



2025 N-K Homecoming Court
The annual Homecoming festivities will once again include the crowning of the Homecoming royalty. Pictured are the members of the homecoming court, including (in front, from left) Camryn Rheingans, Sophia Butler, Kenedie Berry, Merrin Hanson, Sophie Rye, (in back) Alex Tiedemann, Brady Christianson, Bowan Behne, Alec Ducommun and Weston Willand. The coronation ceremony will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

Viking Pride celebrated this week

Northwood-Kensett schools and the community are celebrating their Viking Pride this week, with Homecoming events.

Students at both the elementary and secondary buildings have been dressing up for a week of themed dress up days.

At the elementary school, Monday was Pajama Party Day, Tuesday was Wacky Tacky Day, today (Wednesday) is Favorite Color Day and tomorrow (Thursday) is Dress Your Best Day.

At the middle/high school Monday was Character Day, Tuesday was Mathletes vs. Athletes Day, today (Wednesday) is Class Color Day, tomorrow (Thursday) is Gone Hunting Day.

Friday is the day for all students, staff and members of the community to show their Viking pride with Spirit Day.

Coronation will be held tomorrow, Thursday, October 25, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

The Homecoming Court this year includes queen

Fall clean up set for Oct. 9-11

The annual fall clean up begins in Northwood on Thursday, October 9, continuing through Saturday, October 11. The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some fall cleaning.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

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

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

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters

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The mental benefits of decreased device access-News from N-K

By Keith Fritz
Northwood-Kensett Middle/High School principal

By now we've all heard about the law in Iowa, and in many other states, prohibiting students from using "personal electronic devices" during instructional time in schools.

This change, one that Northwood-Kensett had actually implemented the school year before it became law, was borne out of a rapidly growing awareness of and concern for the significant jump in the number of young people reporting mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety, in the amount of prescription

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DOT launches new project public engagement portal

From the Iowa DOT:

The primary purpose of the change is to offer Iowans a comprehensive and more user-friendly hub to share feedback with the Iowa DOT on projects that impact their travels, as well as lower barriers to participation by creating a more accessible community engagement experience.

This refresh offers an

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Candidates file for city/school seats

Last Thursday was the deadline for those seeking to serve in city and school governments to file as candidates for the upcoming election.

On Tuesday, November 4, local voters will choose who will represent them in city government and on school boards.

In the city of Fertile, the terms of mayor and three city council members will end this year.

Rick Bailey filed to appear on ballots unopposed to be re-elected mayor.

Incumbents Rick Anderson and Holly Lovik-Hanna, along with Audrey Benson, Matthew Dean Haugen and Michael Lester will appear on ballots for Fertile city council.

In the city of Grafton, the terms of mayor and all members of the city council will be up for election.

John W. Bork will appear on ballots to remain mayor.

Three candidates filed to run for the five council seats. That includes incumbents Randy Hulshizer,

Worth Brewing plans Oktoberfest in Northwood on September 27

Worth Brewing Company in Northwood has announced plans for its Oktoberfest celebration from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 27.

The brewery's most popular fest of the year will focus on food, family, music and fest beers.

A 5K Run/Walk will begin at Worth Brewing at 9:30 a.m. Sign up from 9 - 9:25 a.m. The taproom will open following the race at 10 a.m. Admission is \$30, which includes a shirt and a beer or root beer. There will be beer poking in the Biergarten from 3 - 10 p.m.

Smoked half-chicken and Fest Brats, made locally at Fallgatter's Market, will headline a meal including red cabbage and spaetzli. Finish a meal with hand-made candied cinnamon almonds.

Worth Brewing will tap its Herbstfreude (Fall Friend) Oktoberfest Lager, Dark Czech Lager and Pumpkin Carmel Ale at noon.

There will be live fest music from Bob Pexa's Rubber Band from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The award-winning rehabilitated Tap Room will be the epicenter of good

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Fretty documentary discussed at Worth County Historical Society annual meeting



The Week's WEATHER
From National Weather Service information

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Wed. Sept. 17	67	57	0.46
Thurs. Sept. 18	78	57	0.10
Fri. Sept. 19	74	57	0.04
Sat. Sept. 20	71	53	
Sun. Sept. 21	79	59	

The Worth County Historical Society held its annual meeting and banquet on September 16, welcoming a Manly native who is developing a documentary on Tom and Jean Fretty, and the businesses that became a destination for those living in the area and traveling through Worth County.

Warren Westcott spoke at the meeting and shared photos and footage that will be a part of his documentary.

Following is Westcott's introduction to his presentation:

"In the heart of Northern Iowa, Tom Fretty — a salvage dealer with big dreams



— set out to create something extraordinary, a dazzling roadside attraction that brought history, music and imagination to life. The Musical Museum and Frontier Town that he and

his wife Jean built drew tens of thousands of visitors each year, transporting families back in time with toe-tapping band organs & calliopes, lifelike animatronic figures, a nostalgic town square and a 48-foot man-made waterfall.

"At the very height of its success, however, Tom and Jean's 'dream' collided with a set of sweeping political changes and shifting cultural norms. When their most successful advertising source was taken from them, it crippled the park's number of visitors significantly. So much so, within a few short years, the doors were eventually closed for

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Pictured at the Worth County Historical Society annual banquet are (from left) Amanda Girouard, WCHS office secretary, Ann Hendrickson, WCHS "retiring" president, and Warren Westcott, who spoke at the event. There were almost 70 in attendance for the program.

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good.

“But Tom & Jean’s story doesn’t end in tragedy. Like true pioneers, they adapted — transforming the passion for mechanical music into another legacy that still resonates today. Their vision, sense of community, and philanthropic spirit continue to inspire those who knew them and those who are JUST discovering their story now.”

The Frettys’ Manly destination was open from 1970-1980. Before that the Frettys had a thriving salvage business in Kensett, buying and selling all variety of products and items salvaged from any number of places.

Westcott shared stories about how his family visited the Fretty’s attractions when he was a kid, and how he got to know Tom Fretty while working at the golf course when Fretty would wait for his friends to get done on the course.

Westcott began working on the documentary in 1999, including filming conversations with the Frettys, with people they worked with, visitors to their attractions and with others that had fond memories of the Frettys and what they built in Worth County.

Westcott also shared the art of Danny Brunsvold, who passed away on September 9.

Brunsvold, a talented Kensett artist, worked for the Frettys to create postcards, coloring books and



Pictured at Tom’s Country Market and Musical Museum are (top, from left) Odin Carlson, Wayne Westcott, (middle) Mark Carson and Craig Carson, (lower) Wendy Westcott, Warren Westcott and Ann Carson.

other artwork for the park in Manly.

After sharing and talking about Brunsvold’s artwork, Westcott shared some of the footage that is being used for the documentary.

The documentary is in the finishing stages, with adjustments to audio, color and other editing still to complete.

Westcott said that he hopes to have the film completed this year and to present it at film festivals. His ultimate goal is to have it shown on PBS.

To complete that goal, Westcott is also looking at some fundraising. Locally, T-shirts for Tom’s Mechanical Museum

Wonderland U.S.A. will be on sale at the Top of Iowa Welcome Center’s Barn Boutique.

Westcott also plans to raise funds on Seed & Spark, a crowdfunding website that supports efforts like the documentary telling the Frettys’ story.

Westcott’s presentation at the annual meeting can be viewed on the “Worth County Historical Society, Iowa” Facebook page.

The trailer and other footage can also be viewed by searching for Westcott’s Damaged & Unclaimed Films channel, @damagedunclaimedfilms2460 on YouTube.



The artwork for this postcard of the park was created by Danny Brunsvold, of Kensett, who died earlier this month.



Clean up
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during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Thursday, October 9, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, October 10, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to noon.

More information is available in the ad in this week’s Northwood Anchor or by contacting Northwood

City Hall at 324-1075.

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

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

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and

appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

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

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drugs assigned as solutions for many of these young people, in ER visits for self-abusive acts like cutting or attempts at suicide, and in the numbers of those who actually died by suicide. Additionally, students’ academic achievement rates have often flat-lined or decreased from the numbers we’d seen in Iowa and American schools previously.

When these alarming numbers began to climb in 2010, it happened to coincide with an exponentially increasing number of teens and pre-teens acquiring their first new smart phone, and social media accounts.

In his book *The Anxious Generation*, Dr. Jon Haidt lays out the case that the connection between having a smartphone and anxiety/depression is undeniable, and he refers to it as “the Great Rewiring” of

Childhood.” Dr. Haidt explains, “the first generation of Americans who went through puberty with smartphones in their hands became more anxious, depressed, self-harming, and suicidal.” He argues that no other explanation holds as true as this one.

So when we barred students from accessing their phones during the day at school, it was not only for their academic benefit, but for their mental and emotional health.

We’ve just wrapped up the 4th week of school for this new year, and although staff are having to confiscate phones and smart-watches from students, the rate at which those are being turned in is not any worse than in previous years.

If you are a parent or grandparent, and would like to learn more about

additional ways to support our children’s healthy development without the overwhelming negative force that technology can exert, check out Dr. Haidt’s book *The Anxious Generation* (the Northwood Public Library has a copy), or hop online and look up the Free Range Kids movement.

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cheer all day with lots of seating options. One group can enjoy their own room in the English-style snug on the main level. “First come, first served!” No guarantees on the weather but groups can enjoy the Biergarten at the rear of the building. There will also be the Central Ave. patio. Both patios are dog friendly.

Candidates
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Johnathon Jones, Mike Kennedy, Linda McMullin, Dan Moretz and Shannon Warren filed to run for the three council seats.

In Joice, two council terms of will be up for election.

Terry Anonson will run for re-election and Brady Heagel will also appear on ballots.

In Kensett, the terms of mayor and two council members will be up for election.

Richard Olson will appear on ballots unopposed to be Kensett’s mayor.

Running for the two council positions are Mike Diamond, Karen Erickson, Eli Gile, Larry Larson and Ryder Lestrud. Brandee Cooper and Mike Williams will appear on ballots to fill a council vacancy.

In Lake Mills, the terms of mayor and two city council seats will be up for election.

Bruce Helgeson will appear on ballots for mayor. Kristin W. Peters and Rob Hughes will appear on ballots for city council. Mark Peterson is running to fill a council vacancy.

In Manly, the terms of three council members will be up for election.

Four candidates will appear on ballots for the three council positions. That includes incumbents Rick Aguilera, Pete Andera and Troy Tabbert, and Joe Ryan.

In Northwood, the terms

of mayor and two council members will be up for election.

Doug Moehle will appear on ballots for re-election as mayor.

Incumbents Steve Peterson and Teresa George-Zenz will appear unopposed for council seats.

In the Central Springs school district, the terms of board members from District 1, North A, and District 2, South A, will be up for election.

Incumbents Jean Schilling, for District 1, North A, and Ashley Kohler, for District 2, South A, will appear on ballots.

In the Lake Mills school district, the District 1 director and one at-large board seat will be up for election.

Cole Christianson, Aaron Mannes and Jake Thompson are running for the at-large director position. Jolene Helgeson will run unopposed for the District 1 school board seat.

Two seats on the Northwood-Kensett school board will be up for election.

