bates, a research administrator at Iowa State University's Nanovaccine Institute and lead author of the study. "This research from the Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll is helping us to better understand farmers' degree of concern about different diseases and their capacity to manage them."

Available at the ISU Extension store, the Livestock Producer Perspectives on Livestock Disease report draws on data from the 2024 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll survey, which surveyed 432

livestock producers in February and March of 2024. The survey included two sets of questions aimed at understanding livestock producers' perspectives and attitudes relating to livestock disease management. The first part of the survey provided a list of eight major diseases and asked farmers to rate their levels of concern about each. A second set of questions examined attitudes regarding multiple dimensions of disease management.

The research found high levels of concern about many of the diseases, with bovine respiratory disease, hoof-and-mouth disease, and bovine RSV among the top concerns, with 77%, 74%, and 73% of respondents expressing worry, respectively, and more than half of producers indicated concern about the eight major diseases listed.

Because livestock diseases have differential impacts depending on species, the report also examines livestock producers' concerns by type of livestock raised to measure concern among producers whose animals were most likely to be impacted. For example, nearly all swine producers were concerned about PRRS and swine influenza, and 81% of poultry producers were at least somewhat concerned with avian influenza.

While results again showed significant levels of concern, many farmers were not concerned. For

example, 22% of cow-calf producers and 16% of fed cattle producers selected either "not concerned" or "don't know" for bovine RSV, a major cattle disease prevalent in Iowa. Similarly, one-third of cow-calf producers and 29% of fed cattle producers selected either "not concerned" or "don't know" for Johnes disease.

The survey also posed questions about monitoring and management challenges. About 58% agreed that current monitoring and management strategies are effective at limiting disease outbreaks, and 53% agreed that they have sufficient access to monitoring and mitigation resources. That said, 33% and 39% selected the uncertain category for those two items, respectively, and 9% disagreed with both. This suggests that close to half of livestock producers lack confidence and capacity to effectively manage disease.

"On the whole, the results show that many producers feel that the systems in place are working and they have the resources they need to manage disease and limit the spread of outbreaks," said J. Arbuckle, extension sociologist and report co-author. "However, the lack of concern about some major diseases and level of uncertainty about management capacity point to a need for ongoing education and support to help farmers effectively manage livestock disease."



**Viking senior Evan Lorenzen
Top of Iowa All-Conference First Team**



**Viking freshman Aydan Schutz
Top of Iowa All-Conference Second Team**



Viking junior Bowan Behne
Top of Iowa All-Conference Honorable Mention

Vikings led by senior Evan Lorenzen

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings baseball team was led this season by senior Evan Lorenzen who was named Top of Iowa All-Conference First Team. Lorenzen played in 20 games and was at the plate 57 times where he scored 16 runs, had 21 hits and 17 RBIs, he walked eight times and stole base 32 times. He pitched in 11 games and had an ERA of 6.30.

Junior Bowan Behne received Top of Iowa All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. He played in all 21 games and was at the plate 56 times where he scored 23 runs, had 18 hits and 20 RBIs, he walked 17 times

and stole base 31 times. Behne pitched in 11 games and had an ERA of 4.69.

Freshman Aydan Schutz received Top of Iowa All-Conference Second Team honors. He played in all 21 games and was at the plate 58 times where he scored six runs, had 14 hits and 13 RBIs, he walked 14 times and stole base twice. Schutz pitched in nine games and had an ERA of 3.11.

Senior Jace Lindberg played in all 21 games and appeared at the plate 67 times where he scored 22 runs, had 13 hits and seven RBIs, he walked 12 times and stole base 22 times. Lindberg pitched in five

games and had an ERA of 7.00.

Sophomore Carson Tufte played in 20 games and was at the plate 54 times where he scored nine runs, had 13 hits, six RBIs, walked seven times and stole base twice.

Eighth grader Brady Tufte pitched in 20 games and was at the plate 44 times where he scored 14 runs, had nine hits, five RBIs, walked six times and stole base five times. Brady pitched in two games and had an ERA of 9.00.

Junior Brady Christianson played in all 21 games and was at the plate 48 times, scored 10 runs, had eight hits, four RBIs,

walked eight times and
stole base four times.

Sophomore Caysen Chodur played in 14 games and appeared at the plate 36 times where he scored three runs, had six hits, four RBIs, walked three times and stole one base. Chodur pitched two games and had an ERA of 12.00.

Senior Hunter Janssen played in 12 games and was at the plate 25 times where he scored four runs, had five hits, had two RBIs and walked four times. Janssen pitched in two games and had an ERA of 6.30.

Senior Aden Bice played in all 21 games and appeared at the plate 42 times where he scored four runs,

had four hits, four RBIs, walked four times and stole base twice. Bice pitched in 11 games and had an ERA of 5.80.

Eighth grader Jaxon Reyerson played in five games and appeared at the plate five times where he scored one run and walked three times. Reyerson pitched in two games and had an ERA of 21.00.

Junior Hayzin Jacobsen played in eight games and was at the plate 15 times where he scored one run and was walked three times. Jacobsen pitched in one game and had an ERA of 4.67.

Senior Camden Trenhaile played in five games

and was at the plate three times and walked twice. Trenhaile pitched in one game and had an ERA of 21.00.

Junior Quinton Butler played in three games and appeared at the plate four times.

The Vikings as a team were at the plate 514 times this season where they scored 112 runs on 112 hits. They tallied 82 RBIs, walked 88 times, were hit by the pitcher 49 times, stole base 102 times and struck out 220 times.

The Vikings ended their season with an overall record of 5-16 and a conference record of 2-12 placing them eighth.



Getting ready for the new season

With the first games of their season just a few weeks away, members of the Northwood-Kensett volleyball team recently traveled to UNI to take part in a tournament camp, playing a number of games, with some wins and plenty of practice to help them be ready for their first games.



A group of seven female basketball players from the Vikings team posing in a gymnasium. They are wearing blue jerseys with 'VIKINGS' and a logo. One player on the right is holding a basketball. The background shows the bleachers of the arena.

Great at 5-State event

These Northwood-Kensett sixth graders traveled to the Target Center at the end of June to take part in a tournament of teams from five states. Out of eight teams in their grade, the N-K team finished in third place. They are pictured with the banner celebrating their success. In addition to the tournament, the team also watched a Minnesota Lynx game. The team includes (in top picture, from left) Josie Weller, Emma Schroeder, Olivia Urbatsch, Hadley Anderson, Lola Cronbaugh, Mia Helgeson and Kendall Krull.

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