Incumbent Bradley Christianson and Naomi Gudmonson will appear on ballots for the board positions.

Auditor’s offices are currently accepting requests for absentee ballots. Absentee ballots will be available for the election beginning on Wednesday, October 15.

Those that would like to

pre-register to vote in the election can do so until Monday, October 20.

October 20 is also the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

Absentee ballots can be voted in-person until November 3.

Polls will be open on election day, Tuesday, November 4, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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will follow the coronation ceremony.

Varsity athletes will visit the elementary school Friday morning, stopping by the classrooms and taking part in an elementary pep rally.

Friday afternoon, the middle and high school students will take part in class competitions and a pep assembly.

The Homecoming parade will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday. The parade will start at the high school, travel south on Seventh Street North, then turn east on Central Avenue.

A tailgate supper will be served by N-K Post Prom starting at 5:30 p.m. at the football field.

At 7 p.m., the Vikings will take on the North Iowa Bison.

The week will end with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, with all high school students and their guests invited to take part.

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Current, future cultural destinations discussed at Bolan fall program

At the annual Bolan fall events Saturday, a program was held, inviting two developers of unique Worth County destinations to speak on themselves and their projects.

The first was Dan Sabin, who shared the story of how he began in the railroad industry at the age of 15, going on to work at and manage for railroads in the U.S. and around the world before getting the opportunity to purchase the Iowa Northern Railway.

The Sabin family sold the railroad last year and used a portion of the proceeds to set up a fund to build a the Manly Jct. Railroad Museum north of Manly.

Sabin said that it is designed to be a state of the art museum, highlighting the history of rail both in the area and beyond.

Construction began last spring and is expected to be done by November. After that, the interior will be laid out with a variety of exhibits and displays. That will include a selection from thousands of pictures that Sabin has collected over his career.

The museum will include two locomotives and a Pullman coach car inside the museum that visitors will have a chance to view in and out.

The museum is being built to include an events center, where area residents will be able to host their events, activities, meetings and other gatherings in a unique rail setting.

Sabin also talked about efforts being made with the Central Springs school district and NIACC to build an industrial arts facility on the museum property.

The ultimate goal is to

provide an opportunity for those and other area schools to have a unique place to gain an industrial arts education. That will include working on railroad pieces and equipment, which may be added to the museum once restored by students.

Also speaking at the program in Bolan was Steve Hanson, developer of Art Farm Iowa, located just north of Northwood.

Hanson talked about some of the more unique artists who have shared their work at Art Farm Iowa this year.

That included Chris Mendoza, a Miami native and now New York City based artist who has displayed his work across the country and overseas.

Hanson shared that, like many other visiting artists, Mendoza said that the Art Farm Iowa venue is a truly unique and special place to visit and to create. It is also where Mendoza painted a unique fluorescent mural, one of many murals on the farm showing a variety of art styles and techniques.

Many of the well-known artists whose works have been on display have only had the chance to develop and display their work in big cities. They come to Art Farm Iowa to appreciate creating in a small town rural environment, amidst a backdrop of a working farm.

Hanson also shared a recent success supporting a young local artist who would never have had the chance in a bigger city.

Lane Rygh, from the Lake Mills area, after reaching out to Hanson last year, was able to have a display this year. Rygh, just 16, had the chance to not only display his work,

but also sell paintings and see how he could support himself as an artist.

Hanson said that Rygh would not have had that opportunity until after he graduated college if not for the art display located just down the road.

Hanson talked about his work in the ag and prebiotic industries and how his travels for those positions offered him the chance to take in art from his longtime home in Phoenix, Arizona, and from destinations around the world.

Based on those connections in the art world, and with his father Merle considering what to do with the family farm, Steve worked with Merle and came up with the idea to create the unique art destination in the middle of a working farm environment.

Open for two seasons, Art Farm Iowa has become a destination for dozens of artists and for local art enthusiasts and those that have a new opportunity to develop a love for the arts.

Art Farm Iowa has also become a tourist destination for art aficionados from across the country and across the world.

Hanson talked about working with Worth County and ISU Extension to help design aspects of Art Farm Iowa and to create one of its pieces.

With its current season winding down later this fall, Hanson provided a preview of what next year will bring at Art Farm Iowa.

Hanson said that Dan Bern will return to the farm for another songwriting workshop and to visit each Worth County city to create a song for a concert.

Hanson also noted that he is excited for the rail-

road museum, as another of the cultural destinations that will make Worth County and North Iowa a bigger draw, providing more reasons for people to visit the area.



DAN SABIN



STEVE HANSON

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improved gateway that allows staff to receive and respond to both email input, as well as voicemail comments if a member of the public does not have internet service. Previously, online users were accessing the feedback portal through a Bitly.com link, but will begin to see “publicinput.com” as the valid URL to access the new domain and conduct email exchanges.

The Iowa DOT is committed to public involvement opportunities, including online comments, online

videos, Open Houses, and Public Hearings, which are held at different stages of project development. Public involvement events may be held to discuss a detour, a road closure, or right-of-way needs. To learn more about all of the ways to engage with the Iowa DOT about projects in your area, visit the Public Involvement website.

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Northwood City Clean Up Days

October 9-11



The City of Northwood will provide Dumpsters for Northwood Residents Discardable Items at the Northwood City Yard

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Open Friday, October 10 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 11 from 8 a.m. - Noon

The City does NOT authorize the public to remove discarded items from the dumpsters.



RULES: Regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted. Following items will not be accepted: Computers & Accessories; Construction Debris; Tires; Batteries; Paint; Hazardous & Flammable Items; Fluorescent tubes/bulbs and Cardboard.

Appliances will NOT be accepted at this time.

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Mediacom offers scholarships to high school seniors

Mediacom Communications is offering \$60,000 in scholarship support for high school seniors planning to obtain further education. The scholarship program is in its 25th consecutive year, and Mediacom's investment will award \$1,000 World Class Scholarships to 60 high school seniors.

Starting in the fall of 2026, scholarship recipients have the flexibility to use the financial awards to support post-secondary college costs or vocational training from an accredited institution. Award selection is based on academic achievement and leadership accomplishments.

Mediacom's World Class Scholarship application process is hosted online: mediacomworldclass.com. Applications, including letters of recommendation and high school transcripts, must be submitted online. Information has been sent to high schools in areas where Mediacom delivers its high-speed internet ser-

vices. High school officials are asked to encourage seniors to submit online applications before the January 5, 2026, deadline.

"Our mission is rooted in connection – not only through broadband, but by helping young minds reach their full potential. Supporting students in their academic journey is not just an investment in their future, but in the shared future of every community we serve," said Tapan Dandnaik, Mediacom's SVP of Operations, Product Strategy and Consumer Experience.

World Class Scholarship applicants do not have to be Mediacom customers but must live in the 22-state area served by Mediacom's fiber-rich broadband network. A complete list of communities in Mediacom's service areas is available on the World Class Scholarship website. Inquiries about the scholarship may be sent to: scholarship@mediacomcc.com.



NIACC presents 'Blank Space: The Unofficial Taylor Swift Tribute' on October 2

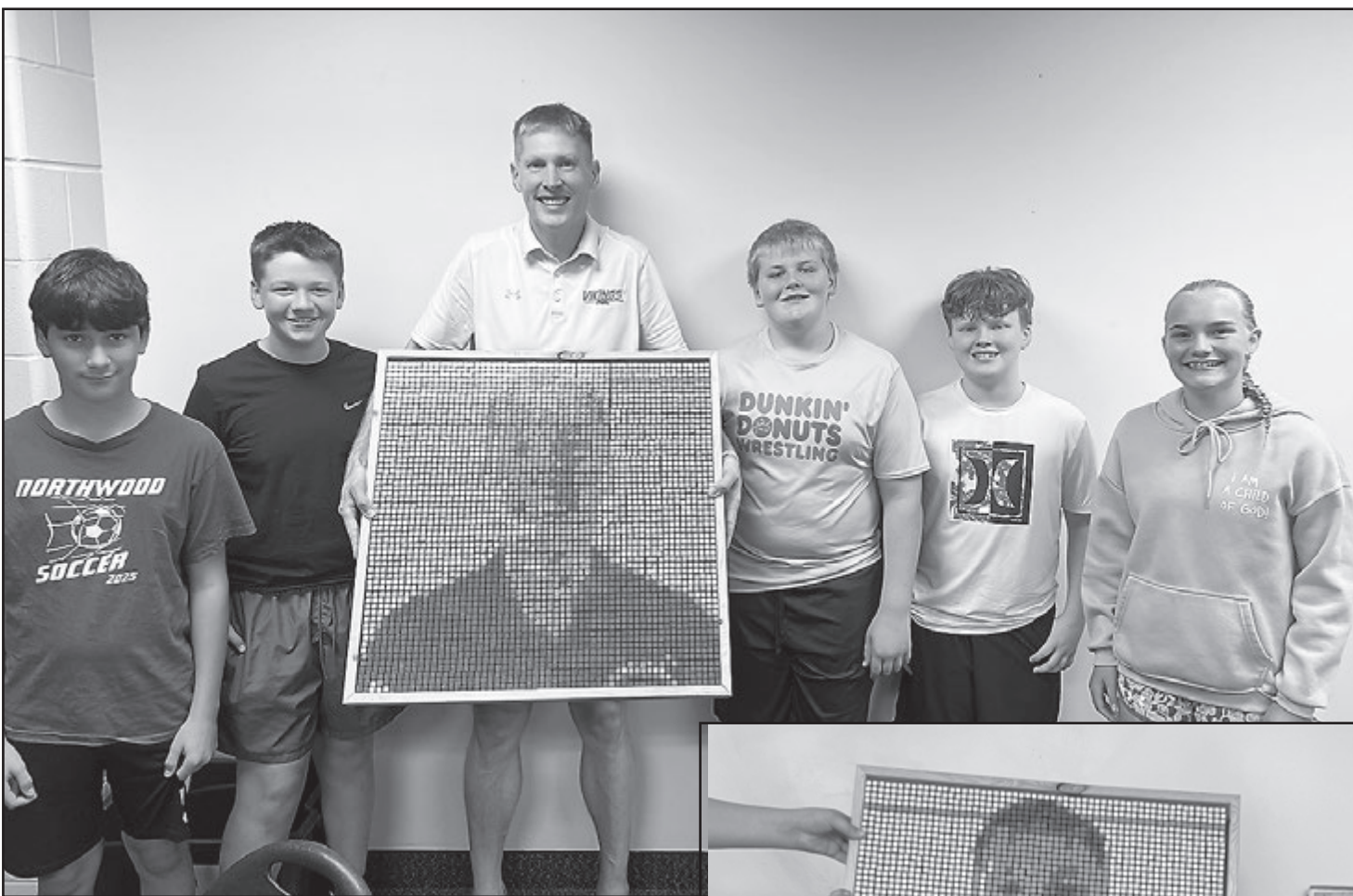
NIACC presents Blank Space: The Unofficial Taylor Swift Tribute at the North Iowa Community Auditorium on the NIACC campus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025. This presentation is part of the 2025-2026 NIACC Performing Arts & Leadership Series.

Step into the extraordinary world of Taylor Swift with Blank Space. Fronted by the charismatic Olivia Moretti, who embodies Taylor's spirit with every note and move, Blank Space is more than just a tribute—it's a full-scale recreation of Taylor Swift's dancers, visuals, and choreography. This show takes fans on a diverse journey through Taylor's musical eras. From her heartfelt country ballads to the electrifying pop anthems that shook the world, Blank Space delivers a seamless, song-by-song recreation of Taylor's hits.

Prepare for an unforgettable night filled with love, heartbreak, and the infectious energy that has made Taylor Swift a global sensation. Blank Space is not just a concert—it's a celebration of music, connection, and the unparalleled artistry of Taylor Swift. Whether you're a lifelong Swiftie or a casual listener, Blank Space invites you to join the party and experience the ultimate Taylor Swift tribute with Blank Space—a night of music, memories, and pure joy awaits!

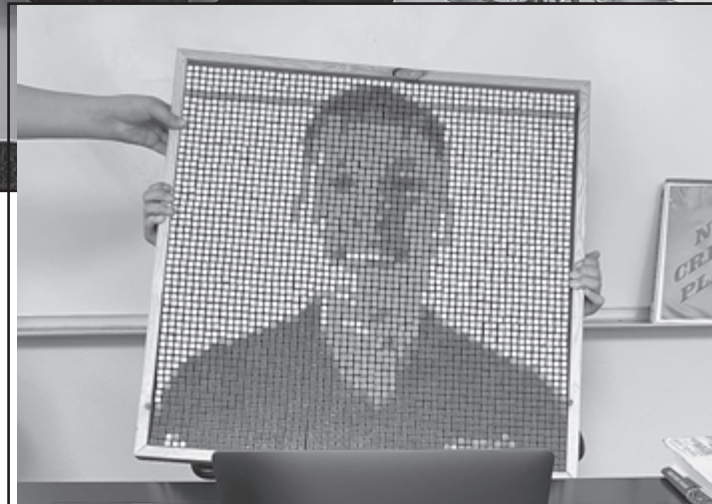
More information about this performance is available by visiting the website at www.blankspactribute.com.

For tickets to the show, call the NIACC Box Office at 641-422-4188. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.niacc.edu/box-office. Ticket prices: Level 1: \$56, Level 2: \$46 and Level 3: \$36.



Getting down to business with cubes

Students in the middle school Talented and Gifted program at Northwood-Kensett recently completed a unique piece of artwork, honoring business teacher Preston Davidson. The students had to plan and lay out the design before twisting Rubik's cubes and putting them in place to create Davidson's portrait. The artwork used 21 cubes on each side, for a total of 441 cubes.



Kicking off early out activities

A new program for this school year kicked off on September 17. Through the rest of the school year, a variety of events and activities will be provided for N-K Elementary students during days when the school day is scheduled to end early. At last week's first Early Out program, the students played games, colored, learned about how animals communicate with naturalist Owen Burrack, did fall and Homecoming crafts and enjoyed a snack before a closing from Pastor Rob Lanphere.



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N-K HOMECOMING



N-K Football Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett Football team include (front row, from left) Tegan Trenhaile, Owen Binnebose, Tucker Duvall, Aden Overson, Tyce Helgeson, Bryck Abrams, Weston Willand, (second row) Henry Hanson, Gabe Aleman, Weston Heims, Haven Thompson, Quinton Butler, Aiden Schutz, Jackson Reyerson, Kolton Robinson, (third row) Alex Tiedemann, assistant coach Tristan Rothove, assistant coach Christian Miller, coach Cade Hengesteg, assistant coach Trevor Hunt, assistant coach Ryan Parker, Hazin Jacobson, Brekken Haberman, (back row) Alec Ducommun, Brady Christianson, Carson Tufte, Dominic Mueller, Max Johnson, Bowan Behne and Bronson Ducommun.



N-K Volleyball Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett Volleyball team include (front row, from left) Ashlyn Skellenger, Sophie Rye, Sophia Butler, Camryn Rheingans, Lexis McHenry, (back row) Ivy Toresdahl, True Hackenmiller, Kenly Solberg, Madilyn Christianson and Maggie Rye.



N-K Volleyball Team

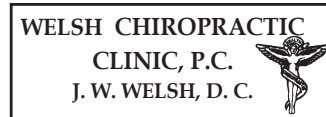
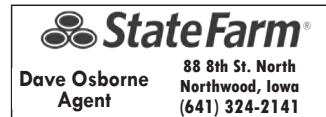
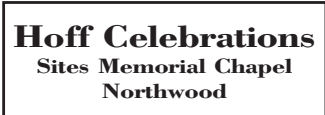
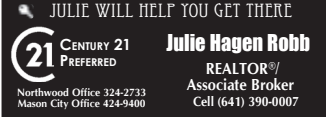
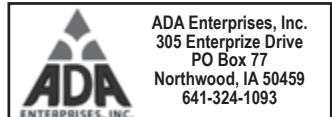
Members of the Northwood-Kensett Volleyball team include (front row, from left) True Hackenmiller, Sophia Butler, (middle row) Mia Fierova, Ashlyn Skellenger, Kenly Solberg, Camryn Rheingans, Sophie Rye, (back row) Hallie Hanson, coach Sam Hunt, coach Ashley Haxton and Kenedie Berry.



N-K Cross Country Team

Members of the Northwood-Kensett Cross Country team include (front row, from left) Madeline Christianson, Ivy Urbatsch, Maggie Rye, Merrin Hanson, (back row) Landen Nelson, Dagen Peterson, Jacob Thomas, Ayden Clark and Zachary Heiken.

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Ryes celebrate 150 years on the family farm



The Rye family is pictured with Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig (left) and Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Brent Johnson (right) at the Century and Heritage Farm awards at the Iowa State Fair.

By JoAnn Lower

Ole and Kjersti Rye immigrated to the U.S. from Norway in 1875. After spending a short time in Wisconsin, they moved to Worth County, where they purchased 160 acres near Hanlontown. Not long after they arrived Ole passed away, leaving Kjersti and six children to work the land. “They were

hard workers,” said great-grandson Clayton Rye, who went on to speak about one of the children, his grandfather Tommy. “Tommy was an extremely hard worker. With the help of his four sons and teams of horses, he expanded the 160 acres to 600. He also raised potatoes. However, his potato business ended when he died

in 1944.” After Tommy’s death, the land was passed on to Norman Rye. It was 1975 when Clayton was working for a car dealer in Cedar Falls that he realized what he really wanted to do. He wanted to farm. Learning that Uncle Norman could use some help, he quit his job at the car dealership and moved to the farm.

“No matter what happened to me for the rest of my life, it was going to be on this farm,” Clayton clearly remembers. “I was lucky enough that when I wanted to farm, there was a farm waiting for me. Uncle Norman was still in charge, and he was a good man but we were completely opposite in our views. We were a mismatch, but we got the work done.” Norman passed away in 1998. The farm is now in the Norman H. Rye and Associates, Subchapter S Corporation, owned by Clayton and Suzzane Rye. Suzzane worked for Principal until she retired in 2008. “My wife was amazing,” Clayton said. “For many years she maintained our health insurance and kept the farm going.” With Clayton retiring, his son is now in charge. “My son Richard has a passion for farming and has completely taken over. He’s a better farmer than I am. The place is in good hands.”



OLE AND KJERSTI RYE

Gordons celebrate 100 years on the farm



By JoAnn Lower

Just outside Kensett, on 400th Street, you’ll find a century farm that in 1902 was purchased for \$50 an acre by Truman “Timen” Gordon, Brian Gordon’s great-grandfather. After years of being passed from one generation to another, the farm is now in a trust owned by Karen Gordon and the late Donald Gordon. “When my dad was little, his parents and grandparents lived on the place, but no one lives there now,” said Brian. “Sometime in the 1960s a tornado took the building site, leaving only the Quonset. My brother and I, together with

his two sons, farm the 320 acres of corn and soybeans.” When asked about his favorite thing growing up on an Iowa farm boy, he replied, “Learning how to take things apart, putting them back together, and being able to fix pretty much anything.” Brian, his wife Sarah and their sons, 18-year-old Carson and 14-year-old Trevor, live just two miles down the road – the place Brian’s lived his whole life. Sarah is employed at Mayo in Albert Lea in Orthopedics. The Gordon family has a strong farming background. Brian is fifth generation; his

nephews and sons are sixth. But there’s something quite unique about this 6’6” gentleman. Brian is blind.

Due to an accident in 2006, he lost most of his vision. One eye is prosthetic; with the other he has only slight light perception. Last year he spent eight months in Des Moines at the Iowa Department for the Blind, learning blind training skills. How does this farmer remain optimistic? “Before I went down to the Department, I was in a pretty ugly place, but the course changed my whole perspective on everything. I saw others in the same predicament, and I actually ran into a former classmate who teaches travel. Small world.” As far as the farming goes, Brian smiles, “I don’t get to run the fun farm stuff anymore, but I still do the man-aging.”



Truman “Timen” Gordon driving his tractor.

Northwood Church

Fertile Lutheran Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Wednesday, Assemble Newsletters, 9 a.m., WAGS, 5:30 p.m., Confirmation at Elk Creek, 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Prepare potatoes for Grace, 9 a.m.; Saturday, Men’s Group at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Grace make Lefse, 9 a.m., Family Game Night at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.; Sunday, Grace Worship, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Adult Bible Study, Sunday School at Bethlehem, 9 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 10:30 a.m., Holden Baptism at Bethlehem Worship, WAGS at Grace School, Meal, 5:30 pm., Lesson, 6 p.m.

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran Church/Elk Creek Lutheran

Thursday, Manna, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Elk Creek Quilting; Friday, Elk Creek Quilting; Sunday, Elk Creek Service, 9 a.m., Bethany Service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Manna Open, 9 a.m. - Noon

Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist, Bolan

Sunday, Worship Services, 9:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.

Pastor Cory Allard

Bethel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, Diner, 8:30 a.m., WOW Mini Choir, 4:30 p.m., Mini Bells, 5 p.m., Meal, 5:15, Worship, 5:50 p.m., Activities, 6:05 p.m., Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., JuBELLee Ringers, 6:15 p.m., Adult Choir, 7 p.m., HS Youth Group; Thursday, Circuit Meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday, Bethel Worship, 8 a.m., Trinity Worship 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Bethel Worship with Rhonda Janka Joining, 10:30 a.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45

a.m.; Tuesday, Pastor Fellowship Grothe’s Diner, 10 a.m.

Rev. Rob Lanphere

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First Lutheran Church, Northwood

Wednesday, Confirmation, 4 p.m., Inspire, 6:15 p.m., SH Youth, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 a.m., Prayer Group, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, Service with N.O., 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:10 a.m., DCV, 10:30 a.m., JH Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, AA-Al-Anon, 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study and Children’s Sunday School following service.

Rev. Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Manly

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Pastor Kent Otterman

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The Problem with Lying

There are times when lying is innocent and perhaps even expected, such as in matters of common courtesy when we tell someone it is nice to see them when we really dreaded seeing them. No one is deceived by these words, and no one is harmed by the attempt to be courteous, even if the truth suffers somewhat. And we don't owe the truth to evildoers bent on hurting us (you can certainly be forgiven for lying to a villain who is looking for a victim). But most of the lies we tell are not of this kind. We lie to gain some advantage, or to have others think better of us, or sometimes even to allow us to think better of ourselves, when we lie to ourselves. But the problem with these lies is that they damage the trust that others put in us. Whether you are a head of state or a five-year old child, the trust that others place in you is largely a result of your tendency to tell the truth and to do what you say you will do. This last point is crucial: a person whose deeds are not in harmony with his thoughts and his words makes of his life a lie. And here he may be lying most of all to himself, telling himself that he is a good and honest person when he is not. Truth is one and cannot be sacrificed in one area without harming the whole in some manner.

—Christopher Simon

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”
— Proverbs 12:22 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 cookies.

Bulwer Lytton,
Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson



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

Since I'm not a baker, when I turn my oven on in the fall it's usually for a pan of lasagna, eggplant parm or bacon (yes, I bake my bacon; so easy and no greasy stove-top). But for those who DO love to bake, I found some yummy-sounding recipes in my crypt. That's what I call the huge collection of newspaper clippings and magazines articles I was given that a long-ago cook had been collecting for decades. It is such fun to see how home cooking has evolved from the time when nutrition was not an issue and taste was paramount.

Peaches 'n Cream Bars

1 tube (8oz) refrigerated crescent rolls
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
8 oz. bar of cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
3 tablespoons cold butter
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1 can (21oz) peach pie filling

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Unroll the crescent dough into one long rectangle, pinching together the perforations. Press onto the bottom and slightly up the sides of a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Bake for 5 minutes; cool completely on a wire rack. While the crust is cooling, Add the cream cheese, white sugar and almond extract. Beat until smooth. Spread this over the cooled crust. Smooth the peach filling over the cream cheese layer. In a small bowl, combine the flour and brown sugar. Cut in the cold butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the almonds. Sprinkle this topping over the peach filling layer. Return to the oven and bake for 25-28 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Cool completely, at least 1 hour, on a wire rack. Cut into 24 bars and store in the refrigerator.

Double Chocolate Cherry Drops

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup light corn syrup
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
1 cup real butter, softened
1 cup dried tart cherries
1 cup white sugar
8 oz semisweet chocolate

NOTE: you can use white chocolate or semi-sweet chocolate baking bars, not chips. Cut the bars into 1/2" chunks.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the flour, cocoa and salt in a small bowl, mixing well with a whisk. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter and sugar until creamy, scraping the bowl occasionally. Beat in the syrup, vanilla and egg until well mixed. At low speed, gradually add

the flour mixture. Beat until just blended scraping the bowl when necessary. Stir in the chocolate chunks and cherries. Drop the dough by heaping teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet, about 2 inches apart. Bake for 10-11 minutes or until the tops are just firm. Cool on a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining dough; makes about 60 small cookies.

Rhubarb Pudding Cake (do you have some rhubarb in the freezer?)

3 cups diced rhubarb
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon butter, softened
1/4 teaspoons salt
1 large egg, slightly beaten
1 cup boiling water
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup milk (not skim)
2 cups sugar, divided

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the butter, 1 cup of the sugar and the egg, whisking well or use an electric hand mixer on low. Stir in the milk. In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients, whisking well. Stir in the rhubarb and then the egg mixture. Stir to combine. Pour this batter into a greased 11x7-inch baking dish. Pour the boiling water over the top. Sprinkle with the remaining 1 cup of sugar. Bake for 30-40 minutes. Cut into squares and serve warm with real whipped cream or rich vanilla ice cream. Makes 8 servings.

Warm oven, warm desserts, warm kitchen. What's not to love? And...that's all she wrote.

BONUS: How to bake bacon: Line a large rimmed cookie sheet with parchment paper (NOT wax paper). Lay out an entire package of bacon on the paper, not overlapping. You might need to do this on two sheets if you have a large package of bacon. Place a second sheet of parchment paper over the bacon. Preheat the oven to 325; put the bacon on the center rack. If using two sheets, rotate them about 40 minutes into the cooking time. The amount of time depends upon the thickness of your bacon and how crisp you like it. Bake for about an hour and then check to see how it's doing. This takes a fair amount of time but is well worth it. The bacon stays flat, the grease is soaked up into the parchment for the most part and there is no grease splattering anywhere. Just bake it until you like how it looks! Cool the bacon and if you are not going to use it immediately, put into a zip-top plastic bag and refrigerate. When you need cooked bacon, simply heat a few slices in the microwave for 20 seconds or so and use as desired.

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Kenisons reunion

Each year, as Bolan celebrates its annual fall events, the members of the Kenison family, descendants of Byron Kenison, a founding member of the Bolan community and of the church in Bolan, gather at the Kenison family farm nearby. Pictured above are members of the several generations who took part in the annual reunion this past Saturday. Many of the group also attended the 130th anniversary worship service at Trinity the next day.

Audit report released on the Northwood-Kensett Community School District

The District's revenues totaled \$10,890,702 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 4.81% increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$10,199,937, an 11.01% increase from the prior year. Increased revenues from unrestricted state grants led to the increase in total revenues while the increase in total expenses occurred primarily in the support services function.

Nolte, Cornman &

Johnson P.C. reported four findings on pages 63 through 65 of the fiscal year 2024 audit report. The findings address issues related to segregation of duties, the certified budget, the board minutes and financial condition. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. provided the District with recommendations to address each of the findings. Two of the four findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year.

The Community School District's Board of Ed-

ucation has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

Governor issues harvest proclamation

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recently signed a proclamation related to the weight limits and transportation of grain, fertilizer, and manure. The proclamation is effective immediately and continues through October 18, 2025.

The proclamation allows vehicles transporting corn, soybeans, hay, straw, silage, stover, fer-

tilizer (dry, liquid, and gas), and manure (dry and liquid) to be overweight (not exceeding 90,000 pounds gross weight) without a permit for the duration of this proclamation.

This proclamation applies to loads transported on all highways within Iowa (excluding the interstate system) and those which do not exceed a

maximum of 90,000 pounds gross weight, do not exceed the maximum axle weight limit determined under the non-primary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa Code § 321.463 (6) (b), by more than 12.5 percent, do not exceed the legal maximum axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds, and comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

North Iowa man wins \$50,000 lottery prize

Brandon Flugum of Manly won the fifth top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "Joker's Wild" scratch game. He purchased his winning ticket at Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh in Mason City. He claimed his prize at the lottery's Mason City regional office.

Joker's Wild is a \$5 scratch game that features eight top prizes of \$50,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.60. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ialottery.com.



JJ's new sign

Northwood's downtown hardware store recently received a new corner sign, letting those traveling on 10th Street North and First Avenue North where they can find the hardware store, which officially became JJ's Hardware this past June.

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Savvy Senior

Top pet products for seniors with mobility issues

By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,

My pet-loving mother has two cats and a dog, but her knee and back problems make caring for them increasingly difficult. Are there pet care products you can recommend that help elderly pet older owners with mobility problems?

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

Great question! For older pet owners with limited mobility, daily tasks like feeding, walking or cleaning up after their pets can become physically challenging. Fortunately, there are a variety of products that are specifically designed to make pet care more manageable.

With the help of Next Avenue, a nonprofit, digital publication for older adults, here is a rundown on some top products that can help your mom care for her pets no matter her mobility.

Automatic Pet Feeder

Just like you, your pet needs to eat a few times a day. But lifting heavy food bags or bending to fill bowls can strain a bad back. An automatic pet feeder can help keep your mom’s pets well-fed without having to stoop or bend much.

The Petlibro Air Automatic Feeder (Chewy.com, \$50) has a locking food tank to prevent between-meal snacking and can hold up to 16 portions. It runs on batteries that last 180 days, so you can put it anywhere you want. You’ll have to refill it now and then, but this product means a lot less bending and lifting.

Age-Friendly Litter Boxes

Bending or stooping over to fill or clean out the kitty litter box can be challenging for many mobility-challenged cat owners. To alleviate this, LoftyLoo (LoftyLoo.com) sells an elevated litter box for \$289. Compatible with stairs and ramps for older cats, LoftyLoo’s raised litter box furniture has options for anyone living with chronic pain or recovering from surgery. It’s also fully wheelchair accessible.

Another option that can make kitty litter clean up easier is the Litter-Robot 4 by Whisker (Litter-Robot.com, \$699). This automatic, self-cleaning litter box eliminates scooping and reduces the odor and waste removal, which is helpful for older cat owners.

Long-Handled Pooper Scooper

Stooping over to clean up after your dog can be challenging if you have back, hip or knee problems. Long-handled waste scoopers can make this cleanup task much more manageable.

The ShinyDew Pooper Scooper (Amazon.com, \$24) is a foldable, 32-inch-long dog poop picker upper, so you don’t have to bend to pick up your pet’s waste. You can use it with one hand and also attach waste bags to the scooper for even easier disposal.

Hands-Free Leash

Most dogs love their daily walk and need the exercise for their own optimal health. But for seniors that use a cane, walker, wheelchair or have pain in your upper body, using a traditional leash can be challenging. If walking a pet is difficult, hands-free leashes or harnesses can make the experience more manageable.

One option is the Hands-Free Dog Leash with Zipper Pouch (iYoShop.com, \$22), which clips around your waist, has a reflective safety strip for visibility and includes two shock absorbers to prevent tugging. But note that this product should only be used if your pet cannot physically pull you down.

Pet Treadmill

If your mom can’t walk her dog any longer, she can still give them plenty of exercise by getting a pet treadmill. The PETSITE Dog Treadmill (Amazon.com, \$286) has 12 preset programs and three incline options.

The large running belt measures 39 inches long by 14.5 inches wide with a slip resistant running surface and safety fences along the sides. It also comes with a remote to adjust speed and automatically turns off after 30 minutes.

Automatic Ball Launcher

Another way your mom can exercise her dog, if walking isn’t an option, is with an automated ball launcher.

The Joyhound Electronic Ball Launcher (PetSmart.com, \$120) comes with three tennis balls and can lob them 10 to 40 feet. Your mom can rest on her patio while her dog gets a challenging and entertaining workout.

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

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Ponderings from
the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers’ Club Meeting

I did all I could do today.
What did you do?
Nothing. It was all I could do.

Driving by Bruce’s drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. It’s hard to let go of things, but I took some of my precious stuff to the Salvation Army. The Smithsonian Institution had declined to accept even one of them. They claimed my things were too good for them. Their loss. Museum visitors will be missing a thrill or two. Imagine the lines waiting to see Al Batt’s three-headed ancient Norelco electric shaver. Who wouldn’t want to see that? Or the largest cornflake I’d ever seen safely ensconced in a scuffed orange pill bottle. And that pair of bookends that looks like Andy Rooney, plus a “What are you looking at?” orange hoodie. Never worn. A framed photo of the greatest NCAA basketball timekeeper of all time. Not identified by name, but cool. A polo shirt that never came close to attending a single polo match, yet it had a genuine horse manure stain. Now that I’ve freed up all that space, my wife won’t need to be asking, “What do you get the man who has everything?” because I no longer have it.

At my neighbor Crandall’s place

“Grab a bowl and put some chili in it,” said Crandall. As instructed, I grabbed a big bowl and filled it with chili and oyster crackers. It was the perfect repast on a chilly day. As I ate, one of Crandall’s twin hounds, either Moose or Squirrel, kept growling at me. “Don’t mind him. He likes everyone,” advised Crandall. “Then why is he growling at me?” I wondered aloud.

Cities with interesting names

Jed Clampett of the “Beverly Hillbillies” said he was from Bugtussle, Tenn. Well, doggies! There’s a Bugtussle or Bug Tussle in Ala., Ky., Okla. and Texas. The Texas town was named either for an invasion of bugs that spoiled a church ice cream social or because it was a place that offered little entertainment other than watching bugs tussle. Here are some other interesting names: Bacon Level and Possum Trot, Ala. Why, Ariz. Two Eggs, Fla. What Cheer, Iowa. Gas, Kan. Monkey’s Eyebrow, Ky. Nimrod and Embarrass, Minn. Hot Coffee, Miss. Worms, Neb. Whynot, N.C. Cannon Ball and Zap, N.D. Knockemstiff, Ohio. Ketchuptown, S.C. Wynot, N.C. Difficult, Tenn. Ding Dong, Texas. Satan’s Kingdom and Mosquitoville, Vt. Imalone, Wis. Tightsqueeze, Va. Okay, Okla. Chicken, Alaska. Tightwad and Frankenstein, Mo. Zzyzx, Calif. (population 1), and No Name, Colo.

I’ve learned

The coolest bone in the human body is the hip.
The more expensive the car, the more likely its parking is to be substandard.
Even if you’re losing brain cells while listening to someone, calling those you disagree with stupid won’t change their minds.
We had a salt substitute when I was a boy. We called it pepper.
My favorite peaches should be eaten over a sink.

In local headlines

Magician’s assistant graduates in the top half of her class and in the bottom half.
The 2000-Pound Cafe specializes in one-ton soup
Baking Bad Bakery offers man buns.
Popeye’s Eyeglass Shop opens,

with its catchphrase, “Eye am what eye am.”
A buttermaker says his job has no margarine for error.

Bad jokes department

My nephew wants to be a skydiving instructor when he grows up. I told him that was a descent career.
Cowboys hung a lantern on their saddles at night so they could find a trail in the dark. This was early saddle-light navigation.
Why is an airport the worst place to have a cold? Because it becomes a terminal illness.
“What’s green and hurts if you get it in your eye?” A John Deere tractor.

Nature notes

When you next hear the cheerful twittering of birds, stop and listen. Researchers from the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and the Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf have shown that birdsong reduces anxiety and irrational thoughts. The scientists published their findings in the journal Scientific Reports.
Folklore says a narrow brown band on a woolly bear caterpillar means a hard winter, and a wide brown band means a mild winter. The truth is that the wider the brown band, the older the woolly bear (woolly worm or hedgehog caterpillar).
What bird has the most feathers? Generally, the bigger the bird, the more feathers it has. An emperor penguin has around 80,000 feathers. That’s nearly 60 per square inch. A ruby-throated hummingbird has approximately 1,000.

Meeting adjourned

A kind word is worth 1000 pictures.

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Fit to print...

Field of Dreams game is a good deal for Major League Baseball
But MLB mistreats Iowa baseball fans through blackouts

Ordinarily, this column is devoted to government policies and politics as they affect Iowa. However, as regular readers know, I love the game of baseball. And, on occasion, baseball references will make their way into my writing. This is one such occasion.

If you’ve come here for Iowa politics, however, please don’t turn away. I believe there is a political component to this story. A few days ago, The Athletic reported Major League Baseball is coming back to Iowa next season.

After a four-year absence, there will be a Major League game at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, the site of the 1989 movie of the same name. The game will be between the Minnesota Twins and Philadelphia Phillies.

This will be an occasion for MLB to bask in the romanticism that stems from the movie starring Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones. Iowa’s tourism industry will benefit from the attention, too.

However, I think of this as more an occasion to point out how much MLB disrespects its fans living in Iowa, even as it seeks to leverage the nostalgia of

Field of Dreams game is a good deal for MLB, but Iowa fans mistreated by blackouts

the Field of Dreams. And I hope to the extent the state’s politicians celebrate this game next year, they’ll also remember the fans who are being mistreated. Mostly, I’m talking about MLB.TV’s blackout rules. (I almost used the words “draconian blackout rules,” but as any baseball fan living in Iowa knows, it is unnecessary to apply the adjective.) In my area, six teams are not available to me, including those hundreds of miles away. It’s not at all unusual that, on any given day, 25-30% of the games on MLB.TV are blacked out. This even though no Major League team resides in Iowa.

I’m a Baltimore Orioles fan, so the remarkable run by the Milwaukee Brewers this year isn’t nearly as interesting to me as the implosion of my team, which pre-season prognosticators said would compete for the playoffs. Had I been interested, however, in watching the Brewers, I would be out of luck. Brewers’ games are blacked out, even though I have practically zero chance of seeing them otherwise. Even though I paid \$150 for a yearlong subscription.

I realize that a lot of baseball fans across the country complain about blackout rules.

I also realize my complaints about MLB aren’t as articulate as those of other writers. For this, I recommend you read Joe Queenan’s recent column in the Wall Street Journal, where he

contemplates the dispute between the Major League team owners and players over a possible salary cap — and suggests that neither side deserves our sympathy.

He concludes by saying, “whoever ultimately wins this battle, the fans are going to get screwed. As usual.”

Which is kind of the way I feel about the Field of Dreams game. MLB will benefit from the nostalgia for the game next year, and Iowa tourism will get a bump. Which is a good thing. Our economy definitely needs whatever boost it can get given the way things have been going.

However, if nothing changes, Iowa baseball fans who want to watch Major League teams will be left paying a hefty sum for the privilege of draconian (there, I said it) blackout rules that will leave them fuming.

It’s almost enough to make you want to walk into a cornfield, never to return.

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100 years
ago

September 24, 1925

There is information, pleasure, and health in auto touring—it is an eye-opener for young and old- but especially have the youngsters benefited from the minimum of trouble which one may tune up the family flivver and adventure forth upon the open road.

It is here- our own Fair. It may not be as big as some, but it's ours. As in the case of our own homes, we ought to take pride in it. So, shine up the car. Ya few that have no car, curry down the old mare.

Gather in home for a day or two or three at our own fair. County Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Nora King, was a Joice caller Wednesday.

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Miss Dora Walser left Monday for Madison, Wis., where she expects to finish studies for her master's degree at the state university this term. The position Miss Dora has held in Hibbing, Minn. Schools for several years have been held open

for her and she will resume her work in that city at the beginning of the second semester.

Geo. Stoecker, from near Manly, was in town on Monday entering some stick at the county fair. He expressed the opinion that there would be a large number of entries this year in all departments.

Miss Mabel Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, east of town, and Mr. Leonard Spilde will be married today at Mason City.

H.R. Buchanan, from east of Gordonsville, who has used a tractor on his farm for several years, purchased a new style John Deere tractor of the Eckert-Bosserman firm the first of this week.



The Viking offensive line during Thursday night's game in Riceville.



Viking Max Johnson with a solo tackle during Thursday night's game against the Wildcats.



Viking Brady Tufte breaks up the pass play during Thursday night's game in Riceville.



The Northwood-Kensett Viking football cheerleaders, always ready to pump up the crowd.

Vikings fall to Wildcats on the road

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings traveled to Riceville on Thursday, September 18, for a district game with the Wildcats and were defeated 62-12.

Alex Tiedemann was 4-10 passing, he threw for 34 yards and had one interception. Tyce Helgeson was 1-1 throwing, he passed for 14 yards.

On the receiving end was Brady Christianson with two receptions for 16 yards and Bryck Adams had one for 14 yards. Kolton Robinson had one for 11 yards and Carson Tufte had one for seven yards.

Brady Tufte led the team on the ground with 12 carries for 49 yards and one touchdown. Tiedemann had 15 carries for 43 yards and Hayzin Jacobson had two carries for negative three yards. Aidan Ouverson had one carry for negative three yards, Helgeson had two for negative seven yards and Robinson had four for negative two yards.

Robinson had three kick-off returns for nine yards total and B. Tufte had six returns for 10 yards total.

Quinton Butler kicked off three times for 119 yards and he had one punt for 33 yards. B. Tufte also

had one punt for 33 yards.

Aydan Schutz led the defense with four solo tackles and a fumble recovery with a 12-yard run for a touchdown. Tiedemann had three solo tackles and Tegan Trenhaile, Alec Ducommun and Max Johnson had two solo tackles

each. Jacobson, B. Tufte, Helgeson, Jaxon Reyerson and Carson Tufte all had one solo tackle. Tucker Duvall, Ouverson and Robinson all had tackle assists.

The Vikings (2-2) will host North Iowa (0-4) on Friday, September 26, for Homecoming.

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in the county had reached the dent stage, however, and therefore was out of frost danger.

Preliminary figures released by the census bureau indicated that 232 new dwelling units were added in Worth County on 1940-50 “dwelling units” in Worth County in 1950, compared with 3.055 in 1940. This is a percentage increase of about 7 1/2 percent, compared with the state average increase of 11 percent.

Oscar Kirchgatter is the new owner of the Oscar Tenold residence property in east Northwood. He bought the place at auction on Monday for \$3,975. Mr. Kirchgatter recently sold his 40-acre place six miles southeast of Carpenter to James Miller.

Cheerleaders for North-

wood high school this fall are Faye Osmundson, Kerma Grosland, Shirley Bakketun, Darlene Dridely and Marilyn Tuttle.

Six students from Worth County are among the 1,501 registered at St. Olaf college, Northfield, for the first semester. They are Paul Nappe, Hanlontown, and JoAnn Nelson, Mary Linter, Lois Haugebak, Gloria Falk and Eileen Christianson, all of Northwood.

Miss Delrose Ann Hermanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Hermanson of Albert Lea, formerly of Northwood, and Cpl. Dale N. Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rosenberg of St. Ansgar, were married in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Grafton Sunday, Sept. 10.

County Historical Society at is annual meeting. She succeeds Arthur W. Holden, Kensett, who has held the office for the past three years.

Incumbent councilmen Einer Lunde, and Dr. Stilaf Anderson have filed for re-election to the Northwood city council, but George Kesler had not filed as of Wednesday morning. Joseph Orth has filed for the mayor's post, his being the only filing at press time.

Worth County Extension Director Jim Kuhlman displays a large mushroom which was exhibited in his office. It was found by Field John-

son and is the largest ever seen in this area.

Tuesday's cross country meet in Northwood ended with N-K on top with 16 points over Clear Lake (30 points) and Osage (33 points). “Everyone on the Varsity and Junior Varsity did there best and I was pleased with their efforts and the results of the meet,” said coach Craig Lease. Lease also pointed out that this was the first time in school history that Northwood-Kensett had shut out Osage, brining N-K's record for the season so far at 5-0.

Karen Abrahams administered the oath of office to Keith Braun, the newest member of the Northwood-Kensett Community School board of directors, during the board's organizational meeting here last Tuesday night. Braun won an uncontested election on September 12 for the seat vacated by former N-K board president John Julseth, who stepped down upon the completion of his third term in office.

Carol Follmuth, Northwood, is one of 129 students performing in the second Annual Buena Vista University Homecoming Band and Choir Fall Concert.

Northwood-Kensett head football coach Dave Capitani urged his players to sustain their winning intensity for their five-remaining regular-season games

following the Vikings' 34-22 victory over pre-season Class A District 3 co-favorite Rockwell-Swaledale Friday night in Rockwell. Playing close attention to Capitani's words were players Matt Johnson, Justin Nerlien, Joe Hanson, Josh Iverson, Matt Varner, Jeff Schmidt, Nathan Loberg, assistant coach Daryl Love, Steve Hartman and Marty Cotter and players Nathan Peterson, Blake Palmer and Brad Brunsvold.

The Northwood-Kensett varsity volleyball team slipped to 1-0 overall and 0-5 in the North Iowa Conference following losses to Belmond-Klemme and North Iowa High last week. Larson won the Gatorade “Will to Win” award for her play last week.

and Joshua Einertson.

Worth County naturalist Dan Block visited kindergarten classrooms last week with a bucket full of apples and a piece of old-fashioned equipment. With a little help at the wheel, the classes used an apple press to turn the apples into apple juice, while Block talked about apples and what they are used for. The lesson was capped off with a little fresh juice enjoyed by all.

Despite having an almost unlimited supply of talent on this year's team, Northwood-Kensett's Shelby Low continues to stand out in the crowd. Although her role was changed a bit with the influx of said

talent, Low continues to be a dominate force this season, registering 49 kills and a team-high 121 digs. The talented senior also boasts an .861 serve percentage, to go along with 20 aces.

After scoring just one touchdown in the Vikings' previous four games, senior halfback Dawson VanRyswyk ran wild on the North Iowa defense last Friday night in Buffalo Center, scoring a team high four touchdowns as N-K destroyed the home team 73-24. VanRyswyk rushed nine times for 98 yards and now has 240 yards on the year, third best on the team.

50 years
ago

September 25, 1975

Flames and intense heat caused the roof to cave in at the east building of Bratrud's Cycle Shop in Kensett. Firemen from Kensett, Manly and Northwood were called to contain the blaze to one building. About \$70,000 in damage was sustained to new snowmobiles and other vehicles and to parts, fixtures and building.

Mrs. Kenneth Block, Northwood, was elected president of the Worth

25 years
ago

September 27, 2000

The Northwood-Kensett school last Tuesday approved the lease-purchase of two new school buses. The board voted to buy a pair of 59-passenger international buses from Hogle Bus Co. of Marshalltown for an estimated cost of \$52,000 each and a 60-90-day delivery date.

Rural Northwood businessman James Krull used his “Econo-Jack” and a muddy mixture of dirt and water to life three slabs of concrete sidewalks back to their original level near the front entrance of Northwoods State Bank last Monday afternoon.

School board secretary

10 years
ago

September 23, 2015

Northwood-Kensett is celebrating Homecoming this week with a number of activities. That includes the coronation of the Homecoming king and queen, which will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. This year's Homecoming court includes queen candidates Tanna Quisley, Misty Miranda, Kailey Eskildsen, Jenna Schmidt and Ashlyn Schaefer, and for king candidates Mason Olson, Coltn Benson, Scoot Hengesteg, Thomas Yezek

2025 Glenville-Emmons Homecoming



2025 Glenville-Emmons Homecoming Court
The GE Homecoming court includes (in front, from left) Kiley Broderick, Grayson Oakland, Sophie Bottelson, (in back) Chevy Wallin, Benett Grove and Luke Schmidt. Coronation took place on Monday, September 22, at 7 p.m. See next's week edition of the Northwood Anchor for the Glenville-Emmons royalty queen and king.



2025 G-E Varsity Volleyball Team
The Glenville-Emmons varsity volleyball team includes (from left) Ava Williamson, Kiley Broderick, Akaylah Flatness, Sophie Bottelson, Claire Bottelson, Grayson Oakland, Lindsey Ladwig, Lily Robertson and Raegen Webb.



2025 G-E Varsity Football Cheerleaders
Glenville-Emmons varsity football cheerleaders include (from left) Ava Avelar, Hannah Wadding, Anna Page and Catalina McBeain.

2025 G-E Varsity Football Players



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FRESHMAN
RB/LB



LUCAS BERMUDEZ
FRESHMAN
OT/DT



JARED HALL
FRESHMAN
QB/CB

Games Schedule for this week

Thursday, September 25 • 5:30 p.m.

JV Volleyball vs. Grand Meadow
at Glenville-Emmons High School Gym

Thursday, September 25 • 6:45 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball vs. Grand Meadow
at Glenville-Emmons High School Gym

Friday, September 25 • 7 p.m.

Varsity Football vs. Grand Meadow
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Ag Fair teaches students about farm safety, industries

Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs third grade students once again spent a day learning about life on the farm, with a focus on how to stay safe and how emergency responders help people. The annual Ag Fair took place on Friday, September 12, at the Worth County Fairgrounds.

In addition to farm safety, they also learned about conservation, equipment and other facets of farming and the ag industries.

The morning of learning came during the annual ag fair organized by Worth County Farm Bureau, which involves several other local groups and volunteers.

This year's ag fair began with a look at the MercyOne AirMed helicopter and vehicles and equipment used by the Northwood Fire & EMS, including fire and ambulance units.

The pilot and crew of the helicopter showed the students the ins and outs of their air ambulance.

NVFC members led a tour of the department's specialized rescue equipment in an ambulance and a fire engine, discussing how the vehicles and various equipment might be used at an emergency scene on a farm, or elsewhere in the area.

The students then moved to the Livestock Arena to view a number of presentations and demonstrations.

Dustin Doty with Worth County Conservation, talked about animals in the area that might be found in and around farms.

Jordan Lee, from Heartland Power Cooperative, presented information on electrical

safety, including the danger of working and playing near power lines.

Julia Benzier, with the Iowa Soybean Association, talked about soybeans.

Teresa Butler, Worth County 4-H Director, assisted by Sophia Butler, discussed and demonstrated the dangers of becoming trapped in grain containers and bins, and the best ways to safely escape.

Erik Butler, along with Courtney Bartz and Casey Butler, from Worth County Soil Conservation, shared information and displayed the effects of soil runoff and erosion.

Farm Bureau board member Ron Davidson, assisted by student volunteers Jaxon Arthur and Jackson Faber, explained how a combine works, how to stay safe around them and gave the students a look inside the machine's cab.

Cody Henkle talked about how drones are used to analyze fields and to apply chemicals remotely.

Cole Hale, Breck Lutz and N-K FFA teacher Christian Miller taught them about how to stay safe around smaller tractors, which they may be used for smaller jobs around the home and the farm.

Also on hand were a number of farm animals for the third graders to learn about and interact with, presented by N-K and Central Springs FFA and Worth County 4-H members and leaders.

Ady Peterson talked about poultry, and gave the third graders a hands-on experience with some chicks. Owen Binnebose and Natalie Shoars, with



Braun Farms, taught the younger students about beef cows. Aydan Schutz and Kendal Kruger, with Ray Gaskill, brought them face to snout with some young pigs and taught them about some of the food products that come from swine. Ivy Urbatsch and Lauren Petznick taught them about sheep. Pat and Melvin Rothove gave them a look at visiting horses. Zach Heiken and Harley Logeman presented information and a

hands-on experience with a dairy cow from the Steven and Linda Medlang farm.

Other Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs FFA and Ag students also helped during the ag fair. They led small groups of third grade students to the various stations, helped set up and take down and helped serve and cook the lunch, which was provided by the Worth County Cattlemen.



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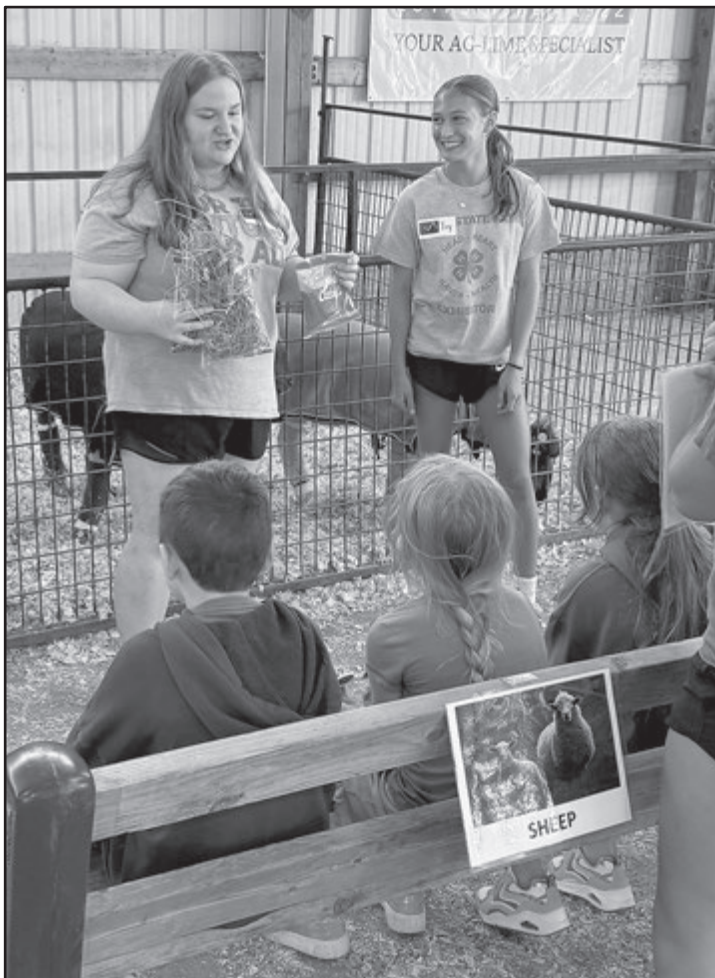
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Prioritizing your wellbeing: National Farm Safety and Health Week

By Jennifer Strickland,
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National Farm Health and Safety Week serves as a reminder that practicing farm safety is more than an individual responsibility; safe farms protect entire families and communities. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the U.S. About 100 agricultural workers suffer a lost-work-time injury every day, and farmers are nearly twice as likely to die on the job as the average U.S. worker. NIOSH also states that injuries in the industry are well-known to be under-reported.

This year, we wanted to highlight one cause for farm injury and fatality: grain entrapment. In a 2024 report, researchers at Purdue University found that 43% of reported cases that year were fatal, with farmers in Indiana and Missouri experiencing the most incidents.

No matter where you farm, if you use grain bins for storage, we made this short video for you and your loved ones to provide an overview of ways to stay safe when working inside of a grain bin.

Here are a few additional reminders and resources:

- Maintain your equipment: Regular inspections and the use of rollover protective structures can reduce your risk of injury.
- Use protective gear:

Gloves, goggles, hearing protection, and respirators help guard against chemical exposure, loud machinery, and dust.

- Prevent fatigue: Schedule rest, hydrate, and rotate tasks to reduce accidents linked to exhaustion.

- Support mental health: Keep an open dialogue with family and employees, and reach out for help when stress feels overwhelming.

- Educate and train the next generation: Young people working on farms are at higher risk; proper training reduces preventable accidents.

Check out the AgriSafe Learning Lab: Webinars and training courses to streamline farm safety training. <https://learning.agrisafe.org/>

September 25, 11 a.m. CT Webinar: Confined Spaces in Agriculture: <https://www.agrisafe.org/event/webinar-confined-spaces-in-agriculture/>

A healthy, safe farm is productive, resilient, and sustainable. This week, take time to check equipment, review safety practices, and look out for your employees and neighbors. A strong agricultural economy depends on the well-being of the people who do the work.

Jennifer Strickland is the Social Media Strategist with the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center.



The History of National Farm Safety and Health Week and topics for 2025

The 2022 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 417 fatalities.

Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual

promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944. National Farm Safety and Health Week is led by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), the agricultural partner of the National Safety Council.

The daily topics for 2025's National Farm Safety and Health Week included:

Monday, September 22
Equipment & Rural Roadway Safety

Tuesday, September 23
Health And Wellness

Wednesday, September 24
Generations Of Farming

Thursday, September 25
Confined Spaces In Agriculture

Friday, September 26
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Worth County Farm Bureau & Teresa Stehn, Outreach Coordinator, would like to send out some special thank yous from the recent Ag Fair/Farm Safety held for Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs Third-Graders. Without all of your help this would not be possible.

To the Worth County Fair Board for use of the buildings.

Presenters: Northwood Volunteer Fire & EMS Company; MercyOne helicopter and flight crew; Heartland Power Cooperative, Jordan Lee - electrical safety; Pat and Melvin Rothove - horse; Ady Petersen - poultry; Kendal Kruger, Aydan Schutz and Ray Gaskill - swine; Lauren Petznick and Ivy Urbatsch - sheep; Owen Binnebose, Natalie Shoars and Braun Farms - beef; Erik Butler, Courtney Bartz and Casey Butler - Worth County Soil Conservation; Zach Heiken, Harley Logeman and Steven and Linda Medlang for providing the dairy cow; Don Mason, Iowa Corn Growers Assoc.- corn; Julia Benzier, Iowa Soybean Assoc. District Rep. - soybeans; Ron Davidson, Jaxson Arthur and Jackson Faber - combine; Teresa and Sophia Butler - grain safety; Dustin Doty, Worth County Conservation; Cody Henkle - drones; Cole Hale, Christian Miller, Breck Lutz and Kibble Equipment for the use of the tractor; and Nexus Cooperative for the donation of the wood chips and corn.

Special Thanks to Christian Miller, N-K FFA students; Derek Straube and CS FFA students for their help with setup, tear down, cleanup, kitchen help and group leaders and Worth County Cattlemen for grilling.

Thank you to the schools for letting the students attend and take home some knowledge of agriculture and farm safety

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Ron Davidson, Worth County Farm Bureau board member, is pictured at the recent ag fair, as he teaches Central Springs and Northwood-Kensett third grade students about combine safety and how corn is harvested.

Secretary Naig urges Iowans to prioritize safety, mental health this harvest season

National Farm Safety and Health Week is September 21-27.

With the busy harvest season commencing across the state, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig is urging Iowans to keep safety top of mind in the field, around the farm and on the road. Farming can be physically exhausting and mentally demanding, and agriculture remains one of the most dangerous industries in America. In recognition of National Farm Safety and Health Week, Secretary Naig has provided some safety tips for both farmers and drivers as well as resources for Iowans needing mental health support.

“As the busy 2025 harvest season gets underway, I’m urging all Iowans to make safety their top priority. Equipment and machinery will be out in force in the fields and on roadways around the clock. Please slow down, exercise patience, and offer one another some grace to ensure everyone has a safe and productive harvest season,” said Secretary Naig. “It’s also important to acknowledge that the long, stressful workdays and economic challenges facing

agriculture can take a toll. I encourage farmers and ag workers to be mindful of their mental health and well-being, and to watch out for their neighbors too. No one needs to feel alone. There are resources readily available for Iowans.”

By incorporating the following safety tips and resources, we can better ensure a safe and productive harvest season:

For Drivers and Road Safety

Be Patient: Farm equipment often moves slowly. Be patient and wait for a safe opportunity to pass, considering that it may be difficult to see around large machinery.

Keep a Safe Distance: Stay a safe distance behind farm equipment, especially when that equipment is turning or slowing down, to avoid collisions.

Signal Awareness: Be aware that farm equipment may make wide turns and may not always be able to signal. Watch for hand signals or other indicators from operators.

Avoid Distractions: Stay focused on the road and avoid distractions like texting or using your phone.

For Farmers

Safe Operation: Avoid shortcuts and stay alert while operating machinery.

Emergency Equipment: Ensure a first-aid kit is well stocked, a fire extinguisher is in working order and your cell phone is always charged and easily accessible.

Equipment Maintenance: Regularly inspect and maintain all farm machinery. Ensure that guards are in place and signals, lights and safety features are functioning properly.

Proper Training: Follow the guidelines for operating equipment. Ensure that everyone operating farm equipment has proper training.

Protective Gear and Chemical Storage: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles and hearing protection. Store chemicals in their original containers with proper labels and always use them according to their label.

Safety Around Grain Bins: Never enter a grain bin unless necessary and only if you have proper training and safety equipment. Do not work alone.

Mental Health and

Stress Management

Stress Management: Engage in stress-relieving activities and take breaks when needed. Activities such as exercise and hobbies as well as plenty of sleep can help.

Manage Fatigue: Ensure adequate rest to combat fatigue, which increases the risk of mistakes and injuries. Prioritize sleep and schedule short breaks during long hours to maintain alertness.

Talk About It: If you are feeling overwhelmed or stressed, do not hesitate to reach out to family, friends or mental health professionals. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has farm stress resources available that were created in part through a grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Iowa Concern Hotline: The Iowa Concern Hotline can be reached at 1-800-447-1985 and offers confidential mental health support and resources for those in need.

Your Life Iowa: For help with alcohol, drugs, gambling, mental health, or suicidal thoughts, contact Your Life Iowa at 855-581-8111, text 855-895-8398, or chat at

yourlifeiowa.org.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: For immediate crisis support, call or text 988 anytime.

For additional resources on farm safety and wellness,

visit the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, or the North Central Farm and Ranch Assistance Center.

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The third graders from Central Springs and Northwood-Kensett gathered for a photo with the MercyOne helicopter crew at the annual Ag Fair

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Bolan

The Bolan Trinity United Women in Faith met for their monthly meeting at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center Thursday afternoon to set up for their Bazaar and Scalloped Potato Luncheon on Saturday, September 20. Vickie Flo served as hostess and Sue Cowell gave devotions.

The Bolan Fall Festival on Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day weather wise! There were many in attendance listening to the music, enjoying pancakes, checking out the vendors, buying mums, and pumpkins, pie and ice cream. Pastor Cory Allard gave a blessing and a trumpet trio consisting of Weston Willand, Lori Willert and Kelsie Willert played the National Anthem before the sendoff of the bicyclers. There was a good crowd coming for the Trinity United Women in Faith Bazaar and the Lun-

cheon in the School basement. It was a full house at the 1 p.m. program in the upper level of the Bolan Schoolhouse to hear Dan Sabin of Manly sharing his railroad experiences and the Railroad Museum still under construction, and Steve Hanson of Northwood sharing information on the Art Farm Iowa, on what has transpired and what will be coming up in the future. These speakers were extremely interesting and we here in North Iowa have much to look forward to.

The Bolan Trinity United Methodist Church was at full capacity with a special worship service on Sunday, September 21 to celebrate their 130th Anniversary. Bryon P. Kenison was a charter member of the church and descendants who were able to attend were: Brian Kenison, Kris Kenison, Mary Wendt, Charlann Anspach,



Pam Anderson, Craig Erdmann and Carrie Sparrow. There were quite a few previous members who came from a distance and some of them joined in a special choir anthem, "In Unity We Lift Our Song." There was also special music provided by Mary Wendt at the organ and Lori Willert at the piano; a trumpet duet by Lori and Kelsie Willert and four preschool Vacation Bible School children singing one of their special fun songs. Former Pastor Don Preston was in attendance and shared his memories. Letters were read from former pastors Bob Cummings and Marvin Cleair who were unable to attend and also Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula, Northwest District Superintendent, on behalf of our Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai. After coffee fellowship time there was a catered dinner served at the Bolan School-

house and Cultural Center.

Phyllis Young of Centennial, Colorado, and a former resident of Bolan, arrived in Bolan on Friday evening to attend the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center Board meeting. On Saturday during the Bolan Festival she was the hostess at the Sina White Family house on main street Bolan.

Notice

Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WORTH COUNTY STATE OF IOWA
Iowa District Court
Worth County
Case # EQCV012976
Civil # 25-000269
CLEAR LAKE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
vs.
LISA A BREVIG, AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA A BREVIG, AND ANY UNKNOWN POSSESSORS OF THE PROPERTY
Special Execution
As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant (s)
Real Estate
Described Below
To satisfy the judgment.
The Property to be sold is
THE WEST 170.5 FEET OF LOT TWO (2). BLOCK THREE (3) AND THE NORTH 25 FEET OF THE WEST 170.5 FEET OF LOT THREE (3). BLOCK THREE (3) AUDITOR'S PLAT TO NORTHWOOD, WORTH COUNTY, IOWA
Property Address: 609 8TH ST N, NORTHWOOD, IA 50459

Many took time to see the restored home and were impressed with all items of the past on display. Phyllis also attended the 130th Anniversary Trinity UMC service and dinner. Also while here she visited relatives and friends.

See more pictures of Bolan fall events on page 17.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Sale Date: 10/21/2025; Sale Time: 10:00; Place of Sale: WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 1000 CENTRAL AVE, NORTHWOOD, IA 50459

Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.

This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.

Judgment Amount: \$77,699.51; Costs: \$4,032.00; Accruing Costs: PLUS; Interest: \$4,312.02; Sheriff's Fees: Pending; Attorney: MATTHEW F. BERRY, 403 MAIN AVENUE, BOX 187, CLEAR LAKE, IA 50428, (641) 357-7296; Date: 09/05/2025; JESSE LUTHER, WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF

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Supervisors

September 15, 2025
Thirty-seventh 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 Stone/Second Loberg to approve today's agenda and September 8, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.
Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$11,603.00 per the following schedule. Motion carried.
Agrivia PLLC, DD 40, Prof Services \$1,500.00
Agrivia PLLC, DD 74, Prof Ser-

vices \$450.00
Agrivia PLLC, DD 1, Prof Services \$1,950.00
Bolton & Menk Inc, DD 6, Prof Services \$1,757.50
Goodwin Law Office, DD 72, Prof Services \$5,945.50
Grand Total \$11,603.00
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve DD 23 work order submitted by Colton Kisner. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to approve salary changes for Kristopher Hearn at \$69,347.20/year effective October 14, 2025, Lisa Boeckholt at \$25.61/hour effective October 19, and Cole Dummermuth at \$69,347.20/year effective October 28, 2025 as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.
Motion Stone/Second Loberg to

acknowledge pay rate change for Andrea Myli to \$62,751/year as submitted by the assessor. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to approve Resolution 2025-38 - 2025/2026 Interfund Transfer Resolution. Roll call vote: AYES: Stone, Loberg, Smeby; NAYS: None. Motion carried. (Full text available in the auditor's office).

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to acknowledge and place on file the manure management plan for Johnson North #67912 and Johnson South #67913. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone to adjourn at 8:51 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

City of Lake Mills

LAKE MILLS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 2025
A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Mills, Winnebago County, Iowa, was held in the Council Chambers at the Lake Mills City Hall on the 15th day of September 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mark Peterson, Council Members: Bill Clark, Joseph Jamtgaard, Nathan Ostrander, Bob Storb, Brian Thompson, City Clerk Diane Price, Director of Public Works Brad Wempen and Police Chief Matt Levine.
Absent: None

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Lake Mills City Hall on September 12, 2025. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Mayor Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Jamtgaard, seconded by Storb, to approve the agenda as written. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Jamtgaard, Storb, Thompson, Clark, Ostrander. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Dog concerns
Department Reports: Police, Director of Public Works, City Clerk, Library, LMCDL and Mayor were presented.

Jamtgaard introduced and Thompson seconded to approve the consent agenda. Consent agenda items included: Approval of August 18, 2025 minutes, approval of monthly claims, warrants and financial reports-total \$396,471.46, Resolution No. 25-36 - a resolution approving a professional services agreement with Planscape Partners for the Annual TIF Certification Report Assistance, Approve 28E Agreement for Information Technology Professional Services between Winnebago County, Winnebago County Information Technology Department, City of Lake Mills and Lake Mills Police Department, Approval of tax abatement for Carpenter Property Holding, Resolution 25-37 - a resolution establishing the date and hours for Halloween Trick-or-Treating for the City of Lake Mills, Iowa, Approval of 12.5 Relays for Light Plant bid, and Authorization for Payment - City of Lake Mills share of 2024 UMMEG STS Additions and Gross Receipts Tax. After due consideration thereof by the Council, and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Jamtgaard, Thompson, Clark, Ostrander, Storb, Nays: None. The motion was declared duly carried and the consent agenda adopted.

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PAYROLL 147,864.83
TOTAL 396,471.46
FUND TOTALS
01, GENERAL FUND 120,417.23
007, K9 POLICE DEPT 161.91
110, ROAD USE TAX FUND 11,627.03
125, TIF FUND 4,666.67
180, TRUST & AGENCY FUND 871.89
317, TRAIL EXT-DG PATH 2,539.50
322, STREET PROJ TIF 3,301.59
600, WATER FUND 32,151.31
610, SEWER FUND 22,074.03
630, ELECTRIC FUND 195,195.73
740, STORM WATER 5,999.12
890, PAYROLL 2,865.45
****TOTAL 396,471.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST 2025
001, GENERAL FUND 69,078.06
002, LIBRARY SAVINGS & MEMORI 404.12
006, LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX 21,060.40
110, ROAD USE TAX FUND 24,507.26
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178, REVOLVING LOAN FUND 1,841.11
180, TRUST & AGENCY FUND 975.00
600, WATER FUND 31,412.76
610, SEWER FUND 39,826.53
630, ELECTRIC FUND 242,372.43
740, STORM WATER FUND 3,682.33
****TOTAL 435,343.52
A motion was made by Storb, seconded by Clark for approval to begin the process of the removal of the inspection requirement for

Golf Carts in the Code book. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storb, Clark, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Jamtgaard to allow the City Clerk and Police Department to approve Alcohol on City property permits and remove City Council approval required. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Jamtgaard, Storb, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Storb, seconded by Jamtgaard to approve the bid from Mason City Roofing for \$34,637.00 for the Electric Plant roof. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storb, Jamtgaard, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works, Brad Wempen, provided an update on the Mini Golf drainage project.

A motion was made by Jamtgaard, seconded by Storb, to retain possession of the 2002 Parks & Recreation golf cart for City use. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Jamtgaard, Storb, Thompson, Clark, Ostrander. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works, Brad Wempen, provided information on the North Watermain loop.

A motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Jamtgaard to approve the payment of the Fairbanks Morse Defense invoices, including the addition of sales tax. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Ostrander, Jamtgaard, Storb, Thompson, Clark. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Storb, seconded by Thompson to approve adding Family Medical Leave Act and correcting typographical errors in the Employee Handbook. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storb, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard, Ostrander. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Storb, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn said meeting at 7:51 p.m. There being no further discussion, roll call: Ayes: Storb, Ostrander, Thompson, Clark, Jamtgaard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mark Peterson, Mayor
ATTEST:
Diane Price, City Clerk

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Supervisors

September 17, 2025
Special Meeting
The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with A.J. Stone, Enos Loberg and Mark Smeby, present. John Danos, attorney; Jason Petersburg, engineer and various department heads were present both in person and via Zoom.
During the GO Bond/TIF workshop, a discussion was held regarding current and future capital projects and the means to finance them. Different projects and various financing options were explored, including tax increment financing and amending the County's Urban Renewal Plan. Steps will be taken at future board meetings to decide on projects and financing.
Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE

Notice is hereby given for The Council of the City of Kensett, Iowa that due to the resignation of Linda Kauffman, Council member of the City of Kensett, Iowa and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 372.13, there will be an appointment to fill the remaining unexpired portion of the term vacated by Linda Kauffman. Electors of the City of Kensett, Iowa have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy filled by the council should be filled by a special election.

The petition must be filed with the city clerk within 14 days of the publication of this notice and must be signed by 5 eligible electors of the City of Kensett.

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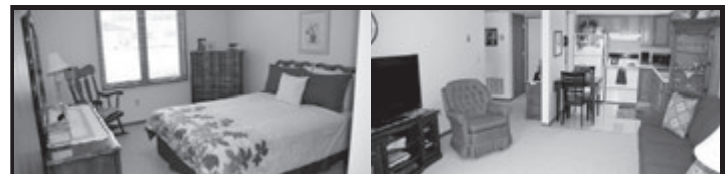
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Vikings Hallie Hanson goes up for a kill against Clarksville at the Panther Invitational in Manly.



Vikings Mia Fierova sends a spike over the net during tournament action in Manly.



The Vikings celebrate a point during Saturday tournament action in Manly.

Vikings fall to Newman

By Julie Salisbury

The Northwood-Kensett Vikings volleyball team traveled to Manly on Saturday, September 13, for the Panther Invitational and finished the day 0-5. They were defeated by Central Springs 21-8 and 21-15, defeated by Newman 21-9 and 22-20, defeated by Lake Mills 21-8 and 21-6, defeated by Rockford 21-7 and 21-15 and defeated by Clarksville after winning set one, 21-16 but then losing set two 21-16 and set three 15-12.

Sophie Rye led the team with 12 kills, nine digs and 15-19 serving with four ace serves. Hallie Hanson had eight kills, one assist, two digs and was 18-20 serving and True Hackenmiller had five kills, 15 digs, one block and was 15-19 serving with one ace. Mia Fierova had four kills, one block, two digs and was 4-4 serving and Ashlyn Skellenger had two kills, eight assists, eight digs and was 18-23 serving with five ace serves. Camryn Rheingans had one kill, seven assists, 13 digs and was 27-32 serving with one ace and Kenly Solberg had 13 digs and was 12-14 serving with one ace. Lexi McHenry had one kill, six digs and was 4-5 serving

and Lilly Strand had one dig and was 6-7 serving with three ace serves. The Vikings as a team had 33 kills, 27 assists, 64 digs, two blocks and were 119-143 serving with 16 ace serves. On Tuesday, September 16, the Vikings hosted Newman in a Top of Iowa Conference game and lost in straight sets, 25-13, 25-18 and 25-16.

Hackenmiller led the team with six kills, five digs and 7-7 serving. Rye had five kills, one assist, four digs and was 5-7 serving with one ace and Hanson had one kill, two assists, one dig and was a perfect 9-9 serving. Skellenger had one kill, four assists, three digs and was 0-2 serving and Rheingans had one kill, six assists, nine digs and was 6-8 serving. Solberg

had nine digs and was 10-11 serving with one ace. Kenedie Berry had one dig and Strand was 3-5 serving. As a team, the Vikings had 15 kills, 13 assists, two blocks, 32 digs and were 40-49 serving with two ace serves. The Vikings are 0-4 in the TIC and 1-13 overall.

N-K Cross Country - Clear Lake

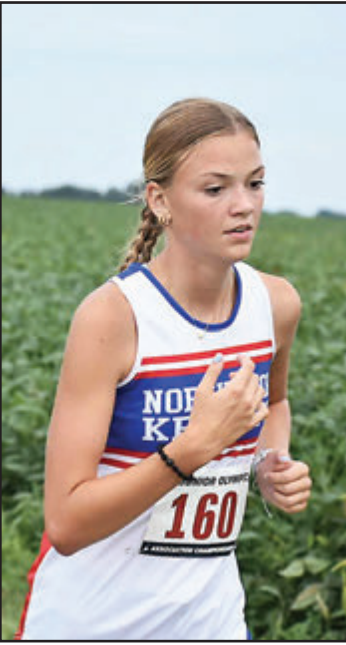
By Troy Einertson
Northwood-Kensett cross country coach

On Thursday of last week the Northwood-Kensett cross country team had the opportunity to run against some bigger schools at the Clear Lake Cross Country Invitational run on the Veterans Memorial Golf Course. Teams from Ames, Humboldt, Clear Lake and Webster City toed the line alongside our mighty vikings and our kids were up to the challenge. Saxon got us started off with a great run in the middle school 2

mile race. He finished in 16:10 which was 20 seconds better than his previous PR. He has been working extremely hard so far this year, and all of the hard work is showing because he is about a minute faster than he was at this time last year! The girls race started just as Saxon was finishing so I didn't have a chance to visit with them before they ran. As I took off towards the 400 meter mark, I knew there was no way I was getting there so I went to about the half mile mark. Ivy was in third

place running strong, while Merrin was also running very well sitting in the top 30. As the race progressed both girls continued to work hard and with about a mile to go Ivy was still in third running stride for stride with a Clear Lake runner and Merrin was continuing her strong run. Ivy finished in 20:13 which was good for 5th place finishing behind 3 Humboldt runners and a Clear Lake runner. Merrin crossed the finish line with a time of 24:03. In the boys race Landen, Zach, JJ and Ayden all started off strong.

Landen came through the mile marker in the top 30, while Zach and Dagen were not far behind. JJ and Ayden were running strong as well, and it was fun watching them work their way up through so many runners. Landen came in with the second group at the finish line coming in with a time of 19:08. Zach finished in 19:40, Dagen in 20:44(which is his PR) JJ ran 25:33(another PR) and Ayden came in with a time of 34:03. It was another great night of racing for everyone!



Vikings Zach Heiken runs along the trail at a recent cross-country meet this season.



Vikings Merrin Hanson at a recent cross-country meet.

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